

# Mariemont TOWN CRIER

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## WARRIOR RUN TO BENEFIT SURVIVING THE TEENS PROGRAM

The Warrior Run: The Race for Life will be held in Mariemont on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

The event features a 5K race and one-mile walk, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower at Dogwood Park, off Pleasant Street, in the Village of Mariemont. The event benefits the Surviving the Teens® program created by 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 over \$30,000 for the Surviving the Teens® program.



Following the 5k race and the untimed Jim Miller Memorial Mile walk through Mariemont, the family- oriented event at the Bell Tower will

conclude with a fun filled night of food, drinks, music, kids' games and a movie at dusk for the entire family. Food for the event includes City Barbecue pulled pork and chicken, homemade Chili, LaRosas pizza, UDF ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salads, and cookies and muffins.

This year's event will also include a Bid-n-Buy with merchandise donated by area merchants. Featured merchandise includes an Eddie Lane sapphire ring, necklace, earrings, two \$250 gift cards from Hunt Club Clothiers, a 4-week boot camp pass to Adventure Boot Camp, a Recreation Outlet gift card, a Widmers gift card, a Vera Bradley purse, a pomegranate & lime gift card, a Wooster Tavern gift card, First Watch gift cards, and a certificate for a Power 3 personal trainer for 12 weeks.

Event Sponsors include City BBQ, Rewind 94.9, which will provide music and entertainment for the event, Bob Roncker's Running Spot, and Comey and Shepherd Realtors.

Pre- Registration Fees (Includes race t-shirt, parking, electronic goody bag plus admittance to after race party): 5K Runner , \$25.00; 1 Mile Walk , \$20 registration ; Kids 12 and under FREE, no T-shirt, kids 13-18 years old \$12, no T-shirt; Group/Team Pricing: Groups of 4—\$60, groups of 8—\$112, groups of 12—\$156. Call for other group sizes; Party Only, \$10 registration; T-Shirt Only, \$5 .

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# Warrior Run: Continued

## EARLY PACKET PICKUP

Friday, October 7, 2011, 4 to 7 p.m.,  
Running Spot, O'Bryonville, 1993 Madison Rd.,  
Cincinnati, OH 45208.

Late/Race Day Registration

Begins at 4:00 pm. Run/party \$30, walk/  
party \$25, includes t-shirt and goody bag while  
supplies last. Kids 13-17 yrs old \$15, no T-shirt.  
Groups of 4—\$72, groups of 8—\$134, groups  
of 12—\$186.

## Awards

Top overall male and female plus top  
Mariemont male and female. The top 3 in  
each age division. Male/female runners: 10  
and under, 11-14, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34,  
35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. Top 25  
walkers. Complete race results will be posted  
online that evening at [www.sprunning.com](http://www.sprunning.com).

## Directions

Bell Tower Park is located at the corner of  
Wooster Pike and Pleasant Street, Mariemont,  
45227.

## Parking

Parking is very limited in the Bell Tower area,  
therefore we ask you to park at Mariemont High  
School at 3812 Pocahontas Ave, Cincinnati, 45227.  
FREE bus shuttle to race location will be provided.  
Please allow extra time!!!

## Questions

[jmiller21@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmiller21@cinci.rr.com) or call Nancy Miller,  
513-271-5559 or Steve Prescott, Race Manager  
at 513-777-1080.

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# Mariemont Summer Roundup



BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

## Memorial Day 2011



Photographer Ron Schroeder captured images from the Memorial Day parade and festivities.

## Randy York Named Outstanding Citizen

At the Memorial Day Parade, it was announced that Randy York had been selected as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2011. Randy's contributions to the



Village are numerous, and include serving as the Editor of the Town Crier for 16 years and as a contributing writer for three years. He also coached soccer for eight years, youth baseball for 14 years, and elementary school basketball for two years. Randy has been a manager in the Men's Softball League for 12 years and was one of the founders of the Jim Miller Memorial Run, now The Warrior Run For Life. Randy and his wife, Mary Beth, have lived in the Village for 25 years and raised their three children here. The Village appreciates all Randy has done, especially for the young people in our community.

## Fireworks Enjoyed By All

Once again, the Fourth of July fireworks were a huge success! We had a great turn-out this year and everyone I spoke with said it was the best show yet! Of course, the patriotic Carillon concert performed

by Dick Gegner always makes the Village's display of fireworks extra special. And, once again, our residents and businesses came through with enough donations to totally cover the cost of the event. The top donors were Spinnenweber Builders, the Mariemont Civic Association, and Cincinnati Steel Treating. They deserve our thanks, as do all of this year's donors.

## Safety Services Night Out

This year's annual Police Night Out was held on July 26 at the Bell Tower and featured presentations and information about our Fire and Police Departments and



other safety organizations. The evening was filled with good food, great music from the police band, Most Wanted, a visit from the Air Care helicopter, and many



more activities and displays. Recently retired Crossing Guard Patty Combs was recognized for her many years of service to the Village.

## ***Alumni Association Art Competition Winners Announced***

Since Mariemont City Schools is at a time of change in regard to school buildings, the Mariemont High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) felt it was an opportune time to showcase the Mariemont High School (MHS) of today... and of yesterday. The Association currently had a watercolor picture created by Lynn Kerr (MHS class of 1956) of the former high school - which is now Mariemont Elementary School. Their goal was to secure an original piece of artwork depicting the current high school building in a similar style.

In the spring of 2011, MHSAA sponsored an artwork competition with the MHS advanced art students to create a watercolor painting of the current high school. Eight advanced art students participated and during the Alumni Association's April meeting, the board members voted. It was very difficult to choose a favorite among all the exceptional watercolor renderings.

MHSAA is proud to announce the winners: in third place and recipient of a \$50 prize is Meggie Bailey; in second place and recipient of the \$100 prize is Kyle Greathouse; and the first place winner and recipient of \$150 is Rebecca

Adams. Rebecca's watercolor painting of the Mariemont High School will be paired with the watercolor picture of the old High School and displayed in the High School and the alumni office. MHSAA congratulates the winners and thanks all the students who participated in the competition, with special thanks to Mrs. Julia Lair (MHS art teacher) and Dr. Jim Renner (MHS principal) for their support with the art competition.

In the photo below left are winners of the Mariemont High School Alumni Association artwork competition: Rebecca Adams (1st place), Meggie Bailey (3rd place) and Kyle Greathouse (2nd place).

## ***Girls' Lacrosse Finishes Strong***

It turns out the fourth time is the charm for the girls of the Mariemont High School lacrosse program. The Lady Warriors advanced to the Division II state semifinals after defeating Indian Hill, 10-5 at Kusel Field, May 26. The 2011 season marked the fourth time that Mariemont advanced to the regional finals - a point the team hasn't been able to get past - until now, according to head coach Kevin Ferry.

Ferry said a good combination of senior experience mixed with an enthusiastic crop of younger players has helped make Mariemont one of the top-ranked teams in the state. Heading into the regional title game, the Warriors were ranked No. 9 in Ohio by Laxpower.com. Polls were not something the team paid attention to in the past, but considering a team's ranking impacted its tournament seed this season, the girls started to take notice.

"We were more interested in it than in prior years for that reason," Ferry said. Ferry said his squad has seen success this season because the Warriors are hard for other teams to match up with offensively. "Everyone on the offensive end is a treat," Ferry said. "And I think it's our best balanced team in the seven years I've been coaching...with the most offensive power, for sure."

On offense, the Warriors have been led by attackers Madison Saffin, Elizabeth McCracken and senior Leigh Fisher, who

broke the Mariemont career point record of 282 during the squad's win over Miami Valley Career Technology Center, May 19. The trio combined to score seven of the Lady Warriors' 10 goals in the win over Indian Hill.

At midfield, Ferry said Steph Jones, Kaila Roberts and Mari Mileham have shored up their respective line, while Emily Moreton has been a force on defense. When combining all aspects of the game, Ferry believes the Lady Warriors are a tough team to beat.

"This team is at its best when it's taking advantage of the very talent we have on the field," Ferry said. "We have people who complement each other really well. When we are all playing our role, this team really, really clicks."

## ***Emery Park Mariemont Condo Development Celebrates "Topping Out"***



In a construction ritual dating back more than 1,300 years, Greiwe Development Group this morning celebrated the "Topping Out" ceremony for its Emery Park Mariemont development. Keeping with tradition, an evergreen was hoisted to the top of the new structure as a good luck charm for future occupants. Emery Park, a 31-unit, second-phase condominium

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# Summer Roundup Continued



development, follows the sold-out Jordan Park development and will be open for occupancy in October of this year.



“Emery Park is the realization of Mary Emery’s vision for the extension of the Village Square, and 90 years later, we’re able to say that we have fulfilled a part of

her well-designed plan for this walkable community,” said Rick Greiwe, principal of Greiwe Development Group.

In a tradition dating back to 700 AD in Scandinavia, the Topping Out ceremony thanked the tradesmen for their safe work on the project and paid respect to the wood that created the building’s structure. During the ceremony, an evergreen was hoisted to the top of the Emery Park structure as a good luck charm for future occupants. Tradesmen then signed the last piece of framing lumber to be placed on top of the structure.

Reverend Todd Keyes Senior Pastor of the Village Church of Mariemont provided a traditional blessing for the building, and Mariemont resident Father David Robisch

reflected on the rich history and growth of the Village. Fr. Robisch lived in Mariemont when the Village was first incorporated in 1941.

“This is such a special event,” said Fr. Robisch. “We’re celebrating new growth and development in this wonderful community, while still paying homage to Mary Emery’s original vision. It’s a fitting way to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Mariemont and I’m so blessed that I’ve been able to call Mariemont home for so many years.”

Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro issued a proclamation for Emery Park. “We look forward to welcoming all our future Mariemont residents who will call Emery Park home,” said Mayor Policastro. “At a time when economic realities are taking their toll on cities across the country, we’re excited to celebrate this new development and the important impact it’s having on our community.”



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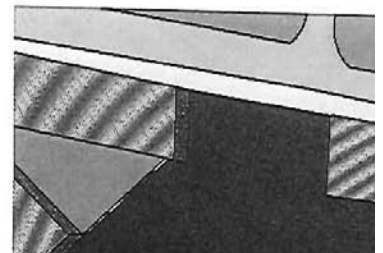
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## Groundbreaking at Former Fairfax Elementary Kicks Off Junior High School Construction



Paul Imhoff, Natalie Lucas, Bill Flynn, Peggy Braun, Marie Huenefeld, Dee Walter, and Ken White participate.



# Neighboring *with* Nina

By NINA IREDALE



Hello! It's exciting to be back and sharing all the information that I have collected about our "new neighbors". At anytime, if you are new to

Mariemont and I haven't contacted you yet, please feel free to email me and I will gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

Van and Elizabeth Taylor purchased 3725 Homewood in late March. They moved to Cincinnati from Chicago as newlyweds in September of 2009. Both Van and Elizabeth recently earned their Masters Degrees before moving here. Van's is an MBA and Elizabeth's is a Masters in Music and Vocal Performance. Their relocation was for Van's job as VP of Marketing for Coca Cola. Recently, they welcomed their beautiful daughter Vivian Opal! The Taylors are looking forward to meeting all their neighbors, getting established and exploring all that Cincinnati has to offer. They absolutely love Mariemont with its fabulous homes and excellent schools.

3722 Homewood Road was purchased by Chris and Amy Hollon on 3/31. They met in high school at Fenwick in Middletown. Amy is a graduate of Miami University and works for Job & Family Services as a Communication Specialist. Chris is a graduate of Notre Dame and Ohio State School of Law. They relocated here from Columbus for Chris' job-he works for the Court of Appeals. Driving through Mariemont they loved all the trees and how beautiful the Village is and knew this was the place they wanted to live. Chris and Amy have 2 cats, Madaket and Wemeley.

Eddie and Avia Graves purchased 3925 West Street in early March. They chose Mariemont because they love the small town neighborhood feel, being a walking community, the schools and proximity to the city. Originally from Cincinnati, both Avia and Eddie knew they wanted to live in

Mariemont when they started a family. Eddie is an electrical engineer with Alexander and Associates and Avia is an Employee Relations Manager with Domtar. They have two daughters, Nora, 3 and Clara, 3 months along; with a black labradoodle named Indie and a black cat named Sam.

3809 Petoskey was purchased by Amy Windhorst. Amy attended Xavier University and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's in English. She is originally from Louisville, KY but was lucky enough to get employed in Cincinnati after graduation. Mariemont reminds Amy of the neighborhood she grew up in and she loves it here! Amy is employed doing web work for Luxottica Retail in Mason.

Chris and Julie Haimbach bought 3608 Flintpoint Way in June. They relocated here from Fayetteville, AR with Chris' job at Procter & Gamble. Julie continues to work for Saatchi SaatchiX remotely. Chris and Julie have two daughters, Ellery "Elle" (3.5 yrs) and Coraline "Cora" (1.5 yrs) and are expecting their third child in September. They chose Mariemont due to the family atmosphere, small town charm and short commute to downtown.

Josh and Elena Taylor purchased 3706 Homewood on June 22nd. They relocated here from eastern Pennsylvania for Elena's job at Procter & Gamble. They looked at hundreds of homes from Downtown to Kings Island and absolutely fell in love with Mariemont. The quaint old world atmosphere and family friendly environment are sure to make their new home enjoyable for many years to come. Moving here has brought Josh and Elena closer to family too!

3838 Homewood was purchased in June by Jason McElroy and Susan Flanagan who moved here from Clifton. Besides buying a home, they also became engaged in June. Susan grew up in Hyde Park and remembers coming to Mariemont for piano lessons and to buy their Christmas tree from the boy scouts. She is a teacher for Brown County Schools and teaches English and Government. Jason is a band director. They have two dogs, Jack and Dakota.

3 Spring Knoll Dr is the new home of Tammie Iverson and Ric Riedy. Tammie was

born and raised in California and moved to Mason 20 years ago to be closer to family. She has two grown sons, Tyler and Chad who live in Deer Park. Ric has 3 grown children, Alisa, Emily and Matt. Two grandchildren are a delight and keep Tammie and Ric busy. Tammie is a Realtor with Sibcy Cline and fell in love with Mariemont while showing the condo to a client. They sold their house in Mason and moved here. While renovating their home, they are keeping the local restaurants in business and are looking forward to the lifestyle change Mariemont has to offer.

Tim and Julena Bingaman purchased 6725 Wooster Pike in June. They relocated here from Northern Kentucky. They have 3 children-Juliana is starting her Junior year at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Mary will be in 2nd grade and Wolfgang will be in Kindergarten at Mariemont Elementary. Tim leads a Learning & Development Team at Citigroup and Julena is a Brand Ambassador for Votre Vu, where she helps women become more beautiful, confident and financially secure. The Bingaman family loves cooking, swimming and having fun!

Denis and Marianne Beausejour purchased 4008 Miami Road in July. Denis has served for the last 7 years as pastor at Mariemont Community Church. They relocated here from Indian Hill. Denis and Marianne have 4 grown children-Denis in Chicago, Michael in Ft. Thomas and Patrick in Cincinnati. Mariel is headed to her freshman year at Wheaton in Chicago. The Beausejour's would love to meet their new neighbors and will hold open houses at various times in September.

I have one new baby to announce – Sean and Renata Moore on Harvard Acres welcomed daughter, Olivia on April 27th. Big brother Benjamin will be two in August.

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 and my email is nina90@cinci.rr.com.

## Meet Mariemont's English Sister City



Mariemont has a beautiful English sister. On Mariemont's 88th birthday, April 23 2011, Mayor Dan Policastro signed a proclamation establishing a sister-city relationship with Hampstead Garden Suburb (HGS) near London.

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) had approached the Mayor with the idea of a sister-city relationship with an English planned community after having a Sister City Committee study the possibility. Several planned communities in the United Kingdom were considered and HGS was chosen because of its parallels to Mariemont.

HGS and Mariemont are planned towns founded by wealthy heiresses in the early 20th century. Their founders, Henrietta Barnett and Mary Emery, were women with a social conscience who wanted to provide good housing for people of modest means. HGS was laid out 20 years prior to Mariemont by the prominent town planner Sir Raymond Unwin, a close friend of



eminent Mariemont planner John Nolen who took inspiration from the English precedent. The architectural styles of both towns employ the 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 May 27, MPF executive secretary Janet Setchell, coincidentally visiting London, served as Mariemont's first ambassador and hand-delivered the mayor's proclamation. The proclamation now hangs in the HGS

Trust office and formally establishes the relationship. Collaborations in education, tourism, and culture are being planned.

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

If any resident is planning a trip to London and would like to take the opportunity to visit our Sister-City, please contact MPF (272-1166) and they can provide information to help plan your visit! Not planning a trip to London? – then "visit" Hampstead Garden Suburb at <http://www.hgstrust.org/news/10OpenHouse2010SuburbWalk.pdf> or <http://www.hgs.org.uk/tour/index.html> for an on-line tour!

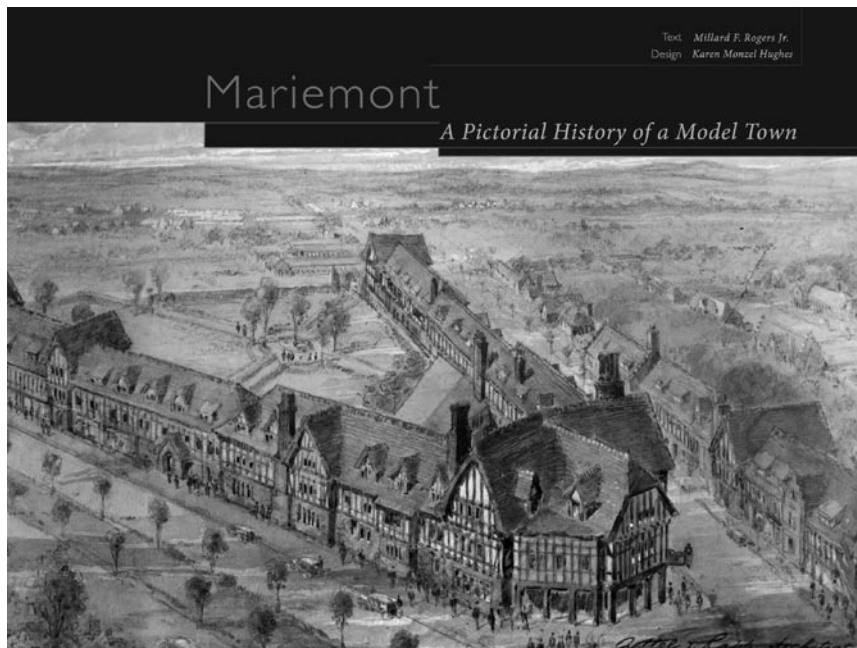
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# Announcing "Mariemont: A Pictorial History of a Model Town".

About four years ago, the Board of Trustees of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation decided to pursue the development of a coffee table book that would showcase some of the incredible images and documents in their archives. A committee of four MPF Board members began working on selecting images and forming the concept for the coffee table book. Karen [Monzel] Hughes took on the design of the book, working with the other committee members to develop the concept for a historical overview. Millard Rogers, Director Emeritus of the Cincinnati Art Museum, and author of several books on Mariemont, Mary Emery, and John Nolen, began working in collaboration with Karen to develop the text to accompany the images. Committee members Amy Fischer and Pam Pfeifer Gaines worked diligently to assist, and wrote successful grant applications to the Helen G., Henry F. and Louise Teuchter Dornette Foundation and the Robert H. Reakirt Foundation. MPF secretary and archivist Janet Setchell was absolutely invaluable for her in-depth knowledge of the MPF archives.

The committee approached a number of publishers, with Ohio University Press ultimately being selected. Published by OU Press and the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, this beautiful 9"x12" hard cover book, depicts in both pictures and text the



history of Mariemont from the time of the native settlement, through the design and building of Mariemont, to the present.

The book contains reproductions of original photographs, maps and architect's renderings from numerous sources. Many of these documents are in the Mariemont Preservation Foundation archives, but few people have seen them until now. The early photos of the construction of Mariemont provide a wonderful view of the historical development of this National Historic Landmark town. Drawings by John Nolen and other original architects provide a glimpse into the design process of developing a town plan. Stunning black and white photographs by Nancy Ford Cones show Mariemont in the early days, while color photographs by noted photographer Robert Flischel as well as Karen Hughes show Mariemont as it is

today. Millard Rogers' text is an engaging and highly informative accompaniment to the photographs and illustrations, bringing this unique history alive.

After four years of very hard work, MPF is proud to present this book as an unparalleled visual history of Mariemont.

Do not miss the opportunity to purchase your copy of "Mariemont: A Pictorial History of a Model Town". It will be available to Village residents in October for \$48, and is perfect for anyone who loves Mariemont. See the flyer in this Town Crier for pre-order information and form.

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# An Evening at the Barn Fundraiser Set for October 1

Please join the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center Foundation as we celebrate our 4th annual fundraiser, "An Evening at the Barn", on Saturday October 1st, 2011, at the "Barn" in Mariemont, from 6-9 pm. Setting the stage this year for the event is a striking painting by Bessie Hoover Wessel. The oil painting will be available for purchase via a Silent Auction.

Bessie Hoover Wessel was president of the WAC from 1917-1919. Bessie studied under Lewis Henry Meakin, Herman Wessel and Frank Duveneck. She is mainly known for her portraits, but also achieved recognition for her brightly colored still life's of memorabilia, fruit and flowers. The painting, donated by the Wessel family, is one of her most spectacular still-life compositions. It is oil on board, size 40" x 35". "Still Life" may be viewed at Eisele Gallery of Fine Art during the month of September. Pre-auction estimate is \$7,500-\$10,000, with a minimum opening



*Above, l to r: Jane McDonald (Mariemont); Barbara Weyend Indian Hill); Alleen Manning (Indian Hill); Diana Kilfoil( Hyde Park); Jan Boone(Amberly Village); and Larry McGruder (Indian Hill). Not pictured, Stan Bahler, Myrtle Blankenbueler, Sherie Marek, Jan Ring, Carol Rentchler, Joanne Sloneker, Susan VanVleet, and Don Wymore.*



bid of \$5,000. Bids will be accepted from

September 1 until the evening of October 1. If interested, please call 513-272-0089 for

more information and to register for the silent auction.

While enjoying elegant edibles, music, martinis, and wine, you will be able to peruse this year's Gallery Sale, which is an exhibit of WACC active members' excellent work. This year a total of \$500 in prize money will be given to 1st and 2nd level prizewinners. A percentage of artists' sales will benefit the WACC Foundation's programs.

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Don't miss this year's exciting raffle. The items are:

- "An Evening of Dinner and Theater"; four tickets to Playhouse in the Park and dinner on the Hill.
- "Stunning, Dramatic and Handsome"; 14K yellow gold link necklace from the Frank Herchede Co. The necklace is currently valued at \$7,000 and has been donated by a generous patron.

"An Evening at the Barn" is \$50 per person or \$ 75 a couple. The "BARN" is located at 6980 Cambridge Avenue, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. For more information call the Barn at 272-3700 or go to [www.womansartclub.com](http://www.womansartclub.com). Proceeds will benefit on-going projects and community outreach at the Barn.

Co-chairs for "Evening at the Barn" are Barbara Weyand and Larry McGruder; with committee members, Jan Boone, Stan Bahler, Myrtle Blankenmueler, Diana Kilfoil, Jane McDonald, Alleen Manning, Sherie Marek, Jan Ring, Carol Rentchler, Joanne Sloneker, Susan VanVleet and Don Wymore.

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### **AFTER SCHOOL FUN FOR CHILDREN!**

Young Picasso's With Daryl Urig  
Artist Daryl Urig is offering painting classes for children in grades 4-6 at the WACC Barn. Classes will be structured, yet with a fun and creative atmosphere. Classes are being held after school every Tuesday throughout the school year beginning on September 13, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Cost per class is \$25; the September fee is \$75. For more information call the "Barn" at 513-272-3700 or Daryl Urig at 708-7981, or email contact@DarylUrig.com for a registration form.

### **ARTS ALL AROUND US! 2011-2012 Arts Schedule at the WACC Barn**

**ArtsWave Presents:** This event brings musicians, dancers, actors, and artists from Cincinnati's art organizations into neighborhood cultural centers such as the "Barn". Here is a sampling of events:

**Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park:** "Off the Hill" fall show; "What's Buggin' Greg" Sunday, October 9, 2:00 pm.

**Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra:** "Art and Music"; Friday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Cincinnati Ballet:** In-Step Workshop; "A day in the Life of a Ballet Dancer", November 13th, no time has been set.

**Cincinnati Art Museum:** Look, See, Do; "Native American Indian," "Cultural Celebrations," and "Me, Myself and I: Self Portraits." Dates are not set as yet.

**Ensemble Theater:** Four Theater Workshops (Two per day); "Science of Theatre Workshop" January 7, 2012 at 10:00 am. and "Theatre in Real Life Workshop" at 1:00 pm.

**"Stage Fright Workshop":** January 14, 2012 at 10:00 am, and "It's not WHAT you say it's HOW you say it" workshop 11:30 am.

**Taft Museum of Art:** "Costumes in Art in the Taft Museum of Art"; February 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Presented by Nancy Huth, curator of Education, Taft Museum of Art.

### **Private Studio Available for Rent at the WACC Barn**

The studio measures 14X13.8' with track lighting. Rent is \$350 per month. Call 272-3700 for an appointment to see the space. For more information you can always call the "Barn" at 272-3700.

### **The Art of Charley and Edie Harper in Needlepoint at "The Barn" Gallery**

Fifty-Six needlepoint reproductions of Charley and Edie Harper prints by Richard Gegner will be on display throughout September.

Charley's graphic and often humorous images of wildlife are unmistakable. His unique, simplified and geometric view of the natural world lends itself to create wonderful needlepoint canvases. New additions to his show are 20 reproductions in needlepoint of Edie Harper's artwork, executed by Mr. Gegner in the last two years.

Mr. Richard Gegner, a retired music teacher, fell in love with these unique images 15 years ago and has been doing them ever since. Richard taught elementary music for 33 years and has been retired for 17 years. He is a Carillonneur for the Mary M. Emery Carillon in Mariemont.

The opening, which is free and open to the public, is at 3:00 pm Sunday, September 4, 2011. The exhibit is open from 2-5 p.m. on September 7, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 23-25.

## Woman's Art Club Monthly Meeting/Speaker Schedule- 2011-2012

Become a member of The Woman's Art Club and enjoy great speakers, tours, and events. An added benefit for members is the "Second Sunday Art Exhibit" at the Barn. Each member can bring one or two pieces of artwork to the monthly meetings (the second Saturday of the month) for display and sale on the following day, "Second Sunday." Contact Janet Vernnemeyer at 513-522-5427 for details.

**Sept. 10, 2011: WACC Potluck Luncheon**  
Bring a dish to share, meet new members and get the latest info on the new programs and events.

At the Barn  
12:00 - Lunch  
1:00 - Meeting

**Oct. 8, 2011: Spring Grove Cemetery**  
4521 Spring Grove Ave. 45232  
12 - 1 pm - Lunch and meeting (optional - bring your own brown bag lunch, chair, blanket)  
1 - 2 pm - Tram tour of Sculpture Gardens  
Optional - Meet at 9:30 am for plain air landscape painting, weather permitting.

**Nov. 12, 2011: Critique Session at the Barn - Chuck Marshall**  
At the Barn  
12:30 - Meeting  
1:00 - Critique session (bring one piece for critique)

**Dec. 10, 2011: Christmas Luncheon**  
Greenacres Art Center, 8400 Blome Road 45243  
12:00 - Lunch and string quartet from Indian Hill High School  
1:00 - Tour of Greenacres  
RSVP - \$25 pre-registration by Dec. 5

**Jan. 14, 2012: Computers and the Fine Arts - Dan Marshall**  
At the Barn  
12:30 - Meeting  
1:00 - Program

**Feb. 11, 2012: Marketing and Self-Promotion for Artists**  
Maureen Bloomfield, Editor of Artist Magazine

At the Barn  
12:30 - Meeting  
1:00 - Program

**March 10, 2012: Children's Book Illustrator - Christina Ward**  
At the Barn  
12:30 - Meeting  
1:00 - Program

**April 14, 2012: The Motherhouse of Mt. St. Joseph, 5900 Delhi Road 45051**  
12:00 - Lunch and meeting at the Motherhouse  
1 - 2 pm - Tour of art collection of the Motherhouse

**May 12, 2012: "Women and Art" with Judith Hutchinson**  
At the Barn  
12:30 - Meeting  
1:00 - Program

# Taste of Mariemont Features Local Favorites & More

The Taste of Mariemont, presented by Mariemont Preservation Foundation, was held at the Concourse on Sunday, August 28.. This year, the "Taste" featured food from Flip Daddy's, Hahanna Beach, the Quarter, Dilly Deli, the Exemplar, Graeters, LaRosa's, and Coffee On Wooster, games and a puppet show for the kids, and entertainment. All money for the food went to the participating restaurants.

Once again, the annual Taste of Mariemont was combined with the Canine



Parade. This year's parade was a bit shorter. It began at 4:30 in the Comey & Shepherd parking lot at the corner of Wooster Pike and Miami Road, then proceeded down Center Street and arrived at the Concourse at approximately 5 pm.

Mariemont is a pet lover's community that prides itself on supporting charitable causes such as The League for Animal Welfare. This no-kill shelter has placed over 750 dogs in the Cincinnati area, and had 2 adoptions at last year's parade. The Adoption Van was present at the Taste of Mariemont again this year.

Mayor Don Policastro served as Grand Marshall of the parade.

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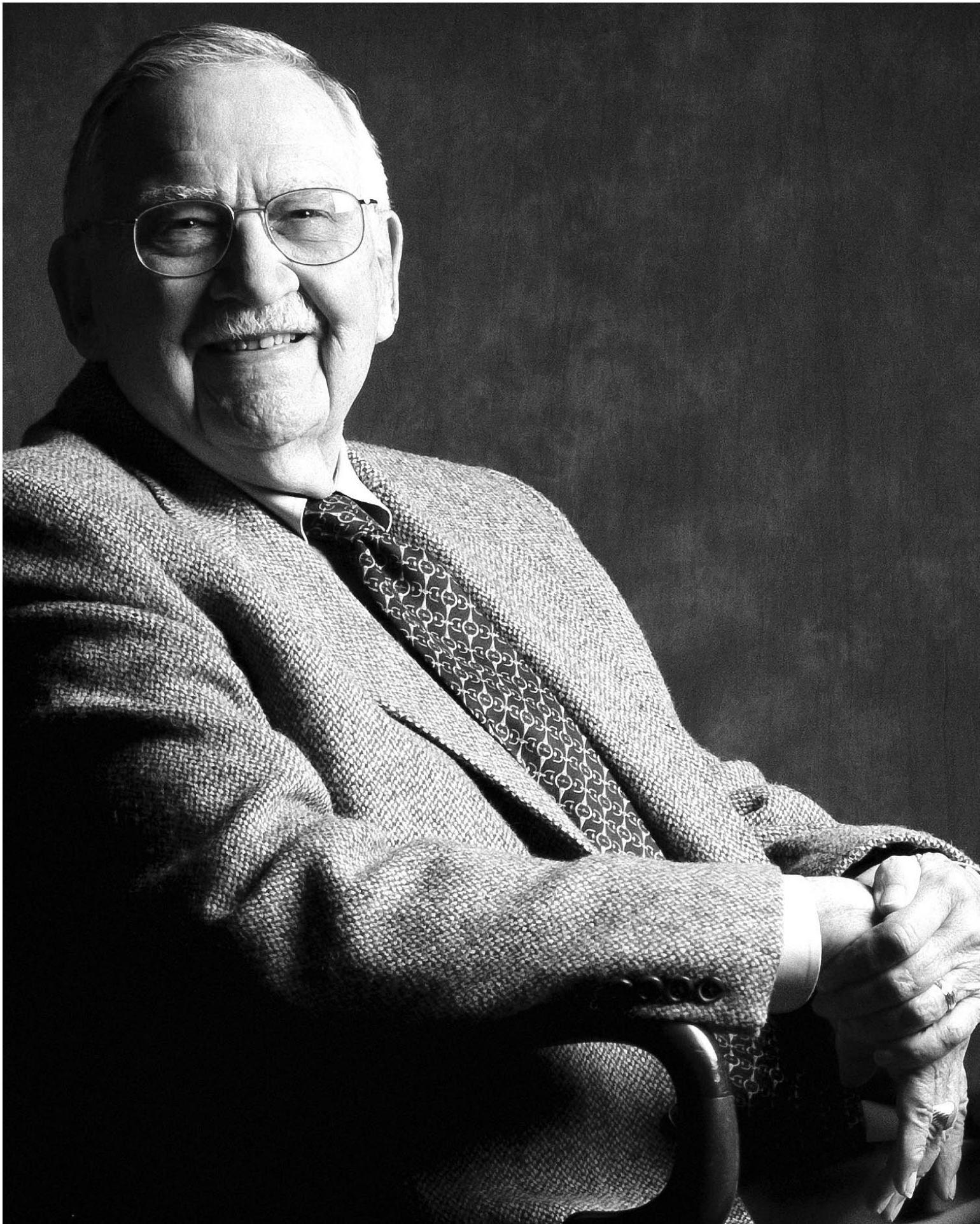
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# Upstate New York High Adventure

For seven days, members of Boy Scout Troop 149 went on a backpacking trip to the High Peaks Region of the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. We saw Niagara Falls and camped by Lake Ontario the first night before we got to the Adirondack Lodge. When we arrived at the Adirondack Lodge, we ate dinner and prepared for the upcoming hike. We packed

all our food for the week in a bear proof can. The next morning (Monday) we split up into three groups and headed in our different directions.

The first group was the sixth grade crew. The group consisted of Bryan Biggs, his dad, William Oyler, his dad, Jack Wilder, his dad, and Joe Veeneman. They averaged about four or five miles a day depending

on the terrain. They stopped by Rocky Falls on the first day. On the hike's second day, they faced the greatest challenge of their trip, Indian Pass. It was a hike out of the valley to the ridge lines. They made it out of the pass and ate lunch on Summit Rock where there was a view of a beautiful valley and the surrounding mountains. "As I slid to the edge to get a picture with my camera, it fell out of my pocket and over the cliff. It was gone," said Bryan Biggs.

Day Three was easier but it started to rain around noon and after roughly two miles, they stopped and made camp inside a lean-to that was already built. It rained on Day Four, but they hiked four miles to Marcy Dam through Avalanche Pass. In Avalanche Pass there were cliffs on either side of the lake and they could see the clouds at the top of the mountains. They made it to Marcy Dam that night and camped for the next two nights in a lean-to. Then they had to make the final hike of their trip, roughly two miles to the lodge.

The second group was a seventh grade crew. This was my group consisting of

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Michael Caperton, Siddiq Ashraf, Reid Fakes, his dad, Conner Jacobs, his dad, and me. We hiked for about two miles on the first day to Marcy Dam and stayed at a camp site for the night. The next day we went on a side trip up Mount Phelps and on the way back we swam in a pond fed by Phelps Creek. On the third day we hiked through Avalanche Pass and spent the night at a camp site. That night, our crew met up with the other seventh grade crew. The next day we hiked towards Indian Pass and stayed the night near the entrance to Indian Pass in a lean-to.

The third group was another seventh grade crew. The group consisted of Logan Urbanski, his dad, Brennan Crowley, and his dad. They went on a slightly more ambitious route. They covered closer to around five miles a day. They climbed Mt. Marcy and went through Avalanche Pass to Marcy Dam where they stayed



the last night. When we all got to the Adirondack Lodge, we took showers, got in the cars, drove to the hotel in Buffalo and stopped at a restaurant for some real food.

Our Adirondack High Adventure was one for the books. According to Michael Caperton, the trip was "very challenging and very fun". Our leaders, especially Mr. Urbanski and Mr. Fakes, prepared us very well for this one-of-a-kind trip, and it was a rewarding experience for everyone. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a challenging summer adventure. You won't be disappointed.

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

*Submitted by: Andrew Moeller*

## Preschool Parents Host Kick-off Meeting

**Mariemont**  
Preschool Parents Group

The Mariemont Preschool Parents Group will host their annual Kickoff Meeting on Thursday, September 8 2011.

6:30pm- New Member Introduction

7:00pm-Existing Member Social and Meeting

Where: Mariemont Community Church, 2nd Floor

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# Council Meeting Highlights

BY AMY HOLLON

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## April 25

Mariemont received an \$80,000 Safe Routes to School grant, which will provide money for traffic calming, sidewalks and upgrades to the signs in Mariemont. Mayor Dan Policastro said there has been some discussion about using the money to move the yellow lines on west end of Wooster Pike inward to encourage traffic to go slower. Moving the lines inward would also allow the Village to build bike lanes with bump outs, which are islands about four feet into the roadway. Ramps would be built into the bump outs to allow cyclists to travel over them. Council member Courtney Scheeser said he liked the idea, but he wanted to ensure it was aesthetically pleasing.

According to the 2010 census, there are 3,400 people living in Mariemont, about the same number that lived in the Village during the 2000 census. The 2009 population estimate for Mariemont had been 3,196.

Village residents will need to put one sticker on each 45-gallon can or two stickers on larger cans for their trash to be picked up. The city administration will provide three non-compliance stickers to Rumpke, one for no sticker, one for overflowing trashcans and one for not enough stickers on a can. Rumpke will place the non-compliance stickers on residents' trashcans when they have not followed the rules to help communicate which rule they have broken.

Council members approved approximately \$90,000 to replace a utility vehicle and dump truck. The old equipment will be auctioned.

## May 9

A cycle-cross bike race could come to Mariemont in 2013, including both on- and off-road cycling. Mitch Graham of Bio Wheels told the Mariemont Village Council he is considering Mariemont for a race that would be hosted one week before the cycle-cross championship in Louisville. The course would involve the central business district and would pass by both Dale Park and the Bell Tower. Graham was not looking for financial help from council, but said he would need to work closely with the police department to help block off areas and redirect traffic. He said he liked Mariemont because it is photogenic and will provide a good atmosphere. Graham asked council to create a proposal for the services it would be willing to offer.

An arborist will inventory all the street trees in the Village and perform tests on 12 trees to find out if they are hollow on the inside. The idea is to create a comprehensive plan about what work needs to be done before the village creates a bid. According to the mayor, a similar study was done about five years ago and it helped the village get its trees back in shape. Already, 60 percent of the trees infected by the Emerald Ash Borer have been removed according to Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, and all of the infected trees should be removed by next year. Scherpenberg said trees on Beech Street will be replaced once the stumps are removed and work to the curb is complete.

Mariemont will lose approximately \$250,000 a year when the inheritance tax is repealed in January 2013 according to Clerk Tony Borgerding.

Council approved approximately \$11,000 to replace the apparatus doors at the Fire Department. Although it was too expensive to install doors similar to the previous doors, the new doors do have windows at eye level.

## May 18 – Special council meeting

Mariemont Village Council unanimously passed a plan to study the possibility of adding about 80 parking spaces to West Street at a special council meeting. But because some council members believed other solutions might also be needed, council expanded the study to include a comprehensive overview of parking in the Village's downtown.

Mayor Policastro said he proposed the idea of expanding West Street to help alleviate the parking concerns for both the schools and business located near West Street.

"I think it will be a great thing," Policastro later told the Mariemont Town Crier. "I think it is important that there is parking right up next to the schools so parents can walk up. Especially when they have basketball games you can park right up next to the school and people won't have to park in the merchants' lot."

The specifics of the plan, such as if parking spaces will be diagonal or perpendicular to the roadway and how many spaces would fit in the area have not yet been finalized. Policastro said the engineering firm, CDS Associates, will evaluate and create the safest possible plan. Although reception of the West Street plan was mostly favorable, there were some concerns from both council members and residents. Some individuals were worried about the safety of the area. Although Police Lt. Tom Ostendarp said he believes the parking plan could improve traffic safety in the area, Council member Courtney Scheeser said he was concerned that 70 additional parking spaces would make the area less safe, particularly around 3:15 pm when school lets out.

Rick Greiwe, developer of Jordan Park, Emery Park and Nolen Park, said while he is in favor of the West Street parking plan, the Village needs to continue to pursue other options if the Mariemont Theater adds screens or a new restaurant is added.

Council member Andy Black agreed that it was important to do two studies: one on the proposed West Street parking and a second looking for parking solutions as a whole.

CDS Associates will likely have a proposal to be debated by council in October Policastro said. If council approves the final plan, Policastro told the Mariemont Town Crier the project could go to bid late this year and construction could begin in the spring.

Scheeser also said he was frustrated that he had not received a personal call from the



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mayor to notify him of the special meeting like some of the other council members had. Policastro said he did not call all the members of the committee but had Joannee Van Pelt, a member of the administrative staff, make the calls in his stead.

### *May 23*

Construction and major home improvements will no longer be allowed in the early mornings and evenings within the Village after some residents expressed concerns about the long construction hours this year that were caused by weather delays earlier in the season. Council approved a recommendation by the Rules and Law Committee to restrict hours for construction or home improvement from 7:30 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday; 9 am to 7 pm Saturday and 10 am to 6 pm Sundays. The new hours will be given out along with building permits, Mayor Policastro said.

Mariemont Police Officer Cameron Shaw was placed on full-time status after completing his probationary period.

Council approved a contract with Koepke Design to prepare drawings and landscape design for the proposed West Street parking plan. Policastro said an important part of the plan will be to ensure the area is still aesthetically pleasing.

### *June 13*

The Village was awarded \$60,000 by the Ohio Public Works Commission to resurface Miami Road from Wooster Pike to Rembold. Work is expected to begin in 2012.

Although Mariemont had initially planned to repair the sidewalk along Miami Road this year, that project will be delayed until next year when the road is resurfaced. Instead, the money will be used to repair sidewalks elsewhere in the city.

Village council members in coordination with the administration decided not to apply for federal development funds in coordination with the Hamilton County Economic Development Plan this year. Several council members said they were concerned that they would have to relinquish some control to Hamilton County and to the stipulations of the grant as to the location of low-to moderate-income housing within the Village. Council members said they would rather apply for federal funding for development projects independent of Hamilton County.

### *June 27 – Budget hearing*

The mayor said a levy will be the best option for Mariemont in 2012 if the Village hopes to be able to survive the coming budget cuts. According to Council Clerk Tony Borgerding, the Village is expected to operate at a \$189,000 deficit in 2011 and a \$155,000 deficit in 2012. Mariemont's struggles will come to a head in 2013, Borgerding said. Policastro said he believes the Village can get the support needed to pass a levy simply by explaining to people the importance of the funds and by not asking for more than is required. But some council members aren't so sure. Councilman Cortney Scheeser said he believes residents are still anti-tax because of uncertainty with their jobs. Councilman Jeff Andrews said a levy is one of several options. Still, Council member Dennis Wolter said he believed a levy would pass if presented to the residents correctly. Regardless of which option is chosen, council members and the administration agreed they will have to reevaluate expenses to look for inefficiencies. Currently, revenue is up in three areas. The earnings tax is bringing in additional revenue as the economy recovers, the real estate tax is expected to increase with new development and the trash fees were increased by 35 percent in 2011 generating an additional \$80,000 in revenue. But despite those increases, Borgerding said there are several concerns about the future of the budget.

First, the estate tax may be repealed after 2012. Second, the Village will receive 25 percent less in local government funds from the state per the state budget. And third, personal property tax will be phased out beginning in 2013. Although Mariemont has been able to save money by combining the police and fire chief positions and decreasing personnel, the cost of health insurance is expected to rise 25 percent in 2012.

### *June 27*

Council unanimously passed a proposal to paint the curbs yellow at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Mariemont Avenue and the intersection of Pocahontas and Hiawatha Avenues to eliminate parking at the intersections. Council member Dennis Wolter said drivers park too close to the intersections and both safety and visibility is a concern.

A handicap parking space will be added to parking lots at both the Tot Lot and the ballpark. Because the handicap space will take

up two regular spaces, Mayor Dan Policastro said the administration will look at expanding the lot next year without eliminating too much green space.

Council approved \$10,834 to purchase turnout gear for seven firefighters. According to Council member Dennis Wolter, the cost was initially \$10,000 for five sets, but the Village was able to negotiate two additional sets for \$834. Seven sets should provide enough gear for everyone. All of the sets were needed, Wolter said, because the current gear has been worn to the point that it is now out of compliance with regulations.

### *July 11*

Mayor Dan Policastro suggested it is time to start letting individuals rent park facilities, particularly Erickson Pavilion. Not only does he receive repeated calls from people wanting to rent the facilities, but it could be a way to raise money for Mariemont.

The village received a \$4,500 Emergency Medical Services grant which will be used for equipment or training.

After a third reading, Council members adopted a resolution to allow the 3-mill tax levy renewal to be placed on the November ballot.

### *July 25*

Council member Courtney Scheeser apologized for causing some village workers to question the stability of their jobs after a blog post he wrote about a council meeting. Scheeser said his intention was only to communicate open and honesty. Chief of Fire and Police Richard Hines said there were some serious concerns about Scheeser's blog, which in part about was about his desire to revisit shared services. Hines said employees have made concessions in pay, benefits and healthcare and deserved more thanks for their loyalty and hard work. Scheeser said the blog was a collection of ideas that need to be talked about, but he will position things differently in the future.

Condo associations that contract directly with trash companies for services will be able to apply for a waiver of city services under new rules approved by council. According to the new rules, the waiver must be a written request and show proof that the condo association is contracting with the trash

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company for both trash and recycling services. Council will review the request and the waiver can be revoked at any time if the services provided by the condo association are not equal to Village services. Payments already made in 2011 by condo associations to Mariemont will be refunded.

### August 8

Three new deer warning signs will be placed in the village because of several near-crashes caused by deer crossing Wooster Pike. Chief Hines said the signs were given by the state of Ohio to the Village for free. Although some council members expressed concerns about the number of signs, council ultimately approved the idea.

Mariemont will lose one business but gain another. 3M will move from their Futuro manufacturing facility on Mariemont Avenue

to a new location on Lila Avenue in Milford.

National Prize Fulfillment, formerly known as Bones National Prize and Toy, bought their former building. According to the website the company manufactures and distributes game prizes to amusement parks and carnivals. Vice Mayor Andy Black said the news of 3M's departure came as a surprise and council needs to attempt to prevent such surprises in the future. The Village does not want to be blindsided by businesses leaving,

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For full minutes, go online to [www.mariemont.org](http://www.mariemont.org).

## MariElders News

September is Senior Center month! Stop by the MariElders during the month and enjoy some of the wonderful activities that are planned for the month. We would love to see all of our neighbors young and old. Come on over and join the fun and thanks for all your support.

*The MARIELDERS staff.*

### ASK A NURSE

On the second Thursday of every month a nurse from Collier Nursing Services is at the MariElders from 1-3 pm to offer free blood pressure screening. This service is free and open to the public. Just stop in and see how your heart is ticking.

### MARIELDERS BI-ANNUAL JUNK SALE

The MariElders will be having their fall junk sale on Saturday, October 29. We are now collecting items for that sale. Items we do not accept are: clothing, shoes and large pieces of furniture. If you have treasures that you are getting rid of please think of donating to us first. The Center is open Monday – Friday from 9am to 4:30 pm.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Center is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members who do not drive and need rides to their doctor appointments. If you can spare 3 to 9 hours a month we really could use you. Here is how it works – come in and see Kathy, she will give you a form to fill out and for your doctor to sign. Once she receives the forms back she will explain how the system works. We do not reimburse for gas and the members do not pay you. If you are interested in meeting new neighbors and friends please call Kathy at 271-5588.

### GLOBAL MUSIC and WELLNESS PRESENTS HEALTH RHYTHMS

Health Rhythms is a group drumming program that will be offered at the MariElders Center on Mondays beginning September 12 at 10 am. This program will be free for the first six weeks.

There are many health benefits to group drumming: positive immune system changes, improvements in mood states and burnout reduction, improved teamwork, increased attentiveness, participation and socialization, and enhanced self-esteem. So come join us as we take out all our frustrations by beating drums. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Barb for more information.

### MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

The Jewish Hospital Mobile Mammography Van will be at the MariElders on September 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. For an appointment please call Kathy at 271-5588.

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# Beyond Rice and Potatoes

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

Rice and potatoes are incredibly versatile foods. Potatoes can be baked, boiled, deep fried, steamed, sautéed, and even grilled. You can leave them whole or peel and cut them into all sorts of shapes – slices, cubes, balls, sticks – or just mash them up. Mixed with some sort of fat (oil, butter, milk, or cream) and seasoned simply with salt, they almost always satisfy. Likewise, rice is flexible but in a different way. The flexibility of rice comes from its ability to mix well with almost all things edible. Cooked rice can be combined with meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, vegetables, fungi, dairy products, and sweeteners, such as honey and sugar. For the cook, rice and potatoes share many handy features. Neither of them is fussy about temperature or time of day. They can be served hot, cold or lukewarm and at any meal of the day. On menus they serve as multitasking utility players, useful in salads, appetizers, entrees, sides, or even, in the case of rice, desserts. Lastly, they are both cheap and nutritionally valuable. Thus, it is not surprising that rice and potatoes are mainstays on many a family table.

But if you would like to break out of the mainstream and try something different or if you have a finicky eater who doesn't care for rice or potatoes, there are other options. You might consider quinoa, couscous, or orzo. Like rice and potatoes, all three are flexible, flavorful, and cheap, and all three have attractive nutritional properties.

Quinoa (pronounced, "keenwa") is a grain-like crop that has edible seeds. Quinoa was once considered a sacred food by the Incas. It is growing in popularity in the U.S., because it is a gluten-free complete protein that is considered easy to digest. Indeed,

because of these properties, NASA has considered it as a potential crop for long-duration manned space flights. Quinoa is available at most grocery stores in boxed or pre-packaged form. It can be cooked like rice in boiling water in a roughly 2 to 1 ratio of water to grain for about 10 to 15 minutes. It has a light fluffy texture with a mild, somewhat nutty flavor. As with rice, you can substitute vegetable or chicken stock for the water and combine the finished product with a large number of seasonings and vegetables. It can even be served as a high-protein breakfast food with honey, nuts, or berries.

Couscous is made of semolina flour that is formed into small granules. It packs a better vitamin punch than pasta while having a lower glycemic load. The pre-steamed and dried variety cooks in boiling water or stock in only five minutes making it faster to get on the table than rice and equally as fluffy and mild in taste. It adapts well to whatever flavor you cook with it and can be combined with vegetables, poultry, seafood, or meat. Or it can be eaten as a desert when combined with such things as sugar, nuts, cinnamon, raisins, butter and cream or milk. The Israeli form of couscous is larger variety that can be used in meals as diverse as kid's food and haute cuisine.

Orzo, a close relative of couscous, is a form of pasta that is the size and shape of large rice. In fact, at mealtime it is used in places where rice is often found—as a pilaf, with sauces, or in soups and stews. It also can be used in cold salads with fruit, vegetables and a simple vinaigrette dressing. The National Exemplar features it in a favorite Italian cold salad with wild rice, currents, dried cranberries, walnuts, corn, and yellow peppers. Orzo cooks in less time than rice or pasta. Usually 5 minutes will get it al dente.

Quinoa, couscous, and orzo are filling,

nutritious, flavorsome, and very adaptable. No matter what flavor or food you like, there's probably a way to incorporate it with one or more of these often overlooked staples. They don't cost much and are worth a try.

## Resident Featured In Photo Exhibit Downtown

Mariemont resident Cynthia N. Zulla was featured in a photo exhibition on the Fountain Square Jumbotron. Her photos, entitled "Play Me a Tune," "Lavender," and "the #20," were chosen last summer from hundreds of submissions in last summer's Kroger Cincinnati Snaps Photo Competition. There were a total of 42 winning photos submitted by 27 winners from 21 zip codes ranging from Verona, Kentucky to Flint, Michigan. The photos highlighted Cincinnati and its diverse neighborhoods. The exhibit ran at Fountain Square from June 15 through August 31.

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# Crosset Family Visits Kennedy Center



Last March, thirteen members of the Crosset family assembled in Washington, D.C. for a production at the Kennedy Center of the Royal Danish Ballet Children's Company "Kompagni B." Ann Crosset, daughter of Mary and Bob Crosset of Mariemont, is the artistic director and choreographer for the company.

Periodically the Kennedy Center invites several of the major ballet schools of the world to Washington for a dance festival. The

festival's aim is to bring together the most promising, talented young dancers in the international ballet world, and each country is asked to present something ethnically appropriate. Ann adapted three pieces from the famous Danish Bourneville dances into what one reviewer called "The loveliest children's ballet he had ever seen".

The Playbill described Ann and listed her many accomplishments, awards and prizes. At

the final curtain call, Ann came on stage with her dancers, looking glamorous in her "Snoopy Fox" gown, to acknowledge the audience's applause and graciously receive a bouquet. "A magical moment for her family", her mother said.

Ann is a graduate of Walnut Hills High School and the Julliard School in New York. She lives in Copenhagen, Denmark with her husband and two sons.

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# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

September is a busy month at the branch. Check out the fun for all ages.

## *Families*

**Adventures Around Cincinnati:** Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 pm. Join the authors of this dynamic guide to “staycationing” in the Tri-State area for tips and ideas on enjoying our local attractions. Get some great ideas for fall weekends with your family!

## *Children*

**Crafty Kids:** Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

**Ready for Bed, Sleepyhead:** Family story time, Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm. Wear your PJs if you like!

**Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):** Each month, Ms. Katheryn’s CBBC features a children’s book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. This month’s series: “A to Z Mysteries” by Ron Roy. Ages 5-10.

**Library Babies:** is the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, September

17 at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration required.

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

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

**Tales to Tails:** Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, September 1 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Registration suggested.

## *Teens*

**Wilderness Survival:** Thursday, September 1 at 4:00 pm.

**Jewelry Making:** Thursday, September 15 at 4:00 pm.

## *Adults*

**Eco-Craft Series:** A three part series of paper making, stamping and card construction. Take all sessions or just one!

**Part 1: Paper Making** Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm. Registration required.

**Part 2: Stamp Making** Monday, September 12 at 6:00 pm. Registration required.

**Part 3: Card Construction** Saturday, October 1 at 2:00 pm. Registration required.

**Fall Plant Swap:** Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 am. Fall is the perfect time to divide your perennials and share them. Stop by with your “babies” and pick up some new varieties.

**Food Preservation Basics:** You’ve grown your veggies all summer-now what to do with your garden bounty? Monday, September 26 at 6:00 pm.

**Mariemont Book Club:** Thursday, September 29 at 6:45 pm. Join us for a discussion of Little Bee by Chris Cleave. Copies are available at the branch.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

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## Hats Off!

...to Chase Beach, named a U.S. Lacrosse Boys’ All-American. With an amazing 50 goals and 51 assists in his senior season, Chase Beach was designated one of the best lacrosse players in the country. As captain of the squad, Beach led the team to the Division II quarterfinals and a solid 15-5 record for the 2011 season.



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## New Route To School Safer

The Mariemont Police Department's top priority is the safety of our children. We have met with school officials and will need to change the route to school for this coming school year while the construction of the new building is underway.

Below is a map explaining the new changes in the pedestrian route. These changes were made for the safety of the children. There will be a large amount of



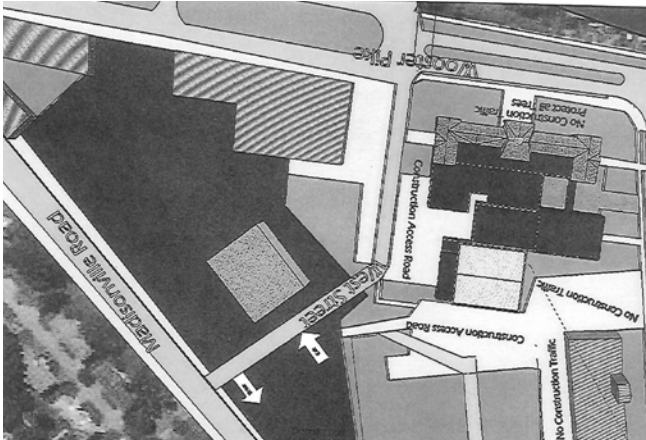
construction and heavy equipment traffic in the area of West Street. The new route will provide crossing guards at the intersections, and will provide a safe route. We are aware that the route is a little longer, but it is temporary

Please contact Captain Messer at the police

### ***Clear Out Your Car***

There have been several thefts from cars reported in Mariemont. Don't be a victim! The Mariemont

Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Group want to remind you to not to leave valuables in your car and make sure your car is locked. Leaving outside lights on will also deter thieves. If you should see any suspicious activity, please call the Police Department at 271-4089 or call 911 for an emergency response.



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## Elementary Team Competes at DI Global Finals

Calling their international academic competition “just a contest” is like calling the Olympics “just a sporting event.” Truly, Destination Imagination Global Finals 2011 was so much more than an academic competition, the students say.

“The Global final tournament is not just about competing. It’s also about having fun, and, even more importantly, meeting people from all over the world,” said Colton Urbanski, one of 14 Mariemont Elementary School students who competed in the May event. “It is as if a whole new door opens in your life; it is a very amazing thing.”

Destination Imagination is an academic endeavor that challenges teams of students to solve a variety of problems. This year, two Mariemont Elementary School teams, The Oily Foily Scientists and the Crummy Cookies, earned top spots at regional and state tournaments to qualify for the global event in Knoxville, Tenn., in May. The Mariemont High School team Mental Sweat also qualified for the finals, but did not attend. The international competition involved more than 8,000 children, hailing from the United States and 30 countries. The Crummy Cookies tied for 10th in their improvisational skit challenge; The Oily Foily Scientists tied for 21st in their structural challenge. Each team had about 80 teams to compete against in its respective category.

The four-day event was full of activities for the kids, including a 3M duct tape costume ball, where creativity reigned as students used duct tape to create clothing, accessories and other costume items. Opening and closing ceremonies were punctuated by laser light shows and indoor fireworks at the University of Tennessee basketball arena. The boys and girls also participated in a remote control robotic challenge and pin trading.

Pin trading involves exchanging lapel pins from your hometown, state or country, with others. The pins are then displayed on a towel and represent a keepsake for the people met and memories made. The practice of pin trading



*The Mariemont Elementary School students and team coaches who participated in Destination Imagination Global Finals are: (front row, from left) Nick McCarthy and M.J. Griesmer; (second row, from left) Emery Shelley, Shannon Mathews, Kristen Crabtree, Abby Ewart, Zach Weinland and Lucy Hanley; (third row, from left) Kayla Dewey, Daniel Keyes, Colton Urbanski and Michael Wuertemberger; (fourth row, from left) coach Katie Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Alex Copetas, coach Ted Copetas, and (fifth row, from left) coaches Stu Shelley and Jeff Ewart.*

created a common ground between the students, regardless of where they lived or what language they spoke. Student Joseph Robinson said one of his favorite moments was trading pins with Guatemala team members at the closing ceremonies party. They also taught him how to do the chicken dance in Spanish.

Kayla Dewey agreed that the experiences outside of competition were great. “Some of the best things about Globals were the opening ceremony and the pool,” she said. “The costume party and pin trading were also a lot of fun!”

Was this a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students? Maybe not, said Ashley Bixler, a regional director with the Ohio Destination Imagination organization. It’s quite an academic feat that these two teams placed so well at the finals, she said. “It’s very

rare, to be honest,” Ms. Bixler said. “Typically, it is years that they’ve been involved in the program before they reach that level. Most teams do not do it as quickly or as capably as those two Mariemont teams did. They’re on a different type of level.”

The price tag to send the team members and their coaches to Globals was almost \$11,000. The trip would not have been possible without generous donations from the ME PTO, Mariemont Civic Association, Hahana Beach, La Rosas, Madison Wealth Management, and the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont. Thank you to all these organizations and thanks to all the residents who supported the 50/50 split the pot raffle, which netted the group over \$1800. We are so blessed to live in such a supportive community.

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## SCHOOLS

# Welcome to Mariemont Elementary's Modular Village

At Mariemont Elementary it is business as usual. Though the entire school was relocated to a modular village in the spring, the school continues to run in its predictable exemplary fashion. The students, teachers and staff have made a wonderful transition to this new way of doing "school."

The modular village is home to three buildings that have pathways and ramps connecting them together. These buildings include the school office and bright and comfortable classrooms for preschool through sixth grade students. The lunch room, gym and library are housed within a section of the former Mariemont Elementary. Though there is no auditorium, our neighbors at the Mariemont Community Church have opened their doors to share their space for large gatherings and tornado shelter.

There are several different playground



spaces around the modular. During recess some students play in front of or between

the buildings. Others are escorted to the area near the Family Statues and the Bell

Tower. The lower tennis courts have also been made available through the kindness of this Village allowing for hard-surface play. Recess has continued to be safe, healthy and among one of the students' favorite times of day.

The entire school body has done a fabulous job of making our Modular Village a place to continue to maintain the Mariemont City School District's mission of providing the utmost in quality education for our Scholars of Today by offering enriching opportunities for individual achievement to inspire our Leaders of Tomorrow. Though the temporary school may appear to be unlike the former school, rest assured it is business as usual at Mariemont Elementary School.

*Submitted by: Mary Jacob,  
Second Grade Teacher*



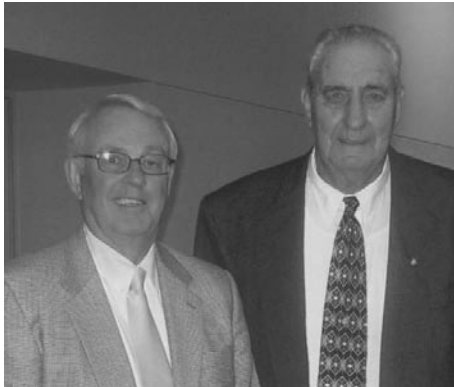


# Mariemont Connection to the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame

What do basketball legends Oscar Robertson, Jack Twyman, Bobby Knight, Jerry Lucas, Clark Kellogg, John Havlicek, and Mariemont resident Jim Downing have in common? They are all members of the 2006 Charter Class of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. The dream of a handful of men in the early 2000's resulted in the establishment of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum in 2006 with the desire to preserve Ohio basketball history and honor the players, coaches, and other contributors to Ohio's basketball legacy.

The initial class included the basketball stars mentioned above and also included team recognition. One of a handful of teams inducted in the 2006 Charter Class was the Middletown High School '56 - '58 Team, of which current Mariemont resident Jim Downing was a member. The "Middies" High School Team went undefeated for two years, including back-to-back State Championships in 1957 and 1958.

My wife Sharon and I had the opportunity to travel to Columbus on May 21, 2011 with Jim and his wife Char to participate in the 6th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. With over 600 people in attendance, the 2011 Class was introduced and inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year's class included long-time Miami University basketball player and



*Above, Jim (left) with Beevo Francis at the Basketball Hall of Fame induction dinner in 2006. Right, Jim Downing (#21) eyes the lay up with teammate Jerry Lucas (#13).*

coach, Charlie Coles. The featured speaker for the evening was Thad Motta, current Ohio State Head Basketball Coach (and



previously Head Coach at Xavier University and Butler University). The Induction Event and the dinner combined for an excellent evening.

Jim is not only a Charter Member of the Hall of Fame. He has volunteered his time as a Board of Director Member of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum, along with such notables as basketball great Wayne Embry and former Miami University Head Coach Darrell Hedric.

Belated congratulations to Jim Downing on his induction into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame!

*Submitted by Rex Bevis*



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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.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis](http://www.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis).

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