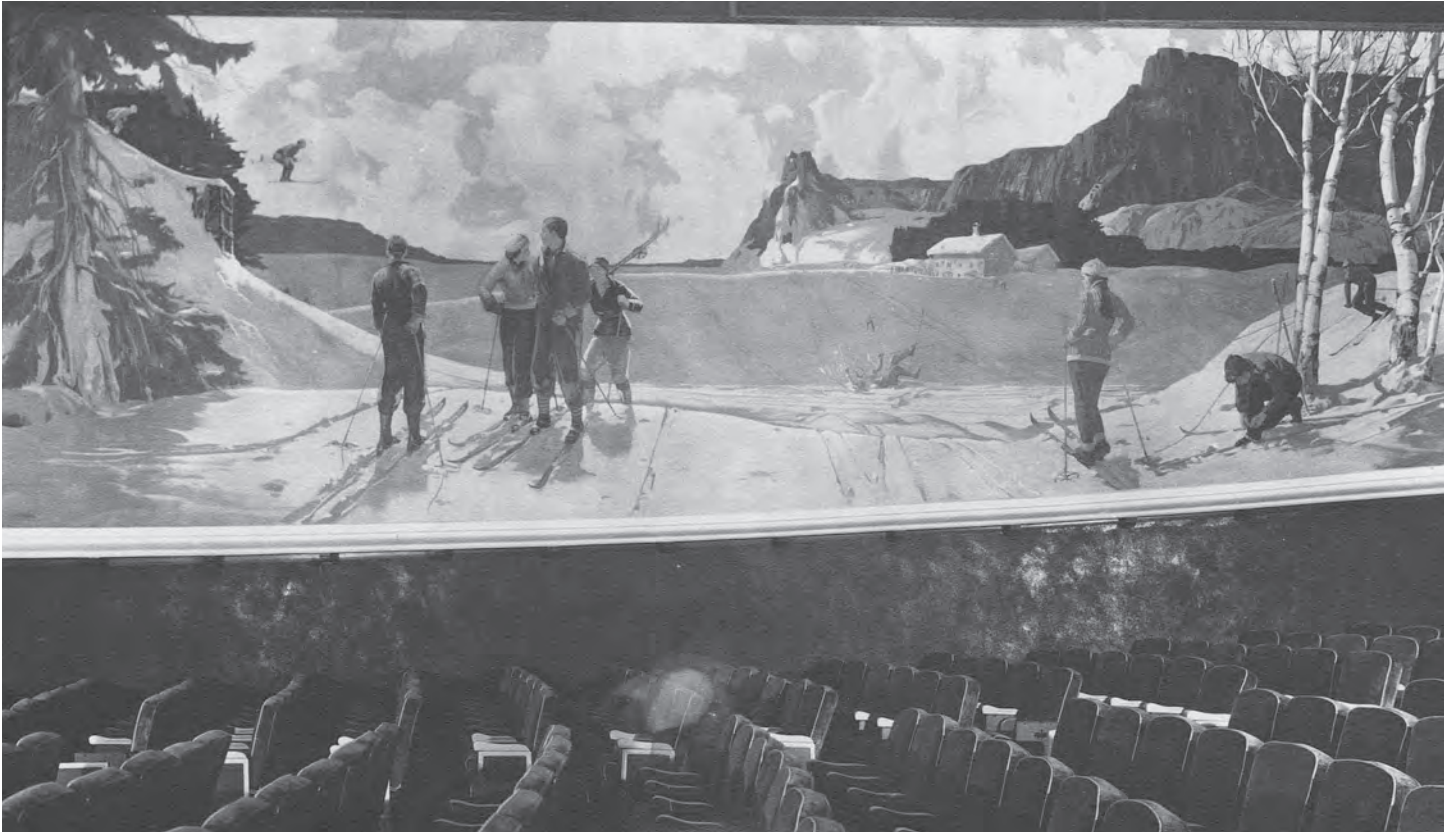


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THE MYSTERY OF THE MOVIE THEATER MURALS

By RENEE TECCO

It was on Christmas Day 1938 that the Mariemont Movie Theater first opened to the public. At that time it was considered a luxury movie theater by many because of the push back seats that allowed for the passage of patrons and it was the first in the area to have the 1939 "Magic Voice of the Screen" improvements. A unique feature of the interior décor was two beautiful murals painted by local artist Herman H. Wessel.

In the lead up to the opening, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* referred to the murals as "striking" and *The Cincinnati Times-Star* said it was the theater's "outstanding feature." The following month the *Enquirer* wrote a longer piece on the artist and the murals, dedicating a full column to the artwork and the artist.

"So spacious are these landscapes that they seem to make the walls of the theater expand to immeasurable distances; they take us into distant



lands where mountains and the snow-covered hills of the northland are compatible and agreeable with the broad, open and sunny fields of the southland." (*Cincinnati Enquirer*, January 1939)

The murals were large. Both panels were 40 feet long and 14 feet wide which diminished at the lower end in comparison to the theater. One mural depicted a winter scene of young people skiing; the other was a summer scene of golf. Now very few people have memory of the paintings. And even worse, no one seems to know what happened to them. When Spinnenweber Builders renovated the theater over 30 years ago they were hoping to find the murals under the paint. But they weren't there.

The artist, Herman Henry Wessel, was a renowned 20th century artist known for his landscape paintings and murals. He was born in Indiana and attended the Cincinnati Art Academy where he became a student of Frank Duveneck. During Wessel's lifetime he held exhibits in New York

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Mariemont	56	73	+30%	\$ 349,690	\$ 361,908	+3%	78	48	-30
Terrace Park	55	41	-25%	\$ 502,687	\$ 494,737	-2%	184	102	-82
Indian Hill	86	99	+13%	\$1,019,362	\$1,128,703	+11%	188	135	-53
Mt. Lookout	115	138	+20%	\$ 345,518	\$ 379,359	+10%	92	64	-28
Hyde Park	191	246	+29%	\$ 394,633	\$ 414,632	+5%	117	66	-51

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Movie Theater Murals (continued):

and Chicago. Today his murals can still be seen in places like the Ohio State Office Building in Columbus and the court house in Scioto County,



Ohio.

Carl Samson is a member of the Cincinnati Art Club and an expert on the work of Wessel. He has pictures of the works but has never seen them in person. He supposes that they could have been ripped off the walls, thrown out or even possibly stored in someone's attic. "If they still exist they would be a national treasure, in my opinion," Samson said.

With the recent addition of two movie screens, the Mariemont Theater is a destination movie house for the region even if only a few people can remember the former glory of its murals. Local moviegoer Winifred Walker has memories of the paintings.

"Of course I remember the Mariemont

theater murals!" Walker said. "They were stunning! My cousin Karen and I talked about them for several minutes after your email—she remembers them as well as I do. I mean, how anyone back in those years could possibly miss them! They flanked both sides of the theater!"

Maybe one day the mystery of the murals will come to light so they will once again grace the walls for a new generation to enjoy. Hopefully they are somewhere intact waiting patiently to be revealed. Perhaps they are with the missing wooden Indian that used to sit outside of the Mariemont Inn and National Exemplar.

Oh, you didn't know about that? Ah, that is a mystery for another day.



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The Holidays in Review

The Holiday Spirit Could be Found all over Mariemont



Santa was a popular figure at the annual tree lighting.



Mariemont was decked out in all its holiday finery.



Residents took advantage of the Boy Scout tree sale and Girl Scout wreath sale to deck the halls.



Bill Spinnenweber brought Santa's elves to the Village.

Photos by Ron Schroeder

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Our village continues to see home sales increasing and home prices continue to see positive momentum; fewer homes on the market and low interest rates continue to attract buyers.

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2013

The Year in Review in our Village

Number of single family homes sold	76
Total \$ amount	\$28,000,000
Average Sale Price	\$368,00
Days on Market	52 Days
List Price to Sell Price	94%

Cost Breakdown 2005 – 2012

	Homes Sold							
Price	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
\$100k-\$200k	9	14	12	11	13	8	11	11
\$200k-\$300k	24	12	19	12	16	13	22	26
\$300k-\$400k	13	11	10	7	10	11	13	13
\$400k-\$500k	6	9	5	5	3	4	3	9
\$500k-\$600k	1	9	7	6	7	4	7	5
Over \$600k	7	5	5	6	6	3	5	12
Total \$ (in millions)	\$20.4	\$21.7	\$18.3	\$16.6	\$20.1	\$14.3	\$20.5	\$28
# of homes sold	60	60	58	47	55	43	61	76
Average sale price	\$340k	\$362k	\$316k	\$354k	\$365k	\$333k	\$337k	\$368k

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Elementary Winter Carnival Excitement Builds

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22 and plan to attend the Mariemont Elementary School PTO Winter Carnival, held inside the elementary school from 4-7 pm. It promises to be fun for children of all ages!!

The Carnival committee has been hard at work putting together 15 fun carnival games with great prizes for this year's carnival. Bring the kids and come check out all of the new themed games featuring Angry Birds, Super Heroes, Harry Potter, and more. We will also have a Cake Walk and Face Painting booth.

Last year's inflatables are also back for all to enjoy! There will be four giant inflatables including the 24-foot tall Dual Lane slide, the Bengal Bounce, and one specifically dedicated to children ages 1st grade and under.

You won't want to miss your chance to win one or more of the incredible raffle baskets being offered this year. Raffle tickets are being sold by Mariemont Elementary students. Some raffle tickets will also be available the day of carnival. With so many great raffle items, it may be hard to



"Like" Mariemont Elementary Carnival on Facebook to get a sneak peek at the raffle baskets and stay up to date on all things CARNIVAL! Both the Dual Lane Slide (below) and Bengal Bounce (above) will be back this year!



choose – remember all proceeds benefit the Mariemont Elementary PTO!

Food offerings, beginning at 5 pm, will feature hamburgers, hot dogs and Marco's pizza, along with chips and fruit.

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Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



Welcome 2014! It's been a cold, snowy winter but I think the snow just enhances Mariemont's beauty. I hope you enjoy reading about a few of our new neighbors. Please

remember, it's never too late to contact me so I can include you and/or your family in the next edition of the Town Crier!

6987 Cambridge Ave was purchased in December by Stephen Gillen who is a lawyer and partner at Wood Herron & Evans, specializing in copyrights, publishing and software. Stephen moved to Mariemont from Anderson Twp where he lived for the past 7 years. He chose Mariemont for the small-town feel, convenience to downtown for work and the ability to walk to shops, restaurants, parks and entertainment. Stephen is single and has 2 adult children.

Michel Depietro purchased 3722 Homewood Road back in late October. He grew up in metro Detroit but has lived in Cincinnati for 4 years, most recently in Mt. Adams. Mike is a client executive of IT services for SIS. Mike enjoys taking his dog Bo for walks and likes to go to 50 West.

Eric and Heather Barber purchased 6511 Mariemont Avenue in November. Both are originally from Cincinnati, but moved in 2001. First stop Los Angeles and then to Columbus. They are now "home" and chose Mariemont for its charm, walkability and proximity to downtown. Eric and Heather have two boys – Louie (5) and George (2). Both boys love playing at Dogwood Park, which should come as no surprise to the neighbors who have no doubt heard them!

6501 Mariemont Avenue was purchased in October by Brian and Michelle Dershaw.

Brian and Michelle first moved to Mariemont as newlyweds in 2002 because it seemed so charming and they have been here ever since. They first lived on Settle, then Nolen Circle in 2006 and now this home. Brian and Michelle have two kids – Nate (2nd grade) and Norah (preschool) along with dog Bogey. Brian is a partner with the law firm, Taft Stettinius & Hollister. Michelle stays at home with the kids and works part-time for D'Elegante, a by-appointment jeweler. They chose the house due to the location near the pool and parks and are looking forward to warmer weather.

6909 Murray Avenue was purchased by Nathan and Heather Salomonis in November and they relocated here from San Francisco/Marin County with their 3 year old son, William. Nathan and Heather are Bay Area natives (sort of), having lived there for over 20 years. Moving anywhere was a huge change but they are thoroughly impressed with Cincinnati and feel more at home than they thought they would so quickly. Nathan is a research scientist and moved here to start his own group in the Pediatric Department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He focuses on analyzing genome wide datasets to understand human disease. Heather was also a biomedical researcher for many years but is currently a stay-at-home-mom with William, who keeps her on her toes. Both Nathan and Heather fell in love with the charm of their home and the Village and plan to take full advantage of its proximity to many wonderful areas in Cincinnati.

Jess and Anna Rapp purchased 6976 Grace Avenue back in October. They moved here from southern Indiana for Jess's job with Pinnacle Foods. Originally, both are from South Carolina-Go Gamecocks! They rented in Mariemont for 2 years

before purchasing their home and chose Mariemont for all it has to offer. Jess and Anna have one son, Andy (1st grade) who loves sports and a dog, Cooper. Anna works at a Montessori School in Wyoming and is a Certified Handwriting Specialist with Handwriting without Tears.

3856 Homewood Road was purchased by Ben and Amy Vaughan in October after renting in Mariemont for 3 years. Once they learned they were going to be parents, they knew they wanted to live in a place like Mariemont while she grows up. Clara was born on June 26. Both Ben and Amy were born and raised in Cincinnati but 2 weeks after they married in 2001, they moved to Chicago for 7 years. After that, they were in Oxford, England for 2 years; then Ann Arbor for a year. Ben is an Associate Professor at UC and Amy is a Copy Director at Possible (a downtown ad agency). When they found out Ben would be working for UC, the first place they looked to come back to was Mariemont as it reminds them of England. They love the friendliness of Mariemont and the fact that kids still play outside here. They can't wait until Clara is old enough to appreciate it!

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if you know of someone new to Mariemont, please have them contact me. niredale@sibcycline.com or 272-1551 (home) 484-2647 (cell)

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Meet Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik

By REX BEVIS

The Mariemont Building Commissioner's Office went through a year of transition in 2013. In January of last year, Kirk Hodulik signed on as a part-time (five hours per week) Inspector. He primarily assisted then-Commissioner Dennis Malone with exterior inspections in the Historic District. This part-time position afforded Mr. Hodulik the opportunity to work within the Department alongside Mr. Malone prior to Mr. Malone's retirement later in the year. When Dennis retired at the end of June, Kirk was ready to step into the Building Commissioner's role.

Kirk Hodulik earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Art, Architecture & Planning (DAAP) in 1987. He served as Treasurer (2007-2010) and Scholarship Chair (1998-2010) on the DAAP Alumni Board of Directors of



which he had been a member since 1997. He is a registered architect in the State of Ohio, a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certificate holder, a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and a 2005 founding member of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Congress of Residential Architecture (CORA) where he served as a committee chair. He is still an active member of this organization

which has since evolved into the AIA Cincinnati Chapter Committee of Custom Residential Architects Network (CRAN). The committee's purpose is to promote quality residential architectural design while conveying the full value and benefits of residential design by Registered Architects.

Kirk has spent the past few years as an architectural design consultant assisting Cincinnati-area architecture firms with preliminary design, design development, and construction documentation of residential projects. Work has included multiple projects in the exclusive West Virginia resort community of The Greenbrier, a net zero energy house in Cincinnati, multi-family townhouses in a hillside overlay district also in Cincinnati, a handicap accessible residence in Van Wert, Ohio, a church fellowship center renovation, and several other new residences, residential additions, and remodeling projects.

Previously, Kirk spent 20 years at Architects Plus, where he was a partner for the last thirteen years. As a partner and residential project architect, he completed a diverse range of residential projects for private clients, builders, and developers. These projects encompassed new residences, seamless additions, renovations, pool houses, condominiums, community buildings, gazebos, and community entry pavilions. Prior to his employment at Architects Plus, Kirk worked at the Drees Company, and at RWA Architects, Inc. (formerly Richard Ward & Associates, Inc. / Architects.)

The Village of Mariemont is fortunate to have a Building Commissioner with the credentials and experience of Kirk Hodulik. We are also fortunate to have had his employment overlap with that of our previous Commissioner Dennis Malone, who has served the Village so well for many years. This overlap enabled Kirk to gain insight into the operation of the Building Department in the Village as well as to participate in our Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board meetings alongside Mr. Malone.

The Town Crier asked Mr. Hodulik about front yard fence requirements in the Village. Kirk explained that front yard fences are permissible with some specific requirements, such as height (no more than four feet), and no less than 50% open construction. Front

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yard fences in the historic district are subject to Architectural Review Board approval. Additionally, chain link fences anywhere (front or back) are not permissible except when already existing and needing to be repaired. Additional fencing regulations apply to corner lots.

Kirk also volunteered a list of building activities which require Village of Mariemont Building Permits. See below for "Top Ten" and other permit requirements, as well as some items not requiring Building Permits.

Building Commissioner Hodulik maintains an office in the Village Municipal Building. Office Hours are 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday – Friday for this half-time position. The Building Department telephone number is 513-271-3315.

"Top Ten" Projects Requiring Mariemont Building Permits

- Accessory structures (garages, sheds, playhouses, etc.)
- Retaining Walls, Decks, Ramps, and Patios
- Fencing
- Signage
- Replacement Windows
- Reroofing, Gutters, Downspouts, Replacement Siding
- Heating or Air conditioning (or both)
- Replacement Driveway (excludes sealcoating)
- Satellite Dish Antenna
- Tree Removal

Major Projects Requiring Permits

- New Work and Additions – Residential & Commercial
- Alterations – Residential & Commercial
- Fire Suppression Systems / Fire Alarm Systems
- Demolition

No Permits Required

- Kitchen or bathroom cabinet replacement
- Blacktop Resurfacing
- Exterior Painting
- Landscaping
- Non-structural Repairs Under \$500 in Value
- Interior Painting and Decorating

Team Thompson Helping Former Resident in Health Crisis



Doug, his wife Jill, and their three kids, Nick, Andie, and Sam, lived in Mariemont for more than a dozen years.

What do you do when a friend finds out he has cancer? You join the fight. Doug Thompson, a former resident of Mariemont, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in October.

Doug, his wife Jill, and their three kids, Nick, Andie, and Sam, lived in Mariemont for more than a dozen years, on Homewood, Harvard Acres and Miami Bluff. They were

very active in the community (sports, school, Mariemont Preservation Foundation, Mariemont Preschool Parents Group, and scouting). In 2009 Doug's work took them to Denver. Although they have moved across the country, they are still a part of the Mariemont Family, and they need our help.

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The Small Business of Dreaming Big

BY HEATHER MCGUIRE

When most college freshmen open up their dorm rooms for the first time, they are probably thinking about meeting their new roommates, worrying about their first college classes, or wondering how they're going to live without mom's cooking. But Keri Malafa was not most college freshman. When she stepped into her freshman dorm room, she had other thoughts on her mind... just how she was going to decorate that room! "I had my dad lay pink, wall-to-wall carpet," Keri remembered with a laugh. "It was mauve, actually. In 1992 mauve was really in." Keri may have opened up East Street Design only three years ago, but she has been planning this for her entire life.

Keri can look at a space and within a few minutes can transform the entire feel. She has a natural gift for looking at an old piece of furniture and seeing something entirely different— seeing, not what it is, but what it could be. These are skills that come effortlessly to Keri, but they are not a part of everyone's DNA. I could watch HGTV nonstop for days and still be hopeless, and when I see an old piece of furniture, I see just that— an old piece of furniture. I can get stuck in the hardware store paint aisle for hours wondering why there are so many different shades of beige. I like to think that I had a hand in helping Keri realize her dream of becoming a designer... I mean, if it weren't for me she might never have realized there were people out there so utterly clueless and desperate for design help.



Long before Leah Osgood opened Lolli's, she had dreams of owning her own store. Not only has she always been into fashion and accessorizing, but she has always had a vision for exactly what she wants and how to make it happen... whether it was putting an outfit together, hosting a party, or envisioning her future. "I've always been this way. My sister, who is four years older, would always steal my clothes— I'd be looking for something and



Keri Malafa may have opened up East Street Design only three years ago, but she has been planning this for her entire life.

find it wadded up on the floor," she laughed. "I have always been able to look at things and say, 'this, this, and this can all go together.'"

Sadly, I lack the fashion gene as clearly as I lack the gift of designing. I'm usually stuck consulting my daughters, who are still in elementary school, for fashion help. So while I'm asking them whether or not to wear a scarf, to help me choose a pair of shoes, or if I'm wearing the right earrings, Leah has put together the perfect outfit and she's out the door. It was Leah's innate ability to express her own sense of style that convinced her mom and her sister that she would always be into fashion, and it was a passion that sparked the dream which led to owning her own store. It's this same inspiration that is creating yet another exciting reality— Lolli's is moving to the Mariemont Strand. Leah knows what she wants and goes after it. While those around her, for instance her husband, Chad, have

suggested that maybe she take her time and patiently scope things out, Leah usually follows her instinct and it seems to lead her in the right direction. But it's a good thing that she listens to him now and then, or she may never have opened Lolli's in the first place. It was Chad who finally convinced her, "You've talked about doing this for years, Leah, just do it!"

Stephen King once said, "Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work." Both Keri and Leah were born with artistic gifts that have guided their vision. But without a tremendous work ethic, courage, and support from those around them, they wouldn't be where they are today.

A few years ago, her youngest child, Ella, was heading off to kindergarten and she thought it would be the perfect time to start her own business.

Since she has always had an eye for color, design, and the ability to see the potential in antiques, refinishing furniture seemed like the perfect place to start. "I was sitting on a beach on a girls' trip brainstorming ideas with my girlfriends," she remembered. I was sitting next to her on that beach as she was discussing the possibility of starting such a business... listening as her "aha moment" began to turn into a reality. As we encouraged her and suggested names, East Street Design was born, named after the street on which she lives here in Mariemont.

Not long after that vacation Keri had a website, business cards, and had converted her garage into a work space. "I started practicing on my own stuff and pieces of whatever friends would trust me with," she said. Very quickly, Keri was getting frequent calls from people all over the city to help them turn old, dingy furniture into their new



Long before Leah Osgood opened Lolli's, she had dreams of owning her own store.

favorite thing. She uses Annie Sloan Chalk Paint, an eco-friendly paint that is known for its velvety, matte consistency and unique, versatile look.

Living in Mariemont proved to be an exceptional location to get the word out. Friends happily shared her name. In a matter of months she was solidly busy. At the pool one day, the summer after she started East Street Design, her friend Donna Hojnoski, said, "I need to get you to come do this work now before you are so busy that I'll have to wait months." Keri waved the compliment away kindly, certain that ESD would be a nice little side job and a fun, creative outlet. Within a year, Keri was booking up jobs six weeks in advance. Donna turned out to be more accurate than Keri dared to imagine. "There was not an ounce of me that thought people would like this," she said. "People say things like, 'We're having you do the work, and you're so talented that we'll wait as long as we need to.'" she said. Comments like that have given her the confidence to branch out and realize that East Street Design could be more than simply, "painting furniture for a little extra money".

Originally, Keri thought the business would be mainly upcycling antique furniture.

She would be finding the pieces, transforming them, and selling them. But as ESD evolved, so did Keri and her vision. Eventually, she did more custom pieces than those she found herself. It turns out that there is a lot of ancient furniture out there just begging to be repainted, refinished, and re-loved. Maybe it's a vintage piece that has been passed down from an older relative or what about that piece you bought that was once so cool but now looks dated—the acid-washed jeans of your home furnishings; or maybe you simply want to take a ho-hum side table that is barely noticeable and turn it into that pop of color your living room so desperately needs. Keri can transform just about anything... even the things that you simply can't stand—and make them pieces that you will cherish.

Once a piece of furniture has been refinished it must be incorporated into the room. Keri soon found herself helping her clients with other design needs. Designing the entire room became a natural extension. "Friends and family have always called on me for design advice and encouraged me to offer it to my clients," she explained. "So when I had a client ask if she could just hire me to do everything, I decided to give it a try. That part of my business has taken off

more than I anticipated!" In addition to the furniture painting Keri now offers home design services. "I call it home interior consulting," she said. She can look at a space and give immediate feedback as to furniture placement, paint color, and ways to make it exactly what you want it to be. She will shop for the accessories, choose fabric for things like window treatments and pillows, and find fresh artwork to adorn the wall.

"For now I equally enjoy painting furniture and the design consultation," she said. "I don't want to give up either." Keri is overwhelmed by the response toward ESD. "I was completely taken aback by the amount of support that was given to me from my friends and the Mariemont community," she said.

Keri points out that, "It takes a village to raise a child, but our community truly takes it beyond the child." So maybe... it takes a village to raise a business. However that village wouldn't be so quick to support a business they don't like. ESD has been successful because of Keri's talent, hard work, and vision. Nothing less. With the notable exception of Keri's husband, Matt. He has filled multiple roles as ESD has become what it is. He fixes furniture, helps with deliveries, and even does the taxes. And while Mariemont has been incredibly supportive, Matt remains her biggest source of encouragement.



Both Keri and Leah had moments of inspiration, their "aha moments", while relaxing on a beach. Leah was on a vacation with Chad and another couple when he said those fateful words and encouraged her to "just do it!" She had always played with the idea—saying, "I know how to open a store, I know how to run the store, I know how to buy the stuff." But she didn't know how to run the business and accounting side of the operation and she was intimidated by all the things she didn't know. It was July when she had that conversation on the beach and her store, Lolli's, opened the following February. Whatever it was that Leah didn't know how to do, she learned pretty quickly!

She found a home for her store in the

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The Small Business of Dreaming Big (continued):

location that she currently occupies, which is next door to The Villager on Madisonville Road. This February she will be moving to the Mariemont Strand in the same block as Sara Benjamin's and The Wardrobe. When she looked at her space originally, she didn't think she wanted to do too much— just some new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. But after a trip to Anthropology, she knew exactly how she wanted her store to look. Suddenly she was refinishing floors, putting in a new ceiling, adding new lights, and knocking down walls. So much for her little project! "I knew in my heart I wanted it to be like a mini-Anthropology," she said. "I wanted an eclectic look with a different mix of pieces and things you couldn't find everywhere. I wanted it to feel like a home."

Leah has been contemplating the type of store she would create for quite a while. "I've always been like, 'I want to own a store!' but it was always, 'What kind of store would I own?'" she remembered. After careful consideration, Leah channeled her love of "putting it all together" into what Lolli's is today. "I love accessories and I love accessorizing houses and people," she said. And when you go into Lolli's, it's clear she enjoys it, and has a natural ability. Lolli's is beautifully filled with an eclectic array of jewelry, a unique and diverse selection of things for your home, and the perfect gift for any occasion. Leah wanted to create a brand around Lolli's... something that would help bring it all together. "I spent hours and hours and hours online looking at stuff and then sat down with a designer," she said of how she came up with the Lolli's logo and overall look. She wanted an eclectic look that was still natural and simple. The name, "Lolli's", like everything about the store, comes straight from Leah's heart. "Lolli is someone I aspire to be," she said. "I have always envisioned Lolli to be a woman who embraces the joys that define who she is." Someone who embraces her own style, her own dreams, or own endless possibilities... I'd say Lolli's is the perfect name for Leah's

store.

Leah may have designed Lolli's with Anthropology in mind, and it certainly has that vibe, but Lolli's is uniquely its own. Just like the items it offers, you won't find another place like it. Whatever you discover at Lolli's, is one-of-a-kind. Leah finds unique items you simply can't find anywhere else in the city. She is always looking for new and interesting things, creating relationships with vendors, and making sure that her items are unusual. And she goes to market.

I get stumped just trying to decide which bracelet I like best... and that's just one piece of jewelry. Leah goes to market twice a year, making thousands of decisions, walking for hours and hours each day. "I walk in and if I'm immediately drawn to it, I buy it... I don't know," she said, not knowing quite how to explain the intangible gift she has for seeking out just the right items for her store. "If I have to go and think about it then I know I don't want it." Leah's friend, Shannon Gilmore, went to the Atlanta Gift Market with her once. She was amazed at Leah's ability to find the things she wanted. "Leah has a keen eye for what she likes, what is new and fresh, and how to mix the everyday pieces with the extraordinary ones," said Shannon.

As much as she loves finding unique treasures, she likes throwing parties even more. Lolli's officially opened on February 14, 2012. The Friday before her grand opening she had a party for friends and family to give them a chance to take a look at the store before she opened her doors to the general public. She assumed that a few people would show up, wander around a little, have a drink and something to eat, and go home. Was she in for a surprise!

"It was bigger than my wedding," she said, tearing up— the reality so far beyond her expectations that she still cannot talk about it without emotion. "We did a week's worth of business in one day. People couldn't fit in the store," she said. "It was packed!" She actually had to run out to

the bank and get cash to fill the register that she thought would remain closed and empty. Throwing parties at Lolli's continues to be one of her favorite parts of owning the store. "I love throwing parties and hosting and coming up with a theme," she said. She hosted a holiday party that ended up being another huge event. "I closed the shop and covered the windows so no one knew what I was doing," she explained. Then there was a big "reveal" when everyone could come and see what Lolli's had to offer for the holidays. "People were standing in line, the door was open and people were in line down to US Bank to get their purchases rung up," she said. In those three hours Lolli's did more business than it does most weeks. Lolli's will open in the new location on its two year anniversary, the weekend of February 13-15.

I can't help but be reminded of Stephen King's quote about talent— how it's "cheaper than table salt." Nearly everyone has a talent. Everybody's good at something. Every person has a dream. What matters is what you do with that dream. Keri and Leah are inspirations to me, to their customers, and to their community. They are gifted in the areas of design and fashion... but even more so because they had the courage, fortitude, and perseverance to make their dreams come true. They remind us that anything is possible with hard work and effort... they also remind us that if we are still stuck in that paint aisle confounded by the color beige, if we are still asking our children to pick out what we wear, or if we are just not sure what our style is, that they are here to help.

Contact Information

Keri Malafa (East Street Design): Visit her website at: www.eaststreetdesign.com. You can also find her on Facebook.

Leah Osgood (Lolli's) Go to her website at: <http://lollisltd.com> or find her on Facebook.

Committee Getting Allotment Gardens “Shovel Ready”

Last fall the South 80 Trails, Park & Gardens Advisory Board was formed to bring together a group of interested citizens to help administer and manage the South 80 property—which includes the Mariemont Community Gardens. The Board asked me to be the gardens point person for the 2014 year, which I am excited to do.



Since that time we have been talking with current and interested first-time gardeners, visited other community gardens around the city, created a Facebook page as a simple, effective way for gardeners to communicate



with each other (Facebook: Mariemont Community Gardens) and we are completing an updated list of available plots, active gardener plots and reserved garden plots

that have not been actively gardened in the past couple years. We are also gathering ideas and trying to determine how the South 80 Advisory group can best support the gardening community and provide value to the Village. One avenue we are actively pursuing is having easier water access.

Please frequent the Mariemont Community Gardens Facebook page for information about the annual community garden meeting in March. Also, please let me know if you are a first-time gardener and would like to reserve a plot for the 2014 season. We still have several spaces.

So even though it is cold, wintery and colorless outside—if you are a gardener, it's time to plan your garden, order your seeds and wait impatiently for spring!

If you are interested in gardening this year, contact Doug Welsh through the Mariemont Community Gardens Facebook page and frequent the Facebook page to keep updated on happenings at the gardens!

Submitted by Doug Welsh

Garden Club Begins Revitalization of Hopkins Park

Congratulations to the board of directors and membership of the Garden Club of Mariemont on the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Revitalization of Hopkins Park, located at the intersection of Wooster Pike and Pocahontas Ave.

The Garden Club, with the assistance of B.E. Landscaping began the revitalization by removing overgrown landscaping and weeds, trimming of bushes, edging of beds and tree rings and mulching of multiple areas. With the award of a \$2000 grant from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, the Garden Club was able to purchase 4 new

trees for the park! We also want to honor our former member Cherry Bender who in her generosity left the garden club a donation which was used to plant a lovely cherry tree in the park which will be a welcome sight when it blooms this spring.

We invite all the residents and neighbors of Mariemont to take a stroll through the park this winter to see the changes and then visit again this spring to see the display of flowers from the magnolia's and cherry trees.

*Submitted by Mary Alice Maze,
President, Garden Club of Mariemont*



Braun Retires from Board of Ed

Mariemont City School District Board of Education president, Peggy Braun, retired after 12 years of service to the district as a member of the board of education. The board meeting on Thursday, December 12 was her last as a member of the board of education. The district's administrative team attended the meeting to bid a fond farewell to someone they have worked so closely with for over a decade.

"It's difficult to believe that we're saying goodbye to you as a board member," said Superintendent Steven Estep to Ms. Braun. "The administrative team has always felt tremendously supported by you, and I want to personally thank you for all that you have done for me during my transition into our school district."

The district presented Ms. Braun with an engraved brick, which will be included in the spirit walkway outside of Mariemont High School. Other board members also spoke to Peggy's leadership and friendship.

"'Thank you' seems obvious but it doesn't seem appropriate. We don't do this job for



Braun (pictured bottom center) with the Board and Mariemont School District colleagues.

each other - the real reward comes in June when we watch the students walk the track and graduate. And to my count there have been about 1500 graduates in the 12 years that Peggy has served on the board," said Bill Flynn, fellow board of education member. "Peggy has a quietly keen mind. Her decision-making always comes back to 'Will it advance the academic program of our district and will it help students succeed?' Her calm, steady leadership helped get us through a compressed six months of bringing in a new

superintendent and treasurer, and she did it all with such grace. Thank you, Peggy."

Peggy Braun and her husband Karl have three children, all of whom have graduated from Mariemont High School. Peggy lives in Mariemont and has been involved with volunteering with the district for nearly two decades.

"I've had the opportunity to work with some tremendous people. The board members have been good friends and good peers; they bring so much to the table and their hearts are always in the right place," said Ms. Braun. "We've also had some great administrators, who have always truly been professionals. I will miss this. It's been one of the joys of my life to serve this community, these children and these families."

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It Does a Heart Good

In January 2010 I lost my father unexpectedly as a result of heart disease. My dad and I were very close. He was a great husband, father, and couldn't have been any happier than when he was with his grandkids. He also seemed to be in good health; exercised frequently, ate healthily, and had regular appointments with his doctor, so this came as a great shock to our family and was extremely tough on us. At the same time my dad passed away, my wife, Erica, and I were looking for a place to raise our 2 year old son, Griffin, and our soon-to-be newborn daughter, Annabel. We were fortunate enough to find a house in Mariemont and our family grew even larger with the addition of our third child, Adelyn, a few years later. We absolutely loved the walkability, great schools, and small community feel. Not only that, shortly after we had moved in, my mom was at our house to see the grandkids and quickly realized that she also wanted to be a part of the Mariemont community, so in August 2010 she was able to find a great house in Mariemont to call home.

My family and I decided to start a team in my dad's honor in the American Heart Association's Heart-Mini race. 2014's race will make the 5th consecutive year for Team Lyons. In addition to organizing a team, I'm a volunteer on the community teams committee for the Heart-Mini. This committee is responsible for recruiting other people to start their own teams in an effort to raise more money and more awareness for the cause. Community teams can consist of individuals, churches, and small/local businesses.

The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization and works to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. Heart disease is the nation's #1 leading cause of death and stroke is the fourth leading cause of death. The money that



The author (center) along with his parents. 2014's race marks the fifth consecutive year for Team Lyons as part of the American Heart Association's Heart-Mini race.

is raised from the Heart-Mini will be used to fund research, education and advocacy efforts of the American Heart Association.

If anyone would like to join our team for the 2014 event, the link and details are below. Also, if you would like to start your own team, please contact me at scott_lyons@hotmail.com. Starting a team is simple,

requires little time commitment, and is very rewarding so I urge you to give it a shot. If you create your own team and for whatever reasons aren't able to recruit any members, you aren't out anything.

Link to my team's registration: <http://cincinnati.kintera.org/heartmini/teamlyons>

Heart-Mini

website: <http://heartmini.org>

Date: March 16, 2014

Where: Downtown

Cincinnati

Events offered: kids fun run (held on Saturday, March 15) 1k walk, 2k kids

run (ages 8-12), 5k walk and run, 10k walk and run, 15k run, and 1/2 mile runs.

*Submitted by Scott Lyons,
Rowan Hill Drive*

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Mark your calendars NOW for the Barn's Springtime Gala – "Party with van Gogh." Join Dr. Brettell the evening before his Taft lecture at this special pre-event party on April 25. Enjoy Provençal cassoulet, dessert, and fine wines along with an intimate visit to "van Gogh's bedroom" in the newly opened Loft at the Barn. A very warm, charismatic Impressionist painting expert, Dr. Brettell is a delight to meet in person. Register online at www.artatthebarn.org

This year's Brettell lecture is "Vincent van Gogh's "Bedroom in Arles": Art and Daydreaming" and takes place at 2 pm on Saturday, April 26 at the Taft Museum of Art. While working in Arles in southern France, Vincent van Gogh painted three versions of one of his most famous compositions, The Bedroom (Art Institute of Chicago, Van Gogh Museum, Musee d'Orsay).



No experience needed. Register with Amy Burton at 513-561-6949 or email her at aburton@yahoo.com.

Abstract Acrylics – A two-day workshop March 14 & 15 from 10 am-3 pm. Join Fran Watson and create your own abstract painting. Precision is not needed, but rather a free, creative expression of coloring "outside the lines." To register, call Fran at 859-781-0623 or email at Watson@fuse.net.

Floral/Still Life Oil Painting
– Three days from March 21-23. Artist Douglas David is bringing his three-day workshop to Cincinnati. Popular in Naples and Vero Beach, the class will cover the basic principles of oil painting, with a focus on florals and still life. Limited space, \$350. To register go to <https://thebarn.cincyregister.com/douglasdavid2014>.

Adult Classes and Workshops

Adventures in Monoprinting – A two-day workshop February 8 - 9 from 2-5 pm. Led by Amy Burton, you will produce two exciting prints using a colorful 4x6 photograph, printmaking ink and a small etching press. \$125 includes all materials.

Portraits & Still Life with Deborah Ridgley - This ongoing oils class is held on Wednesdays in the Tack Room from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. For complete information, email Deborah at dgrstudios@aol.com.

Improv for Adults with Kevin Crowley-

This new 7-week class begins February 10 on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Improvisation is the art of spontaneous story telling. Based on children's games, the exercises that made Second City alumni Steve Carrel, Tina Fey and Steven Colbert famous, are the same ones we will use to discover the joy of active listening, agreement and building something from nothing. For complete information, email Kevin at kevnlu@zoomtown.com.

More detailed information may be found on our website – click on "the Barn", then "classes."

Coming to the Gallery....



"The Barn Painters Winter Show"

Opens at the Barn - Come out of the cold and enjoy "The Barn Painters Winter Show!" Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments at their opening reception on Friday, February 7 from 6 pm – 9 pm. This popular show and sale of original oils by emerging artists continues with Gallery hours on Saturday, February 1 & 8 and Sunday, February 9, from 1-4 pm. Gallery hours weekdays are Tuesday through Friday, February 4- 7, from 9 am – 2 pm.

Acrylic Abstracts Exhibit – This show features oversized abstracts created by painters studying under Fran Watson and promises to be a visually striking exhibit. All are invited to the Opening Reception on

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W O M A N ' S A R T C L U B C U L T U R A L C E N T E R

Sunday, February 23 from 1 pm – 4 pm. The exhibit is open to the public on Saturday, February 22 from 1 pm – 4 pm.

121st Annual Juried Exhibition – Call for Entries

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati is preparing for its 121st Annual Juried

Exhibition with a Call for Entries. This show is open to ALL women artists aged over 18 who reside in Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky. Awards total more than \$4000, with a Best of Show Award of \$1500. Digital submissions must be postmarked by March 4, 2014. The prospectus can be

downloaded at www.artatthebarn.org/images/documents/juriedprospectus2014.pdf

Planning a 2014 Wedding?

From intimate gatherings in the Gallery to larger affairs under a tent, the Barn is a beautiful place to celebrate that special day. Go to our website and click on "The Barn" and then "Rentals" for more information. Check out the photos on our Pinterest page – www.pinterest.com/womansartclub.

(Photo of couple courtesy of Nicholas Viltrakis Photography)



Just for Kids at The Barn!

What is new for kids and teens at The Barn? Check out the following classes, exhibits and events!



Draw What You Love – A drawing class for Junior High and High School Students.

Calling all students ages 12 and up who love to draw. This new after-school class will have you drawing all of your favorite things – your favorite objects, your pets, your best friend, even yourself! Artist Deborah Ridgely will help you with the basics of drawing, composition, values and design. All levels welcome. Wednesdays, from 4:30-6:30 from February 5- March 12. \$150 for six weeks. Contact Deborah Ridgely to register at 513-259-9302.

Tons of Tradition – A Saturday program by the Cincinnati Art Museum. On February 8, the last in the LookSeeDo series will come to the Barn. Tons of Tradition, a one-hour hands-on creative class for children in grades 3-6, will explore different world cultures and African traditions. Referring to works of art from the Art Museum, the children will then make their own masks. Register at <https://thebarn.cincyregister.com/winter2014lookseedo> Cost is \$5 per child.

Madcap Puppets Fantastic Fairytales - A First Sunday Family Funday Event March 2. Cincinnati's own giant-sized Madcap Puppets are coming to the Barn! On Sunday, March 2, the traveling puppet show will perform "Fantastic Fairytales," where the audience will meet the King's Royal Court Jester, Flump! When Flump overhears a plot by a wizard to turn the King into a mouse, he tries to find a way to save the King. Flump entertains and amazes the audience with fantastic fairy tales, giant puppets and audience participation. The fairy tales include The Wishing Tree, The Water of Life and Rapunzel. Show begins at 2 pm. \$5 per



person. Register at <https://thebarn.cincyregister.com/firstsunday>. The Mariemont Preservation Foundation sponsors First Sunday Family Funday.

Art Academy Classes Continue - Registration continues for several children's Art Academy of Cincinnati classes being held at the Barn. After-school Art for Kids, a six-week class begins February 6 and Art for Home-Schoolers begins March 5. For more information go to www.artatthebarn.org and follow the links to the Barn and then to classes.

Mariemont's Romantic Photographer

By JOE STONER, MFP TRUSTEE

In 1925, things were not going as well as expected for the Mariemont Company. Despite extensive advertising, the number of residents did not meet expectations. Believing that a picture is worth a thousand words, they hired an internationally known photographer from Loveland, Nancy Ford Cones, to live in Mariemont for a year to capture its beauty so that more people would want to live here. Kodak, Bausch & Lomb and Ansco had used her work for years to sell their photo related products. In 1906 she placed second in a huge Kodak photo competition (28,000 entries) – ahead of famed photographer Alfred Stieglitz and only behind the even more famous (at the time) Edward Steichen. Cones had



received more than 54 awards in national competitions from 1902 to 1916. She was also known for her portraits of prominent Cincinnati residents including President William Howard Taft and artist Henry Farny.

Nancy Ford was a doctor's daughter born in Milan, Ohio in 1869. Her parents separated in 1876 and her father kept custody of the five children. The family moved five times in the next 19 years

between cities in Ohio and Indiana and wound up in Fostoria, Ohio in 1895. Nancy was unmarried at age 25 and her father sent her to a photography studio in Fostoria to learn retouching. In 1897, she started doing her own photography and showed so much talent that her father bought her a half interest in a photography studio in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. That arrangement didn't last long. Later that year, she moved to South Lebanon to help a sister nurse her sick husband. She continued doing photography but had no facilities for developing or printing.

James Cones had studied art and painting at the Norman School in Lebanon, Ohio in the 1880's. After graduating and receiving a teaching certificate, he moved to Cincinnati in 1889 and took up photography. He moved back to Lebanon in 1892 to live with his sister where he purchased a portable photo studio and travelled around Warren County until 1898. He met Nancy

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Ford, and because of their mutual interest in photography, they developed a relationship along with film and prints.

In September 1900, almost 31, she married James (39) and they moved to Xenia, Ohio to operate a photo studio. In 1901 they bought a photo studio in Covington, Kentucky where their only child, Margaret, was born in 1905. In 1907 they moved to a farm on the scenic Little Miami River in Loveland and lived there for the rest of their lives. James printed all of his wife's negatives. In addition to platinum, tissue, and regular silver printing processes, he gained expertise in the labor-intensive gum bichromate process which could add various degrees of color to prints. Gum prints are not made with an enlarger. The negative is laid on top of watercolor paper which was coated a color pigment somewhat sensitive to light, then covered with glass and exposed to the sun. The prints are the same size as the negative and require so much light to develop that they could not be made in the winter because the light was not strong enough. To solve this problem, James invented a device which concentrated sunlight so he could make gum prints of her negatives year round. Each gum print was unique and painterly and could command higher prices than more ordinary photographic prints. Their look also complemented Nancy's soft, romantic pictorialist style. To convey an idea, her photographs tended to be carefully made, sometimes staged, and not just taken. Her artistic vision combined with James' technical skills enabled them to be a successful team for forty years. Their commissioned photographs were sought after by prominent Cincinnati families. In addition to the aforementioned commercial work for major photo companies and competition prizes, her work appeared on the covers of national magazines and was exhibited in many major U.S. cities as well as London, England. Thirty six of her prints are in the permanent collection of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.



The Mariemont Company hired Nancy Ford Cones (57) in 1926 and provided her a rent-free house on the corner of Oak and Elm streets for her, James and Margaret. They

rented out their Loveland farmhouse and stayed in Mariemont for a year to capture its beauty. Some examples of her work (looking a little worse for wear) can be found on the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) website at www.mariemontpreservation.org under Mariemont History > Exhibits & Archives.

James died in 1939 and Nancy lost interest in photography. She died in 1962 and their work was kept intact by Margaret. In 1980 she sold the prints and negatives to Walt Burton Galleries who exhibited them. The Mariemont Preservation Foundation purchased 25 of the Mariemont images from Burton and will offer high quality archival reproductions as gifts to those who become lifetime members.

Currently, there are rotating exhibits of Cones' prints at the Nancy Ford Cones Gallery at the Greater Loveland Historical Society, 201 Riverside Dr. (513-683-5692). A new one is scheduled to open February 22, 2014.

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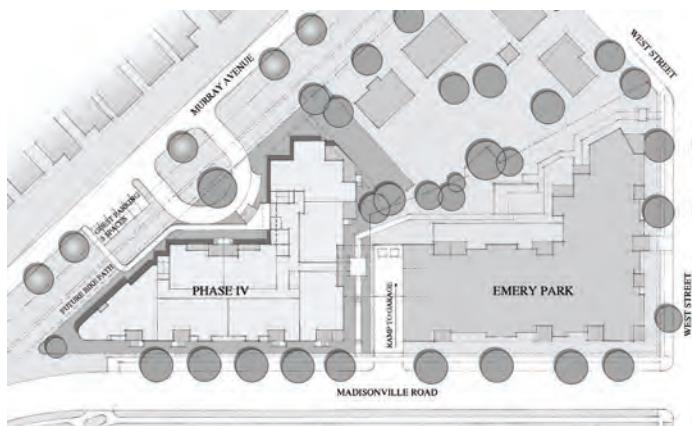
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Currently known as Phase IV, the last phase could be named after another historical figure like Charles Livingood, the Village developer, or Isabella Hopkins, Mary Emery's sister who donated the funds for the Carillon. The name could capture the importance of the site, which is a predominant gateway into the Village, or echo the shape of the building, which will come to a point at the entry to the Village. The architecture will feature a "lantern" or three-sided, three-story windows at this point." The name could also relate to the development's location by Emery Park and the greenbelt along Murray Avenue.



Here are a few suggestions that have been generated:

- Hopkins Park
- Isabella Park
- The Livingood
- Village Gate
- Village Green
- Gate House

- Green Gate
- Garden Gate
- Murray Green
- Murray Mews
- Murray Park
- Park Place
- Park View
- Park Point
- Park Gate

To participate in the naming, select your first and second choice from the list, or create a new name

and provide a reason for your submission. Please submit to Rick Greiwe at rgreiwe@greiwedevlopment.com by February 21. The Mariemont residents that participate will be invited to the Nolen Park grand opening event, which will feature the finest food and drink from our Mariemont merchants.

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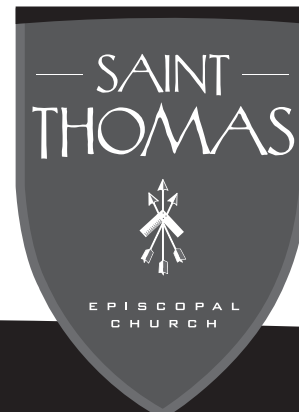
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Mariemont Recreation Spring Sport Sign-ups Underway

Mariemont Recreation spring sport sign-ups are now open and will be taking registrations until February 28. Sign-ups after this time will incur a \$25 late fee. Sports for the spring are Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Track, Volleyball, Instructional Tee-Ball, and

Instructional Soccer. When signing your child up for a sport, please note that there are different age requirements for each sport. Please go to the web site at <http://www.mariemontsports.org/registration.html> to register or to get more information.



Native American Prints for Sale

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the 17th century.

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Mariemont Preservation Foundation Awards Grants to Local Groups



In October, MPF awarded a \$5000 grant to the MariElders for restoration and repairs to the MariElders building. The Garden

Club was also awarded a grant in the form of \$2000 for the restoration and beautification of the Isabella Hopkins Park, across from the Mariemont Branch Library.

According to the grant guidelines created by MPF, "The Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) is dedicated to being a resource which is capable of helping meet the physical, cultural, civic, recreational, and educational needs of Village residents."

MPF grant applications are due February 1 and August 1 of each year. Grants are then awarded in March and September to local groups who meet the criteria. Application forms are available at the MPF website: www.mariemontpreservation.org, under "Resources."

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Waldorf school's Eighth Grade class will present *The Sound of Music* on Friday, February 14 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 pm hosted in the Mariemont Elementary auditorium. Both performances are open to the public and we welcome the Mariemont community to join us!

As part of their curricular experience, each grade at the Cincinnati Waldorf School produces a yearly class play involving every student in the class. This year's Eighth Grade is excited to take on such an iconic production as *The Sound of Music*. *We look forward to seeing you there!* Performance entrance fee is \$2/person or \$5/family. Entrance proceeds benefit the Eighth Grade class trip. For more information, please contact us at 513-541-0220.



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What's Happening at the Library this Month

February

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Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, February 13 at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Stuck on Reading Book Club: Each month, the club 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 magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato.

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

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Library Babies: New program! Great introduction to library programs for little ones who are too young for the more active Movers

and Shakers. Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Ages 6 to 18 months.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

InBeTween Club: Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 pm. Ages 10 to 18.

Anime Club: Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 pm. Ages 10 to 18.

Adults

Lady Catherine's Romance Round Table:

If you love romance novels, here's your chance to discuss your favorites and learn about some new authors. Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm.

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading eBooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Monday, February 3 and February 17 at 6:30 pm. Please call to register as this is an individual, one-on-one session.

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, February 1 and February 15 at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one-on-one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Book Club: The Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen will be discussed Thursday, February 27 at 6:45 pm. Copies are available at the branch.

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Hats Off!

...to the MJHS Power of the Pen Teams who took place first and second place at the Power of the Pen district writing competition on January 10. The Mariemont Junior High School seventh grade team earned second place and the eighth grade team earned first place. More than 26 schools participated in this writing competition. Six students also placed in the individual writing competition, in which 156 writers competed. All of the students that placed in the individual competition will continue on to compete in the regional competition in March at Princeton High School, along with others from their teams, which will be decided in February.

Kayla Dewey, an eighth-grade student, also received a Best of Round for her piece, "Once Upon a Crime." In the seventh-grade level, Amelia Popowics received sixth place



Both MJHS teams: Gracie Teghtmeyer, Kaleigh Hollyday, Lucy Hanley, Conor Mackey, Alex Wilson, Kayla Dewey, Hannah Coates, Catherine Geary, Anna Scheeser, Elizabeth Elin, Amelia Popowics, Katie Copetas, Olivia Walker, and Sophia House (not pictured Analise Hinebaugh)

in individual writing. At the eighth-grade level, the following individual writers also placed: Conor Mackey (13th place), Kayla Dewey (11th place), Ellery Bledsoe (ninth place), Kaleigh Hollyday (seventh place) and Alex Wilson (fourth place). Congratulations to all of these fantastic writers!

News from MariElders

AARP Taxes

When: Tuesday mornings February 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, and April 8
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cost: FREE
Where: Fairfax Recreation Center at 5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Volunteers from AARP will be on hand to assist you in preparing your taxes. To make an appointment sign up at the Center front desk or call the Center at (513)271-5588.

Breakfast and The Ballet: King Arthur's Camelot

When: Thursday February 13
Time: 8:30 am
Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, breakfast on own.
Where: Meet at MariElders
First we will head to First Watch and have breakfast, then cross the street to enjoy the ballet; King Arthur's Camelot. The highlight of

the Cincinnati Ballet's 50th Season is a world-premiere ballet based on the legendary tale of King Arthur's Camelot. The brand-new work includes costumes by Sandra Woodall, one of the dance world's most sought-after designers, an original musical composition by John Estacio and sets by Joe Tilford, familiar to Cincinnati audiences through his long-time relationship with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Complete with magic, projections, puppets, jousting and all things Camelot, this will be Cincinnati Ballet's biggest full-length ballet adventure in decades. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by February 7.

Valentine's Day Lunch with Dessert Bar

When: Friday February 14
Time: 12:00 pm
Cost: \$4 for members, \$6 for non-members
Where: MariElders Basement
Hearts, Flowers, and Chocolate await you at this year's MariElders Valentine's Day Party. We

will have a wonderful lunch followed by a dessert bar with lots of wonderful selections and sugar free options as well. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by February 7.

Museum Days: Diana: A Celebration @ The Cincinnati Museum Center

When: Monday February 24
Time: 11:00 am
Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, lunch on own
Where: Meet at MariElders
First we will head downtown and have lunch at CRAVE, on the Banks. Then off to the Cincinnati Museum Center for Diana: A Celebration, the exhibition presents the life and humanitarian work of Princess Diana through nine galleries containing 150 objects-ranging from her royal wedding gown and 28 of her designer dresses to family heirlooms, personal mementos, paintings and rare home movies and photos. Cincinnati is its last US showing before the exhibition is retired and the items returned to her family. Sign up with a paid reservation at the center front desk by February 10.



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Four Council Actions to Watch in 2014

There are some important matters coming before Mariemont Council of interest to residents. Council will be deliberating on the following issues (among many others, of course):

Leash Law

1. Council accepted the recommendation of the Safety Committee which voted 2:1 to recommend that the Village change animal control Ordinance section 90.01 to require that dogs be under positive leash control when not on their owner's property. The Committee recommends that dogs be allowed to run off-leash at Ann Buntin Becker Park, Dogwood Bell Tower Park, the Concourse, the Lower 80 Acres and the practice field by the Waldorf School. The Village would require that dogs be on leash at all times in the Tot Lot area of Dogwood Park as well as in the sports field area of Dogwood Park and the practice field by Waldorf School during sports activities. The ordinance change requires three readings in Council meetings before it is enacted into law.

Curbside Recycling

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2. The issue of curbside recycling has been put into committee for deliberation. The Health & Recreation committee met on January 20 to discuss whether or not to enact a trash addendum to change the household recycling pick up locations to curbside. Council will take up the issue when it comes out of committee, and it will require three readings before taking effect.

Council Meeting Schedule

3. There was a Committee of the Whole meeting on January 27 to discuss changing the monthly meeting schedule for Council from two meetings a month to one meeting a month. Joe Miller is chairman, and the

committee is made up of all six council representatives. Minutes from the meeting were not available at the time of this writing.

Village Fiscal Officer

4. In the same meeting, the committee discussed an ordinance to abolish the elected positions of Clerk and Treasurer and create a new appointed position of Village Fiscal Officer, combining both functions in one individual appointed by the mayor with the approval of Council.

If you would like to get involved, the public is always welcome to attend council meetings, currently held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 pm in Council Chambers. If you would like to contact a Village official directly, see information above.



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The sixth graders worked with a Girl Scout Center representative in this leadership endeavor. The rally was held January 13 at the Mariemont Elementary School. place).



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The conference will be held Saturday, February 8 from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm at Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church in Indian Hill. It is open to men in the Cincinnati community including neighbors, colleagues and teenaged sons.

The conference includes a lineup of guest speakers for breakout sessions that will address four building blocks of enduring success.

Additional conference speakers include Todd Henry, author of *Die Empty* and *Accidental Creative*, Steve Sisco, chaplain for the Cincinnati

Reds, former Major League Baseball player, Clay Brizendine, speaker/trainer, author of *SHOEBOX LETTERS Daughters to Dads* and Michael Flannery, public information officer at Ohio Valley Goodwill, former TV news anchor.

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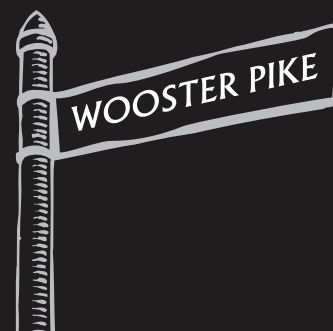
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