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WRHS eNewsletter - December 2006

We're keeping you in the loop with what's new and exciting at all of the Western Reserve Historical Society's sites.



Still Time for Lantern Tours

Hale Farm & Village continues with its popular winter program, Lantern Tours. A few slots are left - reservations are needed. Traveling in groups, visitors enter the homes clustered around the village green to gain insight into holiday celebrations from a wide variety of village residents. Visitors may be surprised to find how many modern holiday activities are firmly rooted in 19 th century traditions. Familiar practices include a decorated Christmas tree (for some families), preparation for the holiday with special food and treats, as well as gift giving, music and more. Lantern Tours are recommended for people 13 years old and older. This is an indoor/outdoor activity. Visitors are asked to dress for the weather. Call 330.666.3711 for reservations. Tours begin at 6:00 p.m. and last about 90 minutes each. Admission: \$15/person (\$12 for WRHS members) Groups are welcome.

MLK Days at WRHS

This year's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at WRHS will feature Congressman Louis Stokes on Sunday, January 14. This program will be held in the Norton Gallery, and the East Blvd. campus will be free and open to the public. On Monday, January 15, in honor of the holiday, WRHS will not charge admission at the East Blvd. campus. Parking in the WRHS lot is \$5. Regular museum hours apply on MLK Day, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

January 13 Treasures Speakers Series: Treasures of the Memory/ Treasures of the Conscience

Join Dr. John Grabowski, Ph.D., Western Reserve Historical Society, Case Western Reserve University for a compelling presentation centering on the Treasures exhibit. Dr. Grabowski shows how the common notion of "treasure" as something rare, valuable, or famous can be challenged to include items that call for examination of self and society. One focus of this presentation is the "Statement of Regret" from Gov. Rhodes of Ohio regarding the May 4, 1970 shootings at Kent State University. This program comes with regular admission. WRHS members are free.

Lunch and Learn

The James A. Garfield National Historic Site is repeating its highly successful program in partnership with Lawnfield Inn and Suites. Guests enjoy a delicious meal in the grand Victorian Parlor at the Inn, while learning about the rich history surrounding the area. Following the program, guests are invited to tour the Garfield Home and Visitor Center. Tickets are \$20, and reservations are required. Lunch and program begin at noon. (Call 440.255.8722) The schedule for this series is:

January 9 - Treasures of the Western Reserve Historical Society – a slide show with commentary on the exhibit that's currently in the galleries at the East Blvd. headquarters of WRHS.

February 13 - Victorian Weddings – learn the origins of long-treasured wedding traditions while enjoying a slide presentation of wedding gowns from the WRHS collection.

March 13 - First Mothers – Although tens and sometimes hundreds of years separate these mothers, the similarities in how they reared our Presidents is obvious. Hear from Abigail Adams, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Sara Roosevelt and others as they share their stories of maternal love.

April 10 - Lucretia Garfield: My Life Through Letters – Former first lady Lucretia Garfield offers a reflection of her life through a select few of the thousands of letters sent and received during her lifetime. Listen as Lucretia contemplates motherhood, the death of her children, and the tragic loss of her husband through correspondences to and from family, friends, and dignitaries such as Queen Victoria of England.

Upcoming in 2007:

February 17 - Presidents' Day Celebration with Lawnfield at Mentor Mall

February 19 - Presidents' Day Celebration at Lawnfield (The James A. Garfield National Historic Site)

February 23 - The Greater Cleveland Auto Show – Night of Lights Preview

February 24 - *Diana, A Celebration* opens to the public

February 24 - March 4 - The Greater Cleveland Auto Show at the IX Center

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