

# ◊ Cascade Chronicle ◊

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## JUST LIKE 1903... AGAIN!!! CLPA's Summer Event a Winner



The Howdyshe'll's enjoy antique cars

On July 26, 2003 nearly 180 members, friends and neighbors of CLPA turned back the clock to 1903 – the year when the Mustill family may have gathered together their own friends and neighbors to celebrate the State Centennial with a Summer Picnic on the bank of the Ohio & Erie Canal at Lock 15. The Bicen-tennial Bell, used to call guests to dinner, was a tangible tribute to the 200 year anniversary of our State-hood.

The afternoon was packed full of activities, so there was something for everyone. Some just enjoyed the beautiful site with wild flowers and the mesmerizing sound of water rushing in the canal. Others had a great time munching peanuts & pretzels, enjoying various libations, playing horseshoes, admiring Bob Jones' vintage cars, and browsing the silent auction items. For the children - there were games, face painting and even instruction on the fine points of marble playing provided by Michael Cohill.

Menches Bros. provided the food for the event just as they had done in the late 1800s. The Menches brothers are credited with having founded the hamburger sandwich and ice cream cone. Both were served at the event along with delicious sausage sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, corn-on-the-cob and watermelon – the same foods they served in 1903.

**Jane Snow** from the Beacon Journal discussed old time recipes and provided tastes of some of the old Akron recipes that were sent to the newspaper in response to her request. The recipes will be included in the cook-book that CLPA plans to publish next year. **Jan Becker** from Becker's Cottage Garden Herb Farm discussed herbs and offered each guest some herb samples for cooking and for the bath.



Emma Mustill (aka **Rosemary Reymann**), dressed in garb of the era, welcomed her guests and then intro-duced Akron's Mayor of 1903, Charles Kemple (aka **David Lieberth**), and Governor Nash played by **Bill Van Nostran**. Both gentlemen arrived on horseback resplen-dent in whiskers, enormous mus-taches, top hats, and full costume. Our current mayor, **Don Plusquel-lic**, was highly amused watching his Chief of Staff **Lieberth** address the group with great bluster -- typical of 1903.



Emma Mustill taking a break from greeting her guests.

Mr. Everett (**Tony Troppe**) was spotted in the crowd by "Mayor Kemple" and Everett, in turn, introduced his associate Jacob Good (**Tracy Roadar-mel**) who will open his new restaurant, Jacob Good Downtown, near Main & Mar-ket Streets later this year. Jacob Good was a saloon keeper and merchant in the late 1800s and owned the building where the new res-taurant will be located.



A tale of two mayors: Plusquellic and Kemple (aka David Lieberth)

**Ellen Otto** and **Tom Keith** served as co-chairs for the afternoon that produced in excess of \$10,000 profit. The money will be utilized for operating costs of CLPA.

"We have been pleased with the glowing comments of so many of our guests who felt that this was the finest event CLPA has hosted to date," said Otto. "We keep 'raising the bar' each year, so we have to find new themes for our gatherings that are conducive to the mission of CLPA and support the 19<sup>th</sup> Cen-tury message that the store and house portray."



Mr. Everett and Jacob Good (aka Tony Troppe and Tracy Roadarmel)

## SUMMER EVENT: OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OUR PARTNERS!

The Honorary Chairs for the Mustill Summer Picnic were the three partners who have worked seamlessly and with great effectiveness to bring Cascade Locks Park and its centerpieces – the Mustill Store, House and Towpath – to the people of Akron and the Region. Recognized and thanked for their participation and continuing support were:

Keith Shy, Metro Parks, Serving Summit County; John Debo, Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and Mayor Don Plusquellic, The City of Akron.



Bridget Garvin, Executive Director, CLPA, expressed her heartfelt appreciation and presented each representative with a commemorative “key to the store”. She concluded that “the collaboration and shared focus of these three partners with CLPA is a template for how cooperation and good communication can result in a ‘win-win’ for everyone involved.”

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Guided Hikes: September 28, October 12 and 26.** Meet at the Mustill Store at 3 pm.

Canal Boats had to negotiate nearly 70 feet of elevation difference in less than a third of a mile within a section of the Ohio & Erie Canal now called the Cascade Locks. Akron was born along this section and industries thrived. Tour Cascade Locks with a Cascade Locks Park Association Volunteer and learn more about the Cascade Locks Historic District

**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** Take a “Virtual” Trip on the Valley Railway

In 1880, the Valley Railway opened, connecting the cities of Cleveland, Akron, and Canton together by rail. In that same year John S. Reese published his *Guide Book for the Tourists' and Travelers' over the Valley Railway* that describes the environs of the route. Join Cuyahoga Valley National Park Historian Sam Tamburro as he discusses the history of the Valley Railway and their recent efforts to have Reese's *Guide Book* republished.

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm** Halloween Party and Blimp Ride Drawing

Celebrate Halloween at the Mustill Store and buy your last chance tickets for a ride for 2 on the Goodyear Blimp!

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3pm** Guided Hike, North of Mustill Store

If you have taken a hike up the Cascade Locks and want to know more about this area, join Bob Jenkins and hike north to Memorial Parkway. Meet at the Mustill Store.

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Volunteer Party 5:30pm**

CLPA Volunteers, enjoy the Mustill Store fully adorned with Christmas Decorations. Volunteer awards and recognition given.

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm** Akron Book Signing (GREAT Christmas Gifts)

Come meet the authors at the Mustill Store. Jack Gieck is the author of [A Photo Album of Ohio's Canal Era, 1825-1913](#) and other books. Eric Brothers is the editor of [When Giants Roamed the Sky](#), a fascinating account of Karl Arnstein and his work from the Zeppelin in Germany to airships at Goodyear. Rob and Peg Bobel will be signing copies of [Beyond Cleveland on Foot](#), which lists excellent hikes in the region including at the Cascade Locks Park. Books available for purchase. Signed copies of [A Citizen-Soldier's Civil War: The Letters of Brevet Major General Alvin C. Voris](#) by the editor, Jerome Mushkat will also be available for sale.

For more information call 330-374-5625 or email [bgarvin@ameritech.net](mailto:bgarvin@ameritech.net).

Directions to the Mustill Store are available at [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org)



Pick up your signed copy  
at the Mustill Store on  
December 7<sup>th</sup>

## Developments in the Park: Akron's CanalWay Center for the Ohio & Erie National Heritage CanalWay



An anonymous artist's creation at the historic house on Canal Street (other side faces Howard Street)

It's really quite incredible. Having received a \$25,000 planning grant from the Ohio & Erie Canal Association (OECA), Cascade Locks Park Association (CLPA) has become pivotal in the planning process for one of Akron's two heritage corridor "nodes". These nodes, or linkage centers, are significant components in the corridor's master plan.

CLPA's Planning Committee and the Howard Street Corridor Committee see themselves actively and jointly involved in the initial creation of a planning scope. Once this document has the input from both committees, it goes to the City of Akron and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County for their additions and approval. Once the scope meets all criteria, we can advertise for, and then interview professional consultants.

The charge to the consultant will be to create a master plan for the Cascade Locks Park "Node". Our Cascade Locks Park Master Plan is the basic instrument but the scope will be expanded to include linkages to Elizabeth Park, The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and the city's revitalization plans for the Hickory Street renewal (whose boundaries include Cascade Locks Park).

For the future of our park, the implications are enormous. The consultant will build upon current archaeology work on the Schumacher Mill Site being done by the University of Akron to design an interpretive center. Planned for the park will be pedestrian paths crossing Howard Street from the depot both north to Mustill and south toward downtown. We envision mercantile possibilities for Howard Street, leading up to Aggie Russell's house, on Canal Street, now in Tom Keith's (V.P. CLPA Board of Directors) possession. Here we see a vital link to Akron's African American influence by means of the jazz heritage they left on Howard Street. In our mind's eye we envision a significant entry to the park and city at the crest of Howard Street.



CLPA volunteer Nancy Anderson-Keil assists Linda Whitman, Tim Matney and Tracie of the University of Akron Dept. of Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology in the Phase I electrical resistivity investigation of the Cascade Mills Site.

Things just don't get more exciting!  
Virginia Wojno-Forney,  
Trustee/Chair, Planning Committee

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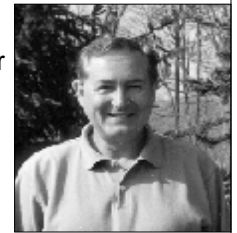
CLPA Volunteers pitch in alongside volunteers from EnviroScience Inc. to clean up the canal and Little Cuyahoga River in May (as part of Keep Akron Beautiful's Clean Up Akron Week)



## Message from the President...

The recent rain may have dampened the earth but not our spirit!

During July, the Board met for our annual off-site retreat to discuss the goals of CLPA. Bob and Christine Freitag were gracious hosts for the 1/2 day gathering. Our purpose was to review the six goals that were developed as a result of our Mission, Vision and Values statements. Specifically, we reviewed each goal with the questions "Are we right with our target date? If not, adjust it. How much time is required? How much will it cost?" I am pleased to report that the objectives within each goal are being addressed and we are making progress!



I will place a copy of the CLPA Mission Vision and Values statement along with the corresponding goals and 14 objectives in the Store. Please visit the Store and read the details behind each goal. As you review this work-in-progress document, I ask you to consider how you may help your organization live up to our Values and achieve our Vision.

If you are unable to visit the store, visit our web site and review the document on-line. ([www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org), click on *Our Mission*) Please provide comments regarding the document content to Bridget ([bgarvin@ameritech.net](mailto:bgarvin@ameritech.net) or [info@cascadelocks.org](mailto:info@cascadelocks.org)). We value you, the member, and appreciate your comments and input regarding the work that we do.

Bruce A. Smith

*The Cascade Locks Park Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in June of 1989.*

*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.*

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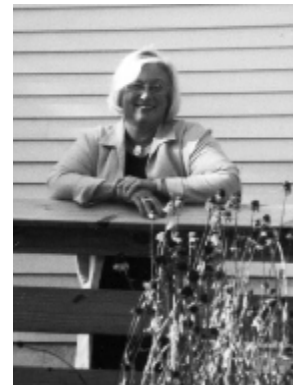
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Executive Director

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## SPOTLIGHT ON... ELLEN (Trevaskis) OTTO

When deciding who to put the spotlight on in this newsletter addition, there was little question in my mind who this volunteer should be. Ellen Otto co-chaired our recent Mustill Centennial Celebration Event. I am so grateful for the time, energy, excitement and passion that Ellen put into the event and into all areas of her involvement with CLPA that I insisted she be honored. She was reluctant since she originated the column and has written all the profiles of other CLPA-family members who have been highlighted. I told her that it was time for us to turn the tables and write about her.



Most of us don't know Ellen as Ellen Trevaskis -- her maiden name. Her dad was from Cornwall, England where the name is prevalent -- an ancient Celtic name. She said she kept the name Otto after she was no longer married because it was easier to say in business, and by then everyone knew her as Ellen Otto.

In our discussion, I learned many things that help me understand the depth of her feeling for our park. She spoke about how closely the Mustill House and Store resemble her grandparents' home on Brandywine Rd. (at the corner of Highland and Brandywine now occupied by All Saints Cemetery.) The house is of the same vintage and similar design as the Mustill house.

Ellen was born near the Canal and our Metro Parks, and considers it "her valley". Her grandmother was born in Zoar (although not a Zoarite), so the Southern terminus of the Canal Corridor is another natural draw to CLPA.

Ellen was raised in Cuyahoga Falls, graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School, and spent her freshman year at Mt. Union College. She transferred to Heidelberg College in Tiffin, OH where much of her family had attended, and graduated with a degree in English and minors in business and music. She had been the only woman in the Business School at both colleges, so it was still a time when women were not going into business. Singing was a big part of her life then and she recalls fondly the month she spent traveling and singing concerts in various European cities. Singing at the Heidelberg Castle in Heidelberg, Germany in the moonlight is a special memory.

After graduation Ellen joined Ohio Bell as a Service Rep. and was quickly promoted to Supervisor of School Recruiting. Several years later she was named the first woman in the Ohio Bell Marketing Department.

She took a lateral move two years later to the Parent Company, AT&T, as an Account Executive on the National Account Team serving Goodyear. That step set Ellen's direction for the next 18 years. She was eventually named National Account Manager, and for 11 years, directed the team of people dedicated to designing, implementing and maintaining Goodyear's vast Global communications network. "The blimp was a big part of my life for many years, and I absolutely loved Goodyear. It was one of AT&T's premier accounts and was strategically important to both firms' Global expansion," Ellen offered.

During her years as the Goodyear National Account Mgr., Ellen also wore the Community Relations hat for AT&T in the Akron-area. She joined the board of the Akron Symphony in 1986 and graduated from Leadership Akron - Class V in 1989. Other involvement has included the Akron Zoo Board, Akron Roundtable Board, Bluecoats, Akron Rotary, Child Guidance Woman's Board, Akron Commerce Club, and of course our CLPA Board... to name a few. She was also the first woman president of Akron Torch Club.

Ellen retired from AT&T as Marketing Manager for Ohio Global Accounts. Today she serves as Director of Business Development for Business Interiors and Environments, more commonly known as BIE. She is enthusiastic about the business and the Jones family who founded the firm 30 years ago on Main Street. "They had to find a new location when the Mayor decided to build the ball park...a great thing for BIE and a great thing for Akron," she said.

Ellen has chaired numerous fund raising events and galas including most of our own CLPA events in recent years. She chairs our publicity committee and sits on our nominating and planning committees. She is also recognized from her years of singing in the community. "Today I do an occasional wedding or funeral, but I decided to essentially quit before someone said 'get the hook'," laughed Ellen.

Bridget Garvin, Executive Director, CLPA

## A CLPA Friend Leaves Us



Akron lost an asset this past July. Carolyn S. Reed died of cancer at the age of 73. She had recently become involved with the Howard Street Corridor Committee and was Chairperson of the Shirla R. McClain Gallery of Akron's Black History and Culture. She spearheaded the exhibit, "Life on Howard Street: 1825-2002" now on display at the Gallery. She was active and enthusiastic in the effort to bring vibrancy back to Howard Street.

She touched the lives of many and has a legacy of positive contributions and changes in the community.

## Roadrunner Akron Marathon and Team Relays

Saturday, October 11, 2003 will be the date of this inaugural world-class marathon run on the streets of Akron, Ohio! This is very exciting for our community and for Cascade Locks Park Association. The course will pass by several Akron landmarks, one of which will be The Mustill Store! Since the Mustill Store will be a wonderful location to watch the race, we are hosting an event for that day for our members and friends. We hope you will decide to join us to cheer for your favorite runners.

The race begins at the Airdock at 8:00 a.m. and the first runners should reach the Mustill Store before 9:00 a.m. The store is located around mile 10 of the race. Because streets will be blocked off during the race, it will be necessary for you to arrive at the store by 7:00 a.m. For the best access to the site, use North Street and try to avoid West Market Street. Parking is available in the gravel lot across from the Store. You can bring your lawn chair or sit on the grass. Cinnamon rolls, coffee and cookies, among other items will be for sale. Main Street Gouremt is donating the rolls and cookies. All proceeds benefit Cascade Locks Park Association.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on this historic day in Akron! We plan to have a good time. For more information concerning the marathon log on to [www.akronmarathon.org](http://www.akronmarathon.org).

Susan Kinnamon

Members of the Akron Garden Club creating a new native wildflower garden in the Mustill Yard. These plants were saved from an area slated for new development.



## Education Updates

We continue to provide the Cascade Locks Explorer program in partnership with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Damage to the tracks have eliminated any fall programs, but dates are scheduled for the Spring. Emma and Fred Mustill greet students and our volunteer tour guides give a tour of the Cascade Locks. Students then experience the Valley aboard the train. The Cascade Locks Explorer Program will be offered March 16, April 6, April 20 and May 4. Reservations should be made with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad by calling: 1-800-468-4070



Volunteers Cathy Sullivan and Bob Jenkins lead kids on the Cascade Locks Trail

A policy for other programs and tours will be instated this fall. Programs will be provided at a membership fee for groups up to 60 individuals and scholarships will be available. We are receiving more and more requests for educational programs from groups of all ages. By establishing a policy, we are ensuring that we can continue to provide this successful and beneficial program.

## Archives Update

Thanks to generous grants from the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Akron Community Foundation and the Rev. Roderic Dibbert, the Cascade Locks Park Association is pleased to announce the creation of an archives dedicated to the history of the park surrounding the canal and the families that were such an important part of that history.

The archives will be enjoyed and utilized by interested parties from school children and amateur historians to serious scholars. Among its materials will be:

- ◇ Maps and detailed diagrams of Summit County, Akron, and the Cascade Locks area
- ◇ Materials dealing with the history and development of CLPA, including photo albums
- ◇ Materials on the history of American canals
- ◇ Historical photos of the Mustill store, Cascade Mills and the Ohio & Erie Canal
- ◇ Genealogical information on both the Mustill and Schumacher families, including family photographs of the Mustills and some of their descendants

The CLPA Archives Committee is working to accession all materials into a research friendly Museum Software called PastPerfect.

## From the Executive Director...

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the CLPA Board met for a full Saturday to review and update the Cascade Locks Park Association Strategic Plan. If anyone can accomplish our important (and ambitious) goals and objectives, the Cascade Locks Park Association Board can. I feel lucky to be the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization with a board made up of such a diverse group of individuals who don't hesitate to dig in to accomplish large things.

And large things are in the works and looming on the horizon! Cascade Locks Park Association was the recipient of a grant from the Ohio & Erie Canal Association to begin the process of developing Akron's CanalWay Center. The establishment of three CanalWay Centers (Akron being one) is a priority of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Management Plan. Akron's CanalWay Center concept is unique in that it includes two canal related focal points: Cascade Locks Park with the Northside District and the Lock 1 area in downtown Akron. We will focus on our northern area, working with our partners and a consultant (to be hired) to produce a plan. The plan will build on our existing Cascade Lock Park Master Plan. It will provide us with a guide to develop the Cascade Locks Park and surrounding area to its highest potential as a major connector in the Ohio & Erie National Heritage CanalWay.

We are excited about this project and the implications it has for the Heritage Corridor and for Akron. We have lots to do, so your continued support and dedication to the revitalization of our region is imperative. Thank you!  
Bridget Garvin

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## Board member Phil January and Executive Director attend International Heritage Development Conference in June

Recently, I was fortunate enough to attend the International Heritage Conference June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westin William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The conference, sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, could not have been held at a more fitting host city in regards to the definition of a Heritage Area.

Recognition is growing that there is a need to preserve and protect important historic areas. The abandoned steel mills of Pittsburgh are a prime example of a heritage area. This is a region consisting of both old abandoned industry and newly redeveloped retail business.

The conference stressed the importance of parks co-existing with established neighborhoods and business to become the connector or link to bring the region together. Cascade Locks Park is positioned to be that link between the City and Valley. Between the neighborhood and industry and the past and the future.

The conference gave us the opportunity to learn from other heritage areas, to share ideas and experiences with representatives from all over the world and to get reenergized with what we are doing here in Akron and throughout the Ohio & Erie National Heritage CanalWay. We were able to attend due to a partnership scholarship program provided by The George Gund Foundation through the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition. We are grateful for this support that allowed us to bring back fresh ideas and perspectives to our heritage corridor.

Phil January, Board of Directors

Check out our new addition at Mustill. A HUGE thank you goes to Barry Howdyshell, a professional architect, who volunteered his time and skills to design the wellhouse. The structure was designed to fit in with the Greek revival architecture of the Mustill House and Store.



A special thanks to CLPA member, **Marna Becker!** If you have driven or walked on North Street lately, you will have noticed a huge improvement! Marna has single-handedly cleaned up the sidewalk and adjacent area. She is dedicated to the attractiveness and accessibility of the corridor to the Cascade Locks Park and Mustill Store. The St. Vincent Track/St. Mary team can now safely make their way down North Street to the towpath trail! Thanks Marna!

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