



MASSILLON  
**HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION**  
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Newsletter Fall 2014

**President's Update**  
**Gary Martzolf**

Phase II of our multi-year restoration of Five Oaks wrapped up a few weeks ago as Keystone Waterproofing completed the emergency repair and tuck-pointing of a portion of the building exterior. During this phase we spent \$93,000 on several projects including improvements to the heating system, emergency lighting & exit signs, a new sidewalk at the Fourth Street entrance and the emergency exterior repairs. While onsite, Keystone observed that critical repairs are needed on all the building's chimneys. They are preparing cost estimates for the repairs and for the addition of caps on all chimneys.

Many of you have been generous contributors to the Ohio History Fund by donating a portion of your state tax refund through the income tax "check-off." We hope to return some of these funds to Massillon and have submitted a grant application to the history fund. Our application seeks \$20,000 to begin the interior plaster and paint restoration of areas damaged over the years by water leaks. There is heavy competition for limited dollars and we will find out next March if we are successful. These grants

are matching and we will need to provide 40% of the total project cost to meet our match.

Annual membership renewal is just around the corner and you soon will be receiving our newly-designed membership brochure. We added new membership categories and instituted modest dues increases, the first in several years, at all membership levels. We are also asking for your email address so we can communicate with you quickly and economically. We promise to not pass your email address to others or fill your mailbox with unwanted "spam" and we will only send periodic reminders or items of interest. We hope you will renew your membership and continue your support of Five Oaks.

Volunteers are essential to the mission of the Massillon Heritage Foundation and we welcome member's assistance with events, projects and tours. Please call (330-479-1854) or email ([martzga@yahoo.com](mailto:martzga@yahoo.com)) me if you would like additional information regarding volunteer opportunities.

**Membership**  
**Peggy Haunty, Membership**  
**Chairperson**

In October you will be receiving information in the mail concerning your yearly Massillon Heritage Foundation dues. We hope that every one will be able to support the Foundation again this year. Your annual memberships are so important to the restoration and preservation of our Historic Five Oaks.

The Annual Meeting for the Massillon Heritage Foundation will be Monday, February 9, 2015 at Five Oaks. Mark your calendars!

**Capital Funds Campaign**  
**Ed Hare, Chair**

Restoration and preservation work on Five Oaks is an ongoing process, but money for funding the work is down to \$18,289.04. While MHF continues to find resources to assist us in our endeavor, YOU have the opportunity to continue financial support of this project by sending a check to MHF at Five Oaks, 210 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Massillon, OH 44646. Our community campaign will be in the near future. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

**Tours**  
**Nancy Thatcher**

Where did the summer go? It seems to me it evaporated into thin air and the summer tour season is over. The summer tours brought 146 visitors to Five Oaks and scheduled tours brought 54 for a grand total of 200.

We welcomed new tour guides Becky Jenkins, Nino Millin and Sue Reid. The MHF board was energized by our intern, Michaela Whipple. She helped with tours,

publicity and the archives. Doug Scheetz and the Russell Collectors brought memorabilia on July 13, Margy Vogt did her 4<sup>th</sup> Street tour as part of Massillon's Millionaires Row and MHF board member Bob Yund opened the Russell House for both events. We thank them for being a part of the summer tour season. Last but not least we thank all the faithful tour guides. We couldn't do it without you!

**Upcoming Events**  
**Massillon Heritage Foundation**

December 4, 2014

**Annual Wassail Bowl at Five Oaks**  
For Massillon Heritage Members and  
Guests

December 7, 2014

**Community Candlelight Walk**

February 9, 2015

**Massillon Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting and Dinner**

April 18, 2015

**Spring Gala Celebration**

**Massillon Woman's Club Events**

These events may require advance reservations and a fee. Contact the Woman's Club for details (330) 833-4896

October 9, 2014

**Autumn Luncheon**

November 20, 2014

**First Tea of Christmas**

November 21-23, 2014

**Holidays at Five Oaks**

November 29, 2014

**Open House/Cookie Walk**

December 14, 2014

**Open House/Basket Raffle**

