



Reflections

...then and now
Loveland Museum Center

Fall 2023

Cemetery Tour

Saturday, Sept. 30 – 1:00 – 4:00

Evergreen Cemetery

State Rt 126, Miamiville. Clermont County

Did you know that garden cemeteries were among America's first urban parks? Donna Amon, former administrator of Promont Museum, will give an overview of changing traditions and talk about gravestone symbols and their meaning,

Many 18th & 19th century Loveland residents are buried in the oldest section of Evergreen, including Paxton, Ramsey, Lever, Brock, Hutchinson, Hine, Loveland and more.

Larry Rich will talk about some of his extended family and Jim Grethel will share stories about other well-known families. We will limit our tour to cemetery sections A – F.



One of many Paxton/Ramsey plots



Here is an example of an early ornate marker.

The Loveland Museum Center hosts Loveland U on Sept. 6th

LMC has provided the first stop of this 10-session interactive adult learning program since it started several years ago. It provides local residents the opportunity to see "behind the scenes" look at the how the Loveland community and organizations work with volunteers.

Reservations are required – Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Send check with name(s) to LMC, 201 Riverside Dr., Loveland, OH 45140 or use PayPal (check event or date).

Participants will check in at the cemetery, just inside the gate, beginning at 12:30.

Step Back in Time with Wine

Thursday, October 26: 7:00 to 9:00

This popular event promises to be another fun evening in Bonaventure wine tasting, light appetizers, interesting stories from Loveland's past and a tour of the museum.



Reservations are required – send your name(s) and \$15 per person to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave., Loveland, OH 45140 or use PayPal (list date or event) by October 23rd.

The Experience of a WWII Nurse Anesthetist Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, November 8: 11:30 – 2:00

Speaker, member Carolyn Nicholson

Until recently, very little information was published about the vital contributions of nurse anesthetists who served during World War II. Neither the Veteran's Administration nor historical societies kept any records.

After researching the story of one nurse anesthetist, 1st Lt. Adeline H. Simonson, Carolyn Nicholson, CRNA, BSEd, will discuss the impact the nurses made and share the experiences and dangers Simonson experienced while serving with a 400-bed med evac hospital in the European Theater during WWII.

Carolyn graduated from the Cincinnati General Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia in 1972. She remained an instructor for 42 years, receiving her BSEd in 1986. Throughout her career, she spoke at many local, state, national and international nurse anesthesia professional meetings. She retired in 2014.

Reservations are required by Nov. 6 - \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave, Loveland, OH 452140 or use PayPal (mark date or event).

A light lunch will be provided at 11:30, followed by the talk.

News from LMC....

LMC participated in the Farmer's Market in June, July, and August. Thanks to Tami Funke and Ken Davis for representing the Loveland Museum.



Young people have fun with antique toys at the Farmer's Market

4th of July Parade



Thanks to Andy Bateman, Jenny Shives, and all the volunteer bikers who turned out as LMC helped celebrate the 40th anniversary of the "Loveland Bike Trail."



Participants on W. Loveland Ave approaching the bridge.

Membership Report

Welcome new members:

George & Ann Lardas 512-808-2372
1808 Athens Dr. Loveland, OH 45140

LIFE: Carol & Larry Schildmeyer 513-683-6977
841 Cedar Drive, Loveland OH. 45140

As we move into the fourth quarter of the year, LMC still has over 50 members who have not paid their 2023 membership dues. We would like to keep everyone on our mailing list. Please note that your **address label is in yellow if** you have not paid. Perhaps you would like to double the amount to be paid through 2024.

June 24th Art Crawl

The Art League of Loveland sponsored Art Crawl, attracted almost 200 museum guests this year. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped host these art lovers.



Many first-time visitors enjoyed the Nancy Ford Cones display and many pictures by local artists of historic buildings in Loveland.



Sue Peterson talks with Richard & Connie Bateman

Fall Craft Fair ***November 4***

LMC will be participating once again in the fall craft fair at Loveland High School from 10:00 to 4:00. As a part of our community outreach, LMC is recruiting volunteers to tend the booth.

Items from our gift shop will be supplemented by a selection of handmade holiday decorations by the ladies of the Beech Tree Circle Group.



Tami Funke & Shelia Wheatly at 2021 Craft Fair
If interested in volunteering for this fun and helpful community event, call the museum at 513-683-5692.

Christmas in Loveland ***Saturday December 16th -4 to 8***

Mark your calendars for this community wide holiday celebration. LMC will be hosting an open house featuring entertainment, refreshments, gift shop, with gifts for all ages, and the children's mini train (from 4 to 8).

As in the past we will be recruiting volunteer donations of cookies and treats.



Entertainment in 2009

LMC Presents: “Birds of a Feather”

This is the year to experience the lavish lifestyle of the Victorians. Bonaventure House, completed in 1862, is the perfect setting for this year's Christmas exhibit “Victorian Birds of a Feather”.

Many of our time-honored Christmas traditions became popular in England and the Americas during the reign of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria. The Victorian Period, generally the time between 1837 and the 1890's, was a time of extravagance in home decoration and in the use of plumage for adornment.

In the 1840's Prince Albert brought the idea of the Christmas tree from Germany to Windsor Castle. This was the beginning of the Victorian style celebration of Christmas. Decorating the home at Christmas time became a more elaborate family affair. The Christmas tree, the first commercial Christmas cards in 1843 and Christmas Crackers in 1843, all became part of Victorian holiday celebrations. During this time, feathers and natural elements were used to decorate the Victorian home as well as their attire. Never more so than at Christmas. Their hats, whether large or small, were lavishly decorated with colorful feathers, stuffed birds, and ribbons.



This year the Christmas decorations at The Loveland Museum will be paying homage to this Victorian style. The Bonaventure Christmas display will include trees, wreaths and tabletop decorations adorned with ostrich, peacock, and turkey feathers as well as bird related and handmade ornaments. On display will be fans, purses, gloves, and other holiday attire as well as replicas of Victorian plumage hats created by Mary Ann Bauer, Mary Spurling and Sharon Hinkle.

Volunteers are needed to help in decorating Bonaventure and the grounds from November 1 through the 11th. Please call the museum for specific dates and times.

Message from the president

We are not finished! The exterior renovations on Bonaventure are completed, but there are other projects we have yet to complete.

We have three major projects remaining. The first is to update the service kitchen in Bonaventure to allow us to provide better food and drink service during museum events. The second project is to completely remodel the museum gift shop, which will allow us to offer more and better items for sale.

Finally, we have exterior landscaping improvements to help beautify the museum campus and compensate for the recent loss of trees.

Please consider these remaining projects during our annual giving campaign this fall and thank you for your ongoing support!

The Annual Giving Campaign letters will be sent in October.

Jim Grethel, President



Landscaping along the walk into Bonaventure completed.

Grailville

The Grail started as a lay ministry of Catholic women in 1921 by a Jesuit Priest in the Netherlands. Dutch representatives of the Grail settled on 350 acres of land just outside Loveland in 1944 as a retreat center, called Grailville.

In 2014, the Grail decision by members to reduce the footprint and subsequent member-votes led to several changes. The first was to move the headquarters across the road to a 70 acre plot of land. Two land sales were negotiated with Clermont County Park District (70 acres in 2017 and 43 acres in 2018 were both funded by Clean Ohio Fund which placed the 113 acres into state-regulated conservation easements.

In June the Grail announced that a plan has been negotiated with Cardinal Land Conservancy (Cardinal") for the potential sale of 89 acres on the south side of O'Bannonville Road. The City of Loveland, Miani Township, and Clermont County commissioners have approved the plan, so Cardinal will be able to apply for a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund.

"The Grail looks forward to partnering with both Cardinal and the Park District for years to come as together they want to create an oasis focused on the renewal of the earth and the nurturing of the mind, body, and spirit", said Grail President, Thanh Xuan Nguyen.

The Grail will again "gift back to the community" 25% of the appraised value of the land (through price reduction), which means the decision to sell for conservation drastically reduces income received. However, the Grail believes this is a much-needed investment for the protection of the natural habits.



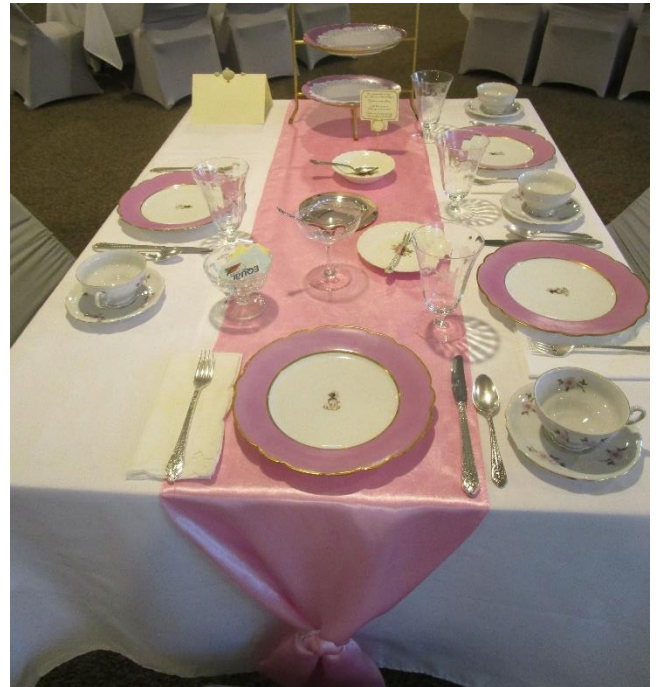
House of Joy was given the Loveland Historical Society Historic House award in 1989.

Cardinal's plan is to assess the condition of the buildings with the expectation to renovate the House of Joy for their headquarters.

Fund Raising Teas ***Continue***

The Beechtree Circle Group has scheduled six teas for this fall and is eager to schedule more. All proceeds are donated to LMC.

If you are interested in scheduling a tea, Mary Ann Benoski is happy to oblige. She will give details regarding group numbers (10 – 40), menu and cost per person. Contact her at 513-284-0359 or mbenoski@hotmail.com.



Formal tea setting from the past

Volunteer Docents Needed

Pat Benton, the LMC Docent Coordinator, needs additional weekend volunteers at Bonaventure. You can volunteer for as little as 3 hours a month, or more if you like.

On the job training and detailed, printed information about Bonaventure and the museum campus will be provided. If interested contact Pat Benton at 513-677-0359

Kudos to Weekend Volunteers

Pat Benton, coordinator, Darlene Ervin, Nancy Morgan, Jo Funke, Tami Funke, Linda and Harold Eberenz, Nancy Garfinkel, Kay Napier, Laura Pettigrew, Brenden McConnell, Jeannie Shumaker, and Jim and Judy Poe.

Bonaventure Renovation

A big hand of applause to John Hill and his construction crew for their excellent work on the museum building. Their attention to historic detail and sensitivity to budget. Is greatly appreciated.



Note the historically accurate light fixtures.



The LMC Logo is replaced with a new sign.



View of entrance to the museum, hiding the AC units, and the newly installed concrete walk



The handicap ramp replaced with new rails, flooring, lights, and a new door opening into the museum.



View from the corner of Riverside and Park

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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