



Reflections

...then and now
Loveland Museum Center

Spring - Summer 2021

The New Normal

It's been over a year since the museum was shut down and we stayed at home, donned our masks, worried about hand washing and how our family and friends were doing. As virus cases went up, spiked, then tapered off and the vaccines are available, we are wondering what the "new normal" will be.

For the Museum Center, we have begun renting the History House to small groups and are planning activities to allow more visitors and share our lovely campus.

We will continue to observe state safety guidelines and hope you will feel more comfortable about getting out and joining in the activities. We encourage vaccinations!

Visiting the 1930's & WWII years



Becky Giver used 1930's party dresses in the parlor



WWII memorabilia in the gallery

Memorial Day Dedication of restored WWII Honor Roll



Work completed as of April 14th. The yellow tape outlines the underground electric line, waiting for inspection. As this goes to print, the names are being printed and painting is scheduled.

Dedication Agenda

Following the city's parade and Memorial Day presentation at the Veteran's Memorial, LMC will have the formal dedication of the WWII Honor Roll. Exact time is not available, probably about 11:00 am. Here is the planned program of events:

Welcome and remarks from Jim Grethel and Mayor Kathy Baily.

Loveland Fire Dept. raising the Flag
Area Veterans Riffle Team – 21-gun salute
Bugler playing Taps
Bag Pipes – Amazing Grace
Benediction

The museum will be open to anyone wishing to go inside after the dedication. A reminder that we are still accepting donations for the restoration project.

Sunday, July 4th Parade

Now that we are getting back to the new normal, LMC will participate in Loveland's Parade on Sunday late afternoon.

Local Authors

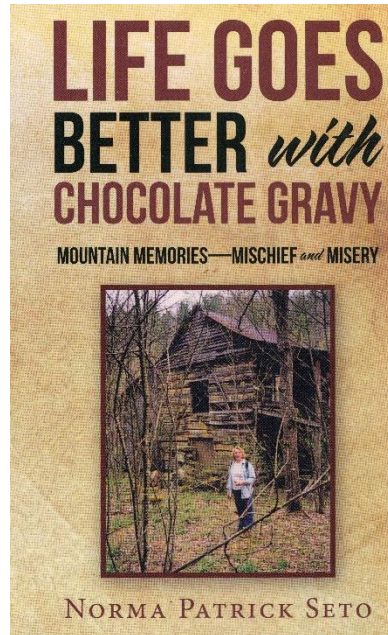
Book Signing Series

The Loveland Museum Center is excited to offer a series of sessions with local authors who will share their stories and sign your copies of their books.

We have eight authors signed up beginning June 13th and ending October 17. All sessions are free and will be Sunday afternoons, 1:30 to 2: inside the museum.

June 13

Norma Patrick Seto, author of this book. Through her heart warming, humorous, and entertaining memoir of growing up in the hills of eastern Kentucky, Norma invites us to meet colorful characters who lived life the way it was meant to be lived—simply and to the fullest. She is passionate about family history and sharing stories that describe her roots and the people she loves.



Norma is a long time Life member who has been helping the museum since she laid out *Passages Through Time* in 1990. She also put two pamphlets for recent house tours together and has helped with exhibits over the years. Norma says, “this has been a long time in the making and all the stories are true!”

The Museum Gift Shop carries some of these books, but all will be available on the day the authors are here. Two of the children’s book authors, members Mary Ann Falter and Kay Bolin plus Norma Seto have books here.

Following are the dates & authors

June 27 *Butterfly Grandma: Monarchs!*

Mary Ann Falter narrates a delightful, whimsical conversation in rhyming verse, between Grandma and grandchild in a quest to attract monarch butterflies to their yard!

Butterfly Grandma: Black Swallowtail!

A fun, educational book full of amusing drawings and detailed photographs explaining the life cycle of this butterfly, as well as flowers to plant to attract them.

July 11 *Edible Flowers: A Global History*

Mary Newman relates the fascinating history of how flowers have been used in cooking, from ancient Greek dishes to the today’s molecular gastronomy and farm-to-table restaurants.

Cherry

Recounts the origins, legends, celebrations, production and health benefits of this beloved tree.

July 25 *Luce the Goose: Searching for Love*

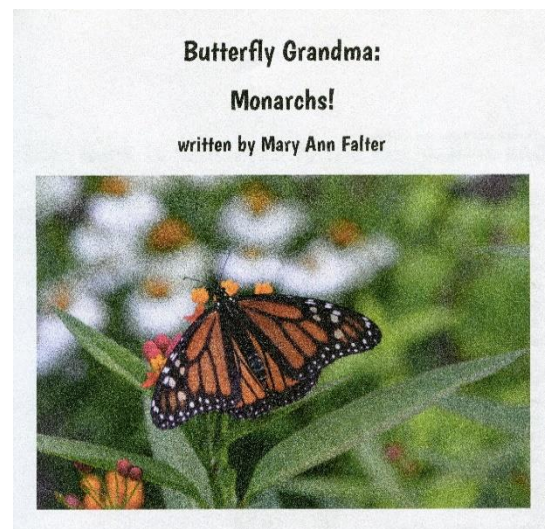
Kay Bolin tells the story of this beautiful white wild Pilgrim goose that showed up at her house one day and appeared to be infatuated by his own reflection in her black Jeep.

Luce the Goose: Memories of Dream Street

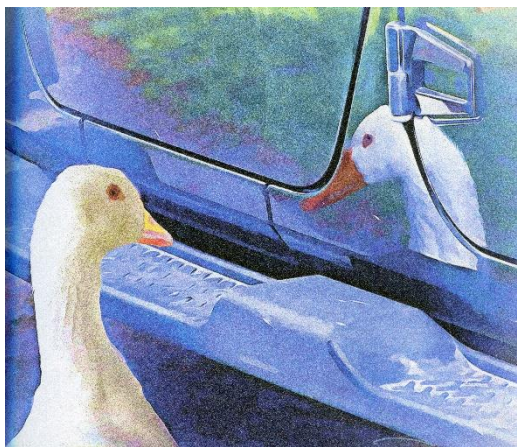
Follows Luce’s family and their exploits further while highlighting Loveland in this beautifully illustrated story.

Aug 8 *A Plate of Wet Spaghetti*

Sean Cahill At the end of long days, and armed with only a tired mind as limp as wet spaghetti and the lively suggestions of his boys, Sean journeyed into sewers, forests, skies, oceans, and rivers to find the stories his young children craved. Sometimes salty, sometimes sweet, these stories offer something for all members of the family and are absolutely, 100% guaranteed to put at least one member of the family to sleep (usually the parent).



Mary Ann Falter’s first book about butterflies will encourage you to start your own butterfly garden. Mary Ann was an RN for 37 years. She is the mother of two married children and a grandmother of three nature loving young grandchildren. She first started her butterfly garden in 2004 and struggled to find resources – this will make it easier for all the children of any age to succeed!



July 25 presentation

Another children's book, *Luce the Goose Searching for Love* by **Kay Bolin** is based on a true story in Loveland with a lesson that Luce teaches us all. It is beautifully illustrated by local artist Gregg Litchfield who used digital and watercolor for a process he calls "Paintography".

Kay will also share her second story *Luce the Goose: Memories of Dream Street*, which follows Luc's family and their exploits.

Aug 29 *Pretty Blue Death*

Dan Blair teams up Detective Inspector Sean McClarey of Scotland Yard and Daly Ford, an ex -FBI profiler and LAPD detective to solve the mysterious deaths of Daly's friends in this page-turning thriller full of twists and turns.

Lion's Rage: The Manchurian Chronicles

McClarey and Ford team up again to solve a series of murders being committed by individuals with no proclivity for violence or criminal behavior.

Sept. 26 *Francesca*

Don Tassone looks to the year 2055, to tell the story of a new pope. It's Jessica Simon, an American, a wife and a mother. She has taken the name Francesca. She believes the Catholic Church must return to Jesus' teachings, but powerful forces are aligned against her. Will Pope Francesca succeed in renewing the Church? In an hour of darkness, can she rekindle the light?

Oct 17 *Ghosthunting Ohio: On the Road Again*

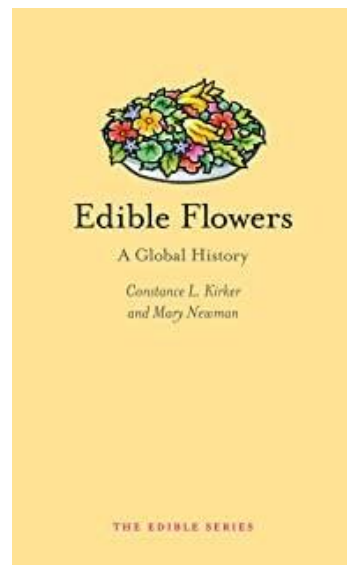
John Kachuba visits more than 30 legendary haunted places in Ohio (including the Loveland Castle). All of these sites are open to the public--so you can test your own ghost hunting skills, if you dare.

Shapeshifters: A History

There is something about a shapeshifter—a person who can transform into an animal—that captures our imagination. The myths and magic surrounding shapeshifters are brought vividly to life.

Mary Newman and her husband, John Kachuba were active in Loveland from the mid-1980's to 2001. She was a member of city council and John played a big part in starting the Loveland Art's council. They have five grown children and 11 grandchildren.

Mary co-authored two books with her sister. They traveled extensively over seas to gather facts and interesting stories about edible flowers and especially cherries.



More Upcoming Events

New Horizons Dixieland Band **Thursday July 15; 6:30 – 7:30**

Bring a picnic (adult beverages allowed), and lawn chair and enjoy an hour of fun music with friends on the lawn of the Museum Center. Come early if you want to see the 1930's and WWII exhibit in the museum.

"Life on the Rails"

Snack & Learn

Wednesday, October 13; 11:00 – 1:30

Randy Robison, a former B & O Railroad employee will entertain us with his stories about "working the rails" during the "hey-day" of railroads. He traveled into 11 states inspecting tracks and supervising the work of keeping the trains safe and in working order.

Reservations required: \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. Send check & name(s) to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave; Loveland, Oh 45140. Or use PayPal.



Loveland grew with the two RR lines coming through beginning in mid-1840's. This picture of RR workers is probably ca early 1900's

Installation of the 2021-2023 Board.



March 18th Board of Trustees Installation

Ken Davis VP, Andy Bateman, Pat Benton, James O'Keefe, Jenny Shives, Sue Peterson, Amy O'Keefe, recording secretary, Kathryn Lorenz, corresponding secretary, Kim Grethel, Jim Grethel, Pres., Mike McNally, treasurer, Pete Bissman, Mark Krum

The three retiring members, Rob Bauer, Norman Neal, and Nancy Morgan were not able to attend, but they were recognized and thanked for their many years of service.

“From Loveland to Las Vegas – the story of Arrowhead Inn” Snack and Learn



Thirty-six visitors enjoyed the entertaining and educational power point presentation with Dan Peterson. You can still catch the presentation on LMC Facebook.

Save the Date! Snack & Learn – November 10

Nancy Broermann, manager of the Tri-State Archives, and head archivist of the Ursulines of Cincinnati at Ursula Academy and co-author of *Maria Longworth Storer: From Music and Art to Popes and Presidents*.

Broermann will tell some interesting stories about this unusual woman, founder of Cincinnati Rookwood Pottery and first woman to run a manufacturing company. More details in the next newsletter

Loveland U Returns

The Loveland Museum will again host Loveland University, sponsored by the City of Loveland. The first session is September 15 at LMC.

Organizer of the program, Ray Kingsbury explains that this is “the coolest civics class you’ll ever experience”. Drawing on the 2019 collaborative partners, Little Miami Conservancy, Loveland Stage Company, Loveland School District, Loveland Museum, and a variety of Loveland City Departments, Loveland U 2021 will provide an exclusive “look behind the scenes” of the Loveland Community.

Limited to just 25 individuals, Loveland U is an adult learning environment with practical exercises that help relate a topic to real world experiences by identifying an issue, educating on how one might address it, and allowing teams of participants to apply their knowledge, with minimal lecture time.

Applications are being taken until June 30 for the 10 sessions ending November 17. Go to the City of Loveland’s web site at Loveland U Loveland., OH for more information registration & application.

Loveland Farmer’s Market opens Tuesdays on May 4th (3:00-6:30)

LMC will again be part of the Market’s educational program on three days – June 1; July 6; and August 3. Tami Funke & Ken Davis have volunteered to man the booth.



Jan Beller, Ken Davis, & Tami Funke at the 2019 Farmer’s Market

Come support your local vendors!

Welcome New Members

Welcome new Life Members – Jim and Ellen Hooper, who have been supporters of the Loveland Historical Society since 1995. They live in an historic house called Seven Oaks, built ca. 1840's on Fallis Road.

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A reminder that about 70 members have not paid their 2021 membership dues. We count on these funds for operating expenses and hope you want to remain on our mailing list. If your label is marked in **yellow**, that means you are one of those 70 members. Thanks for your prompt response!

In Memoriam



Gerald "Jerry" Thalheimer

Member Jerry Thalheimer passed away January 6, 2021 at the age of 87.

Beloved husband of Joyce (nee Carr), father of Leslie A. (Hank) Westcott and Timothy G Thalheimer. Grandfather of Jacob, Alexander, & Rachel Westcott.

Jerry grew up in Norwood and graduated from Purcell High School. He enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in Korea. He had numerous positions in banking, including Clermont National Bank in Loveland. He retired as auditor for Bank One.

A very community minded person, Jerry was the first President of the Loveland Businessmen's Club, served on City Council, was President of Kiwanis and a member of the VFW. He was a parishioner of St. Columban and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

He knew no strangers and had a beautiful way of making people feel special. He will be remembered for his kind and generous nature, big smile, and his sense of humor.

Internment was at Gate of Heaven with a private service.

History Repeats Itself



1954 Charles Coleman
collecting money from
Loveland parking meters

As the City of Loveland investigates installing parking meters as an experiment, I couldn't help looking back in time to August 1954 when Loveland installed about 100 parking meters on Jackson, Broadway, Taylor and Railroad Ave.

According to the Loveland Herald after one week, \$91 was collected and by the following year they were averaging \$95 per week. After a year of use, an informal survey, indicated most local merchants were in favor of the meters, although many were negative at first.

In late 1955 a parking lot was opened for the newly constructed Brown Building, but I could not find when the parking meters were taken down.



WWII exhibit – model jeeps & airplanes on loan from
Fred Ervin

Better late than never!
**Congratulations to
Heather Stein Russell
Enquirer's 2020 Woman of the Year**

Congratulations to member and Loveland resident, Heather Russell, for being chosen as one of 10 area women who have supported philanthropic efforts and who have improved civic life through their investment of time, energy and their belief in helping others.



Picture copied from the Enquirer

Heather runs Change Court, a specialized docket in Hamilton County Municipal Court and a restorative program that allows women who have been sex-trafficked to get help and reclaim their lives.

Those backing her nomination said not everyone can look back and see the difference they've made in the lives of others. Heather was instrumental in starting Change Court in 2014. Two Cincinnati police officers talked to Russell about these so-called criminals who were suffering as victims. She responded, bulldozing a path for human-trafficking victims in Greater Cincinnati with this specialized program.

Heather is married to Randy Russell and they have two grown children. She went to Miami University and University of Cincinnati College of Law.

When asked what inspires you to give back, she answers "I wish everything wasn't so politicized. If we, at a local level, could reorganize ourselves to say, 'Who wants to work on this problem, we would find we have more in common than what separates us.'"

Nancy Ford Cones Featured

"Heroines of American History" is the title of the exhibit at Heritage Village Museum and Educational Center in Sharon Woods from April 24 to August 15.

Loveland Museum Center is honored to be included in this venture by loaning many items from our extensive Nancy Ford Cones Collection. We have sent 26 matted and framed prints, along with a camera, magazines, and other small photography items.

You must make reservations for tours – go to their web page to register. Thanks to Jenny Shives and Brendan McConnell for helping get these items together.

Hill Wagoner Family Cemetery Restoration

The Hill Wagoner Cemetery located just over the Warren/Clermont line off Rt. 48 is on the property where Condos will be built soon. The earliest grave date is 1800 for Elizabeth Hill and her husband John, 1803. In 1990, the DAR listed 31 names here, including Burton, Simonton, Ramsey, Hall, Michaels, Radcliff, and others

The site has been neglected for years and the gravestones are hidden with overgrown vines and dead trees. Terry Easton, a volunteer with the Warren County Genealogy Society and expert on cemetery restoration has generously given his time the assessing a restoration project and offer to work with the city, scouts or other volunteers clean up the small site.



Crypt picture at Hill Cemetery taken 2004

Amazing that this crypt looks the same today as it did in 2004. Unfortunately, there is no evidence of a name. As you can see the door is pulled open.

THANKS!

Kudos to John Hill Construction & his crew for the great work they have done on the WWII Honor Roll! And to Jim & Kim Grethel for their time and expertise on researching names and supervising other contractors and volunteers!

Loveland's Best Kept Secret



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

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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 sweat shirts, 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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