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From the President's Quill for May, 2011

April 25, 2011

Next General Meeting: May 4, 2011

Dear Members,

Okay, so my trophy brown trout is hunkered down behind a rock while muddy floodwater rushes overhead, an ark has reportedly been spotted floating down the Mad River, and my turkeys are hiding out, dripping wet, under an overhanging cedar tree and not talking to anybody. There's still plenty of time, though, so let's get on with more pressing matters.

The **Spring Plant Sale** is next weekend, April 30 – May 1. Contact Mike Wright for any questions related to the plant sale and Kris Shultz about plans for the pre - F&I encampment around the fort and any period demonstrations you'd like to present to the public. We'd like to see some Natives and Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Fur Traders and Trappers (no western mountain man types, please). Right now, still counting on unloading plants for sale, at the Gathering House, mid-afternoon on Friday, 29 April.

Night at the Museum was a great success again. We all had a ball, and the public once again turned out in droves. We had to turn away significant numbers trying to get late tickets. It only shows that we're still only scratching the surface on this concept. Pam Cottrel and Ardeth Delapina from the Heritage Center did a great job in organizing this event. Thanks to all of you who volunteered so generously of your time, costuming and artifacts to help make this such a wonderful evening.

GRCHA volunteers in 18th Century garb will be operating a tavern during the benefit **'Pickin' in the Park, Bluegrass Festival on May 7**, beginning at 12 noon. There will be a work afternoon (3 p.m.) on May 6 to set up the tent(s) and beer wagon. We may set up a campsite adjacent to the tavern from which to operate. We'll be selling cheese curds, beverages, and early sale tickets to the Fair at New Boston 2011.

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

I expect a "Black Swamp Fever" epidemic any time now, my moccasins are growing green cultures as they refuse to dry out, and there are rumors that the Ohio department of agriculture has sent a request to South Carolina on the feasibility of converting corn fields over to rice paddies. This latest development has ethanol-for-fuel proponents in a panic and draft-trained water buffalo are turning up at livestock auctions. It's the moon the mud squishes between your toes. Enjoy the Spring weather; at least it's not snowing anymore.

Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa - Rusty

Crabill Homestead News

April 16 was our first gathering for cleaning. Thank you to the Membership who showed up and spent their day working so very hard. Cleaning was done, as was dusting, sweeping and moving of furniture in and out of the outbuildings.

Special thanks go to: Rebecca and Michael Cooper, who devoted an entire day alone to clean the upstairs bedroom, ceiling-to-floor, including all of the furniture in that room; the Berezky's, who worked to cut the field; and Fritz Kannik for his repairs to the back door and the broken windows.

There is still much work to be done.

The grass has quickly gotten quite high. The mower for the house is still in need of repair and will be going for repair shortly. We are **currently in need of someone who can bring a mower to the property and mow**. If you are interested in helping out please contact me or Kris Shultz

Our first event is May 15, so we really need to get as much cleaning done before that date as possible. We will open the house at anytime to anyone who wants to work, so please contact us for a key holder to get you in if you would like to come out for cleaning or grounds work.

The gardens need the ground turned for May planting. Anyone interested in this job please contact me, Kris Shultz or Diane Berezky.

Upcoming Crabill Event

May 15, 2011, School of the Soldier, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Jon Linigle's Militia of Champaign County 1812 will be calling to muster able bodied men ages 16 to 60 for drill. This is a public event for all to enjoy. This will be a small encampment of men training for the day at the Crabill Homestead. During these hours the house will be open to the public.

Volunteers will be needed for this event for tours of the house. Please contact me if you would like to help out. We also need volunteers on May 14, 1 p.m. until ??? for house and property cleanup/setup for event. We will also cover our monthly committee meeting on this day.

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

Contact info: Kristin Shultz medic3375@yahoo.com or evenings after 5 p.m. 937-215-4920

Notes of Interest:

Civil War Symposium, May 7, 2011, 9 a.m – 5 p.m. at the Heritage Center of Clark County, 117 S. Fountain Ave, Springfield. Adults \$25 and Students \$15. Lunch is included. Presentations – The Underground Railroad, Road to Disunion, Succession Crisis, Election of 1860, Battles and Leaders. Registration Deadline is soon – April 30. Call 937-324-0657 to register.

Genealogy Research – Enon Historical Society’s Mike Barry Research Center – New Hours are Tues and Wed. 1 – 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 – 1:30 p.m. Call 864-7080, or email enonhistory@gmail.com

“Friends of the Clark County Park District” – Send a check for \$10 made out to “FCCPD” to Box 1832, Springfield, Ohio 45501. Include your name, address, phone number, and email address plus your area of interest or how you want to help. It is very important to make the check out to "Friends of the Clark County Park District" or "FCCPD" so that your membership will be official.

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, Clark County Park District.

Pickin’ in the Park - May 7 - Clark County Park District: Volunteers still needed for several jobs. Contact 882-6000 to volunteer and identify yourself as a GRCHA volunteer. A Volunteer Sign Up List will be at the regular GRCHA meetings. I think I’m okay on volunteers for helping set up and man the Tavern, but if you’re interested, let me know anyway (Wear period attire, please.).

The **Park District is planning two 5K runs**. One will take place on May 22 and the other on Oct 8. A Volunteer Sign Up List will be at the regular GRCHA meetings. Volunteers are needed for everything from Registration to water stations. Also need some volunteers in period attire at various places on the route on a “not to interfere” basis, to provide “color” for the event. Artillerists, we will be starting the run with a cannon shot, need a crew.

Sewing Days Bring a bag lunch and help make period clothing for the fair. The sewing schedule for the costuming department is from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday May 14, Saturday May 28, Sunday June 12, Saturday June 25, and Saturday July 16.

In August there will be people working in the costuming department every day except Mondays and Fridays. The hours will also be 10 am to 3 pm. The final week before the Fair someone will be at the Gathering House every day for sewing.

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

EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR 2011 CALENDAR

Apr 30, May 1 – Spring Plant Sale

May 4 – General Meeting

May 6 – Work afternoon for Tavern set up at Bluegrass Festival

May 7 – “Pickin’ in the Park” in George Rogers Clark Park

May 10 – Liberty Dancers - practice

May 11 – Crabill Committee Meeting

May 12 – Education Committee Meeting

May 14 – “Soft” Crabill House Opening
May 15 – School of the Soldier – Crabill House – Focusing on Federal Period
May 22 – 5K “Run the Gantlet” at George Rogers Clark Park
May 24 – Liberty Dancers - practice
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
Jun 28 – Liberty Dancers – practice

Jul 4 – Independence Day - Enon Parade
Jul 1 – General Meeting
Jul 12 – Liberty Dancers – practice
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 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)