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February Meeting is February 4, 2009 at the Davidson Center

All right! I think the real winter finally got here. I don't seem to mind the cold quite so much when there is a beautiful snow cover to distract me. It'll at least keep my mind off the winter blahs or cabin fever for a while. I also attended the winter gathering of the Peckuwe Shawnee - a nice group of people. I was able to give a little rundown of our activities and the current tribulations of the C.C. Park system, and they were very interested in both. Also talked a bit with an expert in the field of Native American Archaeology and perhaps I may be able to talk him into an education piece for us. He is certainly interested in the preservation of the Park. There will be more information on this subject later.

Bill Smith kicked off the new *Fair* season with a great first meeting this past week. He has some good ideas taking shape again, and I predict that we will run against the economic current that is affecting other similar organizations and have another wildly successful event. Please see his comments in this newsletter.

We've been given the go ahead on another mutually sponsored "Night at the Museum" and are looking for historic interpreters for any era. If interested, please contact Pam Cottrel. This event is a lot of fun, and gives us a chance for some mid-winter interaction with the public.

The last item I'll harangue you with is a reminder that the February meeting is at the Davidson Interpretive Center. Cindy Jividen has graciously agreed to give a hearth-cooking lesson, and I believe the most votes went to a demonstration involving a Dutch oven apple pie. You're going to really miss out if you miss this one! I have 4-wheel drive and that means if it snows and you can't make it; I'll eat the pie.

**Stay close to the fire,
Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa, - Rusty**

Fair at New Boston News

The 2009 Fair has begun. The first meeting has been held and plans are underway. Registration forms, participant information, rules and regulations and T-shirt order forms will be on line at grcha.org or fairatnewboston.org by February 15, 2009, for you to print and mail back. If you cannot receive the form by e-mail, please call the GRCHA office or let Sheri or Linda know and forms will be sent through the mail.

A fair board has been selected and will meet February 18 at 7 p.m. The board consists of Rusty Cottrel, Susanne Luthe, John Wysocki, Sheri Forness, and Katie Nowack. They are to assist the Fairmaster in communication with committee chairs and all participants and to help improve the operation and organization of the Fair.

As Fairmaster, I look forward to working with all of you once again. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact any fair board members or me. Our only goal is to have as successful and authentic of Fair possible.

Thanks!!

So - Where is the Davidson Center?

It is within sight of the Gathering House. Go to the corner of South Tecumseh and Lower Valley Pike (corner in front of Hertzler House). Turn west, away from the park, toward Enon. About a quarter of a mile ahead you will see a very brightly lit glass building. That is the Davidson Center. If you pass Lower Valley Furniture, turn around because you have gone too far. There is a big parking lot in front of the Davidson Center. 882-6000. Try to arrive early enough to take a tour. Allow at least half an hour to read the displays, and check out the Time Traveler Gift Shop. The life-sized Shawnee figures are fascinating. There is plenty of room for a comfortable meeting and a lovely fireplace where Cyndy Jividen will be demonstrating hearth cooking.

Membership Renewals - If you have not already done so, please renew your membership using the form below. All memberships have been adjusted to be renewed in January. Next year it will be easier, really.

Twelfth Night - Or was it 23rd Night? Many thanks go to Mary Jane and Tom Rumpke, and to Carolyn and Andy Shuirr for hosting the traditional Twelfth Night Dinner. This was originally scheduled for Jan 10, but had to be postponed a week because of bad weather. The King and Queen this year were Dick and Donna Ward. It was a lovely evening.

Office Renovations - Thanks to Dale Hawley who helped us upgrade our office file cabinets. And a special thanks to the men who carried those huge new file cabinets up the stairs. Rumor has it that they squeezed around the corner with only millimeters to spare. The office may look a bit wild right now but be patient while Linda is reorganizing files. It will look better than ever before and very professional when she is done. Thanks to all involved with this great winter project.

Trade Fair - FYI - The Old Town Trade Fair is scheduled for the first Saturday and Sunday in March – March 7-8 at the Fairgrounds in Xenia.



Mark these GRCHA Dates on Your New 2009 Calendar !

- Feb 4 – GRCHA Meeting at Davidson Center**
- Feb 18 – Fair Board Meeting**
- Feb 25 – Trustees Meeting**
- March 4 – GRCHA General Meeting**
- March 21 – Night at the Museum**
- March 25 – Trustees Meeting**
- April 1 – GRCHA General Meeting**
- April 29 – Trustees Meeting**
- May 2 – 3 – *Spring at New Boston***
- May 6 – GRCHA General Meeting**

- May 27 – Trustees Meeting**
- June 3 – GRCHA Meeting**
- June 24 – Trustees Meeting**
- July 1 – GRCHA Meeting**
- July 29 – Trustees Meeting**
- Aug. 5 – GRCHA Meeting**
- Aug. 26 – Trustees Meeting**
- Sept 2 – GRCHA meeting ?**
- Sept 4 – Education Day**
- Sept 5 – 6 - Fair at New Boston**

NOTE: General Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House in GRC Park unless change is noted

Membership Information – Please read! It is time for everyone to renew memberships. Please use the form below to renew as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Linda at 882-9216 or email us at info@grcha.org.

Name(s) _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, my executor or administrator, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims, for, or to be, for which I or members of my family may have or which may hereafter accrue to me or my family against the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association and/or any other person connected with the scheduled Association activities, individually or collectively, for all responsibility for injury to persons during these activities.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

___ Student - \$15 ___ Single Adult - \$20 ___ Family - \$25 ___ Supporting - \$50 ___ Patron - \$100 ___ Life - \$500

Free Admission to the Fair at New Boston is provided for either one adult for a single membership or two adults for a family, supporting, patron, or life membership. Please send completed form with check (made out to the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association) to the address on the front. Consider passing this information on to a friend or colleague.