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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Heritage Ohio has been developing more programs to help Ohio communities. We've developed a new workshop called Dollars and Sense to help building owners understand how to rehabilitate their buildings. Athens and Lebanon hosted workshops in August, and in mid-November we'll be in Sandusky. A partnership with the National Development Council is helping by providing instruction about pro forma development. Until a project pencils a profit, no bank is lending money, and business minded people are simply not going to proceed, so we want to share all of the tools available to make a project financially successful.

We are also ready to announce our Revitalization Training Series and webinars for 2014, which will include information you can use to make your cities and neighborhoods more successful. We are so proud to have Jeff Speck, author of "The Walkable City", presenting a webinar this winter—if you haven't read his book, you might want to, in anticipation. Webinars are one of your membership benefits!

Providing technical assistance in a variety of forms: one-on-one, workshops, webinars and conferences are some of the many ways Heritage Ohio achieves our mission in helping people to save the places that matter, build community, and live better.

Heritage Ohio is also happy to introduce three new members to our team. Vicky Unger joins us as membership coordinator, and Meghan Kaple and Lindsay Marshall are our two new AmeriCorps volunteers. Read more about them below.

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HERITAGE OHIO WELCOMES VICKY UNGER, LINDSAY MARSHALL, AND MEGHAN KAPLE!

Vicky Unger join Heritage Ohio as our part time membership coordinator. Vicky is from Canton, Ohio and received a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology and her Master's degree from Miami University. She is active in the Far North Columbus Coalition and the American Association of University Women.

Lindsay Marshall and **Meghan Kaple** are Local History Corps members, an AmeriCorps program with Serve Ohio. Lindsay Marshall joins Heritage Ohio as Field Representative. She recently moved here from Minneapolis, and has her Master's in Cultural Resource Management from Saint Cloud State University. Meghan Kaple serves Heritage Ohio as the Revitalization Assistant and Communications Coordinator. She is currently pursuing her Master's in City and Regional Planning at Ohio State University.



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NATE THE PRESERVATIONIST

Hi! It's me Nate! Over the summer we accomplished a lot. We just about completed the back porch, the overhang on the back of the house, and have installed a man door in the garage! Not bad for just working on the weekends!

Most of the summer was spent on the back porch. My dad and grandfather rebuilt the columns, molding, and ceiling. Now we just need to paint everything. We decided to make the ceiling natural. It is made of fir and finished with orange shellac and spar varnish. It looks very beautiful. I would say the hardest part about the back porch was rebuilding the columns. It was really difficult finding the correct size egg and dart molding for the columns. We didn't find the exact same size, but it looks pretty close and is better than none at all!

On the overhang, we thought we were all set in the last article, but it turned out we had a few leak issues. The problem was how we originally connected the gutter into the existing tile roof. Water was getting under the tiles and leaking below the gutter. Now that we have it fixed we just need to get it painted! That's a relief! We also picked out a color scheme. We decided to paint the trim on the brick a dark green like the roof. The rest of the trim will be brown, red, and gold, and the stucco will be a khaki tan color.

We were also able to get the new main door in the garage installed, and it was not hard at all. The old garage door was painted neon green about 32 times and was cut down about a foot. Although it was the original door and still had the hole for the hand turn doorbell, there was no possible way to fix it. So we had to replace it with a salvaged door.

We are now working on the circular window for the garage. We are hoping to get that and all the painting done before the snow flies. Thanks for reading and hope you have (or will have) a happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Nate Michalak :o)



PHOTO ABOVE: Nate on the site.



OLD WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT:

To find out more about the history and preservation of the Old West End Historic District in Toledo, visit their website:

www.oldwestendtoledo.com/site



MARIEMONT

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Written by Karen Sullivan

On June 19, 2013 The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Mariemont as one of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in America in response to the Ohio Department of Transportation's proposed relocation of SR32 through the South 80 Park, which is an integral component of John Nolen's original design. Considered to be Nolen's masterpiece, Mariemont was awarded National Historic Landmark status in 2007. Located 10 miles east of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mariemont is one of America's most important precedents of town planning, adapting elements of the Garden City

HISTORY

Mariemont was envisioned to be a "National Exemplar," a community where citizens could enjoy a variety of housing choices. Beyond designing the master plan and landscape, Nolen influenced the selection of architects for public and private buildings. Nolen was persistent that utilities for Mariemont be buried to preserve views, an important element of his intent.

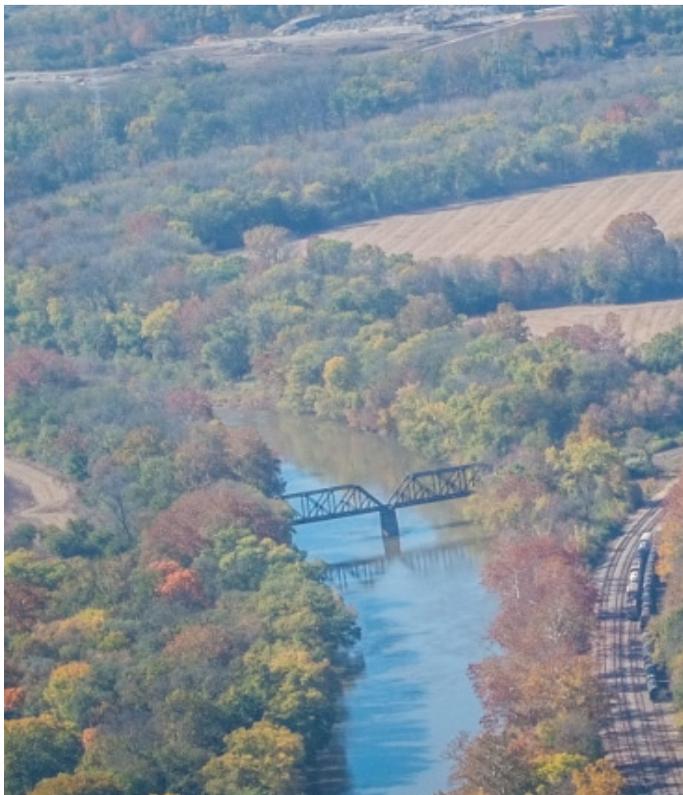


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Also, streets were shaped and sized for traffic calming, a strategy that is emulated in Smart Growth best practices today. This square mile village offers residents a connection to nature and the countryside. Included in Nolen's design was the 80 acres of fields in the Little Miami floodplain, now formally designated as the South 80 Park, and the dedicated parkland is a vital part of Mariemont's character.

A distinctive feature of Mariemont is the strong relationship between natural features and constructed elements. Constructed with indigenous stones, the pergola was intended to "be the center of the greatest gatherings" on the concourse. The Village of Mariemont has an unusually high degree of historic integrity. Looking out from the concourse today, the landscape is remarkably close to the vista that inspired Nolen almost a century ago, including the historic railroad bridge constructed in 1920. This structure is one of the few examples of riveted steel Baltimore trusses in the area. The concourse continues to be a place for community gatherings and events, a testament to the success of Nolen's design and Mariemont's commitment to preserving his intent.

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THREAT

Currently the Ohio Department of Transportation is proposing a highway route, part of the Eastern Corridor, which will cross Mariemont's South 80 Park, adversely effecting community gardens and passive recreation. Archaeologically significant components are also in the proposed construction route, and would be threatened by destabilization. The South 80 Park provides the only public access to the Little Miami River within the study area. This multi-modal transportation project proposes adding a new bridge crossing the Little Miami River to create a four lane divided highway with substantial right of ways for expansion of travel modes. Construction will also impact the National Wild and Scenic Little Miami River Valley, which would be forever altered with increased air, light, water and noise pollution, habitat fragmentation and destabilization of a hillside. Miles of highway will need to be elevated above the 100 year flood plain, further changing the landscape and natural flow of the watershed.

A potential solution to this threat is a "low build" alternative, implementing light rail, bike paths and improvements to existing roads rather than constructing an elevated highway through a scenic river valley and celebrated historic community.

HOW TO HELP

Grassroots efforts continue, and numerous regional organizations have committed to assist with efforts to preserve Mariemont, including Heritage Ohio, the Cincinnati Preservation Association, the Hillside Trust, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, the Ohio Ornithological Society and the Mariemont Preservation Foundation.



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Despite the growing opposition, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues with plans to locate a highway through Mariemont's South 80 Park and the National Wild and Scenic Little Miami River valley. You can show your support by signing the on-line petition at *Change.org* and search "Ohio Department of Transportation: Do Not Relocate State Route 32 Through Mariemont or its South 80 park"

Sending concerns to the project Implementation Partners at Hamilton County, ODOT, Federal Highway Administration, Clermont County, the City of Cincinnati, and the Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) in opposition of ODOT's plans would reinforce efforts.

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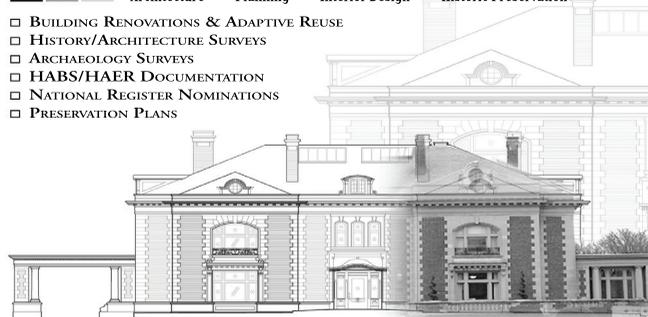
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Local Seasonal Fun!

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Main Street Christmas Holiday- Sat. November 30th, 5pm

Dickens Victorian Village- November 1st- January 4th

Hand-sculpted life-sized mannequins wearing vintage clothing can be found depicting over 88 scenes along Wheeling Avenue. Themed weekend activities and fun for all ages. For more info go to: www.dickensvictorianvillage.com

Cleveland-Warehouse District

14th Annual Holiday Tour-December 4th

Benefiting the Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation. Festivities kick off at a Reception in the stunning Bridgeview Apartments' Atrium 1300 West Ninth Street. A tour at 6:30 will feature exciting downtown living and new developments in the area. Attendees will enjoy great food sampling from local restaurants and clubs. After the tour guests will head to a Dessert Reception courtesy of downtown's new jazz club, Take 5 Rhythm and Jazz Tapas Lounge, located at 740 West Superior Avenue. Tickets are \$60 in advance, or \$75 at door. Special rate for 10+. For more information call (216) 344-3937 or visit: warehousedistrict.org/events-calendar.aspx



PHOTO ABOVE:
Cleveland Warehouse District Attendees at last years annual holiday event.

Delaware

Fantasy of Lights

November 22nd - January 5th

Gaze up at over 1 million lights that make up over 100 displays. Afterwards warm up with cookies, cocoa, and Santa. For more information go to: www.alumcreek.com/fol/

Holiday Concert - Ohio Wesleyan University

On Dec 15 at 2:00 and 4:30pm, come enjoy holiday music favorites with the Central Ohio Symphony.

Lebanon

Christmas Festival Dec 7 10am-8pm

Horse Drawn Carriage Parades Dec 7 1pm-7pm

Festival includes food and gift vendors along E. Mullberry St. Storytelling train rides to the North Pole on the North Pole Express, music, traveling bell choir, and carolers, and extended hours for antique and speciality stores.

Medina

29th Medina Candlelight Walk- November 22-24

A three day celebration of sights, sounds, scents, and Santa. Featuring a Friday night of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Choir, Saturday Holiday Parade of Lights and Sunday photos with Santa and horse drawn carriage.

November 22nd Grand Opening of Castle Noel

Located at 260 South Court Street Medina, Ohio. 38,000 square feet of items on display, including props and costumes

For more info visit:

www.mainstreetmedina.com

Norwalk

Small Business Saturday & Light Up Norwalk-November 30th

Carriage rides, Santa, elves, snowmen, the Grinch, free refreshments. Children can enjoy working and decorating cookies with elves in Santa's workshop. An outdoor concert will begin at 7pm featuring The Ryan Humbert Band, along with local talent and school choirs. Sponsored by Summit Motorsports Park. Stroll our historic district with hot chocolate and a candy cane in hand and be amazed by the lighted holiday window displays.

For more details call (419) 660-8696.



PHOTO ABOVE: Santa arriving on ship in Vermilion.

Sandusky

Holiday Lights by the Bay November 22nd - December 31st

Maritime Museum of Sandusky Bay 5-10pm.
The museum will be decked out with lights inside and outside.

Christmas Lighting Ceremony

November 29th 6pm at Washington Park

Nautical Christmas Crafts Maritime Museum of Sandusky

December 14th 11am-2pm
Build nautical themed ornaments and a Christmas Tree Ship!

Santa's Reindeer Night December 17th

Washington Park Cookie House. (200 Washington St.)

Vermilion

Home for the Holidays November 29-30th

Horse Drawn Trolley through historic downtown 12-5 pm.
On November 30th, Santa arrives by Ice breaker at 11 am. The Christmas Tree Lighting will happen at 7 pm at Exchange Park. Don't forget to visit Santa in the park with his helpers in Santa's House!

Historic Downtown Vermilion Shopping December 1st-24th

Wooster

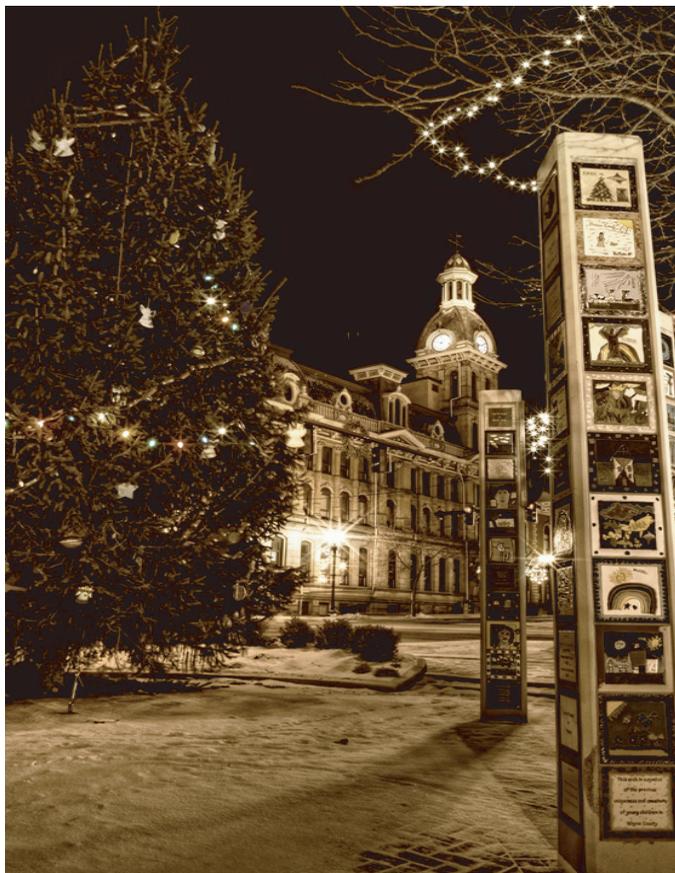
Window Wonderland November 22 7-9:30 pm

Lighting of the Children's Tree on Public Square and the appearance of Santa, live reindeer, carriage rides, musicians, and much more!

Downtown Church Walking Tour December 6th 6-8 pm

Take a moment to enjoy a quiet tour of historic church structures. Music decorations and refreshments can be enjoyed during this free annual self-guided tour. Maps available at all locations.

Visit www.mainstreetwooster.org for full listing of churches.



PHOTOABOVE: Downtown Wooster.

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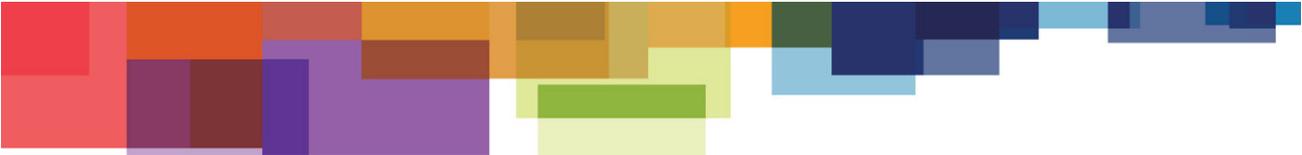
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Heritage Ohio Annual Conference & Awards (Kent, Ohio)

November 10-14

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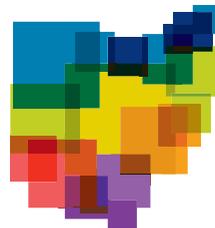
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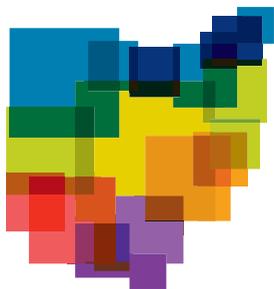
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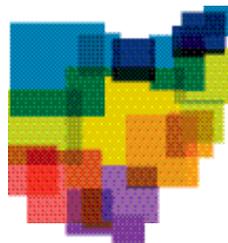
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