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Congressman Tom Sawyer applies the first stroke of paint with Tom Long, City of Akron, CLPA Pres. Bruce Smith, founder/past pres. Virginia Wojno-Forney and Executive Director Bridget Garvin.

Mustill Store Fence Paintin' Party— A Roaring Success!

Saturday, June 29th dawned to be a beautiful day and the weather was just about the only thing that the hard working Cascade Locks Park Association party planners could not control, so they were a very happy group of people! The CLPA Board was in need of a unique idea for a fundraiser and the fence surrounding the Mustill House and Store was in need of a primer coat of paint. So, this creative group decided to combine the two needs and plan a fun filled afternoon for



Gerry Keifer and family hard at work, the Van Nostran family works in the background.

everyone who attended. And, that is exactly what they did!

Since the organizers had chosen Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" as the theme of the party, what could be more fitting than to have our own Tom Sawyer, U.S. Representative



Pres. Bruce Smith, Congressman Tom Sawyer and wife Joyce Sawyer and Phil January of January Paints enjoy a break from "work".

from the 14th district, as the guest of honor and the first person to begin the painting process? The fence was painted in record time, but the partygoers were treated to much more than just painting. There was live music, an old fashioned Ploughman's lunch, plenty of lemonade and iced tea, children's activities reminiscent of the mid-1800's, hiking along the Towpath, and a silent auction with some lovely things donated by area merchants and CLPA friends.

The party could not have happened had it not been for the tremendous help of dozens of volunteers and the financial support of the major sponsors who included January Paint and Wallpaper, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, FirstEnergy Foundation, Ederer Construction, Williams Hardwood Flooring, Wooster Brush, United Commerce Center, California Paints, BHSolutionsGroup, Inc., Modern Electric Corp., CMS, Inc., Virginia Wojno-Forney, and Al Brion.

A good time was had by all. To everyone who helped to make the fence paintin' party a big success, our deepest gratitude. *Susan Kinnamon, Trustee, Member of the "Fence Paintin' Comm.*

Membership Support Continues to Build

Cascade Locks Park Association has reached 65% of its goal to double our organization's membership. With 123 new members, we continue to work towards our goal of 150. Community support is essential if we wish to continue to attract the funding needed to complete our historic industrial park. To show our appreciation for our members and volunteers, the CLPA board is planning a party at the Mustill Store, August 19, at 5:30. Please join us!

Christine Freitag, Trustee

History Repeats Itself:

Mustill Store is a Bustling Center of Activity

The store has hosted several events and groups during the spring and summer to become, once again, a busy spot on the canal! On April 26th, NPS ranger Rebecca Jones, portraying Emma Mustill, took over 30 participants on a lantern hike along the towpath trail.



CLPA volunteer Fred Neugebauer and his children helping with the canal cleanup.

On April 27th, CLPA volunteers gathered alongside volunteers from EnviroScience, Inc. on Keep Akron Beautiful's Super Saturday. EnviroScience Inc. is the first company in Northeast Ohio to adopt a stream segment as part of the Ohio Division of Natural Resources sponsored program. EnviroScience has made a commitment to clean up a two-mile section of the Little Cuyahoga River starting at the Mustill House Towpath Trail head to its confluence with the Cuyahoga River. Due to their coordination, over 80 volunteers pitched in to clean up the canal and river. Unfortunately, a strong rain followed the cleanup bringing new garbage and litter from the city's combined sewer overflow system (CSO).

On May 18th, CLPA trustee and canal historian, Bruce Norton led a rain-going group along the towpath trail north of the store. The guided hike was just one of numerous events up and down the corridor for River Day, coordinated by the Friends of the Crooked River.

On June 8th, as part of National Trails Day, we celebrated 175 years of the Ohio & Erie Canal from Akron to Cleveland in partnership with the Summit County Historical Society. Adults and children gathered to play old-fashioned games, listen to Jack Gieck recount the first canal boat trip from Akron to Cleveland and eat ice cream donated by Star Market in Highland Square.



After making pinwheels with the Summit Co. Historical Society, children listen to volunteer Jack Gieck describe the first trip on the canal from Akron to

On June 14th, a group from Ohio Edison volunteered their entire day for CLPA as part of United Way of Summit County's Day of Caring. A good cleaning of the store, the beginning of the rebuilt privy, gardening and much more was accomplished by this group. A Great Big Thanks goes out to Ohio Edison and the group at our site!



Volunteers from Ohio Edison help out at the Mustill Store during the Day of Caring.

Several other school groups and organizations have visited the store to discover a bit of history and gather on topics related to the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monday, August 19, 5:30 pm

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY! Become a member and join CLPA and the Goodyear Community Concert Band to thank our supporters and members. Members and volunteers will receive invitations. Gather at the Mustill Store at 5: 30 pm. Concert begins at 7 pm.

Saturday, September 7, 9am-noon

ARTISTS AT WORK Take the opportunity to join artists or simply watch Artists at Work! The Artists at Work program is coordinated by the Crooked River Gang, a volunteer group of regional artists that promotes artistic creation and exhibition in CVNP. No experience necessary. All art mediums welcome. Bring your own materials. Sessions will not occur during inclement weather. Free.

FALL HIKES, September 8 and 22; October 13 and 27; November 10 and 24

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 volunteer Bob Jenkins and learn more about the Cascade Locks Historic District.

Meet at the Mustill Store at 3 pm on any of the above Sundays.

Developments in the Park

The unanimous consensus of the Long Range Planning Committee is that our Phase II must be a visual knockout!

The committee has been meeting monthly on the first Fridays. A major accomplishment is the addition of Chuck Jones of FirstEnergy to the committee. The local utility is anxious to cooperate with the Cascade Locks Park Association in designing the mill site, which it currently owns.

Having explored possibilities and potentials for our park entry, our next step is to formulate a master plan. Having a master plan facilitated funding for the Mustill Project, so we anticipate equal excitement when we can display a visual design.

This Cascade Locks Park entry will also develop linkages to the new train station (Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad) and the major Elizabeth Park redevelopment, currently under way.

By the time this newsletter is printed, we shall have met with Patty Stevens, a current CLPA board member, a member of this planning committee and the author of our overall master plan. She will have the results of our brainstorming session, be charged with creating a spectacular entry: historically accurate and visually compelling.

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

Message from the President CLPA -Focused on the Future

Greetings! The board is preparing for a strategic planning retreat in September. The goal is to update our long-term plan taking into consideration the need for growth and preservation. Our next newsletter will discuss the plan in detail.



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Party. As you read this issue you will see great photos of members and volunteers working together on what turned out to be a highly successful event.

Can you help us? We need a few hours of your time each month to help support our objectives. There are many volunteer openings including office help, committee support, and helping in the Mustill store to keep it tidy and to keep the doors open to the public. I would be very happy to see the store open 7 days a week, especially in the summer months.

Annie Dillard said it best: "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." Please call Bridget and volunteer.

Bruce A. Smith, President, CLPA

Metro Parks Celebrates the 39th Year for Fall Hiking Spree!

Enjoy and hike the tremendous park system we have here in Summit County and earn a hiking staff or your annual shield if you are a veteran hiker. The annual hiking spree is from **Sunday, September 1 through Saturday, November 30.**

For more information try www.summitmetroparks.org or call the Metro Parks office at 330-867-5511

Big News from the Archives Committee

The Archives and History group are absolutely delighted to tell you that we have received a grant of \$1500 from the Ohio Humanities Council. The OHC is a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The monies are for the Archives and Canal History resource. We have been working to collate a timeline for the Cascade Locks Park, which is being used by the Education Committee for their student project in the fall. It has also been used as a foundation document to provide docent-led tours of the Park, and as a resource for volunteers in the store. We have also been working to create an archives of media coverage, and are also collating our book and map collections. Two family bibles inscribed by members of the Mustill family have been uncovered. One member has been using our data to reconstruct the store outhouse: an outstanding addition to our building. The Archives and History group is also working on a simple history to sell in the store which describes life on the canal and in our locale, We are always on the lookout for people to work with us and to share with them the joys of rediscovering our history.

Wendy Mills, Archives Committee

Thank you for your support!

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 We are grateful for this support!
 Our donors since the April 2002 newsletter include:

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The Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities
to fund the CLPA Archives & Canal History Resource
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SPOTLIGHT ON... DOUG HAUSKNECHT

Anyone who has spent much time with CLPA or been a frequent visitor to the Mustill Store must know Doug Hausknecht, or “Dr. Doug”, as he is known to his students at the University of Akron.



Doug came to Akron in 1986 when he joined the University faculty as Associate Professor of Marketing and International Business. He had to adjust to our Ohio winters having been a Floridian most of his life. Doug graduated from High School in Jacksonville and earned his BS, MBA and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Doug, who calls himself “a critter person”, had originally planned to be a veterinarian, but shifted to Food Science and ultimately to Marketing. His dissertation was focused on Consumer Behavior, a continuing interest that has led to numerous teaching opportunities in Austria, Australia, Russia, Ukraine, France, and England. He spent five weeks this summer at Huron University in London teaching in the International Marketing Department.

Doug became interested in the Mustill property in 1984 when he was a “JC” (Jr. Chamber of Commerce), and they were asked to participate in a *Keep Akron Beautiful* Clean Up at the Mustill Store area. Doug was “hooked” and contacted Virginia Wojno expressing interest in the property.

For the past eighteen years Doug has devoted a significant amount of his time to the organization that was to become Cascade Locks Park Association. He briefly served as Treasurer, and was the person responsible for, in his words, “blundering ahead with early clean-up of the house so that it could be occupied”. When the house was readied for its first occupant after many years of being deserted – except by varmints and vagrants, Doug said “we had to patch holes in the walls and take boards off the windows. You could see more through the wall holes than through the windows.” Doug was also the one who initially opened the store for visitors.

Doug’s vision for CLPA is to convert the Mustill House from a rental property to another tourist destination so visitors can combine a visit to the store with a house of the same historic period.



Fun was had by the young and the young at heart at the Tom Sawyer Fence Paintin’ Party.

In addition to CLPA, Doug has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Akron since he was recruited by Virginia Wojno in 1996. He serves on the Rotary Camp Board and the International Committee. Doug is a member of St. Vincent’s Church. He also frequently makes the trek to Columbus in his ’73 blue Karmonn Ghia to visit his significant other, Carol Koshel, who works for the Department of Defense.

Ellen Otto, Trustee

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Support the Metro Parks Levy and you will be supporting 8,665 acres of parklands, in 11 developed parks; over 13 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail; a 32-mile Bike and Hike Trail; the F.A. Seiberling Naturealm and Visitors Center and Arboretum; and several large conservation areas. Metro Parks receives both its operating and capital money from this single levy. This outstanding park district serves over 4,400,000 visitors a year who hike, jog, bicycle, swim, picnic, ice skate, sled, cross-country ski, toboggan and play baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, basketball and volleyball. Please support the levy in November. If you wish to join Citizens for Metro Parks to help pass the levy contact

Citizens for MetroParks
P.O. Box 72081
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Christine Freitag, Trustee

Mustill Privy Reappears

The family privy was a necessary feature of homes and establishments in the days prior to indoor plumbing, so it is only fitting that the Mustills' "two-holer" that collapsed years ago be reconstructed as part of the historically sensitive site. Bruce Norton and Bob Freitag have been rebuilding the privy in accordance with photographs depicting its location behind the store.



Bob Freitag and Bruce Norton hard at work reassembling the historic

Privies are often sites for archaeological digs since they also served as the family dump for broken china and other discarded items. But, history tells us too that privies were moved once a specific site was "filled". Stop by and see our new privy, but remember, please, it is not functional!!

Ellen Otto, Trustee

Education Collaboration Ready to Go!

Since January the CLPA Education Committee has been diligently developing a pilot project for elementary school children ages 8 to 11 in collaboration with the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. The program will take place on November 5th and 12th when classes will hike the Cascade Valley between Locks 15 and 11, then board the CVSR at Northside to continue along the Ohio & Erie Canal and into the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Executive Director Bridget Garvin and committee members Jim Gilbride, Bob Jenkins, Wendy Mills, Denny Reiser, Joan Horvath and Lynne Van Nostran have developed volunteer training packets based on Jack Gieck's history of Akron's Cascade Locks written specifically for this effort. Materials focus on local history from the 1805 Western Reserve Indian Treaty to the Great Flood of 1913 that destroyed the locks and ended canal operation as well as industry that developed along the canal. In addition, the committee has created and assembled supplemental materials and resources relevant to Cascade Locks to include in CVSR's teachers' packet. NPS personnel will train CLPA volunteer tour guides.

The committee anticipates that the number of tours will expand in subsequent years, encouraging more youngsters and their families to further explore Akron's unique canal era and industrial heritage preserved by CLPA.

Lynne Van Nostran, Education Committee Member

Check out our updated website:
www.cascadelocks.org

The Cascade Locks Park Association is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization incorporated in June of 1989 for the purpose of designing, planning and implementing the Cascade Locks Park from Locks 10-16 along the Ohio & Erie Canal while preserving, protecting and promoting the industrial heritage of the area.

From the Executive Director: Approaching the One-Year Mark!

It is hard to believe that August marks my one-year anniversary with CLPA. I am proud of the accomplishments of the organization over the past year. Some of my highlights this year include seeing through the completion of the fundraising efforts for the Mustill Store and House rehabilitation, raising the entire amount necessary to complete the landscape of the historic Mustill yard, re-establishing an education committee, finding new CLPA supporters and almost doubling our membership and most recently, pulling off a successful family oriented fundraiser. I have never seen a group so determined to WORK. The fence was painted in approximately 90 minutes! Thanks to everyone who participated!

I am determined that the upcoming year will be even better and it's already in the works. Our planning committee is focused on developing the site of Schumacher's Cascade Mill into an interpretive center. Our education committee will be bringing groups of school children to Cascade Locks Park in partnership with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Our archives committee has realized a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities to organize and catalogue our archive materials. We intend to have more programming at the Store including some guided hikes of the park. We will be implementing interpretive elements of the Mustill landscape. And finally and of great importance, we will be building our volunteer and membership base to accomplish these tasks and to build the organization. If you are not already, please consider becoming a member and/or volunteer to help us grow!

Thank you to all our dedicated members, supporters and volunteers for such a great year. Cascade Locks Park Association is not possible without you!!

Bridget Garvin, Executive Director

Ohio Historical Marker



Cascade Locks Park Association was a recipient of a grant for an Ohio Historical Marker from the **Ohio Bicentennial Commission's Longaberger Legacy Initiative.** The historical marker will stand at the Cascade Valley Mustill

area trailhead and will tell of both the Mustill House, Store and family as well as the importance of the Cascade Locks to the history of Akron. The marker will be erected and dedicated in the fall.

Our Historic Landscape

As part of the Mustill House, Store and Site Project, the yard is to reflect the historic integrity of the site. We have now raised the funds necessary to complete the site in accordance with the master plan for the Mustill Project. A great big thank you goes out to the following for funding this portion of the Mustill House, Store and Site Project:

The Akron Garden Club
The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation
The Second Foundation
The Neighborhood Partnership Program,
funded by the City of Akron and
the Akron Community Foundation
Stark/Summit Master Gardeners

Trees, shrubs and groundcovers have been added as outlined in our landscape plan. More is to be added including daylilies, mock orange, and purple coneflower. Trustee, Christine Freitag has headed up this effort. You may have also noticed that a new outbuilding stands next to the store. This privy was rebuilt from original materials. Trustees Bruce Norton and Bob Freitag gave countless hours in its re-erection.; a true CLPA labor of love!

Future projects include the addition of the well house and the reinstatement of the canal lock hydraulic overflow or wasteway at Lock 15. The wasteway was used to divert excess water on the canal in times of low use. It historically flowed from the canal just south of lock 15, under the Mustill Store porch, reemerging north of the store and over a spillway back into the canal. This spillway will also be exposed. The interpretive hydraulic overflow will not hold water as it historically did, but it will follow the original path and will educate adults and children on the function of the canal. It includes 2 bridges south of the store and 1 north of the store as were present in canal days. The project is currently on hold awaiting the relocation of the brick building presently used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for water monitoring. This building sits on a portion of the buried wasteway. CLPA is currently working with the City of Akron to ensure its relocation and will then move forward to implement this important historic feature. Thank you to the Akron Garden Club, The City of Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County for support on this important project.

Bridget Garvin, Executive Director

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