



Haines House Newsletter

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Lamplight Tours

Each year around the holidays we have enjoyed decorating the house in period seasonal ornamentation. We invite the community in to celebrate the holidays with us through lamplight tours narrated by trained docents in festive 19th century dress. In the past, we have had the great pleasure of welcoming carolers, seasonal bands, and bakers in helping us celebrate. Tour preparations begin weeks before with decorating parties, a holiday feast for board members and volunteers, and the introduction and embellishment of the

traditional Christmas tree, which sits in the Parlor each year through the holidays.

This year on December 10th the Haines House will open its doors to the public for an authentic look at the holiday season in the 1800's. Please come and share this great season, historic home, and incredible history with us. If

**December 10th, 2006
5-7pm**



you have joined us during previous years, please join us again to see this year's progress and enjoy the season.

**The Haines House
186 W Market St., Alliance**

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Volunteer Team - Doris & Walt Walker

Perhaps the most active husband and wife team volunteering at the Haines House, Doris and Walt Walker are retired public school teachers who love bringing the rich history of Alliance alive for visitors both young and old.

Doris, a former 2nd grade teacher at Marlboro Elementary School and student teaching supervisor for Mount Union College, first joined our docent corps three years ago. She has conducted tours and has utilized a special skill at the House, demonstrating chair caning during Carnation Days Tours for the past two years.

Walt is the former chair of the English Department at North Canton Hoover High School who also supervised student teachers and taught at Mount Union. He has been our coordinator for the annual spring school tour program at the Haines House for the last two years.



Slavery Exhibit and Reenactment



Slavery and the Underground Railroad Exhibit

Slavery Exhibit

This fall a committee was formed to research and design a "Slavery and the Underground Railroad Exhibit." With the help of Michelle Collins-Sibley, an African-American Studies professor at Mount Union College who is also a member of our Board, we are digging deep into the history of slavery in the United States, the obstacles the slaves faced, the chances they took, and the ways in which some achieved their personal freedom.

Our plan is to create a timeline that will be permanently displayed in the Community Room. Along the timeline will hang pictures, letters, stories, and posters that help tell the history of those involved.

Anyone with relevant maps, pictures, posters, etc. that you would like to donate or allow us to photocopy, please contact Beth Daniel, Exhibit Chair, at 330-607-7641. Our goal is to display the new timeline and exhibit in the spring of 2007.

Reenactment

Martha McClaugherty, Haines House President, is currently working on a slave escape reenactment. Plans have yet to be finalized, but the hope is to present the program this spring. The reenactment will be held at Mount Union Nature Center and will feature Drama students from the College. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Martha at 330-821-6020.

A Joint Venture:

Preservation and Historical Societies

Unite to Celebrate "A Day at the Movies"



The Alliance Historical Society's Mabel Hartzell Museum located at 840 N Park Ave.

The Alliance Historical Society and the Alliance Area Preservation Society share a commitment to preserving the rich heritage of our community. The groups share several trustee and more than a few members. Seeking ways to work together and build stronger ties, a committee of trustees from both boards was formed to plan activities that would help promote interest in Alli-

ance history and the ongoing efforts of the Hartzell House and Haines House.

The first project is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the auditorium of the Alliance Neighborhood Center. "A Day at the Movies" will celebrate the history of movie theaters in Alliance. Photos, artifacts and memories of the Morrison, Strand, Columbia, College Plaza Cinemas, Park-Auto, Mid-City and Mount Union theaters will be shared. This will be a chance to relive Bank Night, a family Friday at the drive-in or a sizzling Saturday matinee serial.

The public is invited to bring both their favorite stories and any items of interest pertaining

to Alliance's movie theaters. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. For more information or to RSVP call Bill Robinson at the Neighborhood Center at 330-829-0673. If you have photos or items to share, contact Robb Hyde at 330-823-2308.



The Mt. Union is our last historic movie theatre In Alliance

Haines House Wish List



To help complete the Haines House renovation project, we've created a wish list. If you know where we can get any of these items or if you wish to donate any, please contact Maryjo Hepler, Renovation Chair at 330-823-9348.

- Clear Prince Edward lamp (Paxtonhardware.com, \$90.00)
- Banquet-style lamps with glass ball shades (Paxtonhardware.com, \$385.00)
- 2 Iron floor lamps for the Library (Lowe's - Item #130911, \$68.00)
- 2 Hanging pendant hall lamps, preferably antique converted oil lamps
- GE Profile 1.5 cu ft countertop convection/microwave oven (Sears - Item #02073553000, \$474.00)
- Victorian side table for dining room (\$100 - \$200)
- Antique frames with mirrors, embroidery, or photos (\$100 - \$200)
- Period (1850-1875) centerpiece for dining room table
- Old wooden shelf for above dry sink (preferably with pegs)



Individual

Spice Cakes

Prep:

10 minutes

Start to Finish:

25 minutes

Seasonal Recipe - Spice Cakes

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 pint flour (16 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup milk

In a large bowl, sift flour, sugar and baking powder together. Mix in butter and add milk, spices, and vanilla. Mix with a wooden spoon until batter is smooth. Fill muffin tins. Line with cupcake papers to make for easy work.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Check after 10 minutes with a toothpick to test for doneness.

www.foodfunandfacts.com/spicecakes.html



Board Member Spotlight: Michelle Collins-Sibley

Dr. Michelle Collins-Sibley is one of the newest members of the AAPS Board, elected at March's Annual Meeting. Collins-Sibley, a Professor of English and director of the liberal studies program at Mount Union College, has been active at the Haines House since AAPS first purchase it in 2001.

This past March during spring break, Michelle took eighteen stu-

dents from her "Imagining Slavery" and Dr. Ivory Lyons' "Race, Culture and American Society" classes to Somerset Place in Creswell, N.C. to experience the life of a slave living on a 19th century plantation. During their stay they had the opportunity to do the same work that would have been demanded of a slave including painting fences, clearing brush, tilling a vegetable

garden, polishing brass or cooking a meal.

Michelle is the recipient of Mount Union's Jane Weston Chapman Award and the Governor's Humanitarian Award, given by the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.



Michelle knitting at the Haines House



Haines House

an Underground Railroad site

Haines House Underground Railroad Museum

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The Haines House is recognized by the National Park Service's Network to Freedom, the Ohio Underground Railroad Association, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is owned and operated by the Alliance Area Preservation Society.

Upcoming Projects

Handicapped-Accessible Bathroom

Our handicapped-accessible ramp and bathroom are almost complete! Now we need to paint the bathroom and decorate it. We need ideas! Can you stencil?? Would you like to help?? Just let us know.

Kitchen Renovation

Our next project involves renovating the new kitchen to be used to serve food for meetings and events at the Haines House. The Kitchen Committee plans to keep the design consistent with the historic context of the House while providing necessary storage space and functionality. We are working with a designer at Lowe's, which may help fund the renovation. The kitchen will have lots of counter space, a small oven, a cook top, an under-the-counter re-

frigerator, a closet, and simple cabinets. It will help make the House a more practical meeting space for the AAPS and the community.

Herb Garden

After the first of the year, we will gather a committee together to plan the herb garden. This is an exciting project. If you are knowledgeable about herbs or want to learn along with the rest of us, you are welcome to join the committee.

Crafters Needed!

Craftsman - To build a water shelf for the old kitchen. We have a photo, dimensions, and old lumber.

Upholsterer - To recover two sofas and two platform rockers.

Quilter - To reproduce an old quilt for the Grant Room's bed.

(All materials will be provided.)

For more information about volunteering your time, skills or gifts, please contact Maryjo at 330-823-9348.

