

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter
May, 2019

Sunday, May 5 - Grand Re-Opening Events:

Wayside Exhibition Dedication; Original Fort Demarcation Area; Speaker!

12:00 - 3:00

- Escorted/Individual Walking Tours of the 15 New Wayside Exhibits
- Demonstrations of the On-Line Battlefield Walking Tour

1:00 – 1:20 Official Dedication of the Wayside Exhibits

Presenter: Chris Thompson, Archaeologist Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories; Grant/Wayside Exhibits Project Manager

- Introduction of Representatives of the Grant Initiative
- Recognition of Donors and Volunteers

Presenter: Nancy Knapke/Louie Diller

- Acknowledgement of Eagle Scout Danny Bracy and his "Original 1793 Fort" demarcation and recognition project, and donors and assistants

3:00 - 4:00 Presenter: Diane Hunter

Citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

"The Mihši-maalhsa (American) Wars and Treaties and Their Impact on the Past and Present of Myaamiaki (Miami people)"



Diane Hunter is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and a citizen of the Tribe. She is a descendant of the Miami family of Seekaahkweeta and Palaanswa (Francois Godfroy), through their son Waapanakiikaapwa (Gabriel Godfroy). Her work as THPO involves preserving and protecting historic sites and resources, providing education about the presence and history of the Miami Tribe, and serving nearly 700 Tribal citizens in Indiana and surrounding areas. Diane has a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University and Master's degrees from Ball State University and Georgetown University. She began working for the Miami Tribe in 2015, when the Tribe opened a Cultural Resources Extension Office in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Diane will be bringing artifacts for display and for visitors' viewing. Her presentations are highly regarded as interesting and informative. Take advantage of hearing her (and bring your school-aged children/grandchildren. A great opportunity!)

Wahoo, We Now Own a Recording Camera for Taping Presentations and Events!

Thanks to the donations of generous patrons, we can now fulfill the requests of numerous patrons who have asked if they can view the speaker presentations that they, the patrons, were unable to attend. (Be aware however, that each speaker has his/her own say-so about the recording of his/her presentations.) How we wish we had done this over the years. (It's not like we didn't try! ☺) What an amazing and informative library we would have! Again, thank you patrons! YOU make these valuable services possible.

Thank YOU 2019 Patrons! A list will be included with a future newsletter!

Already 80 individuals/couples/families have become patrons of the museum for 2019. Obviously, we couldn't exist without you, and your generous contributions! You patrons make possible the events we plan each summer, provide funds for buildings and maintenance, keep up with lawn care, etc. Thank YOU! If you would like to become a patron, following are the categories we publish, however, all/every/any amount is important in the museum and historical society's pursuit of sharing the information and importance of what happened here on the banks of the Wabash in 1791 and 1794!

_____ President Washington	\$2000	_____ Shawnee War Chief, Blue Jacket	\$100
_____ Gen. Anthony Wayne	\$1000	_____ Delaware War Chief, Buckongahelas	\$ 50
_____ Miami War Chief, Little Turtle	\$ 500	_____ Red Haired Nance	\$ 25
_____ Gen. Arthur St. Clair	\$ 250	_____ Gen. Richard Butler (individual)	\$ 10

In return for your donation, **you receive:**

- 1) Satisfaction - knowing you contributed in an important way to museum daily operations, renovations, educational presentations and community promotion and support
- 2) Free admission to the museum/special events
- 3) Free or reduced rates for special events
- 4) 10% discount on any gift/book shop purchases
- 5) Informative April-Nov. Newsletters

Donations can be mailed to The Museum, Box 533, Fort Recovery, 45846.

Donation by Alan Gaff

Author of Bayonets in the Wilderness (Wayne's army and 1794 battle) and soon to be released, "Corpses on the Battlefield," (St. Clair's Defeat), has offered to donate all of his research material for both books to the Fort Recovery Historical Society. What a treasure that will be. How can we be so fortunate! Historians way into the future will appreciate this gesture. Thank YOU, Alan Gaff!

Update on Monument Lighting

A number of members of the Fort Recovery Historical Society plus town manager, Randy Diller and community representative, Ken Romer recently met with OHC representatives Megan Wood, Director of Museum and Library Services and Maggie Marconi, Department Manager regarding the replacement of current ground lights in Monument Park and the addition of lighting of the entire monument. A tentative plan for the possible addition of both the sidewalk lights and the monument lighting was developed. Some of the factors involved in the Monument Lighting project include 1) cost of the actual material and labor, including off-site and on-site architectural time and on-site archeologist's time; 2) gathering input from Native American tribes; 3) surveying the land neighbors of the area.

Most of the projected funds needed must be in hand/pledged/anticipated before the major monument project would begin. Estimates are in the range of \$100,000. Randy was anxious to begin the replacement of the park pole lights as the town pays for that electricity and ample savings is expected with the new LED lights. Randy has the money for that project in process, so that part of the lighting project will probably begin sooner than the lighting of the Monument itself. (Megan Wood has since contacted Randy about that project and it appears to be moving forward.)

We appreciate the cooperation and support of all entities involved in making these important and dramatic improvements possible.

Anticipating A Great Year 2019 at the Fort Recovery State Museum! nk

