

## Mariemont Farmers Market Returns for the Summer

By JOAN WELSH

Warmer weather has us thinking about the delicious bounty from local farms. Fortunately our Mariemont Farmers Market is returning for a second season. Organizer, resident Leah Geldbaugh, reports the biggest change will be the new market day of Wednesday. Beginning on Wednesday, June 4 our market will run through Wednesday, September 3 at the Mariemont Elementary School parking lot from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Building on last year, Leah hopes to provide our community with a market with even more variety. Last year's market had 20 vendors. This season Leah hopes to attract more. This year vendors will be

required to pay a participation fee. Ideally, vendors will be growing or making their own products. The Farmers Market is not a craft fair or resale market. Vendor fees will assist with advertising and encourage vendors to participate the entire season. The most popular vendors last year were those selling produce, organic meat, and hummus. The Dilly Café booth was also well received. "It would be wonderful if more local restaurants participated," Leah said. The new date of Wednesday was chosen so as not to compete with the Thursday market in Madeira.

Did you realize food vendors must carry their own liability insurance? This helps protect us as consumers. The Health Department must also inspect the Market

to ensure that it meets quality standards. Leah plans to have one booth set aside each week where children can sell non-food items they have made. She also envisions inviting musicians to play during Market times. To get up-to-the-minute information about the Market be sure to "like" the Mariemont Farmers Market Facebook page. The Facebook page will update you on what vendors and special activities will be happening on our summertime Wednesdays.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with this season's Market, have suggestions, or would like to participate as a vendor, you may contact Leah at [leahgeld2@yahoo.com](mailto:leahgeld2@yahoo.com). Let's all support our local purveyors at this season's Market!



*The Mariemont Farmers Market returns in June. Photo by Ron Schroeder*

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You hold in your hands the last *Town Crier* issue of our publishing year. Since our staff is made up of volunteers, we take the summer off and will return with another jam-packed issue in September. As always, we welcome your ideas for stories.

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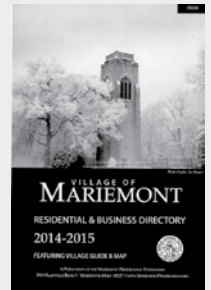
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## VILLAGE

# The Cincinnati Waldorf School Brings Back a Mariemont Tradition

Our school was delighted to come across a historical photograph archived by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation depicting students at Dale Park dancing around a Maypole in the 1930's! Coincidentally, each year the Cincinnati Waldorf School welcomes spring with our traditional May Morning celebration where our students come together to sing spring songs and dance around a traditional Maypole.

May Day is a long held celebration around the world. Traditionally in some European countries, young men secretly planted May trees beneath their sweetheart's windows at night. Over time, these trees came to be represented by the Maypole. On May Day children secretly hung small baskets of spring flowers upon the doorknobs of the homes of friends and neighbors. Villagers gathered around the Maypole, singing songs of spring. As they danced, the weaving of the ribbons clothed the pole in bright patterns of color.

Happily, our students are quite

immersed in the rites of spring. On May Morning children will be holding their May Day celebrations with song and Maypole dancing. After Earth's long held-in breath

of winter, we are eager to gather and rejoice together in the beauty of spring! *Submitted by Christine Masur, Administrative Team Leader for the Cincinnati Waldorf School.*



*May Day circa 1930, Dale Park School*

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# Mariemont City Schools to Ask for "Lean" 5.95-mill Levy

The Mariemont City Schools Board of Education took the first of two necessary votes on April 15 to place a 5.95-mill operating levy on the November 4, 2014 ballot. This request comes after the district extended the preceding levy to last a year longer than expected. Passage of the upcoming operating levy will allow the district to maintain the high-quality academic programming for students that the community has come to expect, as well as eliminate the need for any other operating levy request for three years, according to Ken White, board president. The last levy was stretched to last one year longer than projected

After gathering community input, the 5.95 millage is the lowest option the school board considered for voter approval. This lean levy request comes with the commitment of continued efficiencies and savings in the district's budget for the next three years.

"Our district continues to show excellent fiscal stewardship and is a tremendous value," said Tom Golinar, treasurer. "We stretched the previous levy to last one year longer than promised, all while reducing \$1.8 million from our budget and minimum support from the state. We continue to manage our finances in a conservative manner and look for ways to be more efficient every day."

The district's \$1.8 million in reductions since 2010 reflects the elimination of 16 staff positions and a number of other cost-saving measures, such as shared services with other districts and businesses. That \$1.8 million equates to 6 mills that district

residents were not asked to make up. Looking ahead, the district expects continued loss in funding from the state; in fact, the state's contribution to the Mariemont City Schools' budget is half of what it was ten years ago.

"Mariemont City Schools remains excellent in every way thanks to the support of this community," stated Steven Estepp, superintendent. "Our students have amazing opportunities, devoted teachers and staff, and we continue to compete with the very best public and private schools. This levy will help ensure we continue to provide the utmost in quality education for our scholars of today."

Passage of the November 4 levy would allow the district to continue to direct important funding to the classroom, and the district will keep looking for ways to be as efficient as possible, said Mr. Estepp. "Spending priorities and dollars allocated to the classroom will continue to be aligned to the instructional goals of the district."

Failure of the November 4 levy would also come with a cost. In the coming months, the district will identify the reductions that would occur if the November 4 levy does not pass.

"This is about preparing responsibly for all scenarios and communicating those transparently with our community," stated Estepp. "The board is committed to the passage of this levy in order to protect the purposeful, quality education our district offers through diverse academic programming."



**Steve Estepp**

The 5.95-mill operating levy will cost \$208.25 annually per \$100,000 home market value. If passed, collection will begin in January 2015. This operating levy will fund the day-to-day operations of the district, such as staffing, utilities and supplies. None of the funds from this levy will be used for the construction of new facilities.

## Get to Know your School District - Community Coffees Planned

Steve Estepp, Superintendent, and Tom Golinar, Treasurer of Mariemont City Schools, are hosting a series of events to allow community members to talk to them candidly about the upcoming levy request, school finances, or anything else they would like to discuss. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the following gatherings;

Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 am at the National Exemplar

Monday, May 19 at 5 pm at Hahana Beach, 7605 Wooster Pike

Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 am at Dunkin Donuts, 6210 Wooster Pike, Fairfax

## VILLAGE

# Turkey at the Mariemont Inn

No, not on the menu – in the parking lot! Bonnie Malone, Bill Spinnenweber and the staff at the Inn saw a very lost-looking young turkey running around outside the Inn recently. Bob

Flanagan of Mariemont Schools and John Scherpenberg of the Maintenance Department were able to corral the confused bird and release it into the wilds of Mariemont's South 80.



Bob Flanagan, John Scherpenberg and Tom Turkey

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# Neighboring with Nina

By NINA IREDALE



It's great to have warmer weather! I hope everyone is enjoying spring! Please remember, it's never too late to contact me so I can include you and/or your family in the next edition of the Town Crier!

8 Denny Place was purchased in February by Rick and Susan Margraf who moved from Indian Hill. They have two children, Melanie who is finishing her junior year at Clemson University studying Chemistry, and John who is a freshman at UC, College of Design, Architecture, Art &

Planning, majoring in Industrial Design. As new "empty nesters," Rick and Susan are looking forward to living in Mariemont and walking to all the various businesses. Rick is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Hyde Park and Susan is in sales with InterfaceFLOR selling modular commercial carpet tile. When not working, they enjoy golf, traveling and gardening.

Matt and Christie Lundeberg purchased 6820 Hammerstone Way in March, moving from Terrace Park. Matt is a Chiropractor, and his office is in Fairfax while Christie stays at home with their four children. Tyler is 14 and in 8th grade, Megan is 12 and in 6th grade, Emma is 9 and in 4th grade

and Madeline is 5 and in pre-school at St. Thomas Nursery School. The Lundeberg's are very lucky to have lots of family in Mariemont - Christie's parents are Janet and Biff Black who live in Spring Hill, brother William (Biff) and his family live on Miami Bluff, and an aunt and uncle, Merilee and Chip Turner, live on Mariemont Avenue. They are happy to be living in the Village and look forward to a fun summer and joining the pool!

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](mailto:niredale@sibcycline.com) or 272-1551 (home) 484-2647 (cell)

## Mariemont Mid-Morning Swim Group Swims "Cross-Country"

The mid-morning swimming group that meets at the High School was looking to jazz up their routine. Robin Pendry, lifeguard to the swimmers, suggested a unique goal for the swimmers. "How about we combine our laps and swim across the country via US Route 50?" The group agreed, and beginning January 1, 2014 Robin began collecting individual laps, converting them to group miles, and posting them on a United States map. The swimmers began in Ocean City, Maryland, and as of this writing, they are bearing down on Mariemont, having posted more than 450 miles towards a total goal of 3,073 miles.

"It will take our group of swimmers about a year and a half to cross the country. Everyone seems to enjoy the challenge," Robin noted, observing that lap swimming can be a tedious individual endeavor. The group also enjoys viewing the weekly

progress on the map. Mid-Morning Swim is a Community Education offering of the Mariemont City Schools. It is conducted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, from 9:40 am - 10:30 am during the school year at the Mariemont High School Pool.



**Kneeling:** Kathy Brodhag, Robin Pendry, Becca Vianello Hlad, Brianna Hlad, Heather Mills **Standing:** Rex Bevis, Suzi Vianello, Don Henry, Linda Timpe, Wes Iredale, Helen Gray. **Not Pictured:** Peter White, Paul Pendry, Ann Deam

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The fourth graders worked in teams with a parent business leader to produce a product to sell at the Business Fair. The young entrepreneurs collaborated as teams with their parent business leader to decide on a product to make and sell. The groups created a shopping list and the parent business leaders acquired supplies for the product. The fourth grade entrepreneurs used their math and problem solving skills to figure out a profit and then worked with their parent business leader on the production days to make their product. They created posters to advertise their products and invited each classroom to the fair.



**Fourth Graders at Mariemont Elementary display their products for sale**

All of the Mariemont Elementary students had an opportunity to attend the Fourth Grade Business Fair. There were lava lamps, fancy sunglasses, lollipop pens, decorated erasers, tootsie roll launchers, puff stuff pets and several other creative products for sale. The young entrepreneurs learned real life lessons about supply and demand, making a profit, scarcity, advertising and running a business.

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# Mariemont Rec Track Meet Wins Blue Ribbon

On Saturday April 12, Mariemont Rec Track hosted its annual track meet – and the big winners were our kids, volunteers and community. The annual track meet provides a great way for us to showcase our village and community. We attract over 2000 kids from across Cincinnati, plus their parents and supporters. Having a warm and sunny spring day helped and we had our biggest meet in the last 5 years!

Mariemont Recreation Association (Mariemont Rec) has a long history of hosting a track meet. Bob Rich and Joe Stelzer have been leading the event for 20 years – and there they were on Saturday, still directing events, starting heats and holding everything together.

Our track meet is like a mini Olympic Games compressed into one day – with each athlete competing in 3 events. This means we are running over 1000 heats during the day. Kids are able to participate in running and field events. The range of events broadens as the kids get older.

The key is everyone who participates scores a personal “best” – and receives a ribbon regardless of their place. The day also creates special memories – for a variety of reasons. Track tends to attract a broad range of abilities – and our Rec Track Program aims to make the experience special for each of our participants. The magic of the day comes from the support of our Mariemont volunteers who give up their time to help. We had a true cross section of our community represented within our volunteers. The Junior High School Builders Club and the High School Key Club both sent volunteers who worked alongside numerous parents from Track. Our ribbon givers at the finish line make everyone feel like a champion – and they had the same passion at the first heat as the last. Special thanks to the Civic Association which provided welcome refreshments all day for the participants and their families.

For many, our track meet is the first time they are competing in a meet with a large crowd. One of our younger participants



**Lily Phillips races down the track**

commented to Missy Fields at the long jump, “When I am done jumping, can I play in the sand?” The spectators and atmosphere can be daunting for some – and that is where our Mariemont volunteers shine. For one first grader, he was able to complete his first-ever race yesterday. His mother explained, “The supportive atmosphere has meant our son has been able to participate despite his fear of crowds. Watching him show a high level of enthusiasm for practices, develop his interest to run with other groups, and eventually run and enjoy his first race yesterday has been rewarding for all of us!”

However, the day truly belonged to Lily

Phillips from our Mariemont team. Lily, who is recovering from multiple surgeries to her leg and ankle just 5 months after being hit by a car, showed amazing resilience and optimism. She has been attending our practices and practicing hard with our team. We are all in awe of her to say the least. As Melanie Phillips said, “All Lily wanted was to get back to doing all the things kids love to do and she has been able to do that by being a part of Mariemont track and not having to worry whether she is the fastest runner, best jumper or best shot put thrower.” Lily ran the 50 meters dash, and it was an emotional moment for the Phillips Family and many of us when Lily was presented with her, ribbons beaming with pride.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success for Mariemont – especially to our School Board for providing Kuesel stadium, our Rec coaches who gave up their time to invest in the kids, and our parents/volunteers who provided their time and support to make the day special for all of the participants. Next year’s meet is already booked – April 11, 2015. I look forward to your help and support. See you there! For more information, visit [www.mariemonttrack.org](http://www.mariemonttrack.org).

*Submitted by Robert Pettifer  
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# That Aha Moment: Finding Their Passion from Earth-Friendly to Fashion-Friendly

By HEATHER MCGUIRE

Marc Anthony once said, “If you do what you love, you’ll never work a day in your life.” Both Elizabeth Ross and Amie Fanta are doing what they love and although they are working hard, it doesn’t always feel like work. From an early age they knew what they wanted to do and now they are following their dreams. They are passionate about their work and it shows in every bag that Elizabeth paints by hand and in every article of clothing that Amie displays in Sara Benjamin’s.

So you head to a local farmers market and, if you’re anything like me, you have forgotten your reusable bags in your trunk. Again. And now you are meandering around this outdoor market with organic enthusiasts who are proudly depositing all of their merchandise into their very own cotton sacks. And you are just hoping there are a few vendors who have brought just-in-case-plastic-bags and when they give them to you they won’t make any crinkling noise so as not to attract attention. Elizabeth Ross is here to save you! When you attend the Mariemont Farmers Market, or any other market where she will be, you will find beautiful, hand-painted, reusable, (and silent) cotton bags for all of your produce needs.

Elizabeth Ross has always wanted to be an artist. “I was an art major and I have my degree in painting and ceramics,” she explains. “But when the kids came there was no way I was going to be luxuriating in front of a painting for eight hours a day.” So she looked for other, less time consuming, ways she could express herself artistically. She threw herself into sewing and crafts, cooking and gardening. Eventually she started making purses and handbags. “For the amount of time it took me to make a purse, I knew I could never charge enough to make that back,” she said. So while she enjoyed the process, she knew it could never be a business. Then one day Elizabeth spotted

a print that would change everything. “I remember seeing on Etsy this really pretty print somebody did with whales and some writing under it,” she said of her aha moment. “And I thought, ‘That would be neat if it was vegetables and a recipe that you could put on your wall.’” In a flash, she knew she was on to something.

“I had this idea that I wanted to make bags,” she explained. “Like vegetable themes, that kind of thing, for a farmers’ market. And then... I’ll write these recipes and I’ll utilize the farmers that are at that market, their products, and put them in recipes. And then I’ll have this little pocket and people can take the recipe out and shop.” In that moment Chestnut Street Studio was born. The name, like Elizabeth’s idea, is pretty perfect. Named after the street on which she lives, Chestnut, it also incorporates her love of all things natural. The idea is while you are at the Mariemont (or other) Farmers Market, you can visit Chestnut Street Studio and pick up one of several cotton bags. In the pocket will be a recipe with ingredients you can find right there at the market... recipes she has created and tested— so you know they’ll be delicious! The recipes match the theme of the bag and utilize local ingredients based on the farmers who are there... a full circle, earth-friendly, and delicious experience. She purchases the sacks from ECOBAGS and prints her own images onto each bag. She has several different sizes: smaller produce bags you can use at the grocery store instead of plastic, all the way up to large tote bags. They are all breathable, organic cotton. “These produce bags will keep veggies fresher in the fridge because when you use plastic the water condenses in the plastic



Elizabeth Ross

and makes everything soggy and gross,” she explained. “And these breathe.”

The bags display her original designs. “I come up with an idea and I draw it in my sketchbook,” she said. Things like fiddlehead ferns (which, by the way, are edible), pears, onions, figs, asparagus, beets, peas, fish, and chickens. Then she uses an old-school screen printing method to get the images onto the bags. Screen printing is a lengthy and somewhat complicated process. She uses something called drawing fluid to paint the image from her sketchbook onto the fabric or “screen” that is stretched tight and stapled to a frame... like a canvas, but it is fabric. She is often inspired by European folk motifs and she also really likes Mid-Century modern.

Chestnut Street Studio is more than just produce bags and totes— much more, in fact. Elizabeth also sells kitchen towels,

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placemats that she sews herself before printing them with her own designs, table runners she has dyed in a beautiful ombre style, and she has even started up-cycling men's shirts from the Salvation Army and Goodwill into adorable aprons. She started her business in January, 2013 and had a fun and successful summer at lots of Cincinnati Flea and Farmers Markets. She also has a store on Etsy. Elizabeth is looking forward to the season starting up again soon. The Mariemont Farmers Market will begin on June 4 and will run every Wednesday from 4-7 behind the Mariemont Elementary School. Chestnut Street Studio will be there for the first market of each month... as long as her third baby, due in July, approves! "This has been good for me, it does really combine my passions," she said. "I love art and I love to cook and I love gardening. And I love earth-friendly stuff." Elizabeth is certainly working hard, but doing what she loves keeps her happy and always coming up with new ideas. So go visit Elizabeth and Chestnut Street Studio this summer, get something beautiful and delicious, and be good to the earth. You can also visit her Etsy store at: [www.etsy.com/shop/chestnutstreetstudio](http://www.etsy.com/shop/chestnutstreetstudio)



Amie Fanta is also having fun following her dream. Since Amie was a little girl growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, fashion has always been important to her. Her mom and grandmother set beautiful examples for her growing up. She remembers thinking her mom always looked great. She wanted to be "that kind of mom" when she got older, she wanted to look put together. "I always have loved fashion," she said. "We lived in a really small town and would drive 45 minutes to an hour to the boutiques when I was younger." She and her mom have always shared this love of shopping and finding unique and one-of-a-kind things. "I never liked to have the same thing as everybody else," she said. "I always wanted different stuff." Interestingly, while Amie certainly had a sincere fondness of and a genuine calling to the fashion world, she ended up in finance upon college graduation. "I don't really know why I didn't pursue fashion because it definitely was my passion

growing up— I just loved it! I loved styling my friends!" she said. "I kind of missed that, but I'm living my dream now!"

Amie's "dream" is quite possibly the same dream-come-true of every clothes-loving, fashion-forward, aesthetically-gifted little girl out there. She is the new(ish) owner of Sara Benjamin's— a contemporary women's boutique in Mariemont. Amie has been

do on the weekends. She learned to pay attention to the shopper and it helped her become even better at something to which she was already naturally inclined. She opened up two stores and gained invaluable experience.

When they moved to Cincinnati, she thought it would be a good time for a break. But by the time it was fall and the



**Amie Fanta**

owner for about a year-and-a-half and while Sara Benjamin's has been around for over ten years, Amie has been making big changes. She is finding that her lifelong passion is not only something she loves and makes her happy, it is also something for which she has a keen eye and a natural ability. After her career in accounting, she took some time off to be home with her children. They lived in Minnesota at the time and once her kids were in school, she started working part time in retail. She found a boutique she loved, much like the sort of lovely, little boutiques she and her mom used to frequent. The focus was on the customer, on their lives— what they like, their families, what they

kids had been in school for a few weeks, she thought, "Yeah, I need to get back into retail... I miss it!" After visiting quite a few boutiques around town, she realized that Sara Benjamin's was the perfect fit. "It was a place that I felt like I could really fit into easily," she said. "It was a very warm place... I loved it." In January of 2013 (A popular time for starting businesses, it seems!), Amie purchased Sara Benjamin's with a big vision for how she wanted the store to be. "Long term I always wanted to have my own store, it was always in the back of my mind," she said. "I already had a vision of

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## Aha Moments (*cont'd*):

what it could be and where I wanted it to go.” She made changes immediately creating a more cozy and comfortable feel. The floors were redone, paint colors were changed to dark purple and a grayish-beige, and new wallpaper was added. “People asked if we expanded,” she laughed. “Just doing a little bit completely changed the feel of the store.” They also revamped the website to reflect the new, fresh design.

She went to the fashion market the month after she bought the store and the timing couldn’t have been better. “I bought for how I envisioned the store,” said Amie. “For that everyday kind of mom. What you want to throw on every day, put together that’s fun and fashiony— and that’s the real direction of the store.” She has taken the image of the store from formal and high-end to accessible, warm, and approachable. She wants to be conscious of price but still offer beautiful designer clothes that are unique... so there are pieces that are pricey but you’ll also find items that are more affordable. She is really striking the perfect balance and people are noticing. “I’ve been listening to the customer and they love the direction of the store,” said Amie. “We’ve picked up a lot of new lines, dropped lines, and I’m just putting my thumb print on the store.” She understands her customer because she listens and gets to know them... and she knows just who her customers are. “I feel like I AM that customer,” she laughed. “I’ve been that customer all my life.” She also understands what you wear is far beyond just putting on clothes. “I think when you have stuff on that you feel good about it shapes your whole day,” she said. “It’s a confidence booster.”

Going to market and stocking Sara Benjamin’s with the perfect selection can be overwhelming. During her first trip to the fashion market that February after she purchased the store, she relied heavily on Lauren, a long time store manager of Sara Benjamin’s, to help her guide her choices. But when she went again in September, she found she was really listening to and trusting herself. “So I listen to my customers, but I think I am that customer so I trust my instincts,” Amie said. Amie isn’t just good at figuring out which pieces should be in her store, she’s also

brilliant at figuring out which pieces should go on her customers. She works with your own, personality and lifestyle to create the best fit, the best style, the best you. She knows the right questions to ask, she knows what looks good... and the woman knows fashion. “It’s bad when you’re out and you’re like, ‘They need to come into the store, we need to get them some jeans!’” she laughed. And while she can spot those what-not-to-wear outfits, she is brilliant at getting you into the perfect outfit for your body and your style. She’s like your talented stylist, best friend, and honest sister all rolled into one— she’ll offer you great options, tell you you look gorgeous, and also tell you when it’s just not working. But there are so many choices you’ll be sure to find something.

Sara Benjamin’s is still known for their denim— but they are so much more. “Having always been known for our denim selection and denim expertise, we are proud to announce our Denim Loyalty Club,” said Amie. “If a client purchases five pairs of full-priced denim their 6th pair is 50% off! Sara Benjamin’s offers a wide range of denim fits and washes, from AG, Hudson, J Brand, Paige, Mother and Citizens of Humanity. Our denim selection is complemented by our selection of tops, blouses and sweaters that can take you from day to night, from running with the kids to drinks with the girls.” I can imagine Amie on an Oprah show featuring the Fashion Police or on an episode of “What Not to Wear”, pointing out what is wrong and taking the poor souls into her beautiful store and turning them into something extraordinary— a version of themselves they never knew they could be. On that note, I’d better get into Sara Benjamin’s as soon as possible before she gets a good look at me!

Amie has never been happier. “I definitely feel like this is what I was supposed to be doing. I love my job! Even if I’m off work, I find myself in there for a couple of hours because I love it. When boxes come, I’m like a little kid on Christmas morning... I can’t wait to open it. Even though it’s stuff I’ve ordered!” she laughed. “I love that my husband was 110% behind me on this, I love the store, I love working with people, I love outfitting people— it’s my passion!” And with an accounting

background, she doesn’t even mind the paperwork. You can find Sara Benjamin’s at 6810 Wooster Pike, on the Strand. It’s open Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, and by appointment. And when she says appointment, she really means it... she’ll meet you in the store on a Sunday afternoon. “I understand those fashion emergencies,” she said. “I have no problem meeting you here... I’m very genuine about it.” And check out her website: [www.sarabenjamins.com](http://www.sarabenjamins.com)

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## What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library May

### All Ages

#### Ballet for Mother's Day:

Cincinnati Kinderballet presents the stories of Beatrix Potter.  
Saturday, May 10, at 11:00 am.

### Children

**Tales to Tails:** Practice your reading with therapy dog Tater Tot.  
Thursday, May 8, at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

**Stuck on Reading Book Club:** Each month, the club features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato.

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

**Library Babies:** Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Lap songs and books for infants.

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

**Crafty Kids:** Thursday, May 22, at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

### Teens

**InBeTween Club:** Thursday, May 15, at 4:00 pm. Ages 10 to 18.

**Anime Club:** Saturday, May 31, at 1:00 pm. Ages 10 to 18.

### Adults

**Make It and Take It Craft:** Create a personalized ceramic mug.  
Thursday, May 1, at 6:00 pm.

**Downloads Class:** If you are struggling with downloading eBooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Monday, May 5, and Monday, May 19, at 6:30 pm. Please call to register as this is an individual, one-on-one session.

**Which Craft Needlecraft Club:** Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday, May 5, and Saturday, May 17, at 10:30 am.

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

**The library is closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.**  
**Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467**  
**Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm.**  
**Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am. to 6:00 pm.**

## EarthCare Day Camp: Helping Kids Grow a Stewardship Ethic

There's a new day camp in town this July, located right here in lush, green Mariemont. EarthCare Day Camp's mostly-outdoor programming is geared for 6-10 year-olds. They will be using the campus of the Cincinnati Waldorf School (the former Dale Park School), located on Chestnut Street as base camp. Campers will also be taking daily forays into Dogwood and other parks, exploring old-growth forest, fossils, creek-life, and more.

Although the camp is not run by the Waldorf School, its three founding members happen to be faculty members at the school, and the activities offered are similarly nature-oriented and arts-based. Each week will include a mixture of nature interpretation, creative arts, yoga for kids and other physical activities, child-directed free play, rest time, and healthy delicious snacks. The themes for the four weeks are:

\*July 7-11, Native Smart Week (Native American Peoples, Native Plants, and Fossils in the Miami Valley).

\*July 14-18, Love Our Earth Week (Organic Gardening/composting, Monarch Butterfly habitat planting, Creek Clean-up, Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, and more).

\*July 21-25, Wildest Imagination Week (Envisioning the world as we want it to become through visual art, music, drama, and more).

\*July 28-August 1, Edible World Week (It's all about food! Growing, making art about, harvesting, wildcrafting, preparing, and of course, eating).

Angela Ebner, co-creator of EarthCare Day Camp, is a Mariemont resident, with a kindergartener at Mariemont Elementary. Ms. Ebner is excited to bring together students from both schools, in a setting that is familiar and convenient for parents. The camp offers a range of schedule options to fit the needs of families, including full-day, ¾ day, and ½ day, (as well as Early Care with breakfast and evening Extended Care). Space is limited. Please visit [www.earthcarekids.org](http://www.earthcarekids.org) to register.



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# Millard F. Rogers, Jr.

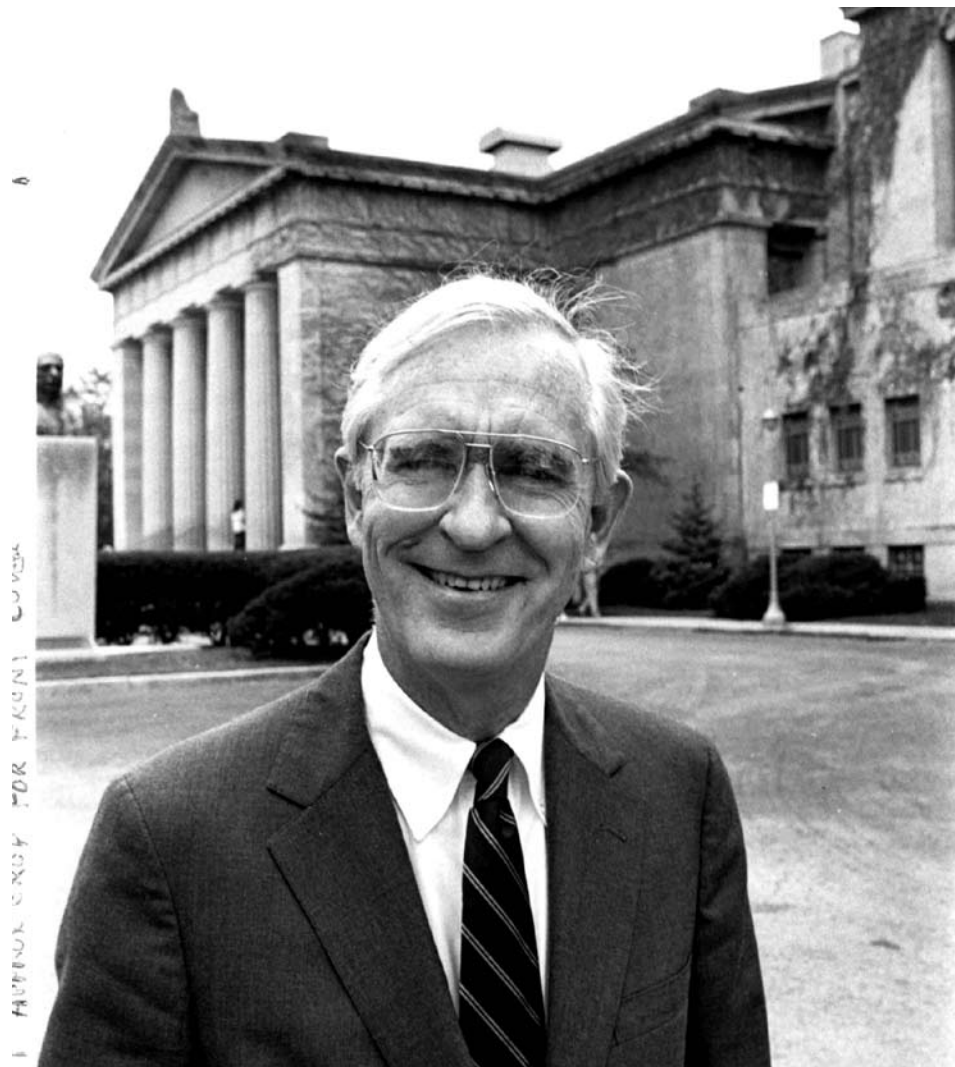
August 27, 1932 – March 25, 2014

By REX BEVIS

The Village of Mariemont collectively grieves the passing of historian and preservationist Millard F. Rogers. Millard was truly an inspirational leader, dedicated to the preservation of our planned community. Little did he know, when moving to Mariemont in 1974, that his professional life and his personal life would be so interconnected. As Director of the Cincinnati Art Museum for twenty years, Millard oversaw the Mary Emery Wing of the Art Museum and its collection of treasures of the old masters. His new home town of Mariemont was the creation of Mrs. Emery and this creation became one of Millard's passions.

A Memorial Service for Millard was held on Saturday, March 29 at the Mariemont Community Church. Officiating at the service was Mr. Larry Schlack, long-time friend and college roommate of Millard's from their days together at Michigan State University (Bachelor of Arts Degree) and the University of Michigan (Masters Degree in Art History). Mr. Schlack welcomed the overflow crowd by noting that persons present may have known Millard from "his Director position at the Cincinnati Art Museum, his work on behalf of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, or his affiliation with the Church of Christ, Scientist in Cincinnati." Mr. Schlack opined that there were not too many in attendance however who re-called Millard's college days in Michigan, so he shared some stories of their times together in college.

Millard Rogers became a Trustee of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation in May of 1981 immediately after its founding, and served in many leadership positions, including that of President, until the present time. Following retirement from the Cincinnati Art Museum, Millard authored three books which have become



**Millard Rogers outside the Cincinnati Art Museum in 1988**

the definitive history of the beginnings of Mariemont. He wrote *Rich in Good Works: Mary M. Emery of Cincinnati*, published in 2000. His second book focused on Mariemont as a pre-eminent planned community. Published in 2001, it was titled *John Nolen and Mariemont: Building a New Town in Ohio*. The third book, published in 2011, is *Mariemont: a Pictorial History of a Model Town*, with text provided by Millard Rogers, and design provided by Karen Monzel Hughes, former Mariemont resident. This "coffee table" must-have for Mariemonters presents archival photographs that trace

the creation, construction, and growth of the town as well as contemporary views by noted Cincinnati photographer Robert Flischel. Photographs from the collection of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation include rare images made of the area in the 1870's and 1880's and by John Nolen and Nancy Ford Cones in the 1920's.

During the time that Millard was writing these books, he also wrote Mariemont's nomination as a National Historic Landmark, which was approved in 2007. Previously, Mariemont was

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listed on the Register of Historic Places but the Landmark designation placed the Village in the company of such 'greats' as Williamsburg, Virginia and other National Landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, etc. The nomination submitted by Millard was a book of its own about an inch thick in supporting documentation! "Without Millard, it would not have been," said Richard E. Adams, treasurer of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation and Mariemont's former mayor.

In tandem with Mariemont resident Chris Beatty, Millard co-chaired the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, raising over \$650,000 to fund enhancement projects in Mariemont, including a major restoration of the Boathouse and exterior lighting on the church and Family Statuary Group. Millard Rogers was also the first President of the Mariemont Tennis Association and

was instrumental in the creation of that organization. He spearheaded the efforts to build the Tennis shed and surrounding decking. He was a very good tennis player too!

Scholar, art historian, preservationist, as well as husband to Nina, father of Seth, grandfather of three, and friend to many, Millard Rogers was truly one of the greats and will be missed by all, including this writer.

Memorials may be sent to Cincinnati Art Museum, 953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202; Mariemont Preservation Foundation, 3919 Plainville Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227; and the Taft Museum of Art, 316 Pike St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **Millard F. Rogers, Jr.,** Director Emeritus of the Cincinnati Art Museum

served as Director for twenty years (1974-1994). He was the fifth director of the museum, the oldest general art museum west of the Alleghenies, since its founding in 1881. Mr. Rogers served as President of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation for many years. He received Cincinnati's Rosa and Samuel B. Sachs Prize, presented by the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts for outstanding achievement in the arts. In 1987 he was awarded the Doctor of Humanities degree by Xavier University, Cincinnati.

Mr. Rogers received his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Michigan State University and his Master's degree in art history from the University of Michigan. Following this, Mr. Rogers' professional museum career began as Assistant to the Director, Toledo Museum of Art. In 1967, he was appointed Director of the Elvehjem Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin, and Professor of art history. He served there until appointed Director of the Cincinnati Art Museum.

During Mr. Rogers' twenty-year tenure in Cincinnati, he was responsible for many notable acquisitions, including paintings by Monet, Guercino, Hogarth, Jan Both, Hodler, Mattia Preti, Largillierre, and Reynolds, as well as sculpture by Clodion, Giovanni Bologna, Nevelson, and Mark di Suvero. Major exhibitions initiated by Mr. Rogers include Art of the First Americans (the Bicentennial show, 1976) and the internationally acclaimed Treasures from the Tower of London (1982-83). The Tower of London exhibition holds the attendance record in the history of the Museum. Another significant exhibition was Masterworks from Munich (1988-89), the first time that a group of paintings from the Alte Pinakothek, Munich, has ever been exhibited outside its walls.

Mr. Rogers leaves behind wife Nina Olds Rogers, son, Dr. Seth Olds Rogers (married to Yusong Sun Rogers), and three grandchildren, Peter, Janine, and Jonathan.

## Last One In The Pool...

By RENEE TECCO

After a prolonged winter, the warm days of summer are highly anticipated. But with the long days come the heat and the humidity. The best way to abate the effects of high temperatures is to make your way to the Mariemont pool.

This season the pool will be offering free swim lessons during its two different sessions with the purchase of a membership as well as free Wi-Fi. In addition to themed party nights (Adult Party, Jr High Night, Back to School Celebrations, and Sundae Sundays) there will be three family late night swims where the pool stays open until 10 pm. The dates for the late swims are Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, and Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. There will also be swim classes for four year olds.

The swim team will start practicing the last week of May. For the past five summers the team has won the Southern Ohio Swim League (SOSL) and they are expecting a strong, competitive team again this year. Mariemont children ages 5 to 18 are eligible for the team.

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# Mariemont DAR Discusses Women's Health Issues

Members and guests of the Mariemont Chapter DAR were treated to a wealth of financial information directed toward women and women's needs at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Liz Niehaus, a Certified Financial Planner professional, and her colleague Heather J. Swob, also a CFT professional and wealth advisor, presented the "Five Things Every Woman Needs to Know About Her Finances." Education in Women's Issues is an important part of the DAR mission and the program on the 12<sup>th</sup> highlighted the fact that women need to be financially savvy and knowledgeable as, among other things, women live longer than men. Women, 65 and older, are three times as likely as men of the same age to be widowed and, "as women, we need to be able to continue to live meaningful, enriching lives in light of that loss and without burdening future generations."

Both presenters are part of the Truepoint Wealth Counsel and presented very specific information women need to know in order to become empowered. A strong point was made that both parties in a relationship need to be knowledgeable about the following in order to maintain healthy wealth management in the marriage or as a single person.

1. What do I have and how do I access it?
2. Get acquainted with your tax return
3. Insurance policies that make sense
4. Estate documents: Ensuring your wishes are known



*From left to right: Heather Swob and Liz Niehaus*

5. Communication and support systems are essential.

Information was also presented regarding the importance of being financially and legally savvy regarding single, adult children, specifically in relation to power of attorney documents and wills.

A lively conversation ensued and each attendee took home a meaningful and practical guide which is very helpful to women but also to anyone interested in financial literacy.

For more information about the Mariemont Chapter NSDAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, contact Jan Mauch, Regent at [jan.mauch@me.com](mailto:jan.mauch@me.com).

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## SCHOOLS

# Mariemont Players Announces *Murder by the Book*

Mariemont Players presents *Murder by the Book*, a comedy-thriller by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King, at the Walton Creek Theater, 4101 Walton Creek Road (just East of Mariemont), May 9 through May 25.

This inventive British thriller unfolds with a series of macabre twists and countless red herrings. A mystery writer indulges in vitriolic, yet witty, word duels with his estranged wife -- punctuated by a gunshot. An amateur detective from the next flat attempts to solve the murder before calling

the police. More deadly games are in store when the tables are turned more than once.

*Murder by the Book* is directed by Jef Brown, produced by Wayne Kirsch, and features Burt McCollom as John Douglas, Stephanie Mooney as Christine Scott, Steve Phelan as Selwyn Piper, Jeanette Tacon as Imogen Piper and Collin Wenzell as Pete Fletcher.

Performances will be at 8:00 pm on May 9, May 10, May 16, May 17, and May 23; at

2:00 pm on May 11 and May 25; at 7:30 pm on May 15 and May 22; at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on May 18; and at 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm on May 24.

For more information or to order tickets for *Murder by the Book* call Betsy at 513-684-1236 or order on line at [www.mariemontplayers.com](http://www.mariemontplayers.com). All seats are reserved and cost \$18 each.

## Mariemont Players Holding Auditions For *Seeing Stars in Dixie*

Director Norma Niinemets will hold auditions for the Mariemont Players production of *Seeing Stars in Dixie*, a sassy Southern comedy by Ron Osborn, at the Walton Creek Theater, 4101 Walton Creek Road from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13.

It's 1956 and Hollywood has arrived in Natchez, Mississippi with its brightest stars to film Raintree County. Meanwhile, at Clemmie's, a Natchez tea room, the widowed proprietor who has a fascination with movies and a secret admirer, oversees her own cast of characters: Tootie, her take-charge friend; Jo Beth, a former beauty queen; Glease, a man more comfortable with women than macho men, and Marjorie, an unethical social climber. Competition for a small role in the movie brings out the best and worst of these memorable characters. Twists, turns and revelations lead Clemmie to trade a moment of fame for love and the chance to impact the lives of people dear to her.

The cast requires four females, ages 30 to 60 and one male, age 50 to 60. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. The production will be staged July 11 through July 27. For additional information, email the director at [ninil@zoomtown.com](mailto:ninil@zoomtown.com) or phone 513-232-4819.

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# Cincinnati Playhouse "Off the Hill" Comes to the Barn for Families

*The Short Tree and The Bird That Could Not Sing*, by Dennis Foon, will be performed at the Barn on Saturday, May 17 at 11 am by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's "Off the Hill" intern group. This FREE Saturday show is underwritten by Mariemont Preschool Parents Group. Perfect for families & kids!

"A wacky and charming fable of an unlikely friendship between a tree that resents its roots and a spunky, unflappable bird with a horrible singing voice. As their relationship builds around the joys of music, storytelling, the weather and the stars, the friends must navigate the ups and downs of getting to know one another, growing closer and suddenly finding themselves apart. An entertaining and original story for children."

Admission is free; however, reservations are required. Go to [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org) to and follow the link to register. For ages 5 and up.



## Summer Camp Registrations OPEN

The Barn's Summer Art Camp Classes are great opportunities for your kids and teens to explore new art forms and have fun. These classes are sponsored by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati and include morning or afternoon classes on a weekly basis. These classes are open to ALL residents of Greater Cincinnati so invite your friends, neighbors and family members to participate.

At press time, the following classes still had availability. But don't delay! Go to [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org) and follow the link to Summer Art Camp 2014 to register.

### July 7-11

Recreating Recyclables: 10am - noon  
Grades 1-4 \$30

Art of Monoprinting: 2-4pm  
Grades 7-12  
\$50



Manga & Anime: 2-4pm  
Grades 4-7  
\$30

### July 14-18

Crazy Sculpture: 10am-noon  
Grades 4-7  
\$30

Pan Pastel Self Portrait: 10am-noon  
Grades 4-7  
\$45

Drawing & Painting at the Easel: 2-4pm  
Grades 7-12  
\$35

Improv: 2-4pm  
Grades 7-12  
\$25

### July 21-25

Paint Like an Egyptian: 10am-noon  
Grades 1-4  
\$30

Arts of India: 10am-noon  
Grades 1-4  
\$40

Creative Printmaking: 2-4pm  
Grades 1-4  
\$30

Multicultural Art Adventure: 2-4pm  
Grades 1-4  
\$30

*Note: Grade refers to Autumn 2014*

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## WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

### *New in the Gallery...*

**"A May Affair", an eclectic art show at the Barn through May 30**

Three friends are showing their three different media and visions in a new show at the Barn in May. "A May Affair" highlights the work of Diane Corman who paints large oils, Jennifer Garrett who creates artistic frames and Deborah Fox who produces fanciful furniture. All three artists have shown their works in other galleries. For more information, contact Diane Corman at [dcorman23@gmail.com](mailto:dcorman23@gmail.com) or call her at 561-1867.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Saturdays from 11 am-2 pm, except May 17 when the hours are 2 pm-4 pm.

### **A Tip of our Hat to our friends at the Mariemont Preservation Foundation**

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation is pleased to announce that they have again been awarded a \$1500 grant from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF). This is the second year MPF has awarded this grant, which



**Janet Setchell of MPF**

will be dedicated to the continuation in 2014-2015 of family friendly arts programming at the Barn. This past year, with the financial support from MPF,

as artists Mary Louise Holt and Debbie Lavook for their time and effort in making this such a fun morning.

### **Loft Renovation Updates**

The Loft is continuing to be transformed into a space that can be used in so many ways – performances, exhibits, parties and more! Next time you are at the Barn, ask to see if you can go upstairs, you will be amazed at the possibilities. The latest work has provided lighting and electrical outlets, wood covered posts and more. Many thanks to those whose contribution of time and money has made these dreams become a reality!



the Barn was able to offer "First Sunday Family Funday", a once a month Sunday event of family friendly performances including shows by Madcap Puppets, the Children's Theater of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Ballet, and other arts-related events. The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation is appreciative of the support and generosity of MPF in making these programs available to so many Mariemont residents.

### **MPF at the Barn for the Macy's Art Sampler Day**

Another big thanks to MPF for their contribution to the success of the recent Macy's Arts Sampler event held at the Barn. *Native American Traditional Arts: Seeing, Touching, Making* was a big success and we would like to thank Janet Setchell and Paul Mulvaney from MPF as well

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# Village-Wide Garage Sale is May 17

Get rid of your unused stuff! Mariemont has set aside Saturday, May 17 from 8 am until 4 pm for residents to offer their household items for sale throughout the Village. Many residents plan for this and are looking forward to lots of participation. There will be an ad in the Enquirer and signs posted on Wooster Pike announcing the sale. All residents are welcome to participate



for part or all of the day, and many band together with neighbors and work in shifts through the day.

Michelle Deemer, in the Historic District, is putting together a list of those who are participating and can email the list to you on May 15 if you provide her with your email address by May 14. Her email is [michelledemer@aol.com](mailto:michelledemer@aol.com). If you are planning to sell, let her know and she will include information about the types of items you are offering, whether you can take credit card payments, and other great information. If you are planning to shop, email Michelle and get a copy of the list!

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## Hats Off...

...to Becky Jones. The school board office is hosting an open house to celebrate the retirement of Becky Jones, who has served this community as the assistant to the superintendent for the Mariemont City School District for 44 years.

The entire school district community is invited to stop by and thank her for her decades of service to the district. Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro will give a proclamation as well. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. The open house is scheduled for 9-11 am on Monday,

June 9 at the Board of Education office, located behind Mariemont High School at 2 Warrior Way, 45227.

## Writers Wanted

Join the staff at the *Mariemont Town Crier* and let your voice be heard! Writing for our local publication is a great way to shine a light on your corner of the Village. Staff members are asked to write four articles a year. There are eight meetings annually as well, when the staff comes together to discuss ideas for the upcoming issues. Call or email Claire Kupferle (561-4428 / [indy3844@aol.com](mailto:indy3844@aol.com)) if you are interested.

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# Carillon Concerts Feature Special Recitals

What could be better than listening to the joyous sound of the bells being played by a carillonneur? The sound of two carillonneurs playing a duet, of course! This summer there are nine concerts lined up at the Mary M. Emery Memorial Carillon in Dogwood Park. The season starts with a joint recital of duets performed by Dick Gegner and Richard Watson on Sunday, May 25 at 7 pm.

In August, there will be two very special guest recitals: on Wednesday, August 6 Mariemont's carillonneurs will host the "Groningen Carillon Duo," two very talented gentlemen from The Netherlands, Mr. Adolphe Rots and Mr. Auke de Boer, who will play a program entirely of duets. On Sunday, August 17, you can hear the performance of Dr. Tin-Shi Tam, the Cownie Professor of Music and University Carillonneur at Iowa State University in Ames, who will present what promises to be a most interesting and brilliant guest recital.

Here is a schedule of the upcoming concert season (all performances are held on Sundays at 7 pm unless otherwise noted):

May 25, Opening Duet Recital -  
Richard D. Gegner and  
Richard M. Watson

May 26, (Monday) Memorial Day,  
2:00 pm, Richard M. Watson

June 1, Richard M. Watson

June 8, Richard D. Gegner

June 15, (Fathers' Day),  
Richard D. Gegner

June 22, Richard M. Watson

June 29, Richard D. Gegner

July 4, Independence Day, 2:00 pm,  
Richard D. Gegner  
(Richard M. Watson, assisting)

July 6, Richard M. Watson

July 13, Richard D. Gegner

July 20, Richard M. Watson  
(Summer "Pops" Program)



July 27, Duet Recital -  
Richard D. Gegner and  
Richard M. Watson

August 3, "Lollipops & Balloons"  
Children's Concert - Richard D. Gegner

August 6, (Wednesday)  
Guest Duet Recital -  
Groningen Carillon Duo

August 10, Richard M. Watson

August 17, Guest Recital,  
Tin-Shi Tam, Iowa State University

August 24, Duet Recital -  
Richard D. Gegner and  
Richard M. Watson

August 31, Richard D. Gegner

September 1, (Monday) Labor Day,  
2:00 pm, Richard M. Watson

Programs last approximately one hour, and you are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and family and friends to kick back in the park and listen to the bells. These concerts are given rain or shine, and are supported by the Thomas J. Emery Memorial.

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# Tips for Using Nextdoor Mariemont

Because so many neighbors enjoy the Nextdoor Mariemont network we thought a few reminders about usage would be helpful.

**Manage your post.** If you create a post that merits a reply (i.e. selling a used bike or looking for a trustworthy babysitter), cut down on the number of notifications sent to the entire neighborhood each time someone replies by encouraging interested neighbors to send you a private message instead of replying to the post publicly.

Example: *Hi neighbors, I'm selling a bike. If interested, please send me a private message or call my cell at 555-555-5555.*

Once you find a new owner for your bike or identify the perfect babysitter, either 1) remove your post so neighbors stop replying or 2) inform neighbors your request has been handled.

Take into consideration who needs to receive your post. Sometimes it makes sense to only post to Mariemont about something. **Bear in mind that whenever you do post to a Nearby Neighborhood ALL replies to your post will be seen by everyone....** even those members who have turned the Nearby Neighborhood feature OFF.

**Understand the Nearby Neighborhoods feature.** The Nearby Neighborhoods feature is designed to connect your neighborhood with other communities close by. There are now seven Nearby Neighborhoods! You have the ability to personalize Nearby Neighborhoods and can



choose which (if any) Nearby Neighborhoods you wish to share with on the **Nearby Neighborhoods Personalization Page**. You will only see new posts in your newsfeed and receive new posts via email from Nearby Neighborhoods which you have switched "ON" in your settings (unless someone from Mariemont chooses to post to All Neighborhoods, then you will see ALL corresponding responses)

**Change your Nextdoor email settings.** You can customize your email settings to receive only the information you want from Nextdoor Mariemont. To do this go to your name at the top right corner of the Nextdoor site. Click on the pull down arrow and go to Settings. Then click on the email tab. Here you will see many options for personalizing your notifications. Alternatively, you can choose to receive a **Daily Digest**, a single summary email that is sent each day new content is posted to Nextdoor Mariemont, and contains new updates since the last digest was sent.

**Send a Private Message.** If you'd like to send a message directly to another neighbor, you can send them a private message. To send a private message: Locate your neighbor in the **directory** and click the green MESSAGE button next to their name. Enter a Subject and Message. Click Submit. Or if you'd like to simply reply privately to a post all you need to do is click on the poster's name which is highlighted in blue to begin a private message.

**Use self-promotional posts sparingly.** Nextdoor guidelines suggest making only one post in the relevant Recommendation categories letting folks know about your business (including links to website or Facebook page).

**Sign up for and use Urgent Alerts.** An urgent alert is a special type of post that reaches Nextdoor members immediately via SMS text message and email. Urgent alerts are intended for rare cases where information is very important and time-sensitive. i.e. tree down across a street, missing child, etc.

**Use the green SEARCH box.** Can't remember the seamstress that was recommended sometime last winter? You can look up past posts through SEARCH at the top of your screen.

**Invite your Mariemont neighbors to join!** Welcome those who have recently moved into our village to join Nextdoor.



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# Mariemont Mixer Involves Local Businesses

On the evening of Thursday, May 15, the merchants and businesses of the Village are hosting their first Mariemont Mixer! From 6 - 9 pm, they will showcase the lifestyle of Mariemont with a "Social Hour" where customers can shop, enjoy refreshments, listen to music, socialize and enjoy all that The Square and The Strand have to offer.

*Participants include:*

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The Quarter Bistro  
The Sweeterie  
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Tri Health - Health First Physicians  
So, save the date and plan to come "downtown" on Thursday evening to the first Mariemont Mixer.

# Needlecraft Club Meeting at Mariemont Library

By RENEE TECCO

With the rise of websites like Etsy, the art of needlecraft has been growing in popularity over the last few years. If you are interested in learning how to get started on a crochet halter or want to learn the difference between cross-stitching and needlepoint come to the Mariemont Public Library for the Needlecraft Club.

Needlecraft is an art that includes, but not exclusive to: sewing, knitting, crocheting,



embroidery, quilting and rug making with a latch hook.

This small group of women has been meeting at the library since 2012. Last fall they had a display that featured their work. The group is open to adults who have questions about their projects or want to learn new techniques. Answers are provided but participants must bring their own materials.

The Needlecraft Club meets every first and third Saturday at 10:30 am.

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## News from MariElders

### **Volunteer Drivers Needed!**

The MARIELDERS is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members who do not drive anymore and need rides to their doctor appointments. If you can spare three to nine hours a month we sure can use you. If interested please call Kathy.

### **"Junque Sale"**

Our famous sale will be Saturday, June 21 from 9am - 3pm. We are now accepting items. The items we do not take are clothing and shoes, but everything else we will accept including small pieces of furniture and possibly larger items the week of the sale.

Items may be dropped off Monday thru Friday from 9 – 4:30 only.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Celebrate Mother's Day at THE MARIELDERS on Monday, May 12 at 10:30 am. Cost for the brunch is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. Members please extend this invitation to your families. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by May 7.

### **Newport Aquarium Trip**

On Thursday, May 15 we will be touring the Newport Aquarium and their new Turtle

Canyon display. After the tour we will have lunch at Thom and Chee. Cost for this trip is \$25 for a member which includes transportation and tour, lunch is on your own. Please sign up with a paid reservation by May 12.

**From the Cat box** – If you humans are out walking this summer, stop in and see me and my spiffy new home. My humans have been hard at work painting, carpeting and reorganizing the place and it looks great. See you soon – ME the Cat

## Practice Bike Safety During National Bike Month in May

By KIM BEACH

You know spring has finally sprung when the Village becomes alive with bike riders of all ages! Even our wonderful police department gets into the action on two wheels. There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: for exercise, for fun, and it helps the environment! Just a couple of friendly reminders from [safekids.com](http://safekids.com) as you get back on your bike this season:

Wear a helmet! Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injury by 88%.

Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.

Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.

When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well.



Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

And motorists...please slow down and pay special attention to those bicyclists, both young and old, who are riding the streets of our fair village. As the weather warms and more people take to the street, also remember pedestrians have the right of way in cross walks. Motorists have the responsibility to stop and yield the right of

way to them as they cross.

And if you see Police Officer Ryan Lay or any other officer out on bike patrol, Chief Hines would like to encourage you to say hi. Chief Hines thinks the bike patrol is "a great way for the department to get to know the residents by being out in the community". We agree! Let's all be good neighbors and watch out for each other as we enjoy the simple pleasure of bike riding and walking this spring.

# Our Lives Compared to Others

*This essay was written by Taylor Giordullo, a senior at Mariemont High School and resident of the Village. The assignment was to write about Government through the eyes of the media.*

When the delegates of the Constitutional Convention met to create a new foundation for The United States government, one of their main concerns was to ensure the leaders of the country could not infringe upon the rights of the people. Those responsible for the creation of the new government system were apprehensive because they had recently suffered suppression under the rule of Britain, which did not give them fair means of representation. But the restrictions placed on colonial Americans are not even comparable to those enforced on the countries that were a part of the Soviet Union. The USSR went to great lengths to make sure all people were adhering to its strict laws, stripping them of their freedoms to deter them from going against the government. For example, there was a secret police called the KGB that was allowed to prosecute "criminals" without any evidence or even a fair trial. The movie *The Lives of Others* shows what life was like in East Germany in 1984, when the USSR had control and the Berlin Wall was still standing.

The film follows the life of a man, Gerd Wiesler, who works for the secret East German police force called the Stasi and has recently been assigned to spy on a "suspicious" playwright named Georg Dreyman. Wiesler bugs Dreyman's house and tracks him for several months, eventually determining he is not committing illegal activity and is actually quite loyal to the Communist party. When he reports his findings to the Minister of Culture, Bruno Hempf, it is revealed to him that the minister simply wanted to get Dreyman out of the

way because of his desire to be with his girlfriend, an actress named Christa-Maria Sieland. Wiesler suddenly realizes the depth of the corruption within the government, and he becomes deeply disgusted with himself for partaking in it. Meanwhile, Dreyman is becoming more suspicious of the government. He becomes particularly enraged when a fellow playwright commits suicide due to the fact the government will no longer allow him to produce because of a controversial statement he made. Dreyman resolves to write an anonymous article about the alarming suicide rate in East Germany, information that has not been released to the public for almost ten years. Once the article is published, the Stasi go to Dreyman's house

show his gratitude, Dreyman writes a novel about the corruption of East Germany and dedicates it to Wiesler.

Throughout the film, I took notice of many examples in which the East German government blatantly infringed upon the rights of its citizens. At the beginning of the movie when Wiesler begins tailing Dreyman, he is allowed to simply enter his house and bug it to further conduct his investigation. In America, we have many laws to protect citizens from this type of violation, including the law that requires officials to have a warrant to enter a person's home or to bug a suspected criminal.

Furthermore, before Wiesler began his investigation of Dreyman, he had no evidence that he was involved in anti-government activities. Most countries today assume a person is innocent until proven guilty; however, in East Germany any person who seems "suspicious" is automatically thought to be guilty.

Another shocking component of *The Lives of Others* was the all-reaching authority the government had over every aspect of their peoples' lives. For example, when Wiesler goes to

bug Dreyman's house, a neighbor spots him. Wiesler threatens the woman, saying if she reveals his actions to Dreyman he will revoke her daughter's acceptance to medical school. In addition, when the government was interrogating Sieland, they used cruel methods such as depriving her of sleep for an extended period of time.

The film offers a sharp contrast against the freedoms we enjoy in today's American society. It was an eye-opening experience to be exposed to the corruption of the East German government and to realize that we are very lucky to have a government that protects our rights.



to arrest him, but before they can get there Wiesler intervenes and takes the typewriter so they will be unable to find any evidence. When the Stasi arrive, they only find Sieland and they interrogate and torture her, eventually convincing her to confess that it was Dreyman who wrote the article. Sieland, horrified by her betrayal, commits suicide. However, despite her confession, the Stasi are unable to convict Dreyman and he goes free.

Years later, after the fall of the Berlin wall, the playwright goes to look at the Stasi archives and finds Wiesler's file. He discovers Wiesler was the reason he went free, and he purposely withheld information from the government that could incriminate him. To

## VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### Council Highlights

*These are excerpts from minutes taken at Council meetings held on March 24 and April 4, 2014. For full minutes, go to [mariemont.org](http://mariemont.org) (Village website) or [mariemont.com](http://mariemont.com).*

#### Fire Department

Chief Hines said it will be hard losing both of his assistant chiefs so close together. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner has accepted a position with Sycamore Township and Captain Messer is retiring after 20 years on our police force. Lt. Kiefer has accepted the position of Assistant Fire Chief and will be working with Mr. Feichtner during the transition period. We have some really good people who work and train here and then take full-time positions with other departments. It is a credit to our department. If they are able to continue to work here part-time they choose to do so but many departments do not allow their full-time personnel to work elsewhere.

Mr. Tinkham asked if there is anything to the recent news that other fire departments are wanting us to get back in with them. Mayor Policastro said no. They do not want us to get back in with them – they want us to keep our fire department but move it (the equipment/personnel) to the Fairfax location. He will not do that. He wants our fire department centralized in Mariemont. It would add time to respond to fires and fires double every minute. No, we are not going to do it.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the budget request for a new emergency vehicle (John Deere Gator) by the Mariemont Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner presented the request for a John Deere Gator outfitted

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as an emergency vehicle. Mr. Feichtner indicated that MFD is in the running for a 10-year loan from the State of Ohio that would allow for the purchase of the Gator without accruing interest. It was unanimously agreed that the Gator be purchased on an emergency basis should the MFD be turned down for the loan request made to the State of Ohio as the spring/summer season is upon us when more people will be utilizing the South 80. The amount of the purchase is not to exceed \$21,214.08. Mr. Wolter asked if any additional equipment would need to be purchased. Assistant Chief Feichtner said it will have emergency lights and a siren but that is included in the price not to exceed \$21,214.08.

#### Swimming Pool

Mr. Don Slavik, 3717 Homewood Road, was granted permission to address Council. He is a member of the Pool Advisory Board. They are working on providing Wi-Fi at the pool. They got an informal proposal to redo the basketball courts for \$20,000. It is something we might have to plan for next year.

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee to allow the Swim Association to hold family night swims with adults able to bring their own alcohol. The Committee

recommends Council approve the dates of Friday, June 20, 2014, Friday July 18, 2014 and Friday August 15, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. In addition, each person in attendance must sign a liability waiver.

#### Sidewalk Issue

Mr. Bob Blum said the overall problem he sees regarding the sidewalk issue with Mr. Spinnenweber is that there is no parking. The problem was caused because the school architect did not do a complete job when it came to parking. We added students from Fairfax and yet the parking was not addressed. He was at the Elementary School and watched the same thing that had been reported at Town Meeting. He suggested a couple of solutions: (1) A fence is the only way you are going to stop people from walking to the school from Mr. Spinnenweber's lot, and the sidewalk seems to be a major issue with everybody. Perhaps the school needs to take some responsibility and the fence should be on their side. Gates could be installed to allow for bus access and locked when buses are not there. Additionally, it would cut off traffic in the area during the peak hours. (2) Enforcement of no parking (except for business parking) in the Spinnenweber lots. There is a cost to Mr. Spinnenweber as cars deteriorate his parking lot and there is a liability cost as well. Mr. Wolter

*cont'd on next page*

## Mariemont Eyecare

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thanked Mr. Blum for taking his time to come to Council with his concern and for offering solutions. That is a rarity. He spoke with Mr. White (School Board Representative) and the school now realizes who owns the problem. The biggest priority is to educate the parents. Mr. Miller said a meeting is to take place with Superintendent Estep, a member of the Board of Education, Mr. Spinnenweber, the Mayor and himself to discuss the issue within the next week or so. Mr. Tinkham still does not like the idea of taking up the sidewalk and putting up a fence. He thinks the better idea would be to put the fence on the school side. Mayor Policastro said the question is, are they willing to pay the money to have that done.

### South 80

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the budget request for a well to be dug and a

manual pump to be installed down at the community gardens at the South 80 Park. Initial discussion focused on asking the Civic Association for a donation and the possibility of applying to the Mariemont Preservation Foundation for grant funding to defray the costs to the Village. It was unanimously agreed that the Committee recommends the allocation of funds not to exceed \$4,000 for the installation of a well and pump head to be located at the community gardens in the South 80 Park. It is recommended that the funds be allocated to install the well and pump head on an emergency basis. Mayor Policastro asked Mr. Miller to work with the Mariemont Civic Association for a \$500 donation. Mr. Marsland said he will work with MPF on grant funding. It will be a great thing for our residents who use the park. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

### New Computer

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms.

Palazzolo, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Department to approve the budget request for new computers and MITS software for the Mariemont Tax Department. Tax Administrator Busam presented the need for new computer equipment and software for the Tax Department. The computer being used by the Tax Department was purchased in 2009 and the software package currently being used is antiquated. It was unanimously agreed that said request be granted in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.



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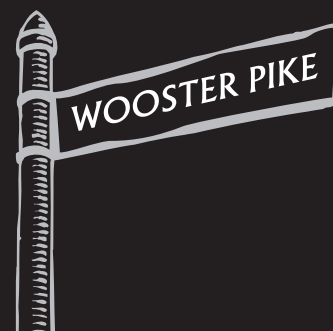
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