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New Town Crier Looks to the Future

By RENEE TECCO

In March, Bob Keyes, former chairman of the Mariemont Town Meeting, became the fourth elected Town Crier in Mariemont history. His new position, although not as powerful as the chairman role, is one that is just as important, if not more visible, and is representative of the uniqueness of the Village.

The Town Crier is prominent at all important village functions such as the annual Town Meeting, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

"I am looking forward to being part of the community activities and celebrations that brings us together throughout the year," Keyes said.

Keyes, who grew up in Mariemont, has fond memories walking in local parades with his baseball teams or with the boy scouts. Years later he accompanied his father, who is a veteran, in the Memorial Day parade. In his position as Town Crier, Keyes hopes to visit local schools to help students understand the Village's local form of government.

"The town crier is part of the deeper history of Mariemont, as well as America," Keyes said. "It is part of the tradition that started

out bringing news to the people within the town and now it is part of the town process. It is important for kids to see the parts of our traditions that need to continue."

Not alone in his work and efficacy, Keyes is a part of a small group of town criers in North America. Mariemont's position of Town Crier began in the early 1940s. It's an elected position, with the post up for re-election biannually. The other three criers have averaged 20 years in the position; Keyes succeeds Hank Kleinfeldt who retired this past spring.

Keyes is an Internist with a specialty in Geriatrics at Christ Hospital and takes his role as the newest Town Crier with pride. In a busy world where people are often distanced from their surroundings via electronics he hopes his call will bring neighbors together to reconnect.

"The future of Mariemont, America, the world, depends on how well we come together as a community and work together as a community," Keyes said.

Life-long Resident Bob Keyes, former chairman of the Mariemont Town Meeting, became Mariemont's fourth elected Town Crier in March.



New Council Member: Mary Ann Schwartz

By REX BEVIS



The Village of Mariemont is fortunate to have individuals, such as Mary Ann Schwartz, willing to accept the responsibility of Council leadership when a vacancy occurs. When

Councilwoman Denise McCarthy moved out of the Village, a Town Meeting caucus convened for District 5 and Mary Ann was selected as the Town Meeting candidate. Subsequently her nomination was confirmed by Village Council and Mary Ann took her seat on Council in May, 2013. The unfulfilled term of Ms. McCarthy runs through December of 2015.

Mary Ann is a graduate of Xavier University and was in the first class of female graduates

in 1973. She took an early retirement from American Airlines and is now employed in a family franchise business, the Beltone Hearing Aid Center of Huntington, WV. This family business is prominent in Eastern Ohio, much of Kentucky, and most of West Virginia, and Mary Ann travels throughout the territory in support of the business. On a personal note, Saturdays are a day reserved for spending time with her two granddaughters, Mira and Riley, who live in the area and attend Mariemont Elementary School.

Mary Ann is a resident of the Historic District and has a strong passion for this area of the Village. On Council, she will be working to spearhead enforcement of building codes in the area, clean up of vegetation, and any other activities which improve the aesthetics of the Historic District for her fellow residents, such as improvements to Ann Buntin Becker Park.

Welcome to Mariemont Council, Mary Ann, and thank you for your willingness to serve!

Council Notes Available at Mariemont.com

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6926 Mt. Vernon



6504 Miami Bluff



3709 West Center



6808 Hammerstone



6758 Fieldhouse



6619 Mariemont



6935 Mt. Vernon



3811 Pocahontas



3840 Belmont

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Simmons Has Open Mind and Open Door as New Elementary Principal

By HEATHER MCGUIRE

Although Ericka Simmons has been a Cincinnati native all her life and currently resides in the suburb of Mason, she feels as though her new role as Mariemont Elementary's principal is, in a way, coming home. Simmons grew up in Kennedy Heights and is a graduate of Walnut Hills High School. She has enjoyed driving through the familiar neighborhoods, closer to the city of Cincinnati, in which she was born and raised.

Simmons is replacing Lance Hollander, who has been principal at Mariemont Elementary since 2010 and is now moving on as principal at the Mariemont Junior High School. She comes to the Mariemont community with a vast amount of experience and an open-door policy that will make the members of this village community at once comfortable, excited, and at ease.

"I want parents to feel comfortable coming to me, I keep a very open door," Simmons says of her approach. "You will find me to be very transparent."

Ericka Simmons studied elementary education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she also received a Masters in Elementary Math. She received a Masters in Administration at the University of Cincinnati.

Simmons was a teacher for ten years before she moved into administration. She taught fourth and sixth grades and was a math resource teacher in the Winton Woods and Sycamore school districts for ten years. She moved on to be an assistant principal at Shawnee Elementary in the Lakota school district, where she worked with then Shawnee Elementary Principal, Linda Lee, who is now principal of Terrace Park Elementary. Simmons went back to Winton Woods as a principal and when Lee took her principalship at Terrace Park, Simmons returned to Lakota and became the principal of Shawnee Elementary, where she would remain for the next nine years.

"I'm looking forward to getting back into early childhood," Simmons says of her new role at Mariemont.



Redistricting throughout Lakota moved her to a school with grades two through six and Simmons is happy to be back in a school that includes the early elementary grades.

She is also looking forward to becoming a part of the community, "(Mariemont) is a wonderful school environment and just a wonderful place!" She is eager to learn more about the area and is simply happy to be here.

"I'm excited to step into a place that's deep in tradition, that has an outstanding reputation with regards to academics and achievement, and continuing that road of excellence," says Simmons. "And I can't wait to meet the kids!"

When asked if she is worried about anything, she replies, with a smile, "Not yet!" "Although not having (Vice Principal) Dr. (Jim) Counts to start the year, I'm a little nervous about that. He's retired-rehired, he'll be back September 5," she explains.

She is sensitive to the fact that there are many traditions at Mariemont Elementary, such as the flag raising ceremony on the first day of school, "I want to make sure that I do them right."

Simmons isn't the only leader new to the Mariemont School District. Steve Estep is the district's new Superintendent. "He's been great," Simmons says of Estep. "He's smart, he's very knowledgeable in education, and so well read."

She appreciates how approachable he is and describes him as a visionary. She is looking

forward to working with him.

Moving into a well-established elementary school might seem like a daunting task for some, but Simmons remains calm, open-minded, and ready for the job.

"I need to see how it flows before I come in and say 'this is what we'll adjust,'" she explains.

While she comes to this position with many excellent ideas, many years of experience, and a fresh perspective, she is open to feedback and the needs of everyone in the community. She seems to already have found the ideal balance between respecting the current systems that are in place and working and adding her own unique policies, ideas, and plans.

Perhaps no task is as daunting as that of parenting, and Simmons excels there as well. She met Chris, her husband who is from Macon, Georgia, at the church in which they were married and still attend. They have three children, Christopher (13), Kyra (11), and Corrina (10). The older two, who are going into middle school and already tower over her at six feet and nearly six feet tall, respectively, are skilled athletes. Her youngest is also a born athlete, but she's not as interested... she's going to be a robotics engineer! All of their children are outstanding students and she is one very proud mother.

With a full and busy life, Simmons doesn't have much time for herself, but when she does, she enjoys landscaping and gardening-- there may even be a vegetable garden in their future. Most of all, she loves spending time with her family.

As Ericka Simmons finds herself the new leader of Mariemont Elementary, its students, staff, and parents will find her to be strong, confident, and easy to approach. She describes herself as an open book, and has been told that she is hands on.

And while she will "always keep an open door," you may not always find her at her desk. "The kids will see me, I'm out and about," says Simmons.

As this new phase of leadership dawns on Mariemont Elementary, the people of this community will soon come to find out that it's going to be a great one.

4 Paws In My House

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

Puppies from the “cookie” litter have names like Keebler and Newton. The “aircraft”

University. 4 Paws has programs in several universities and is based in Xenia, OH. Her responsibility is to foster the dogs for 3-4 months starting when they are about 6 months old. She is certified to socialize the dog by

advanced training, depending on the animal's natural talents and the type of work it will be doing for a child. Perhaps the dog will be used to help a child in a wheelchair open doors, retrieve objects, or turn on lights. 4 Paws dogs sometimes find their work helping children prone to seizures. The organization was founded in 1998, and they have placed over 650 dogs in seven countries. 95% of the dogs have been placed with children.

The amount of time and energy that goes into the training of these animals obviously costs money. A fully-trained dog is worth as much as \$22,000. However, about half of the cost is offset by grants and other funding sources solicited by 4 Paws. Then, once a family is approved to get a dog, 4 Paws helps them with proven fund-raising activities. It is very rare that a family has to pay anything for their new care-giver and companion. For more information, or to donate to this amazing group, you can visit their website at www.4pawsforability.org.

After living with one of their dogs in training, I can attest to the professionalism and level of care that goes into making these dogs loving companions that can truly improve a child's quality of life. Beth is often asked if it will be difficult to give him up after the training period. The answer is yes, but she will get to meet the family who will be matched with Prince Charming, and that will make it all worthwhile.



4 Paws for Ability enriches the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs with families who need them.

litter gave us Banshee, Bomber, and Boeing. The “Snow White” litter features Queenie, Snow White, Prince Charming, and their seven brothers: Happy, Sneezy, Doc...

I know all this because Prince Charming has been living at our house all summer. He is one of the canine stars from 4 Paws for Ability, a wonderful organization that breeds and trains service dogs for children and military veterans. 4 Paws for Ability enriches the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs with families who need them.

Our daughter, Beth, got involved with the organization when she was a senior at Miami

taking him wherever she goes, as long as it's a public place. Prince Charming has been to several restaurants, the dentist, Kroger, the movies, and even to the zoo, where the animals were very, very interested in him!

The puppies get their initial training through a program that partners with prisons and uses inmates to teach the dogs basic commands. This is followed by fostering with someone like Beth. The dogs then get more



New Nolen Park Condos Are “Topped Out”

Nolen Park celebrated its Topping Out Ceremony this morning in the Village of Mariemont. The event marked “Craftsman Appreciation Day” and honored the tradesmen and laborers bringing to life the 26-unit luxury condominium residence from Greiwe Development.

The traditional raising of an evergreen to the top of the building’s newly completed wooden framework, a Scandinavian custom dating back to 700 A.D., highlighted the morning’s events. Pastor Paul Rasmussen of Mariemont Community Church delivered the historical blessing, giving thanks for the workers and nature’s materials that have given life to Nolen Park.

The evergreen is thought to be a good luck charm for the building’s future occupants, and many have already purchased a residence in Nolen Park – leaving just seven units available. The grand opening is slated for December 2013



“Our residents embrace Mary Emery’s vision for the Village of Mariemont and have become an enthusiastic part of this beautiful, walkable community,” said Rick Greiwe, principal of Greiwe Development.

at which time the development is expected to be sold out. Nolen Park follows 31-unit Emery Park, which was completed in 2011 and has six open units remaining, and sold-out, 27-unit Jordan Park was completed in 2008.

“Our residents embrace Mary Emery’s vision for the Village of Mariemont and have become an enthusiastic part of this beautiful, walkable community,” said Rick Greiwe, principal of Greiwe Development. “The Topping Out for Nolen Park brings Mariemont closer to fulfilling the plans Mary desired for the extension of the Village Square, and gives our residents the rare chance of being the owners of this one-of-a-kind property.”

Gardening in the Village

BY CAROLYN TUTTLE

We have had a relatively cool summer with plenty of moisture so the lawns are green and the flower beds are colorful. I would like to mention some of the volunteers and groups that assist in caring for specific places in the Village.

- Entrance at Settle Road and Murray Avenue – Lisa Wharton
- Settle Road hard scape – Joyce Beck, Dick Gegner
- Oval and Round beds on Madisonville Road – Mary Ann Schwartz
- Library entrance – Mariemont Junior High Girl Scout Troup
- Park Advisory Board – Village Square, Municipal Bldg., Concourse, Family Statuary, Tennis Courts and Old Town Square

• Garden Club of Mariemont – Butterfly Garden, Pool flower pots, the planter Wall at North entrance and the planned renovation of Isabel Hopkins Park.

This group has the May Plant Sale to raise funds for purchasing trees, flowers and renovating areas.

If you see any of these folks, extend a BIG thank you for their dedication. You may wish to inquire how you can volunteer and create a new friendship through gardening.

Come join the first meeting of the Garden Club of Mariemont on Wednesday, September 4 at 1:00 pm at the Barn. Listen and learn about the renovations at Hopkins Park. Find out about the exciting programs for the year. All are welcome without wearing garden gloves!

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Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



We had a very busy spring and summer here in Mariemont. From April 16 to July 5, there were 31 properties sold and I was lucky enough to get in contact with 11 of our “new neighbors”. Please

remember, it's never too late to contact me!

6934 Nolen Circle was purchased by Karen Towle Hulefeld in June. Karen and her husband, Ed, raised their three sons in Madeira. Karen grew up in Madison Place and worked at the Mariemont Theatre during college, so she is very familiar with Mariemont. She decided to downsize and thought Mariemont would be the perfect place as she has many fond memories of time spent here. Karen says her neighbors are very friendly and welcoming.

Beth Heller and Brian Lewis purchased 3910 East Street in April. Beth and her daughter, Anna, previously lived in Kenwood and Brian lived in Oakley. Beth works as a Controller for a company in Montgomery and Brian is an Audit Manager for Price Waterhouse Cooper. They chose Mariemont because it is a friendly, walkable community and has great areas for running. Anna just turned 8 and will be in the 3rd grade at Mariemont Elementary. She loves riding her bike around the neighborhood and has already made many friends.

6966 Miami Bluff was purchased in June by Jeff and Maria Burquest. After 2 ½ years abroad in Singapore, they are happy to be back in the states. Prior to Singapore, they lived in Ft. Mitchell, KY but frequented the Dilly Deli, St. Anthony Church, Mariemont Theatre and the Bike Trail. When the chance came to purchase a home in Mariemont, they jumped on it. Maria and Jeff have 2 sons, Peter, who is in the 9th grade at St. X and George, who is in the 6th grade at Mariemont Elementary. We must not forget Petey the English Setter who also made the move. Maria works for P & G in the global Beauty Care division and the entire family is enjoying the beautiful tree-lined streets, charming homes and dog-friendly lifestyle.

Danielle Boal and Matt Tripepi purchased 3865 Settle Road in July. They moved from Tusculum Avenue with their 2 year old son Donald, and dog Finch. Prior to living in Cincinnati, they lived in Vancouver, British Columbia where they were able to travel

throughout much of the Pacific Northwest. They chose Mariemont because they love the neighborhood, architecture, close proximity to restaurants, entertainment and the parks, as well as the easy access to downtown. Matt works as a Digital Product Manager for dunnhumbyUSA and is originally from Cleveland. He attended Xavier University for his undergraduate and Master's Degrees. Danielle hails from Pittsburgh and attended Miami University for her undergrad and Xavier for her Master's. She is currently a stay-at-home mom.

Warren and Ginny Dorn purchased 6616 Pleasant Street in June. For the past 5 years they lived in Mariemont Landing and loved it. However, Ginny grew up in Mariemont and really wanted their children, ages 2, 4 and 7 to have the privilege to be raised here too. The Dorns are loving the short walks to the pool, park and the square.

6516 Park Lane was purchased in June by Scott and Heather Hobart. They have 5 children; Harrison, 20, a Junior studying Agricultural Business at Morehead State University; Sumner, 18, a Freshman at the University of Cincinnati, studying Communications; Benson, 17 a Senior at Mariemont High School this Fall; Ella, 14, a Freshman at Mariemont High School, and Anna, a 7th grader at Mariemont Junior High. Scott is a grad of Michigan State and works at P & G. Heather is a grad of Cedarville University with a degree in nursing, although she has been a stay-at-home mom since the kids were born. The Hobarts moved from Bethel, Ohio where they lived on a farm raising hay, Black Angus cattle, rabbits and chickens that the kids showed at the Clermont County Fair as 4H projects. With the kids getting older and less interested in the farm life, they decided the time was right to move to Mariemont. They became members of Mariemont Community Church and wanted to become more engaged and active within it on a daily basis. Also, Scott's commute to downtown was cut by 90 minutes a day, the schools are best in class, and the Village is an historical treasure.

Drew and Amy Everhart purchased 3723 Pocahontas in May. Amy grew up in Cincinnati and Drew grew up in Toledo but both went to Miami University. For the past 4 years, they have been living in Boston, MA. Amy's job as a National Account Manager –Kroger Team for Diamond Foods brought them back to Cincinnati. Drew is continuing his career with RIS (Roofing Insulation Supply) as a RVP/General Manager for the East Region. Amy's grandparents lived

in Mariemont for years and her mom graduated from Mariemont H.S. so they are thrilled to have found a home here.

Jorge and Susan Bezerra purchased 6962 Miami Bluff in May. They lived in Mariemont from 1992-99 at which time they moved to Williams Meadow and it now feels like they have “gone back home”. Jorge and Susan have 3 sons (Tiago, Lucas and Paulo) who all attended Mariemont Schools K-12. Now that all 3 boys are in college and beyond, they felt it was time to find a place that would bring them closer to “home”.

6926 Mt. Vernon was purchased by Kristin and Matt Bramlage in June. Matt grew up in Montgomery and Indian Hill and Kristin grew up in Napa, CA however, they lived in Oakley for the past 3 years. Prior to that, they spent 7 years in Manhattan, NY. They have 2 children, David who is 3, and Ben, 5 months. Matt is a Pathologist working in the TriHealth and Mercy Health Systems and starting in October, Kristin will be working as a Pediatric Gastroenterologist at Children's. They chose Mariemont because they wanted a community with older homes, a communal spirit, and the ability to walk to lots of amenities plus provide their boys with an active childhood (riding bikes, playing at the parks etc. . .)

6994 Haines was purchased in late April by Christina Rudzinski and her husband, Ben Elsass. They have spent the last 5 years in Chicago, IL. Ben is originally from Springboro and is expanding his business into the Ohio and Cincinnati Markets. He is a wedding/engagement/family photographer. With his business growing beyond Chicago and the fact they could move closer to family, they fell in love with Mariemont. They found Mariemont to be a nice transition from Chicago, away from the hustle and noise, but also unique in its historic features. The walkability of Mariemont was key as they walked everywhere in Chicago. Christina is originally from Los Angeles, CA and is currently a media consultant and assists with Ben's business as well.

Scott and Erin Langevin purchased 2 Linden Place in June. Scott is originally from upstate NY and works for the University of Cincinnati and Erin is originally from Northeastern PA and works for UC Physicians. They have a 4 ½ month old daughter, Mailys and a dog named Lady. They chose Mariemont because of the school district and “sense of community” They relocated here from Rhode Island.

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).

What's Happening at the Library

September

Children

Back to School Bingo: Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 pm. Ages 6 to 12.

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, September 5, 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, Ms. Kathryn'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. This month read from the *Zigzag Kids* series by Patricia Reilly Giff.

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 Kathryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, September 26 at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

Meet the Author: Liz Coley, of *Pretty Girl-13* will be at the library to talk about her book. Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

InBeTween Club: Thursday, September 19, ages 10-18, 4:00 pm.

Anime Club: Saturday, September 28, 1:00 pm.

Adults

Preventing Identity Theft: Useful tips to keep you safe. Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm.

New Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading library books to your Kindle or other device, we now offer an introductory class. Monday, September 9, September 23 at 6:30. 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, September 7 and September 21 at 10:30 am.

Book Club: Thursday, September 26 at 6:45 pm. Copies will be available at the desk.

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 1:00 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 369-4467

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am. to 6:00 pm.

Kiwanis to Hold Arts & Crafts Fair

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold their 28th Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair Sunday, September 8 from 11 am to 5 pm on Wooster Pike in the heart of beautiful, downtown Mariemont. This year's Fair will feature close to 100 exhibitors from across the Tri-State area.

Exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of original art and craft ideally suited for home and office décor, gifts and collections. Jump start your holiday shopping while supporting a great cause! Because of their unique nature, most items are not available anywhere else.

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair is one of Kiwanis' largest fundraisers for local scholarships. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the youth of the Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont communities, and each year raises close to \$15,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District.

In addition, Kiwanis works closely with students in the surrounding communities to provide mentoring relationships and support local youth activities. For information about how you can become more involved in serving our youth, stop by the Kiwanis booth at the Fair or visit their website at www.mariemontkiwanis.org.



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Kindervelt #54 News

By BETH GARRISON

Mariemont's Kindervelt 54 has taken the summer off and is ready for a fresh season of "raising funds while having fun" for Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The Mariemont chapter is a group that has changed throughout the years, and any person new or old to Mariemont is welcome to join the group or join in on one of the events!

Kindervelt draws more than 1,000 members (about 40 various groups) from the Greater Cincinnati area which is joined together by a central, city-wide board of trustees. This impressive membership makes Kindervelt the largest auxiliary of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) and is recognized as one of the Trisate's outstanding volunteer organizations.



L to R, Linda Bartlett, Wendy Long, Peggy Keyes, Julena Bingaman, Lucianne Crowley, and Monika Osborn.

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CCHMC is one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the United States. CCHMC is dedicated to serving the health-care needs of children and providing research and education programs that ensure delivery of the highest quality pediatric care to our community, the nation, and the world.

It was a joy to be part of the \$750,000 contribution presented during the City-Wide Kindervelt Annual Dinner last spring. We follow the City-Wide Motto "raising funds while having fun" and we welcome you to join!

Contact Monika, Kindervelt 54 Membership, (mosborn@comey.com) with any questions.



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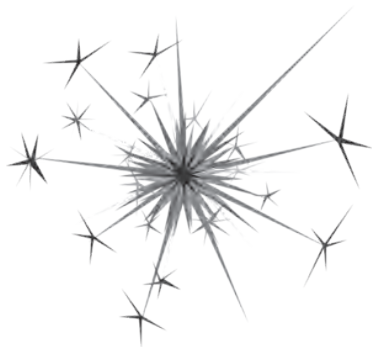
At left, the presentation of flags. Above, Charlie Thomas is awarded Mariemont Citizen of the Year. Below, after the parade, the donuts were very popular. (Photos by Ron Schroeder)

As we say goodbye to the delightful summer of '13, the Town Crier looks at a few of its special moments.

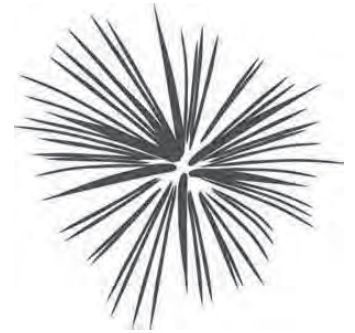
Memorial Day Parade

Residents lined the parade route to see our newest Town Crier, Bob Keyes, lead a line-up of marchers down Wooster Pike to the Municipal Building, where Charlie Thomas was presented the Citizen of the Year Award.

This year, the parade featured a very special group of Girl Scouts, who were celebrating their 50th reunion! Their full story is told on page 18.



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*The Bell Tower glows as the fireworks split the night sky.
(Photos by Ron Schroeder)*

Fourth of July

Despite a bit of rain, the fireworks were launched at Dogwood Park for another great show.

Farmer's Market

Many thanks to Leah Geldbaugh for organizing the weekly Farmer's Market in the parking lot of the Elementary school. Each Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, local growers and artisans offer their goodies to residents. The Farmer's Market will continue through October, so if you haven't been yet, there's still time to check it out.



Warrior Run Races through Mariemont on October 12

BY RANDY YORK

The Village of Mariemont will host the third annual Warrior Run: The Race for Life on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Last year the event drew a record 1,200 participants who were greeted by the beautiful fall foliage of Mariemont and the cheering of Mariemont residents across the Village.

The Jim Miller Memorial Mile was started in October 2008 by a group of Jim's friends to commemorate his life. Jim Miller was a life-long Mariemont resident. He began his running career in high school at Mariemont, and made Ohio's all-state team as an individual in 1975 and also as part of Mariemont's cross-country team, in addition to being a member of a relay race team that held a longstanding record at the school. Jim was inducted into the Mariemont High School Hall of Fame in 1980.

Under the leadership of Nancy Miller, the event evolved into the Warrior Run: The Race for Life in 2010 to support Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's (CCHMC) Surviving the Teens® program.

While the USATF-sanctioned 5k Warrior Run is the featured attraction of the event, the main attraction is the family-oriented events surrounding the race. For all ages there will be an untimed one-mile walk through the scenic Village of Mariemont that runs concurrently with the 5k race. The event also includes a fun-filled evening of food, drinks, music, and carnival-style kid's games. Food for the event includes City Barbecue pulled pork and chicken, homemade chili, LaRosa's pizza, UDF ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies and muffins. The event will also include a Bid-n-Buy with merchandise donated by area merchants. Music will be provided by radio station 94.9 FM "re-wind," and at dusk the event will conclude with the showing of the movie "Brave" on a temporary big screen erected in the center of the Bell Tower Park.

Again this year will be prizes for the



Photos by Ron Schroeder

Mariemont resident along the race route who provides the best set up for the simulcast from 94.9 "re-wind" during the race; the residence with the best set up during the race will receive a gift certificate to the National Exemplar Restaurant.

New to the event this year will be a "team challenge" for those participating in the event.

There will be a prize for the team that has the most members, as well as a prize for the team that raises the most money. The team that raises the most money will win a Hahana Beach Party and 50 West Prizes worth \$200. Most members on a team will win one Pizzelii pizza for each team member.

The Warrior Run: The Race for Life

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Warrior Run 1 Mile Walk

Dogwood Park, Mariemont, Ohio

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Finish – Near pitchers rubber on baseball field near Tower, in line with west end of first base line fence and in line with end of the third base line fence



will begin at 5:30 pm at the Mariemont Bell Tower on Pleasant Street. The Event benefits the Surviving the Teens® program created by

Surviving the Teens® program. Last year the event drew over 1,200 runners/walkers and resulted in a donation of \$35,000 to the



Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. It provides information, resources and support on teen mental health problems to help guide teens and families through the ups and downs they might face.

To date, The Warrior Run: The Race for Life has raised nearly \$100,000 for the

Surviving the Teens® program.

Further information for the Race and related events can be found at cincywarriorrun.org and race registration can also be accessed at cincywarriorrun.org or you may contact Nancy Miller at 271-5599 or jmiller21@cinci.rr.com.

The Eliminate Project to Host 5K

For \$1.80, you can buy one tall Starbucks coffee. You can park at a meter for one hour and forty-eight minutes. You can also save a life. The Eliminate Project, led by Kiwanis International and UNICEF, aims to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the world by 2015. MNT is an extremely painful and deadly disease that infects babies and their mothers during childbirth. When infected with MNT, newborns suffer from convulsions and become sensitive to light and touch, preventing even their mothers from holding them. MNT kills a baby every nine minutes.

However, there is hope for saving the innocent babies and mothers who die from this disease every year. MNT is highly preventable, and it only takes three doses of a 60-cent immunization to protect mothers, who then pass on their immunity to their babies. In fact, the Eliminate Project has already successfully eliminated MNT from 31 countries. This fall, the Mariemont community has a chance to help save lives in the 28 countries where MNT still exists.

On Sunday, September 15, Mariemont High School Key Club is hosting the Eliminate 5k, with all proceeds benefitting the Eliminate Project. Walkers, runners, and people of all ages are welcome to register for the race, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Mariemont High School and will follow a scenic route through historic Mariemont. After the race, participants are invited to a post-race party that will feature delicious brunch food and fun activities. Participants can register online and find more information about the 5k at www.eliminate5k.weebly.com. Simply by registering, you alone can provide vaccinations for 11 mothers and their babies.

Participating in the 5k not only saves lives, but also provides the community with an excellent way to come together for a good cause, and paves the way for a future of cooperation, leadership, and compassion for the world.

For more information about the Eliminate Project, please visit www.theeliminateproject.org or follow @EliminateMNT on twitter.

Submitted by Olivia Earhardt

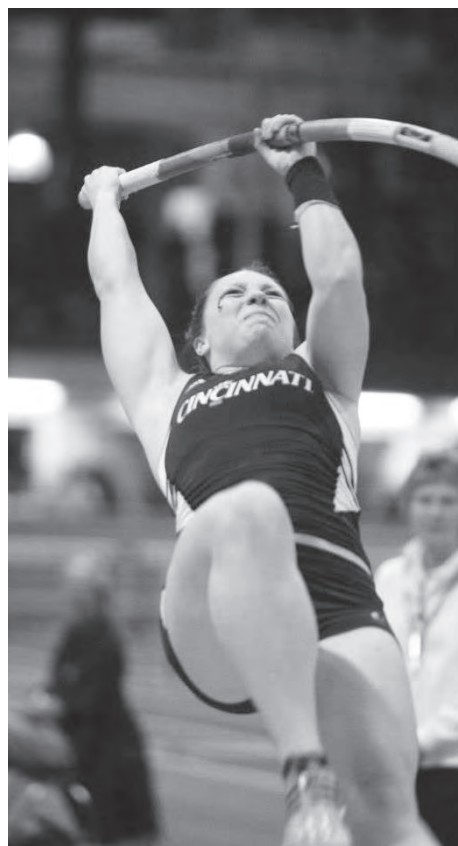
Mackenzie Fields – Vaulting to the Top!

BY KIM BEACH

Resident Mackenzie Field's athletic career started in gymnastics when she was very young. She participated through eighth grade and achieved the pinnacle of success for her age: she was an all-around level ten competitor and won state. At this point in her gymnastics career, she had to decide if she was going to "go for it" to participate at the next level or enjoy her success and move on to the next chapter of her life. She decided to end her gymnastics career and explore new sports. Because of her involvement with gymnastics, Mackenzie had not had a chance to participate in the same sports as all her friends in Mariemont. So after 8th grade, she entered the world of high school sports. She tried soccer, cheerleading, diving and track. Diving was a perfect transition from her gymnastics training and she had great success and currently holds the MHS diving record for most points.

During her freshman year of track, Coach Timmers knew about her gymnastics background and recognized that she would be a natural pole vaulter. The only problem was Mariemont High School had no pit and no way for her to train to be a pole vaulter. She had to find places to train and also people who would help her. Fortunately, the pole vaulting community is a very close-knit and encouraging group. Freshman year, Mackenzie cleared 8 feet and sophomore year she tackled 9 feet. In her junior year, she met Rick Christoph, Elder's pole vaulting coach. Rick lives on the westside and has a pole vault pit in his back yard. Mackenzie would spend Sundays honing her skills in Rick's back yard (along with many other area pole vaulters).

Junior year was a pivotal one for Mackenzie. She won the league and district competitions that year and placed 8th in state. Senior year, she added another sport to her repertoire. This is one that she knew already. Mackenzie and her sister Taylor were the MHS Gymnastics team that



year. The two sisters trained with Turpin and would travel to meets representing Mariemont High School. Always the over-achiever, Mackenzie won the City Championship in the beam and the floor

exercise.

In her senior year of track, Mackenzie met and trained with Ben Novak, a University of Cincinnati pole vaulting alumni. This training helped her achieve even more success. In 2008, she was 3rd at state and broke the school, league and district records in Women's pole vaulting. She credits the entire pole vaulting community for her success. "The support of the pole vaulting community is amazing. Everyone was so nice, not competitive. When I needed a longer pole, they helped me find one", says Mackenzie.

Several schools had approached Mackenzie about scholarships but after talking with the University of Cincinnati, she knew that was where she wanted to go. She had been on campus during the winter for the Wednesday night "indoor jumps" in their fieldhouse. "Just imagine 30 people with long poles standing around waiting to jump," Mackenzie says. Coaches and athletes would show up each week for this practice.

Her biggest improvement came her freshman year at UC when, as Mackenzie says, "I learned to go over the bar the right way." Up until then, she had been going over back first and finally learned how to "flip" to

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go over stomach first. She also credits Coach Dixon with teaching her how to lift weights which gave her the strength she needed. This drastically improved her performance ability and she was second in the Big East that year. She also holds the freshman outdoor pole vaulting record at UC.

She kept improving her sophomore year and really had a standout year as a junior. She broke several indoor records: University of Kentucky record, IU Fieldhouse record, and the UC record. She was also 2nd in the Big East. She tied the UC outdoor record that year. Her senior year brought foot surgery and a redshirt year. Her 5th year was the “best year of my life,” Mackenzie says with enthusiasm. It started with an outdoor track meet in December that she won. So for one whole month, Mackenzie was the first in the nation with the highest jump that year. During the indoor season, Mackenzie won the Big East and also broke the UC record. She was Top 16 in Nationals, ranked 10th which also bestows the “All American” recognition on her.

During the 2nd and last outdoor home meet, Mackenzie broke the Gettler Stadium,



meet and school record. She was Big East Athlete of the week four times that spring. In the Jesse Owens Meet at the Ohio State University, she broke the meet, fieldhouse and school records. Coincidentally, her mom, Missy Fields, participated in the same meet 30 years ago in 1983 when she ran track for Ohio State. Mackenzie won the Big East outdoor that year and placed 14th at the NCAA Outdoor East Preliminary.

This summer, Mackenzie was named the University of Cincinnati Female Athlete of the Year for the 2013 school year. This award is voted on by Bearcat coaches. She was also recently selected as UC's Helen Norman Smith awardee, which goes to the top senior female student-athlete who has distinguished herself by academic achievement, athletic accomplishment and service to the campus community.

When asked about picking UC as her college choice, Mackenzie says it was “the best decision I ever made.” She mentioned that the “professors, co-op placements and field experience could not

have been better.” And the pole vaulting experience was just icing on the cake!

So how did she get there and where is she going? Mackenzie credits lots of people for her success. Her supportive parents, many coaches and a very generous pole vaulting community were the foundation for her. Coming from a family of athletes doesn't hurt either! As previously mentioned, her mom, Missy, ran track for Ohio State University. She was a heptathlete, ran hurdles and high jumped. Her dad Ken was a standout running back for the Ashland College football team for four years.

Mackenzie graduated from UC this summer with a degree in Secondary Education in Math. She will start student teaching this fall at Sycamore. She is also busy planning a December 20th wedding with her fiancé Ben Schimizz, another college athlete. Ben played football for the Dayton Flyers.

Although she is entering a new chapter in her life, she has not given up the dream of a future pole vaulting career. She is currently raising money to continue her training and has her eye on the 2016 Olympics. Pole vaulting equipment and entry fees are the biggest challenge in her quest to continue the necessary training she will need. If you would be interested in sponsoring Mackenzie, please feel free to contact either her, Missy or Ken at 271-5793.



50th Reunion: Girl Scout Troop 263 Marches in Mariemont Memorial Day Parade

This story begins over 50 years ago. I was a member of Girl Scout Troop 263, in Mariemont. When we were in junior high school, Nadine Hodell and Betsy Smith, our troop leaders, told us that if we stayed in Girl Scouting they would help us plan a trip during the summer of 1963 to Our Chalet, one of the Girl Scout world centers in Adelboden, Switzerland. The Village of Mariemont became very involved in our plans and supported our various money-earning ventures. We sold Girl Scout cookies, had numerous pancake suppers on Friday nights at the community center and sold "Mariemont Stationary." We even started an Ice Cream Social, which has become an annual event after the Memorial Day Parade. We became "sisters" and life-long friends.

After years of planning and money-earning activities, "Over the Sea in '63" became a reality. We embarked on a five-week bicycle and train adventure through Europe—this included 13 seventeen-year old Girl Scouts, one leader (Nadine) and a guide from England! We traveled through England, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France. We stayed at youth hostels and an occasional bed-and-breakfast. Today this adventure might not seem unique, but it definitely was in 1963!



The residents of Mariemont were very excited about our trip. They created billboards around town, charting our daily travels and added pictures as we sent them home.

Our sisterhood did not end at our high school graduation. It has continued for the last 50 years through reunions every five years and even closer

contact in recent years by frequent emails. We are a remarkable group of women who are wives, mothers, grandmothers and highly-educated professionals who have given back to our families and our communities. We reside from coast-to-coast. We celebrate our accomplishments and comfort one another in our sorrows. In honor of our 50 year milestone of "Over the Sea in '63," our troop proudly marched in the 2013 Mariemont Memorial Day Parade.

*Submitted by Donna Mire,
Girl Scout Alumna*



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Girl Scouts Stay Busy with Summer Projects

The Mariemont Junior High Girl Scout troops partnered with the Mariemont Garden Club and the Mariemont Library this summer. The girls planted and maintained the garden at the library's entrance. They worked with Carolyn Tuttle from the Mariemont Garden Club to learn about garden design and planting. The troops also worked with the children's librarian to coordinate a craft day and a Superhero Obstacle Course. Fun was had by all children who attended! This was truly a fun summer community project that spanned and benefited multiple generations. The project allowed the girls to complete their Silver Award, which is the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can earn.

Also this summer, the incoming 9th grade troop served at Matthew 25 Ministries in addition to having a bridging ceremony.

On August 4, eighteen members of Girl Scout Troop 41262 bridged from Cadette Girl Scouts to Senior Girl Scouts. The Bridging Ceremony was held at the Heritage Tastings Cottage. The girls are entering high school and are excited to continue making a difference in the community through their Girl Scout Troop.

Submitted by Amy Weiss



Pictured l to r: Sophie Borgerding, Chloe Reavill, Jaxie Brokamp, Lindsay Kaminer, Lindsay Stricker, Whitney Weiss, Emily Vose-Sargent, and Sarah Feeney.

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Troop 149 Recognizes Three Eagle Scouts

George Koglmeier, Joshua Keyes and Kyle Greathouse were recently recognized by Boy Scout Troop 149 at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at Mariemont Community Church. The Eagle Scout rank is Boy Scouts' highest advancement ranking and boys must meet specific requirements in service, outdoor skills and leadership along with earning 21 specific Eagle required badges. Scouts have advanced from Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, before earning the rank of Eagle.

George is the son of Nancy



Eagle Scouts Joshua Keyes, George Koglmeier, and Kyle Greathouse.

school, he wished there had been a quiet area of the playground. He wanted to ensure it would be there for other students. Approximately 364 effort hours went into the planning, design, and execution.

George entered scouts first as a Tiger Cub and then moved to Cub Scouts where he earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scout's highest honor. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow (Boy Scout's Honor Society) and earned 34 badges. George said one of his favorite scout memories is the troop's trip to Gettysburg and Washington D.C.

& Allan Koglmeier on Hammerstone. For his Eagle project, he created a serenity garden at Springer School and Center. The garden consists of two sets of flowerboxes constructed from railroad ties and filled with hostas. He and his crew of 43 also installed a small patio with a stone bench. This project holds special meaning for George because as a student at the

A 2013 graduate of Mariemont High School, he swam with both MHS and Mercy Seawolves, participated in musicals, was a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and received the AP Scholar award. George also received the Captain Tyler B. Swisher Award for demonstration of superior commitment and passion. He is attending

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Virginia Tech where he's a Cadet with the Corps of Cadets with plans to study International Affairs.

A small park on Muchmore Road in Columbia Township was the beneficiary of Kyle's Eagle Project. With a work crew of 20, he created and installed a mural on an old cistern, plus cleaned up the park area to make it more inviting. Approximately 126 effort hours went into his project.

The son of Randi and Keith Greathouse of Columbia Township, Kyle said his favorite outing was the High Adventure trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. He joined scouting as a Tiger Cub, was a Cub Scout and received the Arrow of Light, plus he's a member of the Order of the Arrow. While on his way to Eagle, he earned 39 badges. Kyle's older brother, Chris is also an Eagle Scout.

While at MHS, Kyle was active in the art, environmental and film clubs. He was a member of NHS and received the AP Scholar with Honor award. A 2013 graduate, he's now studying industrial design at UC's DAAP.

Joshua's Eagle Scout project benefited the Village of Mariemont and you've probably passed it many times! He built a short wall around the garden and flag pole in front of the municipal building on the corner of Crystal Springs and Wooster Pike. Double-sided bricks were used and it's a great aesthetic addition to the building's renovations. More than 90 effort hours were involved along with a crew of 12.

Joshua is the son of Todd and Jamie Keyes on Hammerstone and the grandson of Don & Peggy Keyes on Mt. Vernon. He joined scouting as a Boy Scout, is a member of the Order of the Arrow and earned 33 merit badges. The troop's High Adventure trip to Camp Miniwanca in Michigan was his favorite.

A 2013 graduate of MHS, he was involved in Leadership Council, Student Council, chamber orchestra, and musicals. In addition, he was a member of the NHS and received the AP Scholar with Honor award. Joshua is attending the University of Cincinnati where he is an honors student studying mechanical engineering and is a member of the UC Symphony Orchestra.

Troop 149 is sponsored by Mariemont Community Church and open to any boy in the area. For more information, please contact Scoutmaster John Fakes: scoutmaster@mcc149.com.

Music Lessons at Any Age

Most people think of piano lessons as something you take when you're a kid, but more and more adults are turning or returning to musical practice. One Mariemont resident who has rediscovered the appeal of music is Bridget Mahorney of Center Street.

Bridget took piano lessons for five years as a child, but never felt really serious about it, and stopped taking lessons as sports and other activities increased. She said, "Over the past few years I have been interested in playing the piano again, but never found the time during my busy college semesters. I am home in Cincinnati for the summer and decided it would be a great opportunity to start taking piano lessons."

She looked around for an instructor and found her at Queen City Music Studio in Newtown. Her teacher is Dobrosława Rybinska – Johnson who is of European descent with formal musical education from Poland and the United States. Bridget commented, "I began taking lessons at Queen City Music Studio in the beginning of June and have loved it so far.

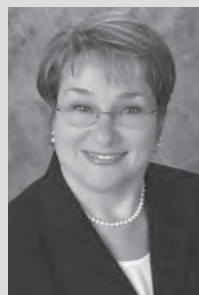


Bridget Mahorney and Dobrosława Rybinska-Johnson at the Queen City Music Studio.

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The Barn's Fall Fundraiser "Artoberfest" with local brewer 50West will be held on Friday, October 5 at The Barn.



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for those who wish to dance. Who knows, there may even be a Chicken Dance!

50 West Brewery is hosting a craft beer tasting and German food will be plentiful, so come and enjoy a full evening at "die scheune" (that's the Barn, in German!) Lots of activities are planned, and the WACC All-Member show will be in the gallery so make sure to go to www.artatthebarn.org for more information on ticket prices and reservations.

First Sunday Family Fun Day

Make arts at The Barn part of your family schedule this year! Thanks to



a generous grant from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, we are able to offer performances and artmaking on the first Sunday of the month at 2 pm, for families to enjoy together! Visit our website for more information.

First Sunday Family Fun Day Schedule -
All events begin at 2 pm at The Barn

- October 6 – "Fake Flowers Don't Die" a play by Cincinnati Playhouse "Off the Hill."
- November 3 – "Kalamkari Craft Tradition" a parent/child artmaking class by local artist Radha Lakshmi.

• December 1 – "A Christmas Carol" Dickens' traditional Christmas story by Cincinnati Children's Theatre.

• January 5 – "Canvas & Cupcakes" a parent/child painting class.

• February 2 – "Dance Spectrum Workshop" by Cincinnati Ballet – learn and perform with real ballet dancers!

• March 2 – "Fantastic Fairy Tales" by Madcap Puppets.

• April 6 & May 4 – Parent/Child Craft.

The first performance is "Fake Flowers Don't Die", a family-themed play by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, on Sunday



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October 6 at 2 pm at The Barn. Winner of the Macy's New Play Prize, this world premiere play tells the story of three students who discover a magic lamp that may or may not grant the finder three wishes. While it's easy to think of wishes such as piles of money or a winning Cincinnati Reds winning season, it's not so easy to prioritize deeper issues that may involve an ill relative, a sibling with disabilities or a new step parent. Go to www.artatthebarn.org for more information and to reserve your family's spot. Recommended for children aged 7 and up.

September in The Gallery...

The Colored Pencil Society of America's Greater Cincinnati Chapter is hosting a colorful exhibit of incredibly accomplished artwork. The local organization was formed in 2006 to promote the stature and awareness of colored pencil art as a viable art form. The exhibit's opening reception is Sunday September 8 from 3-5 pm. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments in the Gallery. The show will run through September – please check our website for gallery hours.

The Woman's Art Club "All Member Show" will grace The Gallery October 13-27.



Upcoming Classes...

"Mosaics" – Learn how to mosaic objects using broken china pieces, glass or ceramic tiles. All skill levels. Wednesdays, September 11 – October 16. 9 am-noon. \$125 Second session starts October 23.

"After -School Art" – A fun after-school art program for children ages 5-12. Thursdays, September 12- October 17. 4-6 pm. \$65 Second session begins October 24.

"Art for Homeschooled Kids" – A hands-on exploration of art and design basics providing experience in a variety of art media. Open to grades 4-12. Tuesdays, October 8-November 12. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$145.

"Explorations in Fiber" – A class to explore traditional fiber arts, including weaving, felting, dying and embellishment. Mondays, September 30-November 18. 3:30-6 pm. Ages 13 and up. \$175.

"Oriental Ink Painting" – Saturdays, October 12-November 16. 9:30-noon. Ages 13 and up. \$115.

The above classes are Art Academy of Cincinnati classes held at The Barn. For

Summer camp 2013 is now a fond memory. Over 220 children and teens, from first grade to high school seniors enjoyed three weeks of classes at The Barn. Camp offerings ran the gamut from digital art and painting at the easel to improv and printmaking. Planning is already starting for summer camp 2014!

Our first ever Family Contra Dance was held in the courtyard of The Barn on a beautiful summer evening in July. Over 60 intrepid children and adults followed the instructions of caller Frank Buschermann as he led them through their paces. Live music by the Rosenthorns added to the festivities.



more info and to register, please go to our website at www.artatthebarn.org.

Watch for future contra dances at The Barn – Partying at the Barn is fun!

"Getting Ahead in Pastels" A two-day workshop, September 21&22, with award winning figure and portrait artist Marlene Steele. Create a portrait in pastel from start to finish. Limited class size with personal instruction. All skill levels welcome. Workshop runs from 1-5:30 pm both day. Fee is \$225. To register, send \$50 check payable to Woman's Art Club to WAC, c/o Janet Vennemeyer, 9238 Tag Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45231.

Finally, A Look back at Summer at The Barn...



Two Cities, Two Women and One Vision

By JOE STONER, MPF

As a reader of the Mariemont Town Crier, you probably know something about the history of Mariemont. But, did you know that she has a beautiful older sister in England with a similar history?

This story starts at the beginning of the 20th century with two bustling river cities. They prospered from trade and industry but were crowded and often shrouded in coal smoke which created unhealthy living conditions for those who could not afford to live in the suburbs. This was not uncommon, but these two cities each had something unusual in common --a woman with the practical vision and will to do something about this problem. The story is about two women, one from London and one from Cincinnati, who, in an era when women often had little power and couldn't vote, wanted to, and did, create a better environment for at least some of

their fellow citizens.

In 1873 London, 22 year-old Henrietta Barnett, a well-to-do cosmetics heiress and newly married to an Anglican pastor, began working with her husband Samuel in St. Jude's parish located in a slum area of east London called Whitechapel. The Anglican bishop of London called it his worst parish and there was more than foggy looking coal smoke to deal with. There was poverty, crime, vice and violence. It was the time and place of Jack the Ripper. The Barnetts were practical, active doers as well as being visionary. During their 30 year tenure in Whitechapel they created and developed many charitable, educational and cultural institutions and programs. This is in addition to writing many books and essays, often on very practical topics about living better. Henrietta became a believer in "environmental determinism" which posited that better surroundings not only foster better health but better attitudes and values. To implement this philosophy, she decided to construct a "garden suburb" on the beautiful rural Hampstead Heath only seven miles north of London where they had a weekend cottage. Her aspiration for Hampstead Garden Suburb (HGS) was a community in which "the young, the weak, the ill [and] the ignorant" as well as the healthy and affluent would benefit from "a



wide sky, a clear air ... flowers and beauty". It would be an estate built with architectural integrity and with people in mind and incorporate "not only pleasant houses and gardens but also educational, social and recreational facilities". Although Samuel offered moral support for the project, and they were jointly involved in many others, he declined to get involved in this

one.

Henrietta Barnett began the Hampstead Garden Suburb (HGS) project in 1904 at the age of 53. There were problems. Journalists denounced her plan as a "specious, vulgar and undesirable movement". Her initial request for the option to purchase the necessary land owned by the Eton College Trustees was refused because she was "only a woman" and therefore incapable of managing such a "large and valuable estate". However, the trustees were prepared to reconsider if she had a "few men" behind her. Barnett promptly assembled a "veritable showman's happy family" of earls, lawyers and churchmen. Once this seemingly male-dominated Trust was established, the Eton College Trustees granted the option to purchase. The chosen high-profile men of the Hampstead Garden Trust Limited also happened to be very busy and not inclined to interfere with her plans.

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Described as having a "breezy self-confidence", Barnett then worked with what one collaborator described as a "despotic masterfulness". She wanted the development to work as a whole, to utilize the best architects, and to express harmony. To achieve this, she went to a mining engineer turned architect planner, Raymond Unwin, and asked him to be the master planner of the new suburb. Unwin was, at the time, working on the first garden city in Letchworth, thirty miles north of London.

As described on the HSG website (www.hgs.org.uk):

For Henrietta Barnett the model for the Suburb was the country town, but the emphasis was on the country rather than the town. She wanted to show "how thousands of people, of all classes of society, of all sorts of opinions, and all standards of income, can live in helpful neighbourliness"...

In accordance with the general ideas underlying the whole conception of the estate, Unwin's aim was "so to lay out the ground that every tree may be kept, hedgerows duly considered, and the foreground of the distant view preserved, if not as open fields, yet as a garden district, the buildings kept in harmony with the surroundings". Ideas that originated in the 18th Century landscape garden were applied to the planning of streets and the siting of houses for the accommodation of a working community. This is an outlook which comes back to one of the first aims of the founders "to do something to meet the housing problem by putting within the reach of the working people the opportunity of taking a cottage with a garden within a 2d. fare of Central London."

More specific HSG ideals were: that persons of all classes of society and standards of income should be accommodated and that the handicapped be welcomed; that the cottages and houses should be limited on an average to

eight to an acre; that the roads should be 40 feet wide, and that the fronts of the houses should be at least 50 feet apart, gardens occupying the intervening space; that the plot divisions should not be walls but hedges or trellis or wire fences; that every road should be lined with trees, making when possible, a colour scheme with the hedges; that the woods and public gardens should be free to all the tenants without regard to the amount of their ground rent, i.e., the best for all classes; that noise should be avoided, even to the prohibition of Church or Chapel or Institute bells; that lower ground rents should be charged in certain areas to enable weekly wage-earners to live on the Estate; that the houses be so planned that none should spoil each other's outlook or rob its neighbour of beauty.

In order to publicize and market her plan to investors, Barnett asked Unwin to produce an illustrated plan for HGS showing its meandering lanes and random groupings of houses which were the antithesis of the "hideous" sprawl of conventional suburban development. Prior to the printing and distribution of this plan, Barnett endorsed it with handwritten comments which emphasized its idyllic setting, far-reaching views and child-centered ethos. On her 56th birthday, May 4, 1907, Henrietta Barnett turned the first spade of earth for the construction of Hampstead Garden Suburb. The HSG Trust continued to acquire land and build. In 1911, Barnett founded a girls' school in HGS which developed into the Dame Henrietta Barnett School and was established on the basis that it should be open to girls from different backgrounds.

Samuel Barnett died in 1913. Then the First World War (1914-18) created a big change in the development of the Suburb. Construction costs rose sharply during and after the war and Government housing finance shifted to favor building by Local Authorities. These two factors


ended the ability of the private sector to build cottage housing for moderate rentals. Despite the founders' intentions, the steep increases in house prices across London, combined with the continual expansion of the Greater London area, and the very small proportion of housing association housing means that Hampstead Garden Suburb is now considered to be one of the wealthiest areas in the country.

For her work as a social reformer, Henrietta Barnett was named a Commander of the British Empire in 1917, and elevated to Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1924. In 1920, she was named honorary president of the 480 member American Federation of Settlements. For the final dozen years of her life she took up painting. She died on June 10, 1936 at age 85. At her funeral the Archbishop of Canterbury suggested that what was "most remarkable in this one life was the way in which high ideals were translated into most practical action. . . [and] the most conspicuous incident in her own life of this close union of the ideal and the practical was this Garden Suburb." The Church of England commemorates Samuel and Henrietta together on June 17 each year – the anniversary of the former's death and, therefore, the couple's first "birthday in heaven."

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'Two Cities, Two Women and One Vision,' Continued:

In Cincinnati, in 1910, 66 year-old Mary Emery, a wealthy widowed heiress with a too long history of philanthropy to recount here, decided to build a model town. It would provide high-quality rentals for the working class and also offer building lots to appeal to those who could afford to buy. To begin actualizing Emery's dream, her assistant, Charles Livingood, spent three years traveling and visiting planned communities in the U.S. and Europe. One of the communities was Hampstead Garden Suburb. He completed his assignment just before World War I engulfed Europe and brought the first phase of HGS to a close.

The space chosen for this community was 253 acres of various size parcels about 10 miles east of Cincinnati. After the purchase of most of these initial tracts, Livingood hired America's preeminent town planner, John Nolen, in September 1920 to design the village. The basic charge to Nolen was to plan a village along the highest lines for all classes of people and that would be used as an example throughout the country. Livingood and Nolen both liked the English Garden village concept and Nolen was a close friend of HGS planner Raymond Unwin. Nolen finished his basic plan for Mariemont (named for Mary Emery's Rhode Island

summer home estate) in July 1921. It was titled MARIEMONT, A NEW TOWN and subtitled An Interpretation of Modern City Planning Principles applied to a Small Community to produce Happiness. A National Exemplar.

Livingood and Nolen publicly presented the plan at an announcement party at Cincinnati's prestigious Commercial Club on April 22, 1922. It was an all-male gathering and Mary Emery was not present. The Commercial Club did not admit women until 1996. On April 23, 1923, 78 year old Mary Emery, with a bouquet of roses in one hand and a silver spade in the other, turned the first spade of earth for the construction of Mariemont. The Cincinnati Times-Star called it "the cynosure of all sociological eyes... a great experiment... to be reared according to sound economics... as well as philanthropic solicitude." The word "cynosure" is not as common as it once was.

During 1924 the vision became a reality. Most (300) of the originally intended housing units were underway or completed. About 250 families had moved into the new town and several hundred children packed the new elementary school. As the year drew to a close, there was a fresh snow and the children sang carols at the lighted Christmas tree on the green in front of the church. Mary Emery arrived in a Packard limousine and provided free turkey dinners for everyone. Thus was celebrated Mariemont's first Christmas Eve.

By 1925 Mary Emery funneled at least \$6 million of her own money through the Mariemont Company into Mariemont. This is a

difference with HGS where a trust of investors, guided by the less wealthy Henrietta Barnett, provided the necessary capital. The Mariemont lots weren't selling as well as expected and Emery's deep pockets were needed to take up the slack. Still, she considered it (at least publically) as an investment rather than philanthropy. The Mariemont Company's brochure opened with: "Mariemont is not philanthropy or in any way paternalistic." Mary Emery didn't receive any financial gains from her investment in Mariemont but the human dividends are incalculable. This one small example is from a letter from a renter addressed to her as "Mother Two": "I have this cozy lovely home and all my friends do likewise and they praise Mrs. Emery for doing this all: and all I pay is \$35.00 for this darling little lovely home and such lovely pure air [and] all my children look and feel fine now... Sometimes I long to meet Mrs. Emery and thank her. I could kiss her for making it possible for poor folks to live so nice."

The death of Mary Emery on October 11, 1927, coupled with the Great Depression beginning in 1929, changed the course of Mariemont and left unrealized plans similar to what happened to HGS beginning in 1914 with World War I.

Mary Emery's death at 82 was news across the country. The New York Times obituary described her as "one of America's richest women, founder of the model city of Mariemont." All work was cancelled in Mariemont on the day of her October 14 funeral at Cincinnati's Christ Church. Two days later, Lady Bountiful (as she was often called in the papers) was eulogized at the Mariemont Community Church. Pastor Paul Hoppe, after recounting her many good works, stated that



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Mariemont "was her especial pet project, which she followed in detail up to the very last. It is the culmination of her life-long dream to improve the housing conditions of Cincinnati."

In 2011, the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) approached Mayor Policastro with the idea of establishing a sister-city relationship with HGS due to its parallels to Mariemont. The architectural styles of both towns employ the Tudor and Georgian Revival style, have tree-lined streets with a central square, and are considered "Garden City Suburb" communities that implement basic town planning principles. Both are also within easy commuting distance to major cities. Mayor Policastro was receptive to the MPF's idea. He wrote to his HGS counterpart, including information about Mariemont, and proposed

the sister-city relationship. HGS was pleased to accept.

On Mariemont's 88th birthday, April 23, 2011, the mayor signed a Proclamation establishing a Sister City relationship with Hampstead Garden Suburb. On May 27, 2011, MPF executive secretary Janet Setchell, coincidentally visiting London, served as Mariemont's first ambassador and presented the Proclamation to HGS officials who were enthusiastic about the relationship. The proclamation now hangs in the HGS Trust office and formally establishes the relationship. Mariemonters who want to visit their sister city should contact the MPF.

The eminent architectural historian, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, described HGS as: "that most nearly perfect example of the unique English

invention and specialty, the garden suburb". Mary Emery, who wanted Mariemont to be a haven for happy children, would likely have approved the collaboration with HGS after hearing actress Elizabeth Taylor describe her own HGS childhood with the statement that "The happiest times of my youth were when my brother and I would run through the woods and feel quite safe. I wonder whether the Suburb is still like that. I do hope so. It was heaven for this child and her brother."



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