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June Program

POINDEXTER VILLAGE: A PORTRAIT IN STORIES



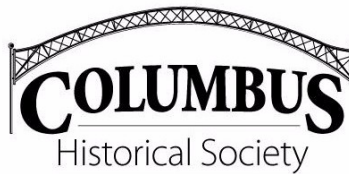
An Evening of History: A Panel Discussion and Annual Members' Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2016

Exhibit hours: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Panel discussion: 7 p.m. - 8 pm..

Annual Members' Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.



The Columbus Historical Society @ COSI
333 West Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio 43215

Join us to learn about Poindexter Village: its history, the contribution of its residents, the life and future of this community. Experience the rich history of one of Ohio's first public housing developments, located on Columbus' Near East Side. Learn about the people who lived in Poindexter Village that continue to reside in Columbus.

Please RSVP on or before June 27, 2016 by emailing
info@columbushistory.org or calling 614-224-0822

2016 Columbus City Tour Series



The Columbus Historical Society's 2016 Columbus City Tour Series began on May 28. These popular bus tours take place the fourth Saturday of the month, May through October. This 2.5-hour tour takes guests around the Columbus area to locations such as Downtown, 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.

[Click this button to visit our website and learn about pricing, ticket purchasing, and reservations for our Tour Series](#)

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 Scioto Country Club which was established on the site of the first Central Ohio country club. Read this excerpt from his column below and click on the link to read the full story.

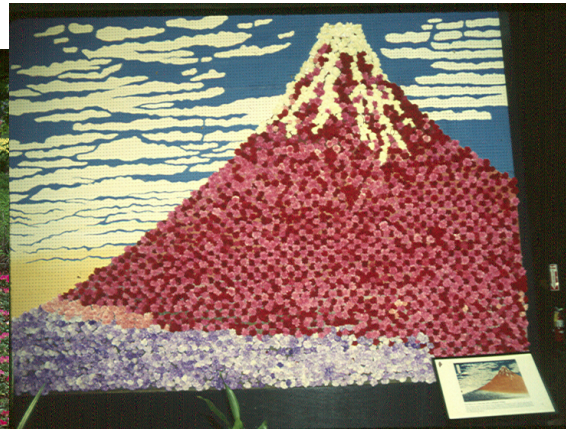
The Scioto Country Club traces its origin to the founding of "The Riding and Driving Club" on four acres in what is now Marble Cliff in 1892. At the time, riding was the popular sport. That club was the first country club in Central Ohio and occupied a clubhouse designed by noted Columbus architect Frank Packard.

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

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

From Our Collection

AmeriFlora



In the summer of 2014, former Mayor Greg Lashutka generously donated some memorabilia from the 1992 AmeriFlora exhibition to our collection. AmeriFlora was an international horticultural exhibition that commemorated the five hundred year anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in North America. Located on 88 acres in Franklin Park where it drew 5.5 million visitors, it was the first time an exhibition like this had ever been held in the United States. Included in our collection are a poster of AmeriFlora and the Columbus Quincentennial, a map of the exhibition on the park grounds and Mayor Lashutka's hardhat from the opening of the event. We would like to thank Mayor Lashutka once again for this donation to the Columbus Historical Society. In our collection we also have some beautiful photos of the AmeriFlora exhibition, playbills, hats and commemorative t-shirts that were generously donated to us by Scott Martin, who volunteered for the exhibit. A few of these photos are pictured here. Thank you so much Mr. Martin for your donation to the Columbus Historical Society.

From our Friends at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

"Axis Sally"

by Chuck Cody
Librarian



"Axis Sally" was a nickname given to women who broadcast radio propaganda for the Axis powers in Europe during World War II. The term was primarily applied to Rita Zucca, who worked in Italy, and Ohioan Mildred Elizabeth Gillars, who was in Germany.

Gillars was born in Maine, but moved with her family to Ohio when she was a teenager. She later attended Ohio Wesleyan University briefly before moving to New York City to try to become an actress. Failing to make a theatrical career, Gillars moved to Europe. Eventually, she wound up as an announcer with the German State Radio.

Most Axis Sally broadcasts were directed toward American servicemen in Europe and intended to undermine their morale. Following the war she was tried and convicted of treason and spent 12 years in prison before being paroled in 1961. Upon her release, Gillars moved to Columbus and became a teacher at Our Lady of Bethlehem, having converted to Catholicism while in prison. She lived in Columbus until her death in 1988.

Be sure to check out the Columbus Main Library when it reopens on June 25, 2016!

CHS Volunteer Spotlight



Our volunteer spotlight for June features Greg Hall, a history major at The Ohio State University

What do you like most about working for or volunteering with the Columbus Historical Society?

I really enjoy all of the different opportunities I am taking part in as an intern with CHS. I have had the chance to work on several different projects which have broadened my knowledge of Columbus itself, while learning and applying skills that will carry on with me.

Any favorite artifacts in the current exhibit?

Reaching for the Sky: The History of Columbus Aviation, the Historical Society's previous exhibit, was a cool exhibit to me since I have been in and around Columbus throughout my time at Ohio State. The most interesting section to me was on the Transcontinental Air Transport, which was a quick journey cross country in those days and now can be done in a matter of hours. It helps to the technology we have today into perspective. It is also hard to fathom sitting in a wicker chair on an airplane!

Visit the New CHS Exhibit

Our new exhibit, *Poindexter Village: A Portrait in Stories*, is now open. Featured in our exhibit are several original pieces by noted Columbus artist, Aminah Robinson.

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