

# M A R I E M O N T Messenger 2010

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## A Busy Year for MPF Docents



In 2010, the MPF Docents have again been busy sharing our rich history. In May, Sally Coffman and Roseann Hassey gave the Mary Emery presentation to the fourth graders at Mariemont Elementary. Following the classroom activity, students took a walking tour of the Historic District lead by Jelina Huber. Also in May, Mariemont Elementary third graders took a field trip to Council Chambers where Claire Kupferle taught them about Mariemont's system of government. In September, Claire shared information about Mariemont's history with a group of Cub Scouts.

Toward the end of September, Terry McConville and Cindy Dougherty gave four presentations to the Mariemont third

grade students about the pioneers who first settled in this area.

The weather this November was perfect for guided tours. After giving a lecture on Mary Emery and the History of Mariemont to the Ohio Decorative Arts Society Millard Rogers took the group on a walking tour of the Historic District. He also organized a tour for Professor Romanos and students from DAAP University of Cincinnati. Janet Setchell and Carol Amateis provided a two and a half hour walking tour around Mariemont for Historic Preservation graduate students from the University of Kentucky.

The last presentation to elementary students took place in November. Janet Setchell gave a presentation on the Madisonville Site to the second graders at Mariemont Elementary and the students then walked down to the actual site near the pool for hands-on activities. Docents Joanie Welsh, Cindy Dougherty, Carol Amateis, Gail McBride, Nina Rogers, Janet Setchell, and Rosemary Paris, assisted by providing several different stations for the students to learn about the Fort Ancient Native Americans who inhabited that area.

## Historic Plaque Program Commences

Placement of bronze plaques is planned throughout the Village identifying our historic buildings providing information for visitors touring our National Historic Landmark Village.



Phase I has identified the following historic groups of houses with bronze plaques mounted

on boulders. Atterberry Group (Sheldon Close); McGoodwin Group (Albert Place); Howe & Manning Group (Denny Place); Elzner & Anderson Group (Linden Place & Wooster Pike); Short Group (Oak Street). Phase II will identify other housing groups and buildings within the Historic District. ■

Our docents do a wonderful job of educating about our architecture and history. We are always excited to train anyone and it's a great way to give back to our community. If you are interested, please contact Janet Setchell at Mariemont Preservation Foundation at 272-1166 or Cindy Dougherty at 527-4042 for more information. ■

### Mark Your Calendars: 2011 Events

Friday, April 8

**MPF PRESENTS:**

**"Cocktails with Mary Emery"**

Come for drinks and appetizers and learn about Mariemont's Founder - Mary Emery (Lecture and Display)

6:00 - 8:00 pm

WACC Barn

6980 Cambridge Avenue

Sunday, August 28

**A TASTE OF  
MARIEMONT**

4:30 - 7:30 pm

The Concourse

Sunday, December 4

**MPF MEMBERS'  
HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

5:00 - 7:00 pm

The Mariemont Inn/National Exemplar

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**MPF Building Repairs**

MPF acquired their building (the old CG&E Transformer Building) in 1997. As with any building, repairs and maintenance are a necessary expense. After over 10 years it was time to replace the roof and major interior repairs are planned to patch and paint the ceiling. Hopefully day-to-day operations will not be too disrupted and visitors will always be welcome. ■

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Help us preserve the historic character of our unique Village.

Send your 2011 Membership in today AND RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT on MPF BOOKSTORE ITEMS!

Membership levels are: \$20, \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$1,500 Lifetime Membership. (Lifetime Membership status can be attained with a single contribution of \$1,500 or two \$750 contributions over a consecutive two-year period).

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our Life Members' Plaque.

In addition you will receive your choice of a set of three decorative Mariemont plates or a John Ruthven limited edition "Mariemont Cardinals" print.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Happy New Year!*

It's been another busy year at the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. We accomplished a lot in 2010 and have much to look forward to in 2011 thanks to our dedicated Trustees and volunteers.

I would like to thank you for continuing to support our organization - now 30 years old and counting. While some people think of us as a group which is only interested in history, architecture, and town planning you may be surprised to learn that our signature event happens to be sponsoring and coordinating the many activities which make The Taste of Mariemont such a popular annual event with people of all age groups.

In the next six to nine months we look forward to finalizing two very important contributions to the Village. The first of these, Vision 2021, is a planning effort which we initiated in 2009. Creating a comprehensive vision for our one-of-a-kind community has been an exciting and inclusive process - one that has seen broad involvement and input from residents, businesspeople, organizations, boards and commissions, local elected officials, youth groups, Village employees, and students.

I'm also happy to report that MPF has secured grant monies for what promises to be a very popular coffee table book. It is attractive and well written and celebrates our unique heritage and legacy. It will be published by Ohio University Press.

You can purchase a copy for yourself or buy one as a gift later this year by visiting MPF's office at 3919 Plainville Road. I'm sure that our founder, Mary Emery, her advisor, Charles Livingood, and her town planner, John Nolen would be pleased with the special quality of life which they helped create and which is so wonderfully documented in our coffee table book.

One other accomplishment I'm proud to point out is the boulders and plaques that have been placed in some areas in our historic district. They identify the architects who designed certain housing groups, their architectural style, and when they were built. We intend to place more of these attractive historic markers in the Village in 2011.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to consider becoming involved in our community. Whether you realize it or not, there are lots of challenges, big and small, which lie ahead. While MPF is always looking for volunteers, there are other organizations in the Village who would welcome hearing from you. Mariemont needs energetic, talented, and committed people who are willing to volunteer a few hours of their time each month in order to insure that our Village remains what our founder envisioned - a National Exemplar.

With Best Regards,

Frank Raeon, President

MPF Board of Trustees

## MPF Events 2010

In April, MPF hosted a "Cocktails and Collectibles" evening featuring "THE ART & ARCHITECTURE OF MARIEMONT." The WACC Barn provided an excellent venue for exhibiting the framed original architect's drawings that MPF had acquired from the Village of Mariemont. Guests enjoyed wine and appetizers while viewing an educational display put together by archivist Janet Setchell featuring plans, sketches, drawings and photographs of buildings designed by the prominent architects of Mariemont.

Despite the hot September day,

residents turned out to enjoy music, food and entertainment offered at the annual TASTE OF MARIEMONT. Children enjoyed a puppet show and pie eating contest. New this year was the judging by Mayor Dan Policastro of the *Comey & Shepherd* dog parade. Thanks to Trustee Jill Baumgartner and Lisa Hopkins of the National Exemplar for organizing this popular community event.

The MPF HOLIDAY PARTY was again kindly hosted by the Mariemont Inn and the National Exemplar. More than 70 members and guests enjoyed this festive event. Thanks to Lisa Mulvany and Carole Fahnestock for organizing this special "thank you" event for our members.