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2016 Columbus City Tour Series



The Columbus Historical Society's 2016 Columbus City Tour Series began on May 28. This two and a half hour tour takes guests around Columbus to the Downtown area, the new Columbus Commons, the Short North Arts District, German Village, the Arena District, Olde Towne East, the Discovery District, Franklin Park and more. The Saturday tours are open to individuals and small groups with registration and payment required in advance. Special tours can also be arranged for larger groups. There is still plenty of time to register, so don't miss August bus tour that will be taking place on Saturday August 27th.

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POINDEXTER VILLAGE: A PORTRAIT IN STORIES

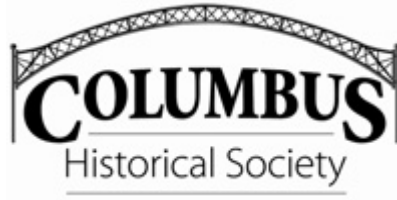


Poindexter Village Community Conversations

Thursday, August 25th, 2016

Exhibit Viewing: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Discussion: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



The Columbus Historical Society @ COSI

333 West Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio 43215

Beginning on August 25, we will be hosting monthly Poindexter Village community conversations with community partners. These will take place the third Thursday of each month. The night will begin at 5:00 p.m. when attendees will have until 6:00 p.m. to view the exhibit. The conversation will take place from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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*From Our Exhibit: Poindexter Village a Portrait
in Stories*



Currently in our exhibit we have a model kitchen that is reminiscent of what a kitchen in a Poindexter Village home would have looked like. This feature is an incredible part of our exhibit because it allows for a deeper connection to Poindexter Village. You can come and experience this feature in our museum and immerse yourself in the entire Poindexter Village exhibit. Starting on August 25th we will be hosting monthly Community Conversations about the history of Poindexter Village and the future of the community. We encourage you to join us for these conversations if you would like to learn about the fascinating history of Poindexter Village.

Our museum is extremely grateful for all of the generous donations that we receive. If you are interested in donating a piece of history to us for preservation, kindly contact our office at 614-224-0822.

From our Friends at Senior Times



"Postcard From Columbus" is Richard Barrett's monthly column in the Senior Times. Richard is a board member of the Columbus Historical Society and provides unique insight on the history of the city. The current issue features The Knights of Pythias. Read this excerpt from his column below and click on the link to read the full story.

The Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order and secret society, established in 1864 in Washington, D.C., by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress.

The first three Knights of Pythias lodges in Columbus (Columbus Lodge No. 3, Germania Lodge No. 4 and Franklin Lodge No. 5) were instituted in 1869. Studer's History of Columbus (1873) reported there were about 250 members in the three lodges.

To read the full column, visit page 4 of the Senior Times website.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

From our Friends at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

"A Cure for Catarrh"
by Chuck Cody



In 1890, Dr. Samuel Brubaker Hartman (5/1/1830-1/30/1918) arrived in Columbus and began selling several patent medicines of his own concoction. One of these, Pe-Ru-Na or Peruna, said to cure catarrh, soon became the top-selling remedy in the country. This was due mostly to Harman's aggressive and innovative advertising campaigns for the product and the fact that it was 28% alcohol.

The usual definition of catarrh is an inflammation of the mucous membrane. However, Dr. Hartman's use of the term included almost any medical condition. Hartman hired Frederick Schumacher as the company's vice president. Schumacher married Hartman's daughter, Maribel, and set about stepping up Peruna's marketing. Promotions relied heavily on celebrity testimonials, not only from politicians and clergy but, in one series of ads, 25 Union and Confederate generals.

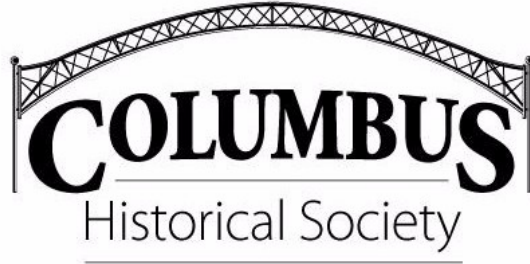
Hartman grew wealthy, not only from Peruna sales, but from his hospital/sanitarium in downtown Columbus as well as an experimental farm south of the city. However, he hit a setback in the Peruna business when he admitted to a reporter that Peruna did not cure anything and was nothing more than a "gentle stimulant." The series of articles that followed influenced passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906. Hartman was forced to alter his both the contents of his concoction and his advertising claims. Sales plummeted, but the company continued to produce various remedies for some years to come.

Hartman died after contracting pneumonia in 1918. His company was sold in the 1920s. His hotel at S. 4th Street and E. Main now is now used for loft apartments.

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CHS Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight for August features four students that volunteered with us this summer.



This summer we had two volunteers from the Eckerd Workforce, Carloise Shepherd and Royshea Hairston. We also had two volunteers from Lead the Way Learning Academy, Christhony Watson and Tatyana Preston who assisted us this summer.

We would like to thank these volunteers for all of their help this summer both in the office and the museum, they were a tremendous help. Thanks to these volunteers we were also able to keep our museum open for additional days during the week in order to serve our community.

We are currently seeking interns or volunteers that would like to assist with marketing for the Columbus Historical Society. If you are interested in volunteering with the CHS, please contact our office at 614-224-0822 or send us an email at: info@columbushistory.org

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