



Reflections

...then and now
Loveland Museum Center

Fall 2022

Fall Back in Time with Wine

Thursday, October 27; 7:00 to 9:00

Back by popular demand – a fall wine tasting event at the Loveland Museum!

Enjoy light appetizers, great wine, local history stories from Loveland's past, tour the museum, and visit the gift shop. Our own story tellers promise to keep you entertained!

Reservations required by October 24th. Cost is \$15 per person. Send your name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Avenue, Loveland, OH 45140 or use PayPal. Question? Cal 513-683-5692.

“A Sweet History of Candy in Cincinnati”

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, November 2 – 11:30-2:00

JoAnn Richardson History House

The surgery candy many have come to hate was invented in Cincinnati- candy corn. But so was the opera cream and French chew. At one time, the Queen City had just as many confectioners as brewers, author Dann Woellet points out in his book *Cincinnati Candy: a Sweet History*.

This promises to be an interesting and entertaining time with the author and your friends.



Reservations are required by October 28th. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Send check and name(s) to LMC or use PayPal.

Questions? 513-683-5692

Annual Giving Campaign

After an in-depth assessment of the museum building and surrounding grounds, the Board of Trustees put a preliminary plan for restoration and landscaping.

John Hill Construction has agreed to provide the contractors for major renovation of the building, including new siding and updating the gift shop area and storage area.

As you may know, Jason Wright and his crew have done an excellent job keeping our grounds looking presentable, but with taking down the three dying trees in front there is need for landscaping both in front and around the Honor Roll.

Although we cannot provide an exact amount of dollars needed, our goal is to campaign for \$100,000 to put in a fund for these projects, knowing prices are not very stable now.

Letters will be sent later this month and we hope you will consider donating as generously as you have in the past.

Loveland Arts Council Giving Tree

Monica Achberger is revising the Giving Tree program and LMC will be decorating a tree for this silent auction, benefiting the Loveland Food Pantry.

Thanks to Nancy Garfinkel for decorating a 2 ft. tree with a child's toy theme.

Trees will be displayed at the Arts on Main Monday thru Friday from 10 to 4, beginning Nov. 20. Drawing will be at the Gallery Holiday Sale, **December 10th**.

Loveland Arts & Craft Show
Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 to 4:00
Loveland High School

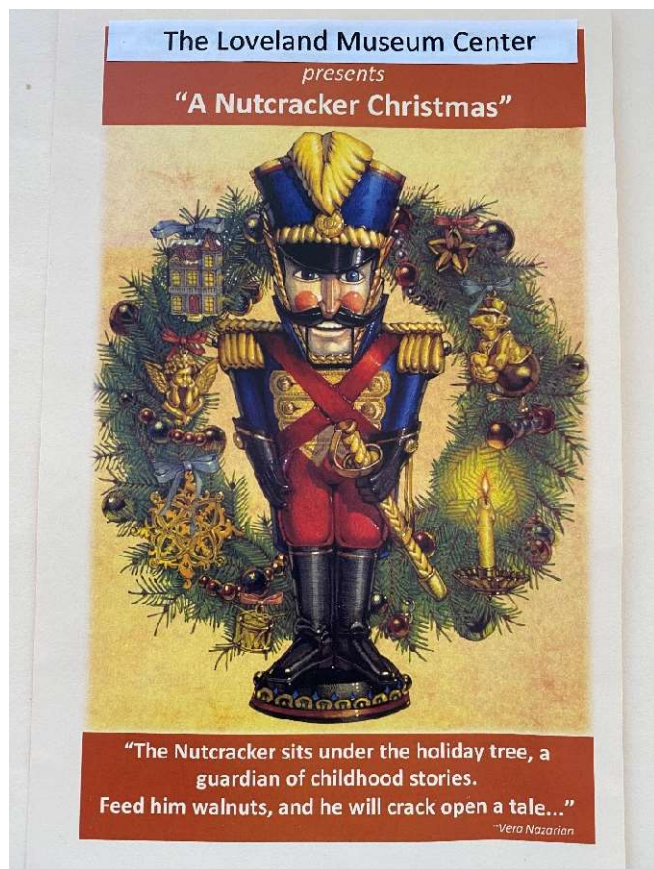
Museum Gift Shop will have a booth!
(Get a head start on your holiday shopping)

Loveland Museum Center presents “A Nutcracker Christmas”

Beginning November 14th, volunteers will begin transforming the museum into a “land of the nutcracker”.

Mary Ann Benoski, coordinator of the Beechtree Circle which does LMC fund raising teas, and her partners are providing many of the decorations and labor to make a change of some of our Christmas displays.

Judy and Jim Poe will do the Woman’s Club tree in the second parlor, and we will need additional help putting up lights outside. Becky and Gary will update the large wreath for the front porch.



Becky Giver and other volunteers will be helping with the cases in the gallery. In keeping with the theme, the plan is to display a variety of nutcracker figures. To do this, we are putting out a call for loans if you would like to loan one or more figures.

Please call Jan at the museum to discuss what you are willing to loan – 513-683-5692.

Another change will be an antique doll display in the Cones Gallery since we will not have the model train.

Christmas In Loveland December 17; 4:00 – 8:00

In cooperation with the City of Loveland and the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance, LMC will be participating In Christmas in Loveland on Saturday afternoon.

LMC will host the mini train, going around the building and the program committee will be discussing possible musical entertainment. Light refreshments will be served in the dining room. We are looking for volunteers to provide home-made Christmas cookies to go with the punch. And the gift shop has some new handmade Santa figures and ballet slippers for sale along with the locally made Loveland pottery, and other Loveland memorabilia.



The mini train is always a hit (taken 2016)

The log cabin will be open, heated with a fire in the fireplace and decorated with live greens, cones, etc.



Elf and Father Christmas, ca 2008

CRAFT AND CAMERA THE ART OF NANCY FORD CONES

**October 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023
Taft Museum of Art**

"For more than thirty years, on a small riverside farm in Loveland, Nancy Ford Cones created photographs that earned her an international reputation. Despite the praise they received during her lifetime, Cones' imaginative and exquisitely crafted works were largely forgotten after her death.



"The Abode of the Gnomes", ca 1921

Cones made thousands of photographs that featured country life, fantastical visions, and literary characters, employing the help of neighbors, friends, and family who posed in costume around the farm and in its environs. Working in partnership with her husband, James, who printed her work using a variety of techniques and papers, Cones conceived evocative subjects that fortified photography's status as a fine art. Her images were published in prestigious journals such as *Camera Craft*, as well as in popular outlets including *National Geographic* magazine and Kodak advertisements.

The first major presentation of her work, this exhibition 'demonstrates that Cones was an exceptional artist who rivaled the top photographers of her time.'

(Quote from FotoFocus catalogue)

The Loveland Museum Center is honored to be a participant in this FotoFocus prestation of Nancy Ford Cones' work. Our curator, Jenny Shives has been working since last summer with representatives of the Taft Museum of Art to assemble pieces from our extensive collection of prints, magazines, papers, and photo equipment for loan.

Nancy Ford Cones: Behind the Lens Friday, October 28, 12-1

In addition, Jenny Shives will be doing this presentation, where you will learn more about Cones' personal life and how her work both reflected and directed her experiences. See her early Kodak advertisement prints and the development of the narrative, architectural, and imaginative images she and her husband James created in her later years.

This is a free event. Optional box lunch; \$10 for Taft members; \$15 for non-members. Museum admission sold separately. Registration required one week in advance.

LMC will be selling the book, *Craft and Camera, The Art of Nancy Ford Cones*, for \$25.00 (tax included).



"Red Riding Hood"

The red cape the model is wearing is on display at the Taft Museum is from LMC's collection.

News from LMC.....

If you come by the museum, you can see that the ideas of the landscaping plan are already taking place. Jason Wright's helpers have removed most of the plantings in the front of Bonaventure and some new indigenous plants will be placed this fall. A new sidewalk is planned for the front entrance from the parking lot this fall.

The Board of Trustees will soon be approving a plan for renovation of Bonaventure. John Hill Construction has agreed to work with the museum. This includes new siding, removal of the unused steps and door in the back, repair of any damage on the porch, roof and gutters. Other updates will be approved later.

Update on fund-raising teas

Beechtree Circle volunteers have staged five teas since the first one held in May. The proceeds come to \$2520 for LMC with one more scheduled in 2022, which should be an additional \$1000, plus. Number of guests have ranged from 13 to 41 expected on October 19th. The guests take a tour of the museum following the tea. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been a part of this fund-raising effort.

The Beechtree Circle has also donated handmade Santa figures and decorated slippers to the gift shop. There will be a limited supply and they should be available by the end of October or early November.

Pictures of Summer Events



Robert Gruber reads from his book, The Golden Kingdom on August 7th

Since the last couple of authors did not draw a lot of guests, the program committee will be assessing the value of these events and other possibilities for activities for next year. Your input is encouraged.



The Simon Grome Quartet entertain about 40 guests on the front lawn of Bonaventure, July 12th



The weather was perfect for this outdoor event



The bushes around the sign were removed in early October – getting ready for a change

Welcome new members

Jim & Amy Broermann 513-607-4006
Amy Brormann Reality
10300 Riverwalk Ln.
Loveland, OH 45140

Don Hahn 513-683-9294
623 Ascot
Maineville, Oh 45039

Butterworth Farm Historic Tour

This historic tour was a great success. About 40 area residents participated and everyone seemed really interested in this historic site in Warren County.



Our hosts, Gretchen and Phil Stone engaged the audience with lots of information about the Underground Railroad House, the Butterworth family, and the site, which has been in the Butterworth family since 1812. LMC sends sincere thanks to them.



Gretchen talks inside the house



This walnut cabinet is full of unusual memorabilia from the Butterworth estate. Note the refinished walnut floors.



A peek into one of the small bedrooms



An overview of the Family Cemetery



Overlooking the bike trail & river

The Nutcracker

Who am I? Where did I originate?

Legend has it that the first Nutcrackers came from the Erzgebirge mountain region of Germany.

Initially produced to crack the nuts more effectively and efficiently, the first decorative pieces were developed between the late 1400s.early 1500'. It was not until late 1600s and early 1700s, that they took on the ruling class personas.

Nutcrackers were designed using military personnel, church leaders and other authoritative figures as symbols of peoples' dissatisfaction with the ruling class.

According to German folklore, Nutcrackers were given as good luck keepsakes and protectors of the home, as they represented power and strength and warded off evil spirits and danger.

In 1892, with the release of the Tchaikovsky ballet "The Nutcracker Suite," Nutcrackers started to experience worldwide notoriety.

The practice of collecting Nutcrackers in the US began in the 1950's attributed to WWII GI's visits to the German "Kristkrinale Market" where they discovered Nutcrackers. Intrigued by the legend that the figurines could ward off evil, soldiers returned home with Nutcrackers.

The production of one original nutcracker can involve up to 130 separate procedures. At one time, the curing and natural drying of the wood could take up to 3-4 years. The detailed process includes cutting, shaping, hand turning, automatic lathe polishing, drilling, priming, spraying, carving and hand painting



The most prized and famous Nutcrackers are crafted by the Steinbach family, which dates to Erwin V. Steinbach, a famous German architect and master builder from the 1200s. For most of two centuries, the Steinbach family produced fine wood products and continued with Herr Christian Steinbach (who passed in 2007) heading the family operation. Today, his daughter Karl and granddaughter Karolin run the company.

A story from Director, Jan Beller

This antique doll belonged to my grandmother, Edith Goodnough Brock (we live on the property where she grew up). The doll was returned to me from my brother to be displayed in the museum if it could be restored. It arrived with head and arms not attached, dressed in what appeared to be original clothing. What to do?



Description (taken from *Blue Book of Dolls*)

Armand Marselle, 1894

21 inches; Bisque head, open & close eyes, open mouth; kid arms & legs; original wig & clothing

Our curator, Jenny Shives, and I found the Little Flower Doll Hospital in Covington. We took the doll for an assessment, which was surprisingly good news. The owner, Shelia, said she could put the doll back together and clean her up for a reasonable fee.

I asked the question, is the wig original? Shelia thinks, not only is it original, but it could be made with my grandmother's hair! Looking back at old pictures indicate that she indeed had dark hair, although I only remember the pretty white hair she had in later years.

Shelia explained that in the 1890's there was a wig shop, Japps, in Over the Rhine. European Doll companies sent the body and heads to the US without wigs so they could use the owner's own hair if they wished.

She will be given to the LMC and on display over the holidays. I call her "Edith".

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

LMC has recently received year books from the 1950' through 1970's. plus 1983 & 1995. If you are searching for a lost copy, please call and see if we have what you are looking for. We also have lots from the '20 & '30's. Your \$5.00 donation for a copy benefits LMC programs and events.

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, including Paul Pfarr, Hazel Cole Kendle, Lester Horwitz, and Larry Hamilton, John Vial, Kay Bolin 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 more!

"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 - \$5. Please send check along with mail instructions to Loveland Museum Center, 201 N Riverside Ave.; Loveland, OH 45140

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