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### Construction of Mariemont Began Ninety Years Ago this Month

BY SETH ROSEN

On April 23, 1923, Mary Emery pushed the famed silver shovel into the ground at a spot opposite the tennis courts, thus officially beginning construction of Mariemont, Ohio.

Whether you have lived here your whole life, are new to the Village, or simply a first time visitor, the unique landscape and rich history characteristic of Mariemont is something that resonates with all. Although Mariemont seems like a place torn from a page of history or whimsically recreated from a Norman Rockwell painting, much was involved in the process of bringing Mariemont to fruition. For more than fifteen years prior to its initial construction, Mariemont's founder, Mary Emery, meticulously acquired land and spent upwards of seven million dollars in development efforts for the "national exemplar" town. Her ultimate vision for the project was to create a place where people of all income levels could reside, whether seeking quality rental property or purchasing single-family homes. The project became the costliest venture of Mary's life and remains

the most significant testament to her altruistic concern for community and her devotion to human welfare. This month marks the 90th anniversary of both the official announcement of the Mariemont project to the public as well as Mariemont's festive groundbreaking ceremony.



Although known for her many philanthropic endeavors throughout Cincinnati, Mrs.

Emery was very much a private person. Nonetheless, Mariemont's ceremonious

inauguration in the spring of 1923 saw one of the nation's wealthiest women

thrust into the local limelight,

as both Cincinnati newspapers and

hundreds of people joined Mary with her silver spade in one hand, and a bouquet of roses in the other. Her nurse stands close by, as Mrs. Emery was not well, and in fact, died four years later. Turning the first piece of Mariemont's soil with the silver spade, Mary was filmed by a cameraman from Pathé News. To this day, the Pathé News film is the only live footage known to feature Mary Emery.

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# The National Exemplar Celebrates 30 Years

What were you doing April 13, 1983? The National Exemplar Restaurant was busy celebrating its opening! After months of extensive construction, owner, Ken Pendery opened The Exemplar for dinner. Breakfast and lunch followed shortly after. Remember the Hobo? The Bawk Bawk? Or The Green Acres Omelet?

Additions over the years have been made with Southerby's Pub taking over the



old Mariemont Florist shop, addition of the outdoor patio and The Tudor Room for private gatherings.

Over ten National Exemplar marriages have been started with staff members...and they are all still married! Many great memories and friendships have been made with our guests and their families. We look forward to thanking the community for your continued support over the past thirty years.

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# Town Meeting Sets Stage for Changes

By CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

Change was a common theme at the 72nd annual Mariemont Town Meeting, held March 3 at the Elementary School. The familiar cry of, "Hear Ye! Hear Ye!" came from a video, played in honor of Hank Kleinfeldt, who is retiring after 18 years as Mariemont's Town Crier. He was unable to attend the meeting, and a Mayor's Proclamation in his honor was accepted by his daughters. The Town Meeting committee also honored Hank with a gift of a pewter statue representing a town crier.

The Town Meeting executive committee has further changes. Bob Keyes is stepping down as chair, to be succeeded by David Gunn. Bob will take up the clothing, wig and tri-corner hat as Mariemont's new Town Crier.



On Council, two of the four representatives whose terms are expiring are not returning: Joe Stelzer (District 3) and Cortney Scheeser (District 4). Eric Marsland (District 3) and Maggie Palozzo (District 4) have entered Letters of Intent and will be on the ballot in November. There are two candidates for the District 5 council seat currently held by Jeff Andrews. Mr. Andrews does not reside in District 6, and was elected as an at-large candidate. They are



**Mayor Policastro awarded a Proclamation to retiring Town Crier Hank Kleinfeldt. Hank's daughter Leslie Butcher, and granddaughter, Katie, accepted the honor on Hank's behalf. Below left, outgoing School Superintendent Paul Imhoff provided a district update. Below, Kathy Chapman-Dick, Director of MariElders, addresses the Town Meeting audience. Photos by Ron Schroeder**

Campbell Dodson, who lives on Park Lane, and Jim Tinkham, who lives on Homewood Road. Because there are two candidates for the Town Meeting nominee, a special election for district residents will be held from 1-6 pm Sunday, April 7, at Mariemont Elementary, 6750 Wooster Pike. This is not binding and Mr. Andrews or either candidate can run at large in the November election as long as they meet the election requirements. The Village Treasurer position has been vacated by Mr. Andrew Kulesza, who has moved out of the Village. Tony Borgerding, our current Clerk, has filed a Letter of Intent, and will take on both roles for a time.

Paul Imhoff, Superintendent of Mariemont City Schools, then addressed the crowd of about 100 people. As most people were aware, Mr. Imhoff has accepted a position in Upper Arlington where he grew up and has family ties. He talked about upcoming changes in the way the schools measure Mariemont students. Mariemont and other school districts find the state standards and testing to be inadequate in determining the true quality of our students.

We will be setting higher standards, and he introduced a new initiative for measuring quality in the school district. It's a move away from the state-issued report cards and community meetings are planned. Sixty districts in Ohio are involved in this project.

Mr. Imhoff shared some personal reflections on his six years at Mariemont. He reminded the residents that Mariemont is a very special place and that no one should take it for granted.

He encouraged residents to be involved and to work together to keep it that way. His speech was met with lengthy applause and a standing ovation.



Kathy Chapman-Dick, Director of MariElders, spoke next and acknowledged

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

Inspiration stops us in our tracks and causes us to look at the world differently. It releases hope and vision and perseverance. It's a beautiful gift whenever it dawns on us. Inspiration changes our thinking and opens up new possibilities. It moves our eyes off our problems and onto those around us.

That's exactly what happened to me when I met Edward and Marie Mahoney. As I got to know their story, the press of my busy day faded. The concerns of work, health, travel, and weather moved back and I was captivated by two smiling faces warmly welcoming me into their home.

Edward gave me a firm handshake and a really genuine smile. Despite challenges with hearing, speaking, and walking with crutches, he is engaging and optimistic. He is wearing his trademark John Deere hat and sweatshirt, and has the day all planned.

Marie moved to the Madisonville area in 1947 and has been in Mariemont for the past 25 years. Eddie was born at Mercy Hospital (no Mercy St. Theresa). She asks me to guess how old Eddie is – so I venture 42. Sparkling eyes and all smiles he quickly quips, “51.” Marie does not look nearly old enough to be his mother!

After living on Britton and Petoskey, Eddie and Marie have lived at the southeast corner of Berwick and Murray for 13 years. Marie's husband passed away 22 years ago, and her other children have had 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Clearly, Marie is very much a part of Eddie's inspiring story.

Eddie attended preschool and public schools through junior high then graduated from St. Rita's. His faith was shaped at St.

Margaret's & St. John's. He spent a year at St. Clair College in Dayton and started work for the United States Postal Service in 1984. During his time at the Post Office plant on Dalton Avenue, Eddie was commended by management for being diligent and persistently innovative. He has copies of news stories to prove it!

family share his love for tractors, and eventually he was asked to make his niece a pink tractor. Adept at mechanical work and painting, he produced a masterpiece.

When I ask Eddie what keeps him going, he immediately offers that he never gives up and he always wants to try new things. These are wise

***Do you know of other helpful Mariemont neighbors that we could profile? If so, please send your suggestions to Denis Beausejour at beausejourdf@aol.com.***



***Eddie and Marie have lived at the south-east corner of Berwick and Murray for 13 years. A major hobby revolves around Eddie's love for all things John Deere.***

Since retiring in 2005, Eddie has more time for neighborhood activities. He can be seen riding his scooter to meet friends Dick and Frank for coffee at Demetrios, or heading to Mio's for lunch, especially when Marie is out and the kitchen is closed for the day! His vehicle runs for 12-15 hours on a full charge, so it gives him freedom to roam the community.

A major hobby revolves around Eddie's love for all things John Deere. He loves the green and gold, but is also creative. For the sake of a beloved niece, he even welcomes pink. Let me explain.

Years ago, a friend gave him a small tractor to renovate. He painstakingly restored it and a hobby was born. Relatives and friends would regularly take him on outings to their farms, which included tractors. Many of his extended

words from a man who knows his limitations and yet refuses to be defined by them. Marie adds softly that their family motto is, “No matter what troubles come, we can always put a smile on our faces.”

After hearing about Eddie from neighbors who have been touched by his story, I realize that he is making our Village special through his gentle smiles and optimistic faith. He is encouraging me to leave my troubles behind and embrace the gift of today as I walk back to my office. Changed.

So take it from Eddie. If you feel stressed, swamped, worried or you are about to call it quits, stop, give thanks. Try something new. Look beyond yourself and bless someone. Put a smile on your face. And most of all, in the words of Eddie and Winston Churchill: “Never quit!”



# Chief Hines Celebrates 25 Years

Congratulations to Chief Hines, who marked his 25th anniversary with the Mariemont Police Department last month. Hines began his career in law enforcement in 1985 with the Elmwood Place Police Department.

He joined the Mariemont Police Department in 1988, and rose steadily through the ranks. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1990, and was named Chief of Police in 2005. In 2010, he was promoted to serve as Chief of Fire and Police.



## 'Construction,' continued:

Fortunately, the film has been made available through the Mariemont Preservation Foundation and can be accessed by visiting their site at [www.mariemontpreservation.org](http://www.mariemontpreservation.org).

After Mary used the spade to overturn Mariemont's first piece of soil, a three-foot granite shaft was placed at the site where the shovel broke ground. This granite shaft can still be found in front of the Ferris House on Plainville Road, which served as the Mariemont Company's field headquarters and made for an appropriate backdrop for the event. Today, the silver spade used by Mary is on display in the Village's Municipal Building.

As anyone can see by walking or driving through the neighborhood, our Village continues to change as new ground breaks throughout Mariemont. Whether it is the recent completion of Mariemont Elementary School's new facility, the groundbreaking of Nolen Park condominiums, or the addition currently underway at the Mariemont Theatre, Mariemont continues to evolve. It continues to serve both renters and owners



of private family residences, which Mary Emery had originally envisioned.

While it is easy to look around and see these changes happening before our very eyes, it is important and humbling to look back on the groundbreaking of the Mariemont project ninety years ago and reflect on the success of Mary Emery's great gift to us all. The new town of Mariemont was a project that ushered in the successful

experiment of providing new housing for various income levels, when an alternative to congested city living was needed. The experiment worked and the result is the National Historic Landmark we now call Mariemont.

Perhaps it's time for Village organizations to begin planning a Centennial celebration for April 2023!

# Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



It's hard to believe that March is already upon us! Looks like we may have another mild winter as we head into spring. At any time, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven't

contacted you, please feel free to contact me and I will gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

6977 Grace Avenue was purchased by Greg and Jasmine Warga in November. They met in college at Northwestern University then moved to Austin, Texas for work. After getting married last April, Greg and Jasmine soon decided they wanted to move back closer to home although they would miss the weather, music scene and tex-mex food that Austin offers. Jasmine is originally from Cincinnati – she graduated from Sycamore High School, and Greg is from the Columbus area. Currently, Greg works as a Business Analyst for an investment management firm downtown and Jasmine is in Graduate School, pursuing her Masters of Fine Arts in creative writing. They have a gray cat named Salvador who bears little

resemblance to his namesake, Salvador Dali. They chose Mariemont for the walkability, close-knit community, strong school system and reasonable commute to downtown.

Long-time Mariemonters, the Long Family (Gary, Lynn, Max, Karin and Ellie) have a new address here in town. They purchased 7022 Hiawatha in January and love their new home.

Eric and Diana Paternoster purchased 6920 Mt. Vernon in November but have not yet moved in. They had been looking for a suitable property in Mariemont for the last several years and were thrilled when this property became available for sale. While they love the location of the home, they did not love the existing house. So, prior to

closing, they obtained permission from the Village to demolish the current structure and construct a new one. Needless to say, Eric and Diana will have to wait a little longer than usual to actually move into their new home. They have hired a custom builder to create a home constructed of brick and stone with painted wood trim, designed to look like an English cottage.

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 (home), 484-2647 (cell) or email is niredale@sibcycle.com.



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# What's Happening at the Library

## April

### All Ages

**Creatures in Your Backyard:** Come for an evening of family fun. Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm.

### Children

**Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):** Each month, Ms. Katheryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. April's series: "Young Cam Jansen" by David A. Adler. Ages 5 to 10.

**Library Babies:** Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

**Movers and Shakers:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

**Pre-school Story Time:** Wednesdays at

1:30 pm. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

**Tales to Tails:** Thursday, April 4 at 5 to 6 pm. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

**Crafty Kids:** Thursday, Thursday, April 25 at 4:00 pm.

### Teens

**InBeTween Club:** Gaming, movies, crafts & fun for tweens and teens. There will be something different each month.

**Spring Crafts in April:** Thursday, April 25 at 4 pm.

**Anime Club:** Check it out, Saturday, April 27 at 1 pm.

### Adults

**Earth Day Plant Swap:** Bring your plant babies and trade for new materials. Label plants if you can. Saturday, April 20 at 11 am.

**Which Craft Needlecraft Club:** Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework – whatever you like to do. Saturday, April 6

and April 20 at 10:30 am.

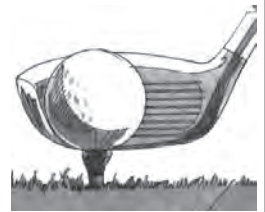
**Book Club:** Thursday, April 25 at 6:45 pm. Join us for a discussion of "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson. Copies will be available at the desk.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? We offer one-on-one sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 369-4467

## Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble Set for May 11

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold its 13th annual golf scramble on



Saturday, May 11 at Reeves Golf Course at Lunken Airport. This annual event is the club's spring fundraiser for local scholarships. Each year, Kiwanis Club of Mariemont raises nearly \$15,000 for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont.

Cost is \$80 per golfer and includes all fees, golf cart and lunch. Participants can form their own foursome or ask to be organized with others. Prizes will be awarded. Contact Jed O'Connell at 513-561-1082 to sign up, or visit [www.mariemontkiwanis.org](http://www.mariemontkiwanis.org) for more information. Deadline is May 6. Interested supporters can also become a hole sponsor.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 8 am in the Mariemont Elementary cafeteria. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am, followed by a local speaker. Meetings end promptly at 9 am. We invite you to be our guest at an upcoming meeting. Contact David Peterson at [dpeterson0503@gmail.com](mailto:dpeterson0503@gmail.com), or 814-598-6235.

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# A Case for a Roundabout

Roundabouts are an important design element of the English Garden City. In fact, the Village Square was once a roundabout before traffic signals. So why not consider one to improve the complicated six-way intersection at Murray and Plainville?

After examining the four alternatives (no build, four-way stop, four-way signal and roundabout), studied by KZF at the request of the Village, a roundabout is the most effective solution to the traffic back-up problem. The reason my company wants to address this issue is twofold. The final phase of our development in Mariemont is directly across from the tennis courts and the front door of this project is a parking lot of cars on Madisonville Road during the morning rush hour. Secondly, if my company pursues an apartment community in Madison Place, it will be designed to create a village atmosphere with buildings close to the street. The afternoon back up on Plainville negatively impacts this site as well.

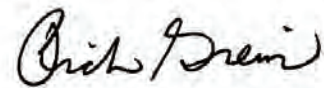
The benefits of a roundabout to the residents of Mariemont are many. The

roundabout extends the 20 mph school zone on both Plainville and Madisonville roads restricting the speed by the way it's designed, adds green space to Mary Emery Park by moving Madisonville Road north, solves the bike path route through the intersection and provides a clear and safe pedestrian crossing for both north/south and east/west directions. The roundabout would also create a beautiful gateway on the north side of Mariemont at no cost to the Village.

The roundabout will attract additional investment in the Madison Place neighborhood and stabilize the property values on the northern border of Mariemont. New residents will be within walking distance of the Village Square and will have disposable income to support the new theatre expansion, restaurants, shops and services.

The total real estate valuation of our four phases in Mariemont will be \$68 million when we are sold out. The new real estate taxes to the Village and the School District, along with the spending of the new residents have been very beneficial to Mariemont. Simply put, the roundabout promotes new development and progress.

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# Historic Cincinnati Landmarks Presented at Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Meeting

Twenty members and guests took a virtual tour of historic Cincinnati Landmarks at the February 16 meeting of the Mariemont DAR. Jeanne Rolfes of the Cincinnati Preservation Society guided the group through Cincinnati's history including the canal, five inclines and several parks such as Chester Park and Old Coney.

Mrs. Rolfes has been an Architrek's Walking Tour guide for over 13 years and after hearing comments from tour customers regarding the hardship of walking for many who would love a tour, she requested funds from the Ohio Valley Foundation to develop a "virtual walking tour" aimed at groups such as senior centers, retirement communities, church groups and clubs, and the show "went on the road" in 2008.

Since then, she has given one of four programs, to over 4000 individuals. Her entertaining presentation included both historical facts as well as anecdotal stories



*Jeanne Rolfes of the Cincinnati Preservation Society guided the group through Cincinnati's history including the canal, five inclines and several parks such as Chester Park and Old Coney.*

gathered from audiences throughout her over 250 presentations. For more information on this tour contact Jeanne Rolfes at 321-7489.

Preservation is one of the three tenets of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The Mariemont Chapter has a history of supporting

preservation through a variety of projects, most of which were related to helping support the Waldschmidt Homestead. The Waldschmidt Homestead Project came about through a donation of the property to the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1941.

Mariemont Chapter member Ramona Kaiser served as Chairman for the restoration of this historic house. Since that time, the DAR chapters throughout the state have worked together to provide for restoration of the historic structures and provide tours to individuals and groups of adults and children.

The property, built by Christian Waldschmidt, a veteran of the American Revolution was originally the community called New Germany. "Waldschmidt was a businessman and encouraged new settlement, staffing a church and helping to found a school, and beginning industries vital to the survival of his new home, such as Ohio's first paper mill, a cooperative distillery, woolen mill, sawmill, and a blacksmith shop." The site is located at 7567 Glendale Milford Road Camp Dennison, OH 45111 (on Ohio State Route 126 between the towns of Indian Hill and Milford. For more information go to [www.waldschmidtshouse.org](http://www.waldschmidtshouse.org).

For information on the Mariemont DAR, call Jan Mauch at 793-2966.



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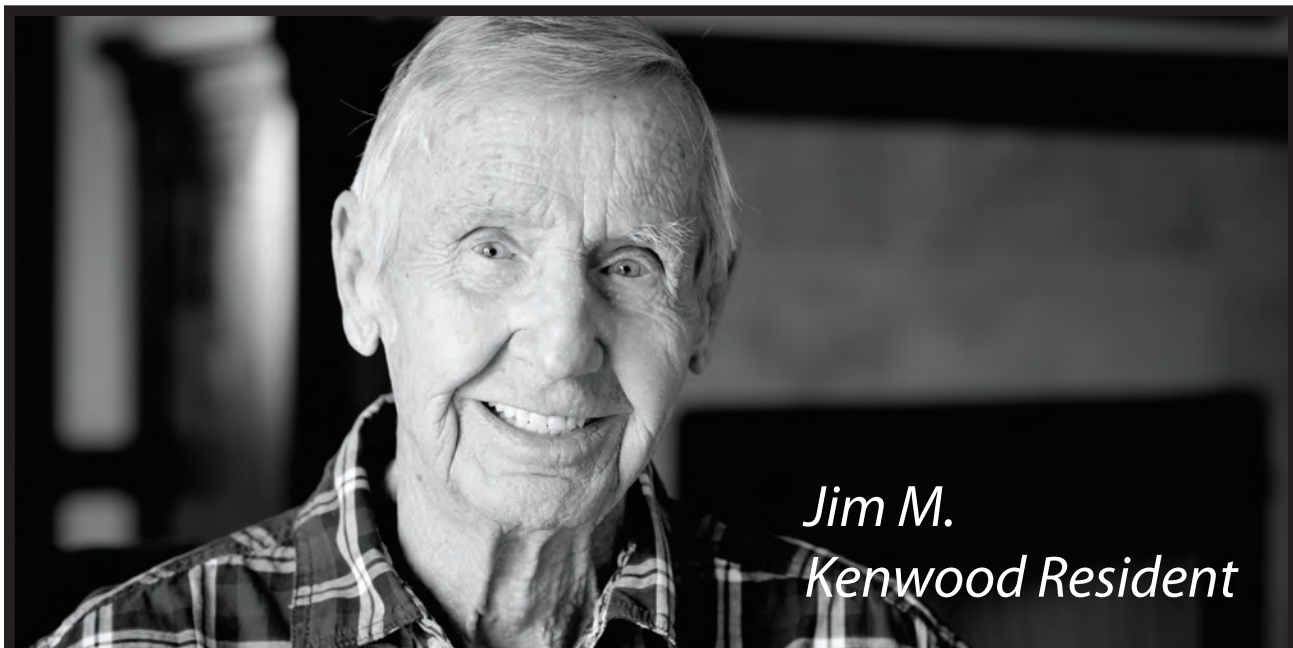
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# Mango Tree Restaurant Offers Traditional Thai and More

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

Over the past year, dining options in Mariemont have been expanding rapidly with the addition of several new restaurants representing different culinary traditions. The latest entry is Mango Tree, a Thai and Sushi restaurant located in the Mariemont Promenade at 7229 Wooster Pike, which opened in early March. Owners Nick and Nitima are assisted by Tim Pipattanasuk, who prepares the sushi and was trained by a Japanese sushi chef, and Suwapat Thanarattanasuth, who handles the other plates and entrees in the kitchen.

Mango Tree offers traditional Thai noodle dishes, such as Pad Thai and Pad See Eew, as well as a varied selection of curried, stir-fry, and fried rice dishes. Tim Pipattasuk prepares the Nigiri and Sashimi as well as many different rolls, including the namesake Mango Tree Roll and the Ultimate California Roll among others. The rolls range in price from \$6.95 to \$13.95 and could easily serve as a small entrée for one or as a nice sized appetizer for two. For those who may be uncomfortable with the thought of eating raw fish, Nick informed us that not all sushi is served raw. Some rolls are fried while others are baked and a shrimp tempura roll is available.

Striving for authenticity, Nick and Nitima are interested in introducing their customers to the best of Thai cuisine. Some of the noodle, curry and stir-fry dishes are based on family recipes and are prepared using a style of cooking that takes a little longer than some Thai restaurants but provides time for the sauces to be fully absorbed. Yet, they strive to have your meal at the table within 15 minutes. All of the entrée dishes (fried rice, noodles, curries, and stir-frys) can be prepared with your choice of vegetables, tofu, chicken, pork, shrimp, beef, squid, scallops, or mixed seafood. Entrée prices range from \$9.95 to \$15.95.



*The Mango Tree Family bring authentic Thai food and Sushi to the Mariemont Promenade.*

Not surprisingly, Mango Tree has already developed a strong take-out business. Depending on how busy the restaurant is, most take orders can be ready within 20 to 30 minutes. Occasionally, though, during the dinner hours on weekends or at other busy times, take-out orders may require a longer wait.

Although both Nick and Nitima have extensive experience in the restaurant industry, this is the first restaurant they have owned themselves. They chose Mariemont because they liked the area, saying that it has a tranquil and serene feel. The interior of Mango Tree reflects these tastes. The décor is very simple and uncluttered with white walls and blonde woods. The room has a nice open feel to it.

As for the restaurant's name, it was chosen by Nitima with the care that is

evident in everything to do with this restaurant. Her family has a mango plantation and she liked the image. Nick loves trees and was attracted to Mariemont because of that. It seemed like a natural combination to have Mango Tree as the name. They would like people in the area to know that they are open to any suggestions diners might have.

There are dishes in the menu that feature mangos, a very popular fruit in South Asia. The sweet ending to your meal can be mango ice cream over a bed of sticky rice. The sticky rice is cooked with coconut milk and has a smooth rich taste. The mango ice cream sits on the warm sticky rice and has coconut milk poured over the top. This desert deserves a picture, but we were too busy eating to take one. Once you try it, you will soon understand.

# Former Resident and MHS Graduate Now Shares Career Advice with *USA TODAY* Readers

Mariemont Town Crier carriers are a dedicated bunch of young people. When they grow up, it seems they continue to be high achievers! Former Town Crier carrier Susan Davis-Ali, PhD (Susan Hayden Davis) is proof of this. After graduating from Mariemont High School in 1982, Susan spent over a decade as a corporate executive before becoming an author, national speaker, and professional leadership coach. She recently signed on with *USA TODAY* College to write a weekly career advice column designed specifically for college students and recent graduates.

Susan offers expert advice to college students and recent graduates on topics such as:

- Do you wonder how important your GPA is to employers?
- Are you curious about whether it's better to start your career at a large company or a smaller firm?
- Did you apply for every unpaid summer internship you could find?
- Are you considering moving back home after graduation to save money?

In the column Susan and her co-author (Pat O'Brien of Indian Hill) debate real questions posed by real college students. The column is published online every Wednesday (running all of 2013). You can read current and past columns at [www.usatodayeducate.com](http://www.usatodayeducate.com).

Susan is the author of the book "How to Become Successful Without Becoming a Man." She is the founder and President of Leadhersh1p1, a professional coaching company for women in business ([www.Leadhersh1p1.com](http://www.Leadhersh1p1.com)). Susan graduated from Mariemont in 1982 and from Miami of Ohio in 1986. She received a PhD in social psychology from the University of Michigan in 1992.

Susan currently lives in St. Paul, MN with her husband and their two children.



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She gets back to Mariemont as often as she can to visit her parents who live in the same house she grew up in on Fieldhouse Way, and to enjoy a nectar soda at Graeters. She also says she can remember the route she followed as a Town Crier carrier,

delivering our paper throughout the Village when she was in grade school.

If you have a question you'd like considered for future columns, you can send it to Susan directly at [sdavisali@Leadhersh1p1.com](mailto:sdavisali@Leadhersh1p1.com).

## Plan to Attend “Dada Rafiki” – Sisters of Legacy Exhibit

“Didi Rafiki – Sisters of Legacy” exhibit is a collaboration between Annie Ruth/ Eye of the Artists Foundation and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, honoring the spirit and legacy of 40 phenomenal women, age 65 and older, who have left their “footprints on Cincinnati history.” As part of the Freedom Center’s exhibit, outreach programs are scheduled throughout the community. The Barn in Mariemont is pleased to be part of this significant project. Velma Morris and Joyce Phillips Young, two talented local artists, are hosting a “Conversation with Artists” Friday, April 19 from 6-8 pm at The Barn.

Joyce Phillips Young studied art and design at Miami University where she received BFA and ME degrees. Joyce taught art for many years and was the K-12 Art Supervisor and Curriculum Consultant with the Cincinnati Public Schools. She was also featured in Ebony Magazine for her work as the commissioned artist/director for the Cincinnati Metro Murals Projects. She has received much public recognition and numerous awards and commissions for her work as a painter, muralist, arts educator and arts advocate.

A venerable member of Cincinnati’s artistic community, Velma Morris has enjoyed considerable acclaim for her figurative and landscape paintings. She has an extensive exhibition history including national exposure in California, New York, Ohio, Washington, D.C., Kentucky and New Orleans. Her work is represented in numerous private and corporate collections. Come and participate in a very special evening. For more information, please go to [www.dadarafiki.com](http://www.dadarafiki.com).



Cincinnati to present his lecture at the Taft Museum on Saturday, April 27. Enjoy our pre-lecture soirée at the Indian Hill home of Jill and Larry McGruder, complete with dinner by the bite and delectable French wines. Meet Dr. Brettell, a recipient of the commandeur certificate from the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, the most prestigious of its type in France. Fellow commandeurs include T.S. Eliot, Clint Eastwood, Marcel



*Soiree Committee, left to right – Karen Herkamp, Lynn Long, Carol Rentschler, Jan Boone, Jan Ring, Chairperson. Absent from photo – Larry McGruder, Alleen Manning, Ann Bjornson.*

### ***A Springtime Soiree – Soiree De Printemps II***

The Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation presents, “Soirée de Printemps II,” an evening to celebrate the “Brettell” lecture of 2013 and to welcome Dr. Richard Brettell to Cincinnati. Dr. Brettell, a world-renowned authority on Impressionism and French painting from 1830-1930 returns to

Marceau, Bob Dylan and Ray Bradbury.

This event is Friday, April 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. \$50 per person, with reservations required by April 19th at [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org). Reserve your spot now, as this popular event is limited to only 100 lucky guests.

*(Continued on next page)*



## WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER



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### ***Jewelry Show at The Barn***

***Saturday, May 4  
11 am – 5 pm***

Are you looking for that one-of-a-kind gift for your one-of-a-kind Mom? Do you have weddings or graduations coming up? Just in time for Mother's Day and other spring events, the Barn is holding an exhibit and sale of exquisite, handcrafted jewelry on Saturday, May 4, from 11 am to 5 pm. Gifts that are sure to please all ages will be on display,

### ***The "Brettell" Art History Lecture Saturday, April 27***

Don't miss this year's "Brettell" lecture presented by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation in partnership with the Taft Museum of Art with support from ArtsWave. The lecture is by Richard Brettell, Ph.D., Margaret McDermott Distinguished Chair, Art and Aesthetics, University of Texas at Dallas, Saturday, April 27, 3 pm at Luther Hall, Taft Museum of Art, 316 Pike Street.

Georges Seurat's "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" – 1884: A Canvas of Struggle will be the theme of Dr. Brettell's lecture. This great Neoimpressionist masterpiece has been delighting and mystifying visitors to the Art Institute of Chicago since 1924.

Dr. Brettell is among the world's foremost authorities on Impressionism and French painting from 1830-1930 and is a former curator of European paintings at the Art Institute of Chicago. He has served as an international museum consultant with projects in Europe, Asia and the United States. He will outline Seurat's laborious painting of this masterpiece, a two-year journey that included frantic repainting during the months leading up to its

first exhibition in 1886. Dr. Brettell is a charismatic and engaging speaker; don't miss this exceptional opportunity. Cost: \$10 members of the Taft Museum and Woman's Art Club and Patrons of Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation; \$20 general public (includes museum admission). Advance paid registration required. [www.taftmuseum.org](http://www.taftmuseum.org) 513-684-4515.

### ***WOMAN'S ART CLUB OF CINCINNATI 120th JURIED EXHIBIT AND SALE***

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati will host its 120th annual Juried Exhibit at the Barn this month. Original works of art from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky female artists will be judged and awarded prizes totaling over \$3000. According to Marge Wasielewski, chair of the exhibit, "This exhibit shows the true joy of art from the artists who not only contribute the art but also support one another as women have supported each other for 120 years in the Cincinnati art scene."

The exhibit will run from April 7 to 21 at the Barn. Prizes will be announced at the Artist's Reception on April 7 from 1 to 4 pm. The show is also open 1 to 4 pm April 5 and 6, April 10 to 14, and April 17 to 21. The



with styles from traditional to contemporary. Each artist was handpicked to ensure a varied selection. Several non-jewelry artisans will also be included, including a wonderful homemade soap maker. No admission charge.

## 'Town Meeting,' continued:

she had a tough act to follow. Her report concerned activities at the non-profit senior center, such as the popular Junque sale, spaghetti dinner, and craft fair. They hope to be able to add an elevator to the building.

Mayor Policastro gave his State of the Village address, after first awarding Proclamations to Paul Imhoff, Hank

Kleinfeldt, and Dr. Tankersley of U.C., thanking them for their services to the Village. The mayor informed the crowd the General Fund ended 2012 with over \$1M for the 12th year in a row. He thanked Village employees and volunteers for keeping expenses down. Grant money has been found to help pay for needed equipment,

such as a license plate reader. Changes in administration include the retirement of Dennis Malone, our Building Commissioner, and Ed Beck, Pool Manager. Both are staying on during a transition period as their replacements get up to speed.

The mayor updated progress on the opposition to relocation of Route 32 through the South 80, and said Mariemont has hired an attorney on an as-needed basis. He spoke about the proposed roundabout and said that he has not gotten any answers from ODOT regarding concerns outlined in a letter, and the process will not move ahead until they are addressed. A Farmer's Market will be held in the elementary school parking lot on Fridays starting in the spring. Bob Keyes commended the mayor for the amount of time he gives in service to the Village.

The question and answer period was calm and controlled. Questions dealt with the roundabout, traffic concerns at the Waldorf School, and a proposed traffic signal at Wooster and Belmont. Town Meeting is a great opportunity for all Mariemont residents to see their government in action, ask questions of our leaders, and get involved in the process.

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# MariElders News

## Ask a Nurse

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## Spaghetti Dinner

The MariElders will be hosting our second Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, April 12 at the Fairfax Recreation Center, 5903 Hawthorne Avenue from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be a DJ, face painting and special raffles. Everyone is invited! Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10 available at the MariElders.

## Volunteer Recognition Party

April is volunteer month and we are going to celebrate our volunteers with a happy hour on Wednesday, April 24 from 5 -7pm. Please call 271-5588 for a reservation.

## Reds Game

On May 8 the MariElders will attend the Reds game against the Atlanta Braves. We will leave the Center at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Our seats are out in Center/Left field area under cover and not in the sun. We are next to the elevator and near concessions and restrooms. Please make a paid reservation at the Center's front desk.

## "Junque Sale"

We have set our date for our summer sale: Saturday, June 15. We are now accepting donations. Please remember to donate your unwanted treasures to us. The only items we do not accept are clothing, shoes and large pieces of furniture and appliances. We can accept items Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:30. Thanks for supporting the MariElders.



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# Mariemont Wields the Power of the Pen



*Front row: Ellery Bledsoe, Andrew Brandser, Erin Cash, Kayla Dewey, Hannah Coates and Analise Hinebaugh. Back row: Lindsey Imhoff, Nathalie Weiss, Grace Haffner, Cohen Bailey, Ellie Kapcar, Alex Wilson, Lucy Hanley and Erin Ramey.*

Congratulations to the seventh and eighth grade Power of the Pen teams for their recent success at The School of Performing Arts. There were 42 schools at the regional competition and approximately 110 writers

per grade level. The combined seventh and eighth grade scores for the day gave us the first place team award where the traveling trophy will reside at Mariemont Junior High for the next year. For the past 12 years, Mason Middle had taken this trophy, which you keep for a year until next year's Regionals, but Mariemont took it in 2010 and now 2013. Number 1 out of 42 teams in the region!

In addition, both seventh and eighth grades received first place grade-level team

awards. Individual writers placed as follows:

For the seventh grade: Kayla Dewey placed fifteenth, Erin Ramey placed seventh, and Alex Wilson placed fifth.

For the eighth grade: Grace Haffner received a Best of Best, Lindsey Imhoff placed seventh, Erin Cash placed FIRST out of all eighth graders.

All writers who placed or got a Best of Best will move on to the state competition at Wooster College in May.



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## SCHOOLS

# Local Student Artwork Selected for State Competition



*"Wood Fairy" by Sophomore Ivy Hutnyak is entered in the state competition for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit.*

Artwork completed by five Mariemont High School students was selected for inclusion in the state competition for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit in March.

Senior Asher Koreman submitted photography "Grief;" senior Ali Molski submitted mixed media art, "Someone Like You;" senior Alice Barnes submitted photography, "Hailey Connor;" sophomore Shannon Hogan submitted photography, "Italian Glass"; and sophomore Ivy Hutnyak submitted photography, "Wood Fairy."

Although the state judging takes place in Columbus, the judges for this level are selected from all over the country and are usually college-level instructors, professional artists or both. Asher and Ali are currently enrolled in AP Studio Art, and Shannon, Ivy and Alice are in Photography at Mariemont High School.

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its forty-third year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of

talented young people in the state of Ohio. The exhibition is open to all of the state's 1,112 high schools, both public and private, chartered by the State of Ohio Department of Education. The purpose of the exhibition

is "to provide all budding young artists of the state with opportunities to advance their talent, whether that be through scholarships or simply experiencing the process of entering their work in a competition."




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# Board of Education Begins Superintendent Search

The Mariemont Board of Education launched its search in March for the next superintendent of schools for the Mariemont City School District. The goal of the Board is to announce the next superintendent by mid May. To assist with the search the district has retained the services of Effron & Associates, who also assisted the board in the search for current superintendent Paul Imhoff over six years ago.

"We're seeking a leader that can bring the educational expertise we need to continue our strong academic vision as well as bring to us strategies and programs that will meet the current and future educational needs of our students," said Peggy Braun, president of the Board of Education. "We are fortunate to have a strong link between the schools and our four communities, and we are looking for someone that understands how important that is to all of us."



(L to R): Peggy Braun, Bill Flynn, Marie Huenefeld, Ken White and Dee Walter.

An in-depth recruitment process will occur through early April. The superintendent search webpage is on the district website, [www.mariemontschools.org/about/Superintendent-Search.cfm](http://www.mariemontschools.org/about/Superintendent-Search.cfm), making this the first all-electronic application process for the district. Besides the selection and application process information for the candidates, the page also includes community outreach components,

such as a survey request and a list of community meetings. The community meetings were held in early April.

"We find it beneficial to involve our community in this search, as we have done with numerous other school district initiatives," said Peggy Braun. "The input of our community, students and staff members is invaluable to the success and growth of this school district."

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# Upcoming Events at Mariemont Schools:

## Type One Teen Group

This group has been organized by Hadley George, a Mariemont High School student with diabetes. Their first meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9 at Stars Lane Bowling, 1 Levee Way Newport, KY 41071 from 6-8 pm. Pizza and drinks and bowling will be provided. This meeting is Bring Your Friend night. Hadley George said, "We do not want the teens to be intimidated to attend an event not knowing anyone. So bring a friend!" Visit <http://typeoneteens.com> for more information.

## The FAB Affair "Diamonds & Denim"

This fabulous event will be held on Saturday, April 13 at The Redmoor on Mt. Lookout Square. The event starts at 7 pm and goes until midnight, with music provided by Johnny Clueless. There will be both a live and silent auction. The FAB



Affair event benefits the Mariemont School Foundation, the Arts Association and the Athletic Boosters. To purchase tickets: <http://mariemontschoolfoundation.org/fab-2013-tickets/>

May 4 at 2 pm. Tickets can be ordered by contacting the school at 272-7300

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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# Council Meeting Highlights

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*The following was excerpted from minutes of Mariemont Council and Committee meetings. For full minutes, go to [www.mariemont.com](http://www.mariemont.com) and click on Village of Mariemont, then Village Government*

## **Council Minutes – February 25, 2013**

Mr. Stelzer says he has heard feedback from residents concerned about Council engaging a lawyer at this point. He wants to assure everyone that this is not a desperate move. This is one of multiple lines of defense. We are pretty confident that the State Rt. 32 project will never be built through the South 80 acres. We have a lot of ways as a Village to block that road from ever being built. Mr.

Stelzer moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to go into Executive Session to discuss employment of an attorney to assist Mariemont with the Village's opposition to the Eastern Corridor Relocation of St. Rt. 32 through the South 80 Section of the Village. Upon returning to a regular session of Council, Mr. Stelzer moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to engage attorney Matthew Fellerhoff to represent the Village in the Eastern Corridor project proposed relocation of St. Rt. 32 through the South 80 section of the Village.

## **Council Minutes – March 11, 2013**

Mr. Andrews asked for an update on the damage from the auto accident at Indianview and Wooster Pike. Mayor Policastro said he is still waiting on one more bid before he turns in the statement of loss to the insurance company. Mr. Wolter said since we are cutting up wood and will have lots of rough wood that is not good for firewood he suggested having a fall bonfire down in the South 80. It could be a new Village tradition. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it also can be taken to Hafner's and ground for free. Mr. Wolter asked if the sidewalk from East Street to Indianview was going to happen. His understanding was that it was a long shot.

Engineer Ertel said if it is along Wooster Pike and a walking path for the Elementary School and the Jr. High School they have a good chance of being funded.

The Finance committee recommended to the full Council that the high end of the salary band for full-time employees be increased by 2%. The Finance Committee also decided to recommend to full Council that the possibility of a year-end bonus program be reviewed in October, 2013 when there is better clarity as to the financial performance of the Village. The Committee then discussed the Ohio State Minimum Wage increase for 2013 to \$7.85 per hour which represents a 1.9% increase from 2012. The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to full Council the increase of the existing rate of pay for all categories on the Salary Ordinance for Life Guard / General / Recreational Employees / Tennis Recreational Employees and the Lifeguard (with WSI) categories be increased by 1.9%.

## **Committee of the Whole Minutes – March 11, 2013**

Clerk Borgerding said we need to set aside monies for large expenditures for the coming year. He distributed worksheets which detailed preliminary requests and



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## COUNCIL NOTES

projected monies we should receive from the levies. Some items requested by the various departments include:

**Maintenance Department:** A new dump truck (\$78K), a small tractor for use in the South 80 (\$28K), maintenance of trees (\$50K). In order to keep with the budget it was decided to postpone the purchase of the tractor for 2013. Total amount appropriated for the Maintenance Department \$134,000.

**Police and Fire Departments:** Move the police SUV to the Fire Department and purchase a new one for police (\$33.5K), . New tasers (\$8K). Total amount appropriated for the Police Department \$41,500. Extrication equipment (\$27K), additional apparatus for fire truck (\$12.5K). Total amount appropriated for the Fire Department \$51,500.

**Administration Office:** Four new computers (\$8-16K) Mr. Scheeser said we might be able to take advantage of the state bid discount. Total amount appropriated for the Administration and Tax Offices \$13,000.

**Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool:** Repair and resealing tennis courts (\$19K), Replace the broken diving board at the swim pool (\$5K). Total amount appropriated for Recreation \$24,000.

**Infrastructure:** Clerk Borgerding said the estimate for the street/highway fund was over what was in the fund. It was agreed to appropriate \$10,000 for Infrastructure. Mr.

Miller suggested touching up the parking lot for the Waldorf School prior to school opening.

### **ARB Minutes – March 4, 2013**

Building Commissioner Malone said currently the structure located at 3920 Oak Street is neither included in a historic district nor designated as a "Landmark Structure" and thus does not enjoy ARB protection. The structure is currently owned by the Masonic Lodge of Madisonville-Madeira-Mariemont and is for sale. The original building was the "one room schoolhouse" for Mariemont and as such has great historic significance. To protect the building's status it must be formally designated a Landmark Structure by the Architectural Review Board and accepted by Village Council. Because it is not in the Historic District or labeled as a landmark structure there is nothing to prevent it from being demolished. If it was included it could still be demolished but it would require ARB approval to do so. Mr. Bruggeman suggested some sort of critical designation criteria or a review by Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) to establish if it meets requirements. We should have some standard process that is backed up by the technical nature of defining the historic values of the building and possibly any other structures that are not protected presently such as the newly found Indian Mound. Mr. Thomas agreed that we could ask MPF to identify

other structures that they think should be included on the list. But he does not think we should hold up this process in order to do that. Mr. Allen said clearly it was an oversight perhaps a clerical error in the past. Both the current owner and the potential new owner are in favor of the designation.

Mr. Don Keyes said as President of MPF he is going to put it on the agenda for the next month's meeting. Mr. Bruggeman said that is a good check and balance. It prevents someone from politically designating a piece of property in the future.

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