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From the President's Quill for June, 2011

May 25, 2011

Next General Meeting: June 1, 2011

Dear Members,

I have now applied for protected status as natural wetlands for major portions of my yard. Will it never stop raining?

June 1 is the registration deadline for Fair at New Boston. Sheri tells me that everyone seems to be a little behind this year. We really need to get those applications in. It is really important for our planning. If you have not registered, please do so at the GRCHA meeting. If you have registered, please contact your living history friends and remind them to get registration in very soon.

The **Spring Plant Sale** took place April 30 – May 1. Mike Wright did a fine job with the plant sale portion. The encampment was a near total rainout/swampout. James Ward and Cindy Jackson did camp anyway and survived. Thanks to Mike and those that helped that week and weekend with setup, takedown, and working with the public.

We set up Little John's tavern during the benefit **"Pickin' in the Park, Bluegrass Festival on May 7.** Thanks to all of you who helped us out. Don't have all the bills yet, but we will come out of it with a small profit. Took us several days to get our stuff in out of the mud, though, and it was entertaining to watch the distributor's efforts to move the beer wagon out of the mud. Thanks to Bud Jividen for pulling it out with the tractor.

"Run the Gantlet" 5K run. took place on May 22. Having attended many similar events over the years, the inaugural attempt looked to me like it went pretty well. Lisa Hrinko put a lot of work into organizing the run and she deserves a note of praise for its success. There'll be another one on October 8, 2011. Put it on your calendar

The Fair at New Boston - 2011: Registrations are now available online at our website at www.FairAtNewBoston.org. Regular registration ends on 1 June.

Trying desperately to catch up with the grass and get at least a little garden in before going to Meigs this weekend and Friendship, Indiana for the NMLRA Spring Matches. Weather just won't cooperate. Hope all of you have come through the storms in good shape. First thing we know, summer will be upon us.

Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa - Rusty

Crabill Homestead News

On May 15 we had our first event, *Call of the Soldier & Open House at the Crabill Homestead*. The weather for this event was anything but perfect. In spite of the almost constant rain on that Sunday, we had approximately 75 guests tour the home. The public response was very positive and there was a great deal of interest in our future events. The overall impression and feedback from the public was that they were happy to see the home open again and that the condition of the home was in remarkably good condition. Twelve Crabill family members traveled from Cincinnati to tour the home. They were very happy to hear of our efforts and hope to become more involved with the house.

We had \$10 in gift shop sales, and \$70.97 in donations.

Please remember that the homestead is in constant need of lawn upkeep. Any volunteers for mowing, weeding, or garden work please contact Kris Shultz 937-215-4920 or Diane Bereschky 937-325-9700

Next meeting will be June 8, 7 p.m. at the homestead.

Work days for next month are June 11 and 12

Civil War Encampment June 18 and 19

Please friend us on Facebook for any updates.

Upcoming Crabill Event

The next event is the formal *Grand Opening of the Crabill Homestead*, will be June 18 and June 19, which is Father's Day weekend. Come and tour the homestead, and be entertained as several regiments of Ohio's famous Civil War Volunteer Infantry recruits members to answer President's Lincoln's call for volunteers. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, when Barbara Crabill watched her family's men go off to fight to save the Union. Members of the 76th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the 9th OVI, and the 6th OVI will be on hand to demonstrate recruitment, issuance of uniforms, muster, and drill, as well as answer questions about the Civil War of the United States, especially Ohio, which surpassed all other states in the number of volunteers. And for all of you who are "Copperheads," the 13th Virginia, out of Dayton, will also be present to demonstrate the Confederate side of the War Between the States. Do not fear conflict between the sides, however, as the Provost Marshal will be on hand to control riotous behavior! So, come out on Father's Day weekend to see the Crabill Homestead and enjoy a little color, either blue or gray, for Dad's entertainment!

Please see the Crabill Homestead online at <http://www.crabillhomestead.org> <<http://www.crabillhomestead.org>> or Facebook Crabill Homestead

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Notes of Interest:

Old Northwest Primitive Rendezvous is at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, June 24 – July 2. It is too late for early registration, but they appreciate registration as early as possible. Visit their site at www.rendezvousohio.com. **The Midwest Primitive Rendezvous** is Aug. 6 – 13 at Fort La Motte in Paslestone, Illinois.

The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, NMLRA, Spring Shoot is at Friendship, Indiana, from June 11 – 19, only two hours from Springfield. Good place to learn more about muzzleloaders from our time period. There are also quite a few period vendors. If you plan on shopping, first weekend is always the best.

Please sign up to pass the hat at the **Springfield Summer Arts Festival** at Veteran's Park. Pick your date—June 16 – July 16. We can wear Fair at New Boston and GRCHA T-shirts to get extra publicity. A sign-up list will be at the meeting June 2.

As always, the admission is free at the Arts Festival. One event on June 29 at 8 p.m., that might be of interest to our group is *Come to the River*, “an evocative and kaleidoscope journey through traditional folk songs and fiddle tunes, ballades and barn dances, and the indispensable Old Time revivalist meetings. This is music as old as the hills themselves, a melting pot of Irish, English and Scottish tunes which permeated Appalachian culture, and rural America based on field recordings of Old- Time and Appalachian singers.”

FaceBook pages to keep up with current news and issues. George Rogers Clark Heritage Association, Fans of the Clark County Park District, Fair at New Boston, Fair at New Boston Participants, and Clark County Park District. Please invite your friends to “Like” these pages to keep up with local events.

Just in case you have forgotten – **Annual dues date - Jan. 1.**

EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR 2011 CALENDAR

May 29 – Militia and Artillery at Tremont City Parade, other period types welcome

May 30 – Memorial Day Parade

Jun 1 – General Meeting

Jun 1 – Fair Registrations Due

Jun 8 – Crabill Committee Meeting

Jun 9 – Education Committee Meeting

Jun 14 – Liberty Dancers – practice

June 15 – Fair Meeting

June 11-12 – Crabill Work Days

June 18-19 – Crabill House Grand Opening

Jun 28 – Liberty Dancers – practice

Jul 4 – Independence Day - Enon Parade

Jul 1 – General Meeting

Jul 12 – Liberty Dancers – practice

Jul 20 – Fair Meeting
Jul 26 – Liberty Dancers – practice

Aug 3 – General Meeting
Aug 6-7 – Work Days
Aug 7 – Commemoration of Battle of Peckuwe
Aug 9 – Liberty Dancers – practice
Aug 13-14 – Work Days
Aug 17 – Fair Meeting
Aug 20-21 – Work Days
Aug 23 – Liberty Dancers – practice
Aug 27-28 – Work Days – Booths and Tents go up!

Sep 1 – Wrap-up Work Day, Check-in begins
Sep 2 – Education Day (Fair at New Boston); check-in continues
Sep 3,4 – FAIR AT NEW BOSTON 2011
Sep 7 – General Meeting

Oct 5 – General Meeting
Oct 8 – 5K Run the Gantlet at George Rogers Clark Park

Nov 2 – General Meeting
Nov 5,6 – Fall Event (Tentative)
Nov 19 – George’s Birthday (Tentative until OSU-Mich determined)