



Reflections

...then and now
Loveland Museum Center

Winter 2024

Happy New Year!

To all of our friends who generously support the Loveland Museum Center through the gifts of your time and resources, we wish you the very best that 2024 has to offer. We have a full schedule of events planned for you this year that we think you will enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you in 2024!

Museum Closed Weekends until March 2nd

Although the museum is closed for several weeks, the office is open part time during the week. While our docents are enjoying some well-deserved time off, many of our volunteers are working "behind the scenes," carrying out the usual tasks of maintaining our collections, setting up a new display for our re-opening, and perhaps doing a bit of spring cleaning!

Step Back in Time with Wine **Thursday, February 22 – 7:00 – 9:00**

Feeling a bit of "cabin fever" with all of these cold, gloomy days of winter? Time to break out of those doldrums! Enjoy the simple pleasures of wine samples (from Cappy's) and light appetizers, hear interesting stories from Loveland's past, and take a tour of the museum. Join old friends and make new ones at this always-fun event.

Reserve your spot by February 15th – Send your name(s) and \$15 per person to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave., Loveland, or use PayPal.

This happy guest at the October wine tasting



Love our Land

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, April 10; 11:30 – 2:00

Learn how this grass-roots organization seeks to reconnect people and nature by empowering Loveland residents with the skills and knowledge needed to improve and foster biodiversity in their own yards.

Doug Gilbert is an ecologist with Environmental Solutions & Innovations, co-founder of Love our Land, and former member of Loveland's Tree & Environment Committee.

Reservations are required by April 3rd - \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave, Loveland, or use PayPal.

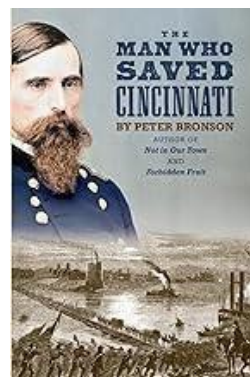
"The Amazing Civil War History in Your Backyard"

Lunch & Learn

May 8 – 11:30 to 2:00.

Peter Bronson is known to most of us as the former editor, reporter, and columnist at the Cincinnati Enquirer. He now owns Chilidog Press and has written several books. His latest, *The Man Who Saved Cincinnati*, tells the story of the youngest general in the Union Army who fought valiantly at the Battle of Shiloh, then was sent to defend Cincinnati from a Confederate attack.

Reservations are required by May 1st -- \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave., Loveland, or use PayPal.



Annual Giving Report

Thanks to all the members who contributed to our Gift Shop Renovation project. If you missed the fall mailing, it's not too late to make a donation. As of this printing, \$6,390 has been contributed.

\$500 Level

Janet & Roger Beller
Peggy & Michael Goodwin
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Jim & Pat Reid
Stan Seto
Linda Slusher

January is Membership Month

Although we welcome new members throughout the year, January begins our membership year. Your annual dues are a big part of our yearly operating budget (which includes publishing this newsletter), and we greatly appreciate your continued support of the Museum.

Many thanks to those who have already sent your 2024 dues, and of course, to our Life members. To renew your membership, just complete and mail the enclosed form. Help us spread the word about this hidden gem by sharing the LMC newsletter and membership form with a friend!

Welcome new members

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Message from the President....

Thank you one and all for your generosity during our annual giving campaign! The newly received funds will help us achieve our vision of making LMC better for all of our members and the community.

Planning is nearly complete for the renovation of the LMC Gift Shop. By summer we will have a newly remodeled store full of unique new products along with some familiar favorites. We also updated our payment system to allow more customer-friendly payment methods.

I want to recognize long-time LMC volunteer Nancy Garfinkel as well as Sharon Hinkle for helping to guide these changes to the LMC Gift Shop.

Please make sure include our LMC Gift Shop in your future shopping plans!

Jim Grethel, President

2024 Valentine Lady

Congratulations, Becky Giver, on being named the 2024 Valentine Lady! In addition to being an LMC member and participating in a number of our events, for several years she has given generously of her time creating eye-catching displays in the museum as well as decorating Bonaventure and the Rich Log Cabin for Christmas. In 2023, Becky furthered her commitment to LMC by joining the Board of Directors.

At the Valentine “season” kickoff on January 6, Becky was officially introduced as this year’s Valentine Lady. The 2024 Valentine card was also unveiled, featuring the historic Loveland Castle. Lauren Connolly’s artwork was selected as the winning design from several entries submitted. The detail in Lauren’s work (drawing all those individual stones in the castle walls) is truly a labor of love!



Becky Giver (r), Loveland’s 2024 Valentine Lady, and Lauren Connolly (l), designer of this year’s Valentine card.

Hearts Afire Valentine Weekend February 9 – 11

Valentine’s Day holds special significance for Loveland. In 1972, Doris Pfister began stamping Valentines with a special Loveland Postmark – 36 cards the first year. Articles in many papers published the service, which had expanded to more than 10,000 Valentines by the early 1990’s. The Chamber of Commerce took over the project in 1989, expanding the program by choosing a new Valentine Lady each year, a Valentine Breakfast (register at www.lmrchamberalliance.org), and a yearly Valentine Card design contest.

There’s also the 3rd annual Hearts Afire Weekend, featuring fire, ice, live entertainment, outdoor decorations, and more love-inspired fun! To learn more about this event and the schedule of activities, visit the City of Loveland Lovin’ Life webpage: www.lovinlifeloveland.com

Other Happenings at the Museum

We’re excited about upcoming renovations to the Gift Shop and the adjoining storage area. We’re still in the planning stages and considering different layout options, so watch for more news about this project in the Spring newsletter.

Speaking of the Gift Shop – we now accept most major credit cards for your shopping convenience. Of course, we still accept cash and personal checks for your purchases. So when you’re looking for a unique gift (or a special treat just for you), add the Museum Gift Shop to your shopping list. Shop local, support the Museum, and find that perfect gift. It’s a win-win-win solution!

Last year we extended our Wi-Fi network into the JoAnn Richardson House – a definite plus for those holding meetings and events there.

More improvements to the landscape are coming in 2024. We’ll share those with you as the plans hit the drawing board.

Did you know the Museum launched a Scholarship Program last year? The \$2,000 scholarship for 2024 is open to any Loveland High School senior seeking to continue their education. Interested applicants should contact the LHS Guidance Office for further information. Deadline to submit applications is February 23rd.

Bonaventure Historic Sign



In October 2023, the Loveland Museum Center Campus was declared a Designated Historic Site by the City of Loveland Historic Preservation and Planning Commission.

Christmas in Loveland

WOW! Bonaventure and the Rich Log Cabin were bursting at the seams with holiday visitors – far too many for us to count. Thanks to everyone who brought home-made cookies – they were definitely a crowd-pleaser! And one lucky guest went home with a lovely wine gift basket when their name was drawn from the raffle entries. What fun!



The Mini Train ride is always a big hit!



Registering for the door prize.



Ostridge Room created by the Beech Tree Circle



Mark Krum talks with guests in the Log Cabin



Front Parlor "Birds of a Feather" theme



Children love the player piano

In the News Around Ohio (from Ohio History Connection publications)

Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks

On September 19, 2023, the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks was officially inscribed into UNESCO's World Heritage List, culminating a process that began in the mid-1990's. With this announcement, the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks is now part of the 1,199 natural and cultural sites spanning the globe that possess "Outstanding Universal Value" to humanity.

This group of eight sites created by ancient American Indians some 2,000 years ago now joins such notable and revered landmarks such as Stonehenge, the Grand Canyon, and the Great Wall of China. The Earthworks include the Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve near Oregonia; Newark's Great Circle and Octagon; Mound City's Hopewell Mound Group; and Chillicothe area Hopeton Earthworks, Seip Earthworks, and High Bank Works.

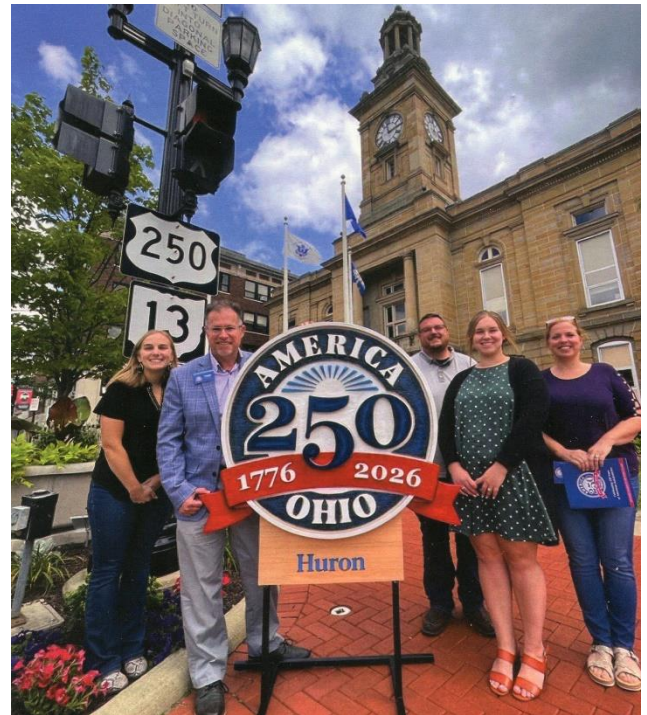
The World Heritage Committee met in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and a small delegation from Ohio attended, including Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. In her acceptance remarks, Chief Wallace said, "*I'm just brimming with joy to know that more people will see and learn about the amazing work of our ancestors from 2,000 years ago.*"

Visit the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks website to learn more: www.hopewellearthworks.org.

America 250 – Ohio (Semiquincentennial)

In 2026, the United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary! Congress has suggested each state create their own "**Semi-Quin**" commemoration by celebrating the contributions of its citizens over these past 250 years. In 2022, the America 250-Ohio Commission was launched by Governor DeWine with the goal of developing and coordinating an 88-county commemoration – so watch for news of future celebratory events and activities.

The goal of the Commission is to facilitate educational and commemorative activities at museums, libraries, historic sites, cultural centers, and educational institutions and amplify the under-told stories from Ohio's illustrious history. The Commission is jumpstarting this process by offering grants for projects and activities that will showcase the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations, and significance of all people in Ohio from before its founding to the present day. Grants of up to

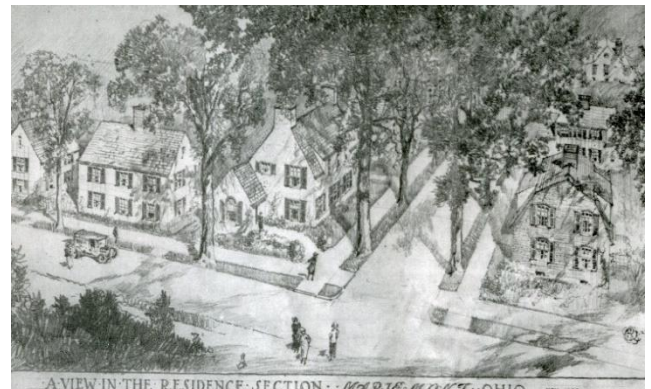


\$50,000 are available to organizations (nonprofits, educational, and local government), as well as to independent artists and musicians.

Visit <http://america250-ohio.org/contact-us> for more information. You can also follow "Semi-quin's" progress or share your own favorite things about Ohio on Facebook: @america250-ohio or Instagram: @am250ohio

A Brighter Sun Mary Emery's Planned Community (featured in the Echoes Magazine)

"Encompassing about one square mile of real estate to the east of Cincinnati lies a village that could pass for any purposefully created English garden community on the other side of the pond – a similarity that was very much by the design and intention of its creator, Mary Emery".



Resident scene in Mariemont

Loveland photographer Nancy Ford Cones was commissioned in 1927 to photographically document the building of the Emery planned community of Mariemont.

Photos from other events this past fall . . .



Donna Amon talked about changing traditions and gravestone symbols to the 20 guests who attended.



Larry Rich, second from right, talked about some of his many ancestors buried in Evergreen.



Jim Grethel, far left, spoke about early Loveland families interred at Evergreen.



LMC members attend City Council presentation of the Historic Site Award in October.



Carolyn Nicholson presents The Experiences of a WWII Nurse Anesthetist during the November Lunch & Learn.



Great turnout (30 – 35 people) for the November Lunch & Learn.



Guests enjoy some snacks at the October Wine Tasting.



Storytelling was part of the Wine Tasting event in October.

Loveland's Best Kept Secret



The JoAnn Richardson History House available for rent
Call 513-683-5692 for details.

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High School Year Books Available

If you are searching for a lost copy of your Loveland High School yearbook, please call and see if we have what you are looking for. We have donated copies from the 1920's through the 1990's. For a donation of \$5.00, we may have the copy you need.

Memorabilia For Sale

The Museum Center continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48.00) and the 25th Anniversary Cookbook (\$10.00). Also books by local authors, and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweatshirts, hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards, and reprints of NFC glass plates.

"Passages Through Time"



Published by Greater Loveland Historical Society, this fascinating book is brimming with period photographs and historical information. Copies are available in the Museum Gift Shop for \$15.00 each. All proceeds benefit ongoing programs & preservation.

We'll be happy to mail a copy anywhere in the U.S. for an additional charge - \$7. Please send check along with mail instructions to Loveland Museum Center, 201 N Riverside Ave.; Loveland, OH 45140

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