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## The President's Pen

*Dear Members,*

May Meeting is May 6, 2009

It is the moon that the ponies shed. You will receive this letter before the spring event on May 2 and 3. Please come out and participate. It's not necessary that you dress "period"; there will be plenty to do. Jim Cain and John Wysocki will have an extensive selection of plants for sale, including many "heirloom" items and Katy Nowack and Pam have put together an interesting educational program. Please support this kickoff to the new season, either as a participant, or spread the word to friends and neighbors who would be interested in the spring plants and the education opportunities. Bud Jividen's nature walk is especially enjoyable – I try to catch it every week. This is a good opportunity to take advantage of, if you are working during the week and have not been able to make it for the regular Thursday rendition.

We have two parade/memorial events coming up at Tremont city and Springfield. The Tremont City event is Sunday, May 24. The cannons will be firing at the cemetery at the end of the parade route. Not literally tearing up the cemetery, but at that location. We plan on being in place by parade start time of 9:00 a.m. Continental uniforms and militia attire are suitable. May 25, Monday, Memorial Day, we have reserved a combined Mad River Light Artillery and GRCHA covered wagon entry for the parade in Springfield. If you are planning on walking the route, come prepared, it's a pretty good hike. Staging is near the old Collier Building on High Street at 8:00 a.m. (It's always hurry up and wait before the start, though.) Pioneer, militia, and Continental attire. Militia, limit your blank charges to 80 grains for rifles, 110 grains for muskets and 40 grains for pistols, and install a fresh flint. Pre-rolled cartridges and closeable lids on your cartridge boxes, please. It's always a good idea to have some water with you.

As always, check the notes on the "coming events" that follow this letter for times, dates and places. I've got to get my canoe fixed; it's time to go fishing.

*Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa, - Rusty*

**COME DANCE WITH US!**

*The GRCHA Liberty Dancers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Singles are welcome! It is a fun evening. We start at 7:00 p.m. Dress comfortably and wear good dancing shoes!*

# *Spring at New Boston May 2-3*

We will welcome spring to New Boston with Blooms and Booms! Please plan on joining us the first weekend in May for our plant sale and spring event. Numerous activities are being planned; see the list below for details.

May 2 – 3, 2009 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Quality plants for sale in the marquee tents

Demonstrations of dyeing, spinning, candle dipping,

History Walk 11 a.m. Both Days

Master Gardeners 1 p.m. Both Days

Nature walk – both days

In the Gathering House; GRCHA gift shop & Bushnell Bottle Company

First Mad River Light Artillery; militia encampment & firing of cannon

Hertzler House tours and planting demonstrations

## *For GRCHA Members ONLY*

We are trying something new for GRCHA members only at the spring event, May 2 – 3.

In the barn, away from the public, will be two tables for a GRCHA-ONLY swap meet. Members may bring in any items, books, music, magazines, clothing, or utensils from our time period that they want to sell or trade. This is the perfect time to get rid of items you no longer wear or use, but that someone else in our organization might want. We will use the honor system so please mark each item with some type of recognizable identification. Members are to set their own prices and label accordingly.

Set up for the spring event will be on Friday May 1. Call 882-9216 for times to help. More desserts are needed, so put on your pastry chef's hat and get busy. Tear down will be after 4 p.m. on Sunday. Please plan on helping with either the set up or the tear down.

## *Coming Events*

### **Events to mark on your Calendars**

<b>May 2, 3</b>	Spring at New Boston
<b>May meeting</b>	Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House.
<b>May 15, 16, 17</b>	Battle of Point Pleasant Reenactment
<b>May 20</b>	Fair meeting
<b>May 24</b>	Tremont City Memorial Day Parade
<b>May 25</b>	Springfield Memorial Day Parade
<b>June meeting</b>	Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House
<b>June 17</b>	June fair meeting
<b>July meeting</b>	Wednesday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House
<b>July 10, 11, 12</b>	Timeline encampment at Waco airfield, Troy, Ohio. (Chance to hand out Fair fliers.)
<b>July 15</b>	July Fair Meeting
<b>Aug 1, 2</b>	Fair Work Weekend
<b>Aug 8, 9</b>	Fair Work Weekend
<b>Aug 15, 16</b>	Fair Work Weekend
<b>Aug 22, 23</b>	Fair Work Weekend
<b>Aug 29, 30</b>	Fair Work Weekend
<b>Sep 4</b>	Education Day
<b>Sep 5, 6</b>	Fair at New Boston
<b>Sep 7</b>	Clean-up Day

**Newsletter** – Please check your label for your expiration date and if needed renew your membership by contacting the office at 937-882-9216. **ALSO, please contact the office if you want to stop receiving the newsletter by mail.**

# NEWSWORTHY NOTES

Congratulations are in order...

- ❖ GRCHA President, Rusty Cottrel, has been selected as Citizen of the Year for the Enon Community. He receives his award at a community ceremony on Sunday afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pam and Rusty promise to be back for tear down of the spring event.
- ❖ Welcome baby Sophia! GRCHA members, Maggie and Brandon Roberts are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Sophia Emmaline Roberts was born on Friday, March 27, 2009, weighing 7 lbs 5 ozs and 20 inches long. Tom and Mary Jane Rumpke are the proud grandparents.
- ❖ BRAVO Bill ! Fairmaster, Bill Smith recently appeared as Orgon, a leading role in the 17<sup>th</sup> century play, Tartuffe. Bill performed with 11 college students as part of this Clark State Community College production.

Their legacies live on...

- ❖ A special reception is planned for Saturday evening May 2 at the Davidson Interpretive Center at 6 p.m. During this event a new display will be unveiled. The case contains the uniform worn by former GRCHA MEMBER Mike Berry at the 1980 Battle of Peckuwe. The uniform and accoutrements were donated by Robin Berry in memory of her husband, who had been a very active supporter of the Fair at New Boston. These items will depict an important part of the battle story, so that visitors will be able to see how George Rogers Clark's military troops were dressed at the battle. GRCHA members are invited to attend this event which begins at 6 p.m. Period clothing is welcome but not required.
- ❖ It is with sadness that we must notify GRCHA members of the recent death of fellow member, Kendra Anderson. Kendra and her mother, Belinda Valdez, had a camp at the Native American Village at the Fair at New Boston. Plans for a memorial service are incomplete at the time. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family.

## *Rat Droppings From The Fairmaster*

Plans for the 2009 Fair are proceeding smoothly. Registration seems to be happening in the usual fashion. The next fair meeting will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be for all board and committee chairs. We appear to be on track with everything. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me or any Fair Board member; Suzanne Luthé, Rusty Cottrel, John Wysocki, Sheri Forness, or Katie Nowack.

**CALLING ALL ACTORS!!** The play for this year is "She Stoops To Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith, written in 1773 and considered one of the classics from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is a farce about arranged marriages and mistaken identities. The play calls for a cast of 6 males and 4 females. If interested, contact Bill Smith. Practices will start in late June.

**Wm. L. Smith**  
**Fairmaster**

**Fair registration** forms are now online. These can be found at [www.fairatnewboston.org](http://www.fairatnewboston.org). Click on "Registration," download the form you need, Sign it, and then mail it in to GRCHA. Box 1251, Springfield, OH 45501. Not mailing those heavy registration files will save us lots of postage.

However, if you do not "do" computers, we have no problem with sending the registration forms to you by snail mail. Just call 882-9216 and leave a message or write the above address and the registration file will be sent to you.