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WARRIOR RUN FUN

Some 1,400 walkers and runners participated in the Warrior Run, a 5-K run and 1-mile walk through the tree-lined streets of Mariemont. This is a 17 percent increase over last year's successful event! Besides the run and walk, activities included a family-oriented party in Dogwood Park with music and children's games, as well as a Bid-n-Buy featuring items donated by local merchants.

The race is officially known as The Warrior Run, The Race for Life. Proceeds from the event benefit Surviving the Teens, a suicide prevention program created by Cincinnati Children's Medical Center. A donation will also be made to the Bullying Prevention program at Mariemont Schools. The race raised approximately \$50,000 for those causes, an increase of 42 percent over last year.



Photos by Ron Schroeder

Local Levies on November Ballot

On November 5, Mariemont voters will be asked to approve two local levies: one for Village operating expenses and one for services provided by MariElders. The initiatives are continuations of previous levies and will not raise taxes. Both levies were approved in 2008.

The 3.08-mill operating levy renewal would bring in \$76,700 in revenue each year to the Village of Mariemont general fund. It will cost homeowners \$14.57 per \$100,000 of home value, if approved. The second renewal is a 1.0-mill levy that would bring in \$58,900 each year for the MariElders senior center. If approved, it would cost homeowners \$12.79 per \$100,000 in home value.

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"It's about 44 percent of our budget and pays for operating expenses for the center," said Director Kathy Chapman-Dick.

The MariElders center has about 400 members and serves seniors in Mariemont, Columbia Township, Terrace Park, Fairfax

and Madisonville. Chapman-Dick said these funds help pay for activities and transportation the center provides. "We've been in business for 36 years and Village residents have always supported us," she said. "We greatly appreciate it."

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The Wardrobe Opens in Mariemont

By JOAN WELSH

There's always something exciting going on in our Mariemont Town Square. We now have an upscale woman's clothing boutique located in the Strand at the corner at 6816 Wooster Pike. Look for the distinctive orange sign. This lovely shop has been in Madeira for the past 5 years. Owner Lesley Hern says the time was right to move to a bigger facility with exceptional visibility and parking. The Mariemont location provides easy access for their clients. The Wardrobe's Grand Opening in Mariemont was September 27. The name "The Wardrobe" was chosen because a woman can build her own wardrobe with confidence using items which have been specially chosen for the store.

Lesley Hern is a busy mother and business woman. She shares her Terrace Park home with husband Joel and their two children. Lesley can be found working at the store on Monday and Wednesday and is always willing to schedule private appointments with customers on other days.



Lesley Hern's "The Wardrobe" opened at the Strand on September 25 after relocating from Madeira. Photo by Ron Schroeder

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She praises her excellent staff for making The Wardrobe a success. Lesley graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City with a Marketing and Advertising degree. Prior to that she attended Bowling Green State University and graduated with a degree in Apparel Merchandising and Product Development. Since graduating from school, Lesley has worked in the fashion

industry for The Limited Corporation, Barney's New York, Shiseido International, and Ralph Lauren. Most recently, Lesley managed a marketing department for a \$100 million company in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her love of fashion combined with her vast business experience has led the way for her to follow the dream of opening her own

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boutique. Lesley is not a Cincinnati native, but feels Cincinnati is now home. She took the risk of opening her own business and rode out the tough economy. Now in her new Mariemont location she is eager to provide even more service to her customers.

The Wardrobe has a unique offering of lines with a distinctive blend of international and updated traditional designers. The Wardrobe's focus is luxury fashion with a chic style of casual, fun sophistication while creating looks for each individual. The Wardrobe offers a full selection of apparel, shoes, handbags, jewelry and accessories with personal styling, trunk shows, and private appointments. Their target client is a modern sophisticate aged 30 – 70. Lesley orders in sizes 2- 12, but can often acquire other sizes. She likes to only have one piece per size in her shop to guarantee that the pieces are indeed special and unique for the customer. The Wardrobe clothing is not just for special occasions. They stock clothing from casual dressing to chic events. Every effort is made to choose designers you will not find in local department stores. The team at The Wardrobe works diligently to build trust with their clientele. If the dress isn't flattering, they'll suggest something else. They want the

customer to feel confident in their new clothes even if it means forgoing a larger sale.

The focus of The Wardrobe is top-notch customer service. The Wardrobe will tailor all regular priced clothing free of charge. If the store hours do not suit a client's need, private in-store and at-home appointments can be scheduled. Lesley says one of her favorite services to offer a customer is a "closet reality check." Do you have items hanging in your closet you never wear? Do you have pieces that don't seem to go with anything else? Lesley will tell you if it's time to pitch something you've been holding on to too long or offer an option from the store that will indeed enhance your wardrobe.

Special delivery is a must for those crucial times, and rewarding clients is always top priority. If a client needs further assistance with personal styling for an event, the store will send Wardrobe Therapy personal styling gurus to assist. In September *Cincinnati Magazine* listed The Wardrobe as one of the Queen City's "best little shops." Why not stop

by The Wardrobe and see for yourself what all the excitement is about? The Wardrobe is open Monday-Friday from 10 – 6 pm, Saturday from 10 – 5 pm and on Sunday from 12 – 4 pm.

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International Game Day: Stop by the branch for board games and good times. Saturday, November 16 all day.

Children

The Floating House: Learn about Ohio history and how pioneers lived on keel boats with Gwen Roth. Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm. Ages 6 to 12. Registration required.

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, November 7 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, the 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

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library. Note: No program November 27.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. Note: No program November 27.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, November 21 at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

InBeTween Club:- Thursday, November 21 at 4:00 pm. Ages 10 to 18.

Anime Club: Saturday, November 30 at 1:00 pm.

Adults

Holiday Craft Night: Channel your inner Martha Stewart and create some cute ornaments in time for the holidays. Monday, November 4 at 6:30 pm. Registration required.

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading library books to your Kindle or other device, we now offer an introductory class Monday, November 11 and November 25 at 6:30 pm. Please call to register as this is an

Mammography Screening

Visit the TriHealth Women's Services Van at Health First Physicians in Mariemont on Tuesday, November 12 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Appointments will be made in 10-minute intervals and patients should expect to spend 30 minutes on the van. To schedule an appointment, visit community.trihealthmobile.timetrade.com or call 513-569-6565.

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individual, one on one session.

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Book Club: Thursday, November 21 at 6:45 pm. Copies of the book will be available at the desk.

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

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Neighboring with Nina

By NINA IREDALE



Well, Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Fall holidays are a great time to be with family and friends. I hope you enjoy reading about a few of our new

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

3727 Homewood was purchased in August by Jenna Fugate and her fiancé, Zach Schoewe. They lived in Oakley prior to buying their home. They were engaged this past summer while vacationing in Italy and plan to get married on 10/11/14. Jenna grew up in Pierce Township and attended McNicholas High School and then Xavier University. Zach grew up in Troy, OH (about 20 miles north of Dayton) and attended Bowling Green State University. (Hey Zach, fun fact, I grew up in Casstown). Jenna and Zach met almost 2 years ago while out with friends at R.P. McMurphy's in Hyde Park. Jenna sells advertising for News America Marketing, located downtown, and Zach is a Global Procurement Specialist at Evenflo in Miamisburg. They have 2 dogs, Bauer (Maltese/Yorkie mix) and Pippa (Shih-tzu/Bichon mix). They chose Mariemont for the neighborhood feel and old-world charm as

well as the walkability of the Village. They also feel Mariemont is the perfect place to start a family.

3816 Indianview was purchased in August by David and Rachael Enright. David is originally from Columbus and works downtown as First Vice President at First Financial Bank. Rachael is originally from Santa Claus, IN and works at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a Registered Nurse. They were previously living in Fort Thomas, KY but decided to move to Mariemont because they heard how wonderful it is and that it's a great

community to raise a family. David and Rachael are expecting their first child (a girl) in February and are excited to meet others with children! You might see them walking Lexi, their small Chihuahua/rat terrier mix.

I also want to correct a typo in last month's article. Jeff and Lori Miller purchased 6611 Mariemont Avenue, not 6511. Sorry for the error.

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@sibcycleline.com or 272-1551 (home); 484-2647 (cell).



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Mercy St. Theresa is now St. Theresa, Diversicare

By REX BEVIS

Mercy Health - St. Theresa and its predecessor, Mercy Hospital - Mariemont, have been staples of the Mariemont community since shortly after the founding of the Village. In August Catholic Health Partners, the parent company of Mercy Health, announced the sale of Mercy Health - St. Theresa, as well as three other nursing facilities in Hamilton, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; and New Albany, Indiana. The new operator of these four facilities, including the Mercy St. Theresa location, is Diversicare Healthcare Services, Inc., of Brentwood, Tennessee. According to the Diversicare Press Release, "...subject to the obtaining of regulatory and other consents, (Diversicare) expects to



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assume operations late in the 3rd Quarter or early in the 4th Quarter of 2013."

From the Diversicare Web Site Home Page: "Diversicare is recognized as a premier provider of post-acute care. We have wide ranging services from short term rehabilitation for

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The *Town Crier* had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Greg Johnson, Administrator of Mercy-St. Theresa recently. He told us that the new facility name, St. Theresa, Diversicare: A Transitional Care Community, became effective October 1. There should be minimal impact on residents of the facility; however, employees are being introduced to different benefits as provided by Diversicare. Additionally, Mr. Johnson will continue to be the Administrator following the transition.

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That Aha Moment:

Meet More of the Entrepreneurial Women of Mariemont

BY HEATHER MCGUIRE

Sometimes ideas come like a flash of brilliance... a good idea can be like a crack of lightning during a downpour. All of the entrepreneurs profiled in this column, "That Aha Moment: The Entrepreneurial Women of Mariemont," have been willing to throw their arms wide and welcome the storm in order to bring their businesses to life.

Like an "aha moment," that moment when we just know we have something good, there are certain people who shape our lives and change its course forever. People we just know are going to make a difference. They are like stars in the sky, showing us the way during a dark night... they connect to form a beautiful constellation throughout our lives.

Before Jera Srikalasin became Mariemont's go-to piano teacher, she lived a life that included several countries and multiple languages, a life shaped by her family and a beloved piano instructor, a fierce intelligence and raw courage that would take her around the globe, to multiple universities, and, eventually, to our very own Village of Mariemont.

By the time Jera was ten, she was waking up at 5:45 am, hopping on a bus in the midst of a hectic, crowded, and pungent Bangkok, Thailand, and going to school. The stifling traffic forced her to be on the bus for nearly five hours each day. "But it was a good time on the bus. We played, we ate, we fought!" she laughed.

Bangkok was a huge change in environment, but it wasn't the first time she and her family had moved. Her father was a pilot in the Air Force, so when she was six-years-old, they lived in the Philippines for three years. Jera, who spoke only Thai at the time, went to a school that taught exclusively in English. "It was hard at first. But, you know, when you're young, it's quick," said Jera. "You just learn." Before that, they lived in other, more peaceful, provinces within



*Jera Srikalasin – Mariemont's go-to piano teacher.
Photos by Ron Schroeder*

Thailand, so Bangkok was a significant change.

Although she started taking piano lessons when she lived in the Philippines, she didn't find her teacher, the teacher, the one who would go on to shape her future in piano until she was ten-years-old, living in Bangkok. Her name was Naiyana. "She was my very best teacher and I am still in touch with her," said Jera.

Before Naiyana, who was like a shining light guiding the way, Jera had a string of piano teachers... but none of them were very good. One teacher had Jera playing middle

C for weeks on end, another smacked her hands with a ruler if she got the notes wrong, and still another gave Jera a sheet with music and told her to "play." Naiyana took the time to teach her precisely what she needed to learn; she was strict and expected a lot from Jera. "And she didn't hit me, which is a good thing!" Jera remembered with a laugh. "I always loved music," Jera recalled.. "I loved to sing. I would hear piano and think, 'I want to play like those people,'" she said.

And she did. After getting her

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Jill Hippe hosts a baton camp for girls every summer. Participants march in local parades and strut their stuff at Mariemont Football Fever in the Fall.

Photos by Ron Schroeder

undergraduate degree from Thailand in Political Science and International Affairs, she graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Masters in Public and International Affairs. She also received an International MBA from Point Park University in Pittsburgh. At the time, she thought she would move back to Thailand and work in an international capacity. "I actually got accepted to P&G Thailand," she said. But then she met her future husband, Aaron, and all of those plans changed completely.

She was working as a waitress in a restaurant of which she was part owner (seriously... is there anything this woman can't do??!) when Aaron came in. "It was a busy day, I remember that," she laughed.

Aaron was going to Boston University, but had come back to Pittsburgh, which was home for him, to finish his thesis. Eventually they were married and when he got a job as a Professor of Philosophy at Xavier University, they moved to Cincinnati.

Teaching piano started for Jera when a friend was interested in her son learning piano. "I can help him some," she remembers saying. And once she started, it just kind of clicked. Jera had just had her first child, Anastasia, and it was perfect. She could still be at home and work too.

Jill Hippe's experience with twirling the baton was also written in the stars. She found the right teacher at the right time and followed her like a beacon in the night. Jill's natural

athletic ability, her bright and contagious smile, and her innate charisma made her connection with baton a beautiful thing. Her start, however, was almost an accident, an impulse... or maybe it was serendipity.

Every year at the high school in the small Kentucky town where Jill grew up, there was a pageant... the Miss Western Hills High School Pageant. One girl from each organization was nominated as a representative. During Jill's freshman year, the girl from her group who had been nominated dropped out two weeks before the pageant... and Jill was to take her place.

She still remembers excitedly calling her mom from the school office. "That's great!" her mom had said. "What's your talent?" "I'm going to twirl," a 14-year-old Jill confidently stated. "The baton?" her mom had asked. Jill had seen a baton, her older sister had even twirled... but Jill had barely touched one. Or had a lesson. "Thank goodness my mom was supportive!" Jill laughed. In the two weeks she had, Jill learned a routine, practiced constantly, and made the top ten that year.

The following year, as a sophomore who had just made her high school majorette team, Jill was nominated for the pageant again. She knew she would twirl the baton, but really wanted it to be different... she wanted it to be special. That's when she found the one. The teacher who would change her life and make her the baton teacher she is today.

Paige Carney Salgado was the Majorette Coordinator for the University of Kentucky. She taught Jill how to bring energy and spunk to her performance, qualities that already come very naturally to her. "This was a real turning point for me with twirling. I got Miss Talent that year," Jill remembered. Paige encouraged Jill to take the baton to the next level, she believed that she could be competitive. Throughout high school she twirled as a majorette and she entered competitions. Then she went to college at UK, made the squad, and continued competing. "I don't know if I would have done it otherwise. I just think she raised the bar and I just got there so much quicker," Jill said.

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'Meet More of the Entrepreneurial Women of Mariemont,' Continued:

Eventually, she would take the job of her mentor, as Majorette Coordinator for UK, and go on to be a shining star to many young girls who would learn to twirl the baton from her. And she never shined more brightly than for her daughters.

"When Kirstyn was little and I just had her, she'd just be bopped around the field with me," Jill said of her oldest daughter. When Jill's husband, Gordon, got a job in Cincinnati, the Hippe family moved to Mariemont and took their love of twirling with them. "Kirstyn would always do the talent shows. She was my once-a-year twirler all throughout her elementary education. It was always received really well. There were never any other twirlers and that really got my mind going," said Jill.

When her younger daughters, Kendyl and Kathryn, were in school, Jill decided to add

twirling to the minicamps that Mariemont Elementary offers every year. "Twirling's not a lot of fun if there's not a performance involved... so I thought, 'What if we start this clinic and we end up at the talent show,'" she remembered thinking. She had twenty-seven girls that first year. "I was thrilled!" she laughed. They had their first talent show performance that year, "And I had the time of my life! Loved it, loved the girls, loved getting to know them, loved teaching them... loved just the whole process... loved seeing their poise and confidence!" The only thing she loved more was hearing the girls ask, "Do we have to wait a whole year to twirl again?" So she started looking into other opportunities in Mariemont. And she found them.

The girls march in the Memorial Day Parade; Jill holds a baton camp every summer, they strut their stuff on the football field during Football Fever at Mariemont High School, and they walk in the Homecoming Parade. To see the joy on their faces, one cannot help but see what an inspiration Jill is to these girls. What a shining and spunky light she has become for them. She tries to add something new each year and this fall is no exception. November 9 is UC Band Day. The girls that Jill coaches

will be participating in a teaching clinic that is hosted by the UC Twirlers. They will learn the routine and will perform at halftime. What a great opportunity for these little twirlers!

For both of these teachers, the performance is a big part of what they do. During the talent show, Jill is right up there in front of the girls, guiding them through the routine. Jera holds a piano recital every year. Typically it is held in June at the Church of the Nazarene in Fairfax. The recital is Jera's biggest joy...she is right there with them; excited and proud, nervous and anxious. "I love to see them so happy. And every time they go up I honestly feel like I'm having a heart attack-- with each one of them!" she said of the performances. "I'm so nervous for them!"

"When I first started, I put it in the *Town Crier*, put it up at Starbucks, and talked to people at the Tot Lot," she said. Very soon it was simply word of mouth... and it spread like words typically spread in a small town: quickly. Over seven years and another child later, she still doesn't need to come up with a name for her business. "I think people just say, Jera," she laughed.

With Jera, it goes beyond simply learning how to play the piano. One of the reasons

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that Jera is such a good teacher isn't simply her love of music, it's her understanding of what it's like to be a kid. Jera remembers being stressed and anxious in the rigid school environment where public embarrassment, corporal punishment and constant focus on grades were everyday norms.

Jill's love for the sport of twirling and for the girls she teaches come together in a way that make her the kind of teacher that brings out the best in every child she teaches. She does all of the choreography and costuming herself. She says that the choreography comes naturally to her. So naturally, in fact, that most of it is done off the cuff. "Because I have to kind of go with the general ability of the kids and I don't know that until I'm working with them. Yeah, it's a lot of improv," she said. "I just sort of put it together."

For both women, they are most proud when they see their students perform--shining brightly in front of a crowd. Whether

they are standing tall and smiling, baton in hand on the football field or they are sitting in front of a room filled with people, confidently mastering the piano, these teachers are right beside them... and they are beaming.

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Study Finds Mariemont Has Strong Sense of “Place”

Mahyar Arefi, MUD, MARCH, PhD, an Associate Professor in the Planning Department at the University of Cincinnati, has long been a proponent of the importance of “place” in communities. In February and March of 2012, he and a team of graduate students from the University of Cincinnati set out to learn more about how resident’s visual perceptions of the physical environment shape their impressions of their community. They looked at two small, historically important Ohio communities - Mariemont and Lebanon. We thought you would be interested in results of the survey

conducted in Mariemont.

A group of 49 Mariemont residents, both male and female, were sampled. The participants were not pre-screened. As a result, “anybody who was willing to volunteer information and had time to talk to the interviewers was selected,” according to Dr. Arefi. In Mariemont,



Photo by Ron Schroeder

interviews took place in two well-recognized gathering places - the Village Square and Starbucks. The average length of residency of the people who participated in the interview process was 17 years and the primary respondents were college educated.

Each person who was interviewed was asked to describe the physical attributes of their community. In addition, they were asked to identify areas which looked different, based on design and either the presence or absence of amenities. As a result of using what is known as cognitive mapping, Dr. Arefi said people were able to “develop robust mental images and distinct geographic boundaries.”

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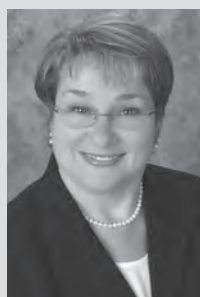
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Respondents identified parts of the Village as being historic and others as affluent, upscale, and prestigious. They also identified the Village Square as providing a sense of "place." When asked about their perception of development in neighboring communities, some 71% of local residents made negative comments. Dr. Arefi stated, "With the exception of Indian Hill, respondents considered local communities as physically unappealing and inferior."

Professor Arefi and his students found communal gathering places - amenities which we here in Mariemont find scattered throughout the Village - play an influential role in enhancing residents' emotional attachment to "place." Dr. Arefi believes in order to determine what is valued and what is not acceptable, communities need to invest time and money in conducting Visual Preference Surveys. Doing so can lead to the identification of visual policies which can help promote as well as protect community character. He states Visual Preference Surveys are much more effective in accomplishing these important tasks than local zoning codes.

Mahyar Arefi is a strong supporter of the creation of Vision Plans - something which the Village, thanks to the efforts of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation - already has completed. Copies of "Vision 2021: A Blueprint for the Future of Mariemont," can be purchased by visiting the MPF offices at 3919 Plainville Road (located across from the

community tennis courts) or by calling 272-1166.

Professor Arefi concludes his research by stating that envisioning a locality as a "set of differences" offers a new approach to planning. These include physical differences such as land use and architectural styles, perceived social differences such as prestigious vs. less prestigious areas, and experiential differences provided through churches, events, and play areas.

Mariemont residents should feel good about the fact the Village continues to attract

the attention and admiration of people who recognize the important role our planning heritage has played. The plan developed by Mary Emery, John Nolen and Charles Livingood 100 years ago is instrumental in creating a positive impression for residents, endowing us with an unparalleled sense of "place" and contributing to our outstanding quality of life.

*Submitted by Frank Raeon, Trustee,
Mariemont Preservation Foundation*



Around the Village:
True fans of the Porsche automobile didn't let damp streets stop them from admiring the beauties showcased in the second Porsche Rallye held in Mariemont.

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Artoberfest 2013 – Wunderbar!



Art at the Barn



The Barn's first ever "Artoberfest" fundraiser was simply wunderbar, as over 125 people enjoyed a craft beer tasting by 50 West, danced to the lively music of "Changeling," and dined on delicious German food, all while appreciating the new All Members' Exhibit in the Gallery. Lucky guests were the first ever to tour the newly opened loft at The Barn, the second-floor hayloft that will soon be hosting artists' studios, classes and exhibits. A pumpkin decorating contest, raffles and games rounded out the spookily sensational evening. Arttoberfest was the brainchild of

WACC Foundation President, Jan Boone, whose vision for the event was to create a fun, creative and lively evening in support of The Barn. The Foundation thanks 50 West, "Changeling," pumpkin decorators,

and the many volunteers (several from the Woman's Art Club) all of whom contributed to the success of the evening.

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In the Gallery...

Mo-Vida – An Exhibit by David Laug Opening Reception November 1, 7-9 pm

Artist, teacher and Terrace Park resident David Laug will open his exhibit entitled “Mo’Vida”, a collection of new works celebrating a colorful life. Come to the opening reception on Friday, Nov.1 from 7-10 pm (exhibit open through Nov. 10). Free admission. The exhibit is open weekends, 12-4 pm (November 2&3 and 9&10) and weekdays 9 am – 2 pm (except Mondays).

Emerging Artists –

Oil Paintings by New Artists

Opening Reception November 22, 6-9 pm

“Emerging Artists” features oil paintings for sale by up-and-coming artists studying with Ron Johnson at The Barn. You are invited to attend the opening party on Friday, November 22 from 6 pm – 9 pm to view some beautiful art, enjoy refreshments, meet the artists, and maybe make a purchase (this was a best-selling show last year)! Weekend hours noon – 4 pm. Remember, exhibits are always open whenever the Barn office is open (9 am – 2 pm, Tuesday - Friday), so stop in for a moment to brighten your day with a visual feast!

In the Classroom...

Canvas and Cupcakes – A Fun Class for Kids

Complete a themed painting on canvas

under instruction by Keli Oelerich, and enjoy a cupcake - parents are welcome to stay and paint too! All materials supplied, each painter takes home a completed canvas. Saturday, November 9 from 1 pm-2:30 pm. \$15 per painter. To register call Keli at 859-866-8777 or email her at eatdrinkpaint@insightbb.com.

New Drawing Class at the Barn

Join local award-winning artist Natasha Kinnari in this six-week drawing class offered on Wednesday afternoons, from 1 pm to 4 pm, November 6 through December 18 (no class on November 27). Natasha teaches drawing to students at all levels, beginner through advanced, according to the traditions of the Russian Academic Drawing school (based on the Renaissance masters). This technique starts with understanding the forms and shapes underlying the surface rather than starting with the “edges.” Contact Natasha at 513-259-8610 or by email at nat_fine_art@yahoo.com to register. Class fee is \$120 and materials list is available upon request.

Coming soon...

“A Christmas Carol”

A First Sunday Family Funday event Sunday, December 1

Make your reservations now for the next program in our “First Sunday” Family Funday series, sponsored by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. “A Christmas Carol,” the much loved holiday classic, is

coming to The Barn, Sunday, Dec.1 at 2 pm, performed by the Cincinnati Children’s Theatre. This performance is appropriate for grades K-8 and has a run time of just under an hour. Let Ebenezer Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future teach us all a timeless lesson. Kindly remember that one adult is required to attend. Registration is necessary at www.artatthebarn.org. \$5 per person.

Save the Date...

“Showcase of the Arts”

***Avoid the mall rush &
shop local this Christmas!***

Mark your calendar for December 7 and 8 (Luminaria weekend) when Showcase of the Arts comes to The Barn. This annual event brings the sights, sounds, and scents of the holidays to The Barn. Two dozen local artisans will display & sell their handmade arts such as pottery, soap, glass, enamelware, jewelry, fabric & fiber art, chocolate & treats, paintings and note cards in our charming vintage Barn... just in time for holiday shopping. Enjoy lunch or a tasty snack at the EAT Food Truck. Free Admission. Showcase runs Saturday December 7 from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday, December 8 from noon – 4 pm.



Bringing Mariemont History Alive for Old & Young Alike

MPF Takes Students Back to Pioneer Times

Mariemont Elementary School third graders visited the MPF Building where they learned about the first Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley. MPF docents Cindy Dougherty and Marilyn Illig recounted tales of how pioneer families from the northeast travelled down the Ohio River on flatboats to create the first settlements in this area.

In 1788 Major Benjamin Stites landed with 26 other pioneers on the banks of the Little Miami River and built the first settlement, which they called Columbia. Eleven years later, the Ferris brothers, Eliphalet, Joseph and Andrew bought land from Benjamin Stites that would later become present-day Mariemont and



Docents Cindy Dougherty and Marilyn Illig engage the Elementary Third Graders in questions during their presentation at the MPF Building.

Fairfax. Along with their cousin John Ferris and several other intrepid pioneers, they cleared the area, farmed, had children, and created a community. When they died, they were buried in the cemetery adjacent to the Mariemont Community Church. The children enjoyed learning about life in those days, and had many questions for the docents! The students then walked over to the Ferris Family Cemetery where they explored the

MariElders Tour Historic Village Sites

September 26 was a beautiful early fall day, perfect weather to take a walk. A group of MariElders met at the MPF Building for a brief introduction to Mary Emery and the planning of Mariemont before taking a tour around the Historic District. MPF Docent Janet Setchell led the tour, pointing out the architectural style of the buildings and explaining how 27 architects were employed by the Mariemont

Company to design the different housing groups and buildings. The tour ended with a history of the Mariemont Community Church, the "architectural gem" of the Village. The MariElders then departed for a rendezvous with carillonneur Richard Gegner. Mr. Gegner played the bells for them and gave them a tour of the Carillon, located in Dogwood Park.



MariElders finish their tour of the Historic District at the Mariemont Church

gravestones and monuments to discover the names of the children of these first Ferris families.

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The entire Village will be aglow with thousands of luminaria candles lining the streets.

Didn't get your kit order in on time? Don't worry! Last minute kit sales will be happening while supplies last outside the Municipal Building on Saturday, December 7 from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm.

High School Students Create Holiday Magic for Mariemont Youngsters

Mariemont High School's annual Holiday Fair will take place on Friday, December 6 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the Mariemont High School gym. In its 15th year, the festive, community-wide event is completely student-run and benefits participating student clubs, teams and organizations.

Holiday Fair 2013 activities will include popular games of skill and chance, treats, decor/jewelry sales, sportswear, a silent auction and more. As always, the Art Club will sell its one-of-a-kind creations including painted home accessories and furniture. Kids will be able to test their skills at sports challenges with Mariemont Warrior athletes. Favorite carnival games, bingo, cake walk and face painting will all be returning.

Bring the entire family and enjoy the wonderful MHS PTO dinner which will be served that evening. From preschoolers through adults, Holiday Fair offers a great evening for the whole community. Mark your calendar now for a memorable Mariemont tradition that will kick off your holiday season!

Hats Off!

...to Hans Hinebaugh of Mariemont, who is in his second year of raising money to benefit struggling people in Cancun. Durning a mission trip last year, Hans was exposed to the incredible poverty and need that is the flip side of Mexican resort communities like Cancun. He set out to be an agent of change, and last year raised more than \$3,000 via donations from area businesses for every point-after or field goal he made for the Mariemont Warriors football team last season. He presented the gift to City Gospel Mission to help feed Cincinnatians in need.

This year Hinebaugh hopes to raise \$5,000 himself. City Gospel has taken an active role in promoting Kicking Hunger and expanded the program to Monroe High School. "It's always a work in progress, trying to do what we can," Hinebaugh said. "But we have T-shirts this year. We have more businesses getting involved. I'm really grateful to the community for the support they've given."

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