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GOVERNOR TAFT VISITS CASCADE LOCKS PARK

Wednesday, September 18 may well have been the most beautiful day of the year. The sun shone brightly and the lush foliage was just beginning to hint of changing color. It was a glorious day to have special guests visit our park.

Governor Robert Taft rode his bicycle down the towpath from Memorial Parkway and arrived to greet a sizeable cheering crowd gathered near the Mustill Store. Governor Taft had come with **Sam Speck**, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources to announce the recipients of Clean Ohio Trails grants. The largest grant of \$500,000 was awarded to the City of Akron – to use for Phase I completion of the towpath through the Cascade Locks. It will extend from Lock 14 to the Akron Innerbelt at the Beech Street Power Plant with a pedestrian walkway connection down Main Street to Lock 3.

Phase II of the towpath will ultimately provide the ADA and bike connection. It will follow the innerbelt to the west ... traverse the Innerbelt... dip behind the Civic Theatre and also connect with Lock 3.



Gov. Taft bikes in on the Towpath to announce the good news.



Governor Taft and CLPA President Bruce Smith

Other bikers accompanying the Governor included: **Tom Long**, Design Administrator, Department of Planning & Urban Development with the City of Akron; **Doug Sheppard** of Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, **Dan Rice**, Ex. Director, Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition; and **Elaine Marsh** President, Friends of the Crooked River. **David Lieberth**, Deputy Mayor with the City of Akron, served as Master of Ceremonies and officially welcomed the Governor to the city. **Bruce Smith**, President of CLPA also greeted the Governor and assembled guests. A special thanks to Michael Owen and Northside for supplying the lemondade which was enjoyed by over 75 people in attendance.

Ellen Otto, Trustee

Message from the President

To all of our friends at CLPA ,

By now you have heard about the challenging and fascinating projects planned for 2003. The membership renewal information packet describes several initiatives. I encourage you to participate and I assure you that your involvement will be fun and very rewarding. Remember to check our website for the latest information on projects and programming at the Mustill Store.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season and may you prosper in the coming new year.



Bruce Smith, President, CLPA

Members and Volunteer Recognition Evening... ...A Lovely Evening Was Had by All

Over 50 members, volunteers and their families enjoyed a lovely evening of food, drink and music at the Mustill Store, Monday August 19th. This was Cascade Locks Park Associations opportunity to thank those who have given money and volunteer time to the Store and grounds. Bridget Garvin, Executive Director and Bruce Smith, President of the Board presented an update of CLPA's plans for the future. Our volunteer Volunteer Coordinator, Sherri Hart recognized Bob Jenkins, Al Brion, Tamany Moore, Wendy Mills, Bruce Norton, Chris and Bob Freitag, Ellen Otto, Phil January, Doug Hausknecht, Past-President: Virginia Wojno-Forney, Rosemary Reymann, and



CLPA members enjoy a relaxing evening with the Goodyear Community Concert Band



NPS Ranger, Rebecca Jones, volunteers her time to portray Emma Mustill at the party.

Walter Sheppe for their past support and commitment to the future of the organization.

(Congratulations to Sherri and her husband Dale on the birth of their son Braden! Sherri has taken maternity leave from her volunteer position!)

We especially wish to thank the Goodyear Community Concert Band for providing the music. They were wonderful!!!

Christine Freitag, Trustee

(A Big Thanks to Chris Freitag for organizing the event!!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, December 8, 2-4 pm, Book Signing and Deep Lock Quarry Display

Join **Jack Gieck**, author of A Photo Album of Ohio's Canal Era, 1825 to 1913 for a book signing at the Mustill Store. Bring your own copy, or purchase one at the Mustill Store. On display will also be photos of Deep Lock Quarry exhibited by assistant curator Melissa Arnold of the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum.

Friday, February 21 at 7pm, Mustill Store -Lake Erie Lighthouses to Ohio Canals

A lighthouse is a beacon, a source of inspiration, and, to the relieved sailor, a promise of safety. Lighthouses are an important piece of Ohio history, as is the Ohio & Erie Canal. Is it possible that there is a connection between the Buffalo Lighthouse and the canal? Join National Park Ranger (and CLPA Volunteer) **Denny Reiser** as we explore this connection and other stories of this colorful, romantic part of Ohio's history.

February 8 or 22 from 10 am-Noon, Cascade Locks Explorer Guide Training

Become a guide for 4th-8th graders and teach them about the rich history along the Cascade Locks. Guides will lead groups along the foot trail up to the Northside Train Depot where the students will board the train to learn more about the Cuyahoga Valley. PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A GUIDE!

Please call Bridget Garvin at 330-374-5625 for more information on any of these events.

Permanent Historical Marker Awarded to Mustill House, Store and Cascade Valley



Deputy Mayor Dave Lieberth helps to dedicate the Historic Marker.

The Ohio Historical Society, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission and the Longaberger Company awarded a permanent historic marker designating the Mustill House, Mustill Store and Cascade Valley as an historic site. The Marker was dedicated during a celebration at the Park on October 2, 2002. Sixty

guests – CLPA board members, staff, friends, and neighbors, along with various City of Akron and Summit County dignitaries attended the ceremony while enjoying light refreshments.

Kristina Markel, representing the Ohio Historical Society, and Lori Fine, from the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, delivered brief messages. Dave Lieberth, Deputy Mayor/Administration, for the City of Akron joked that it was his third appearance as a member of a program agenda at the Park in two weeks! (*He likes it here!*) Others rounding out the program included Keith Shy, Director-Secretary of Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, Bruce Smith, President of CLPA; and Bridget Garvin, Executive Director, CLPA. Business Interiors & Equipment (BIE) kindly sponsored the event.

Developments in the Park

To describe the current attitude of the Planning Committee is to think of being outdoors prior to a thundershower. The air is filled with electricity. We are not only plugging ahead, though through some legal meanderings with the Cascade Mills site plans, but we are also caught up in the potential excitement of the Elizabeth Park, Hope VI proposal. Elizabeth Park, is the area just east of Howard Street. Plans are to reconstruct housing both public and private, add community improvements and clean up the Little Cuyahoga. Of course, we are going to be tangentially involved as having a connection with Elizabeth Park has been part of our Master Plan from day #1.

Then, there is the percolating idea for Aggie Russell's House reemergence. Those ideas are so jazzy, we can't let the cat out of the bag until more details are finalized, but keep in touch! If things progress as we hope, just wait! Howard Street may come alive once again.

Virginia B. Wojno-Forney, Trustee/Chair, Planning

Cascade Locks Explorer and Beaver Tails Junior Explorer Launched

Having recently completed our first two school tours, it seems to have gone very well. We wanted to use the unique character of the Mustill Store and the Cascade Locks plus the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to create a field trip for elementary school students with emphasis on fourth graders. This is where Ohio History is taught and they take the dreaded fourth grade proficiency test. With all of this in mind, the education committee, under Bridget's leadership, created a new program, a spin off of an already successful Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) program. The Cascade Locks Explorer program consisted of a first person interpretation of Emma Mustill (by Rosemary Reymann), a tour of the Cascade Locks and a train ride departing from the



Emma Mustill (Rosemary Reymann) talks about the history of the Store to Seiberling Elementary students.

Northside Train Depot. While on the train, they listened to a tape prepared by Jack Gieck telling them about the Cuyahoga Valley. At the same time, pre-school through 3rd grade students participated in the Beaver Tails Junior Explorer Program. Denny Reiser led this group aboard the train explaining the Beaver Marsh and the many groups throughout history who have inhabited the valley and affected the marsh. Members of the committee are Lynne Van Nostran, Joan Horvath, Cathy Sullivan, Denny Reiser, Rosemary Reymann, Jim Gilbride and Bob Jenkins. The members were also part of our first group of interpreters. We look forward to this growing partnership with CVSR!

Anyone interested in becoming a guide or participating as a school group, please let us know. There will be a training in the Spring (see schedule of events) for interested guides. Spring dates for the program are: March 11, April 1 and May 6. Schools can call 1-800-468-4070 x3032 or visit www.cvsr.com for reservations.

I would like to leave you with some quotes from letters I received from Seiberling Elementary students:

"The best part of the field trip was when the lady was pretending to be Emma Mustill."

"My favorite part was the train ride because you got to sit and talk to your friends."

"Thank you so much for showing us the locks, it was cool plus I learned a lot."

Bob Jenkins, Trustee/Education Committee

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SPOTLIGHT ON... City of Akron's TOM LONG

Tom Long is one of the brightest and longest-burning lights involved with Cascade Locks Park. He was involved at the very beginning and continues to be a regular presence at the park, as well as our strongest advocate with the City of Akron. He comes for fundraisers and shows up for clean-ups. He helped paint the fence at the Fence Paintin' Party, and helps celebrate all the milestones of the park. "Cascade Locks Park is not just his job... it's a personal interest too," noted Bridget Garvin, Executive Director for CLPA.



In fact, it was Tom Long who "found" Bridget and introduced her to the CLPA board during their search for an Executive Director. Bridget had interviewed Tom during the spring of 2001 when she was writing her thesis on Public/Private Partnerships of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor. "We 'hit it off'," Bridget said, "and he suggested I explore the open position with the Cascade Locks board. I owe him a lot for that introduction."

Bridget continues to sing praises for Tom Long. "He has such a creative mind ... he always thinks of different ways to approach a situation to make it work," said Bridget.

Tom is a graduate of The Ohio State University and is a registered landscape architect. He worked for the City of Columbus for 7 years as supervisor of the Recreation and Parks Design Division prior to coming to Akron as Design Administrator and Manager of the Design Division of the Department of Planning and Urban Development. Tom will complete his 23rd year with Akron this December.

Tom provides technical assistance and design guidance to City Departments and the private sector concerning project development to encourage the most aesthetic, cost effective and functionally desirable solutions. He also represents the City on several regional projects and partnerships, the most exciting of which is the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, which includes Cascade Locks Park and the towpath trail. Tom says he most enjoys "having the opportunity to work with good people ... developing partnerships to get things accomplished, and seeing things come to fruition."

Tom was especially honored when Summit County Executive, James McCarthy, appointed him to the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Committee. This 21-member, four-county committee (Summit, Stark, Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas) was established to assist the government and private sector in implementation of the Corridor Management Plan.

Tom and his wife, Mary Jo, are proud of their two children. Their son, David, is working on his Ph.D in English at UCLA, and daughter, Laura, is working toward her Masters in Physical Therapy at Ohio State.

Tom's vocation and avocation intersect in his love of the outdoors. He and Jo especially enjoy hiking and normally manage to hike five miles each day. They spend a lot of time on the towpath trail and recently hiked from the Mustill Store to Rockside Rd. in 8-mile segments.

Their vacations also frequently feature hiking. A favorite trek was climbing Mt. Rainier and hiking Olympic National Park rain forest in Seattle. The Great Smokey Mountains will be a targeted destination for next summer.

If you're not acquainted with Tom, give yourself a gift in the New Year. Get to know him!
Ellen Otto, Trustee

Check out our updated website:
www.cascadelocks.org

CLPA Board Updates Strategic Plan



The strategic planning session discussion was led by Carol

On September 7th, the board of trustees retreated to Bob and Christine Freitag's cabin for a day dedicated to completing a strategic plan to guide the organization through the next ten years. An ad-hoc committee of the board met several times prior to the retreat to formulate a draft from past plans and to identify areas in need of board discussion. Many thanks to those board members: Bruce Smith, Scot Harvey, Ellen Otto, Christine Freitag and Doug Hausknecht.

Carol Petrucelli, a professional development specialist and owner of Carol A. Petrucelli, Inc., volunteered her time to guide this process. Her company specializes in business consulting and training and development for both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. She has thirty years experience in Executive Management. She met one-on-one with Bridget Garvin and attended the meetings of the ad-hoc committee. She also facilitated the board retreat. Her time and dedication was invaluable! Carol is available for consultation at 330-239-4413 or ccoust@cs.com.

Our revised mission statement and newly adopted vision and values statements:

Mission Statement

The mission of CLPA is to preserve, protect and promote the industrial, commercial and cultural heritage of the Cascade Locks Park along locks 10-16 along the Ohio & Erie Canal.

Vision Statement

To establish a unique destination serving as a northern gateway linking the City of Akron to the Cuyahoga Valley.

Values Statement

We commit to these values to guide our decisions and behavior:

- Integrity
- Inclusiveness and diversity
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Innovation
- Professionalism
- Community integration

We value:

- History
- Education
- The environment
- Our volunteers
- Stakeholders (volunteers, board, visitors, partners)
- Service



Board Members gather to review an initial design of the Cascade Mill Site created by Patty Stevens. Pictured are Christine Freitag, Ellen Otto, Bob Jenkins, Patty Stevens, Tom Keith, GinaKaye Maddox, and Scot Harvey.

A great big thank you goes out to

Tom Keith

for donation of
3 desks, shelving units, a board table, plants
and other items
to spruce up
our offices!

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**From the Executive Director:
Excitement in the Park!**

It has been a busy and exciting fall! Throughout this newsletter you'll notice many events and visitors to Cascade Locks Park. This focus of excitement on the park has restated the community support for CLPA and the strength of our mission. Along with Governor Taft's visit to announce the Clean Ohio Fund award to the City of Akron and the dedication of our Ohio Historical Marker, we were also proud to have hosted a reception and lunch of Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor partners from Cleveland to Zoar. The event was organized by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park with a very special guest, Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service. It was a privilege to join other groups along the corridor to tell Director Mainella of our achievements and visions for this region. A special thanks to the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition for providing lunch.

It is obvious that things are happening throughout the region and in our neighborhood! The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority who is in the process of submitting an application to make significant improvements at Elizabeth Park provides yet another example of this. Part of the plan is to construct a trail to link Elizabeth Park to Cascade Locks Park. One of the keys to achieving our mission is to work together with such groups as AMHA and other neighborhood businesses to develop our Heritage Park and to provide a place where people will work, play and live.

More excitement to come...

Bridget Garvin, Executive Director

**The Mustill Store:
A 2002 Hiking Destination!**

The Cascade Locks Park Association was delighted to have the Towpath hike from the Memorial Parkway Trailhead to the Mustill Store and back selected to be on both the Metro Parks 2002 Hiking Spree and the 2002 Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition Towpath Trek hikes. This brought a lot of exposure to the Mustill Store. For many people, it was their first visit and we hope they will come again and bring their friends. Business in the store was brisk on some of the beautiful fall weekends and the hikers seemed to enjoy the friendly ambiance provided by our faithful volunteers. People were pleased to discover that at the halfway point of their hike there was a place to relax, enjoy and learn some of the fascinating history of the canal era. We hope that many of these hikers will decide to add this part of the Towpath to their list of favorite hikes and return again and again.

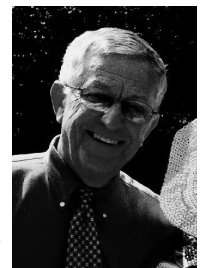
Susan Kinnamon, Trustee

Volunteers Needed!

- If you have computer talents or can help out with other administrative work, please consider volunteering! Schedule a time slot, once a week or every other week for a few hours by calling or emailing Bridget.
- Volunteers wanted for maintenance needs at the Mustill Store and House
- As always, we need volunteers to fill shifts at the Mustill Store on weekends!

Welcome To Our New Board Members Bob Jenkins and Phil January!

Bob Jenkins has been volunteering for CLPA for two years. Bob taught for 27 years at Bath Elementary and Revere Middle School. Most of his career was spent teaching 7th grade Ohio History. He loves Ohio and continues to pursue his interest in its history through his volunteer work with CLPA, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and the Summit County Historical Society. Bob heads up our education program and offered several weekend tours of the Cascade Locks this fall. He also serves on the Store operations committee. He does it because he sees it as "an opportunity to enlighten people about our very interesting past...I did it for 27 years and I still get to do it...it's just a lot of fun". Bob was born and raised in Akron, received a BA in Economics and an MA in Education Administration from the University of Akron.



Phil January was also born and raised in Akron. He and his wife Julie keep themselves busy with their two children, Isabella (12) and Clarke (8). Phil first got involved with CLPA as a committee member and sponsor of this summer's fence paintin' fundraiser. He was hooked. Phil manages the family business, January Paint and Wallpaper alongside his brother, sister and mother. Along with nieces who also work at the store, that makes for three generations of Januarys in the family business. Phil is a member of Parish Council at St. Sebastian Church, is active with the Indian Princess program at YMCA and enjoys cub scouts with Clarke. Phil is involved with CLPA because he and his family are frequent users of the towpath trail and because he fondly remembers playing in and around the canal, having grown up in Kenmore. To him, his work with CLPA is a "natural connection".

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