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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings All!

I think we are in the home stretch with winter and moving into spring. Ohio weather is always a mystery, but I think this particular season has been really different. Sleet and freezing rain...closing down all the schools for the day, then within four hours no ice and warmer temperatures. I suppose it always keeps us on our toes! Personally, I cannot wait to hang my first porch fern!

The Society has been attending to our regular duties as usual. The Archives Committee has been ever diligent, as usual. They spend time at least three days a week as they continue to scan, file and update our computer database. We have received more donations, and the committee has updated forms for donations, to make certain we have clear records of origination. The hours and manpower that the committee has contributed is truly amazing. I am very grateful, and I hope all of you are as well!

It's Home Tour year again! We have three amazing homes on the tour, as well as an additional very special fourth site. A major theme is the relationship of the builders/residents of two of the homes with artist George Bellows. See the article on this page for more early information.

Docents are always needed for the Home Tour. Society Vice-president Win Keller will be docent chair for the tour. Please contact her if you can help in this way.

How small the world can be! See New Discoveries on page two for the Caniff and Thurber letters discovered in our archives and I now live in the home where Mrs. Smith solicited the help of these celebrities, and where she received their responses. Amazing!

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and inquiries.

*Best Wishes,
Tracy Liberatore, President*

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society

2013 TOUR OF HOMES MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

*G*randview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society's 2013 Tour of Homes is scheduled for Mother's Day, May 12, 2013 from 1 to 4 pm. With the gracious cooperation of the owners this year's tour will feature three early Marble Cliff homes. All are Craftsman Style. Two date from 1911 and the third was built in 1917. All retain many original features. Two of the homes were built by members of the Bellows family: uncle, aunt, and cousins of artist George Bellows, a Columbus native. A very special and unusual feature of this year's tour will be a fourth tour site, the Atrium of Trinity United Methodist Church, where the Society, in partnership with the Columbus Museum of Art, will offer an exhibit and program on the artist. Details are in process. (See page three for more Bellows information.)

2013 HOME TOUR SITES ARE:

1430 Cambridge Boulevard - Evans Residence
House Captain: Tracy Liberatore (488-0425)

1449 Arlington Avenue - Leach Residence
House Captain: Win Keller (488-9142)

2041 West Third Avenue - Voelker Residence
House Captain: Brian Kuyper (736-3396)

Our research goal is to provide as full a history of each site as can be had. If any reader happens to be a former resident of any of the tour sites, or knows anything of the history of the homes or families who occupied them, the house captains listed above are eager to hear from you.

In addition to the house captains, GH/MCHS trustees with specific home tour responsibilities include: *Logistics Chair* - Ruthanne James (486-6456); *Research and Editorial Chair* - Patrick Mooney (225-0130); *Docent Chair* - Win Keller (488-9142); *Marble Cliff and Columbus Museum of Art Liaison* - Kent Studebaker (488-1492).

Look for more complete information about Home Tour 2013 details and the stories of the homes themselves in *Tri-Village This Week Grandview* as a weekly feature beginning in mid-April.

Be sure your May calendar includes Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society's 2013 Tour of Homes on the afternoon of May 12!

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NEW DISCOVERIES

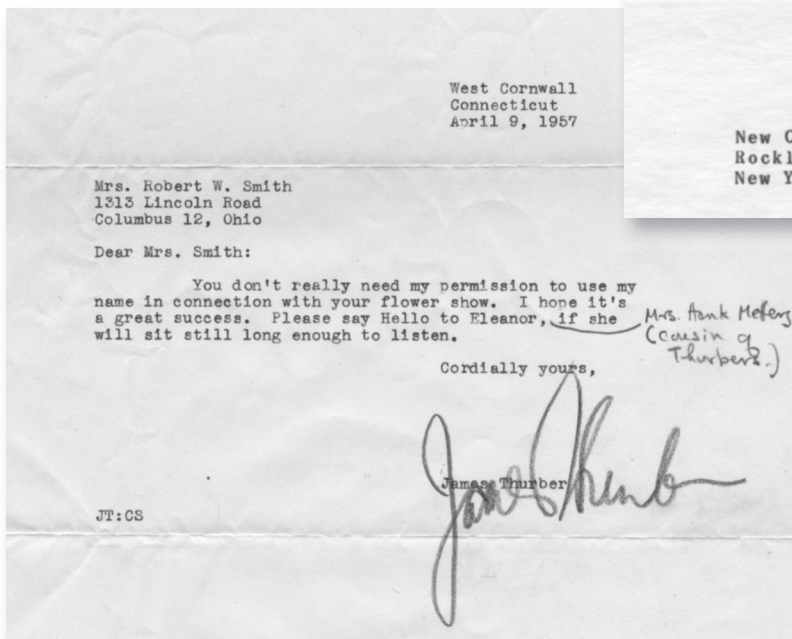
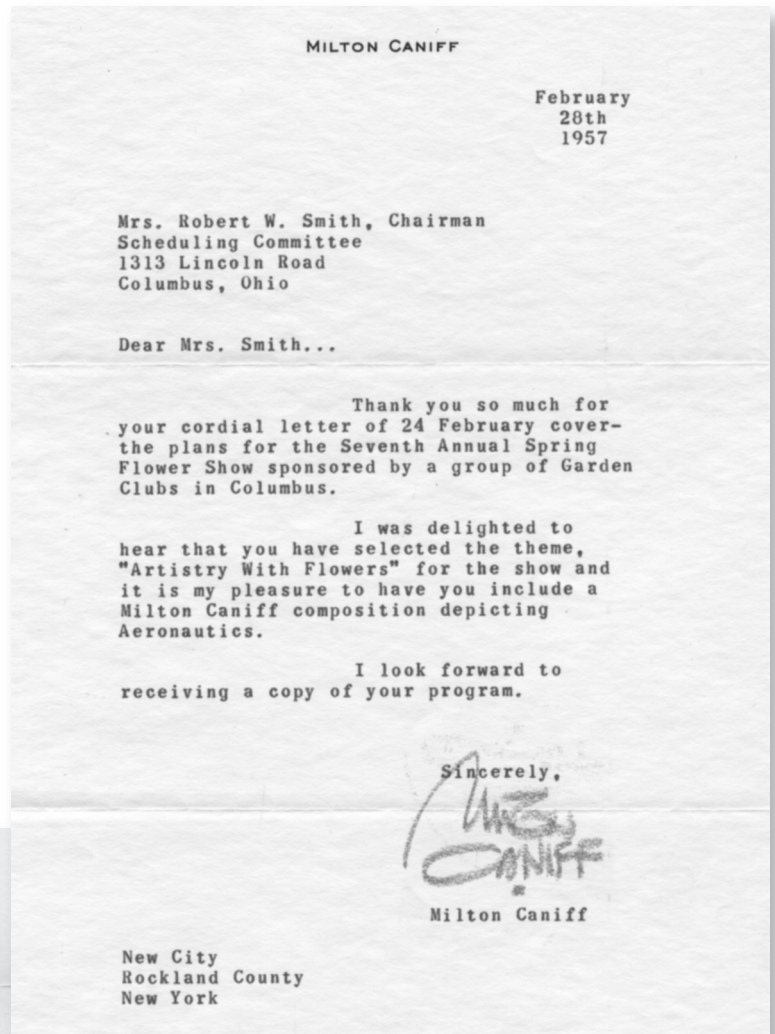
Thurber and Caniff

by Jeri Diehl Cusack
and Ruthanne James

One never knows what one might find in the archives of the GH/MCHS! Trustee Ruthanne James was recently inspired to search the archives as she helped the Grandview Garden Club organize an exhibit at the Grandview Library. The Grandview Garden Club years ago had donated their older scrapbooks to the Society, and voila! — what a find — a stash of letters from some notable Central Ohioans!

In February 1957 the Grandview Garden Club's Scheduling Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Robert W. Smith of 1313 Lincoln Road, had contacted celebrities with Columbus roots with a special request. In her letters she explained that the "men" arrangers in the Garden Club would like permission to name one of their classes after James Thurber, while the "children" wanted to have a Milton Caniff-style flower composition depicting "aeronautics."

Both gentlemen gave their cordial approval in signed typewritten letters. These letters were among the items in the garden club scrapbook.



Ruthanne James' is a retired art teacher of 33 years and owns two original Caniff drawings. She was thrilled by her discovery and says that 'holding a letter actually signed by Milton Caniff was a real dream come true!'

In another coincidence, GH/MCHS President Tracy Liberator now lives in the former Smith home on Lincoln Road. Who knew?



1913 FLOOD 100TH ANNIVERSARY SUBURBS ARE CUT OFF BY THE FLOOD

Tracks of the Grandview-Arlington street car line are submerged for more than a mile, starting at the Olentangy bridge. In some places the water was several feet deep over the tracks, and fear was entertained that portions of the track might be washed away.

One car is said to have been crippled by the water reaching the motors and left standing while the motorman and conductor waded to dry land.
Columbus Dispatch, 25 March 1913



1913 flood, bottom of Goodale Street and Grandview Avenue hill. (from the society archives)

Caroline Thomas Harnsberger, GHHS 1920, was confined to the bedroom of her home with the measles. The Thomas home was on the high ground above what is now Crema Nut Company.

She described the 1913 flood in her memoir, which is on the Society website. For this eyewitness account, which includes a 1913 pencil sketch of the flood waters, go to www.ghmchs.org/tour-pages/harnsberger.html

April 30 event

Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) Curator of American Art Melissa Wolfe will give a talk on Columbus artist George W. Bellows at the Grandview Heights Public Library on April 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Bellows is widely considered the greatest American artist of his generation. His paintings are recognized for their incredible brushwork and psychological insight. Bellows remained close to the Columbus community even after moving to New York City; many of the images discussed in this talk reveal his love of family and friends from his home town.

This free program is coordinated in conjunction with the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society Tour of Homes, which will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Tour will highlight homes in the Village of Marble Cliff that have a Bellows family connection. For more information about the program or The Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society tour of Homes, call 614-225-0130.

Family Ties: *The Ricketts Family* Part Three: General Pagels

In our last issue we shared the story of Columbus Attorney E. O. Ricketts and his involvement in the famous Snook murder trial of 1929. Here is the story of another member of the extended Ricketts Family.

by Terry Smith

Edward A. Pagels was born in Worthington, Ohio in 1910, youngest child of E. O. Ricketts' sister Mary and her husband, George H. Pagels.

Edward graduated from the Ohio State University in 1934, where he studied commerce and rose to the top of his class. He was always athletic and stayed active well into his eighties. He was an avid golfer, tennis player, and skier.

Within three years of reporting to active duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1941, he rose to lieutenant colonel, commanding an artillery battalion of 1000 men. In 1944 he was ordered to North Africa where he was assigned to the general staff of a division preparing for the invasion of Sicily in Italy. He was fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and later served with General Albert Wedemeyer as chief of psychological warfare in the China Theater of World War II. At the war's end in August 1945 he was appointed senior army officer in North China where he acted as liaison with the 3rd Corps of the U. S. Marines who were ordered to evacuate Japanese soldiers and to ensure the coal supply from the gigantic Kai-Lan mines.

In 1947, after resigning from active service, Pagels was assigned to the 78th Division of the Army Reserve. He attained the rank of Brigadier General in 1956. General Pagels founded an exporting firm in New York, trading with China and Korea, which thrived until the Communist takeover of China. He then established an engineering firm.

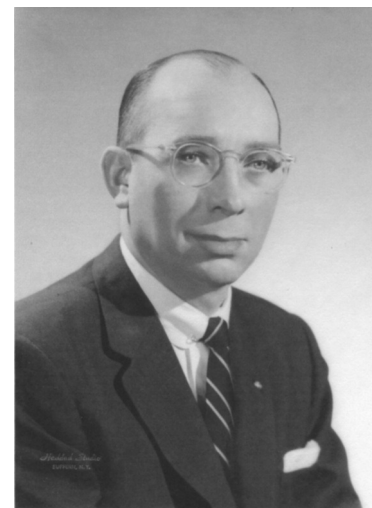
Pagels settled in Mahwah, New Jersey in the 1950s and served as president of the school board, overseeing the construction of a new high school.

The general was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Army, the Bronze Star by the Marines, and a citation from the Navy, among other awards.

He moved to a retirement community in Bergen County, NJ in 1994, after living in Mahwah for more than 30 years.

General Pagels died at the age of 91 on November 23, 2001, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

"He had a great sense of humor," said his youngest daughter, Marie Pagels Sullivan of Northvale, NJ. "He was very friendly, outgoing and well-liked."





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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

BRIAN KUYPER

Moving from Oberlin, Ohio to Columbus in 1952 was a seminal event in the life of Brian Kuyper. Attending the old Broadview School at the corner of West Fifth and Broadview in the first through third grades led to a great love for Dairy Queen which was across the street and offered free 5 cent cones to all students on the first day of school. The family moved into Grandview Heights by the middle of Brian's fifth grade year where he graduated from high school in 1964. Four years followed at Ohio University. Brian graduated with an AB degree in History in 1968. The US army called after college graduation and two years were spent stateside during the Vietnam War from 1968-70.

A sales career followed the army with six years in the building materials industry which led to a career in residential real estate. Brian has been with Cam Taylor Co Realtors since 1977 as an agent and manager. He was named Realtor salesperson of the year by the Columbus Board in 1992 and was one of the initial recipients of the Columbus Board's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003. Brian was a six-year member of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation, serving two years as president.

The most important event in Brian's life was his marriage to Jill Boyd, his high school classmate. Jill is known to many children as their favorite third grade teacher at Stevenson Elementary. Jill and Brian have three daughters, Courtney, Erin and Kellyn, who also graduated from Grandview.

Help Wanted!

Win Keller of the Archives Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the ongoing project of organizing the GH/MC Historical Society's files. Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Win at winifredkeller@gmail.com or 614-488-9142

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