

THE CLARK



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The President's Pen

Dear Members,

Happy New Year and I hope you had a Merry Christmas. In spite of the amount of turmoil in the country right now, our GRCHA family has been very blessed over this past year and we pray for the same for 2009.

I wish to call your attention to the new schedule for memberships beginning Jan 1, 2009. All expiration dates will be synched up for January 1. This change will considerably reduce the administrative problems for the membership folks. Get in touch soon with Linda or Sheri to renew your membership. 882-9216 or info@grcha.org You will find a membership renewal form on the back page for your convenience.

You probably have already heard lots of partial information about Parks Reorganization here in Clark County. As of the New Year, George Rogers Clark Park will once again be under County Park administration, and essentially, the National Trails Park Organization has been dissolved, due to the City Parks withdrawing unilaterally from the agreement. The budget is greatly reduced, and only one full time employee will be retained – Bud Jividen. The county system will include GRCP, the Wetlands, an 80-acre farmstead and bike trails that are located in the county area. I would anticipate that we will be called on to drum up support for our park and any ideas on achieving a more comfortable level of funding would probably be appreciated. We need to support our home park – no park, no GRCHA, no Fair at New Boston.

Our very own Liberty Dancers once again earned a little cash by performing at the Old Williamsburg Christmas Dinner at WPAFB on Dec 21. Crowd participation was great when we invited them. Some even said they come every year now, to enjoy our contribution to the evening. We had 15 participants and received \$600 for GRCHA coffers. The next practice is January 20 and everyone is invited to participate. We have a great time every other Tuesday.

Don't forget the Twelfth Night Dinner on Jan 10. If you haven't done so already, get your reservation in to Linda and pick up a period recipe. Linda has a good collection. Remember, at this dinner, as at George's Birthday, we use only recipes of the 18th century. Don't forget to bring your own table service. Ham and punch will be provided. The Rumpkes and Shuirrs will be hosting this dinner. We will dance after dinner.

We have another cooperative Night at the Museum with the Heritage Center of Clark County scheduled for March 21. We need characters from all time periods, and again, it's a lot of fun. Volunteers to sign up at next meeting or email info@grcha.org or call Pam at 322-4181.

Check the calendar for upcoming events. See you at the meeting and the 12th Night celebration. In the meantime, hope you have your wood in and stay warm by the fireplace.

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

Next General Meeting is January 7..... And you know what that means

Yes - It's the second annual GRCHA Jeopardy Game !!! Come test your knowledge of the Fair, GRCHA history, the 1790 – 1810 time period, a variety of categories and the infamous “Legends of the Fair” category. GRC Park History will also be one of the categories. Send in your question suggestions to info@grcha.org or call us at 322-4181.

George Rogers Clark Park Trivia

The battlefield monument was dedicated on Aug. 8, 1924. Charles Keck of New York City designed the monument, which is made from a block of Victoria white granite or Barre Granite. The Ohio legislature appropriated \$10,000 for its construction on ground donated by Leander Baker and W.W. Keifer.

The monument is 23 feet tall. Depicted on the monument, General Clark is nine feet tall and dressed as a frontiersman. One side depicts a Kentucky militia member. On the other side a Shawnee man is smoking a pipe. Young Tecumseh can be seen on the back of the monument learning to use a bow and arrow. The monument overlooks the battlefield and is lit at night.

“Here General George Rogers Clark, with his Kentucky soldiers defeated and drove from this region the Shawnee Indians, August 8, 1780, thus aiding to make the Northwest Territory part of the United States.”

Mark these GRCHA dates on that new calendar !

Jan. 7 – General GRCHA Meeting 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 – Twelfth Night dinner
Jan 19 – Friends of the Park District Meeting
Jan 28 - Trustees Meeting
Feb 4 – GRCHA meeting at Davidson Center
Feb. 25 – Trustees Meeting
March 4 – GRCHA Meeting
March 21 – Night at the Museum
March 25 – Trustees Meeting
April 1 – GRCHA Meeting
April 29 – Trustees Meeting
May 2 – 3 – Spring at New Boston
May 6 – GRCHA 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
Sept 7 – Fair Tear Down
Sept 30 – Trustees meeting
Oct 7 – GRCHA meeting
Oct 28 – Trustees Meeting
Nov 4 – GRCHA Meeting
Dec. 2 – GRCHA Meeting

NOTE: General Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House in Geo. Rogers Clark Park unless a 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.