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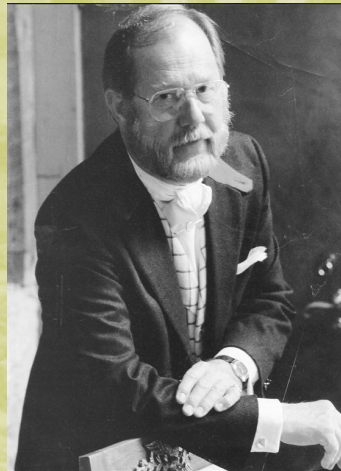
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**FOUNDATION FOUNDER
ROBERT L. HUNKER RECEIVES
PRESERVATION AWARD**

By: Lois Unger

Although it has been over two years since the Foundation's President and Founder Robert L. Hunker passed away, his legacy of preservation in Peninsula lives on.

On March 31, 2011, Robert L. Hunker was selected posthumously as this year's "Preservation Hero" by Heritage Ohio, a nonprofit organization that promotes the revitalization movement in Ohio. Heritage Ohio is the statewide partner for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Robert L. Hunker featured in Ohio Magazine in 1989

This award is presented annually to an "individual, organization, or business that

has shown outstanding leadership in revitalizing and preserving Ohio communities."

The Peninsula Valley Historic & Education Foundation is pleased to see this recognition for Mr. Hunker's tireless years of preservation within the Village and the entire Cuyahoga Valley as well.

The "Preservation Hero" award will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, April 28th. Accepting the award on Mr. Hunker's behalf in Columbus will be Foundation President Rebecca C. Huddle and Jonathan Holody from the Board of Directors.



2011 CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES



By: Rebecca Urban

The 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War has officially started! The Foundation's 2011 Civil War Lecture Series seeks to bring Civil War related programming to the public and encourage informal objective discussion and debate.

All lectures are being held at the G.A.R. Hall Museum auditorium at 7:00pm and are FREE to the public.

These lectures offer a great opportunity for both history buffs and those only mildly curious about history to come together and learn why the Civil War is still such a hot topic 150 years later.



Mark Holbrook of the Ohio Historical Society, our first speaker

Here is the list of upcoming lectures:

5/12: *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater*, speaker Mel Maurer

6/30: *Lee, Jackson, & Longstreet—Traitors All?*, speaker William Vodrey

7/28: *Gettysburg & Its Aftermath*, speaker Carol Zeh

8/25: *The Civil War Through the Window of American Art: 1861-65*, a multimedia presentation by Jesse Bryant Wilder, author of *Art History for Dummies*

W J W - C H A N N E L 8 P R O M O T E S P E N I N S U L A

By: Lois Unger

On March 25th and again on April 1st, WJW—Channel 8 aired their “New Day Cleveland” show from Peninsula with hosts David Moss and Kristi Capel. They featured the Bronson Church, G.A.R. Hall Museum, and several local residents and businesses.

The “New Day Cleveland” team mentioned excitement to return for filming events such as Python Day.

If you were unable to see the show live, the Foundation has a copy of the show in our library; the dvd is available for viewing upon request.

Thank you to Peggy Jo Whitman, Hazel Broughton and Mary Booth for hosting our facilities and also to Ronda Russell of the Downtown Emporium and Jeff Milani of Fire & Water Books for their kind words of support for the Foundation.



Docent Mary Booth gives Kristi Capel a tour of the G.A.R. Hall Museum

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S I N P E N I N S U L A

May:

5/11: Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable—Peninsula Library, 7:30pm
- *Winfield Scott*

5/12: Civil War Lecture Series—G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7:00pm
- *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater*

5/17: Docents Annual Dinner at G.A.R. Hall Museum, 6:30pm

5/21: Spring Fantasy Fest in Peninsula
- See the Peninsula Garden Club's sprightly array of spring basket plants for sale at the Bronson Church

June:

6/8: Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable—Peninsula Library, 7:30pm
- *September Storm—Ohio Stories from the 1862 Maryland Campaign*

6/18: Boston Township Bicentennial Celebration

6/25-26: Boston Mills Art Fest

6/25: Wine Bar at the G.A.R.

6/30: Civil War Lecture Series—G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7:00pm
- *Lee, Jackson, & Longstreet—Traitors All?*

July:

7/2-3: Boston Mills Art Fest

7/13: Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable—Peninsula Library, 7:30pm
- *Dennison, Tod, & Brough: Ohio's Civil War Governors*

7/16: Python Day in Peninsula
- Special food & fun at the G.A.R. Hall Museum!

7/28: Civil War Lecture Series—G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7:00pm
- *Gettysburg & Its Aftermath*

August:

8/4-7: Crooked River Fiber Fling

8/25: Civil War Lecture Series—G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7:00pm
- *The Civil War Through the Window of American Art*

See www.peninsulahistory.org for more info on these events

V I C T O R I A N T E A & F A S H I O N S H O W

By: Lois Unger

On March 24, the G. A. R. Hall opened the doors for its first event of 2011, a Victorian Tea & Fashion Show. Lace and fine china created a flair of femininity inside our historic hall.

Guests were doted over by specially attired servers and treated to a fine array of hand created savories and sampling of teas. Following the first course, everyone turned their attention to the stage where a

superbly choreographed Victorian period fashion show took place. Afterwards, dessert was served and enjoyed by all. The tea concluded with the “Best Dressed” award going to Lucille Wingard. The “buzz” of the afternoon showed that the tea was a divine success with requests to schedule another.

The Foundation is indebted to the talented and dedicated models, their families, and the docents who worked tirelessly

to make the afternoon a success!

Special thanks to Michael Yajko for his superb photography!



Lia Lockert modeled an authentic Victorian mourning dress



Heather Dyer and her children Jett, Rory, and Thalia

PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION MEETS IN PENINSULA

By: Rebecca Urban

The local nonprofit group Progress Through Preservation held their April meeting in Peninsula. They were met by Rebecca Urban and tours were given of both the Bronson Church and G.A.R. Hall Museum.

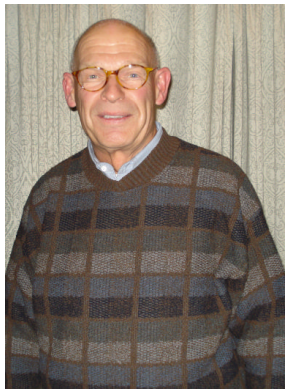
Progress Through Preservation is an all volunteer organization of more than 300 members. Their purpose is “actively encouraging and promoting the preservation, maintenance, restoration, & adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, and neighborhoods

that are of historic or architectural importance.” Their headquarters are located in Akron at Preservation House, a schoolhouse built in 1870.

For more information about Progress Through Preservation, see their website at www.preservationakron.org



MEET THE DIRECTORS: JACK HARLEY



Jack Harley has been on the Board of Directors since 2004

Jack Harley has lived in our community since 1972. He has been active on the Peninsula library and quarry boards in the past and is the publisher of *Your Community News*.

In addition to the Peninsula Valley Historical & Education Foundation, Jack serves on the boards of NorTech, MAGNET and JumpStart, all regional non-profit economic development organizations; is on the annual fund committee of The Cleveland Orchestra; and is involved with national and international technical committees.

Jack is Co-Founder and CEO of FirstPower Group LLC, a company started three years ago. It provides services to electric utilities. Prior to that, he

was Founder and President of J.W. Harley Inc., Founder and President of Tecsonics Inc, and was with the Ingersoll-Rand Company. Jack received his undergraduate engineering degree at the University of Pennsylvania and an EMBA from Case Western Reserve University.

Jack and his wife, Judy Ernest, have five children and five grandchildren. Walter Harley and wife Anne live in Seattle, WA; John Harley and wife Lisa live in Santa Barbara, CA; Rachel Harley Mitchell, husband Glenn and son Charlie live in Longmont, CO; Thom Ernest, wife Amy and children Spencer, Morgan and Lauren live in Atlanta, GA; and Bill Ernest, wife Katherine and son Wyche live in New York City.

DOCENTS CORNER

- Thanks go out for the continuing dedicated and professional work of our docents in completion of tasks for the Foundation. The Victorian Tea and silver polishing are lovely examples. We look forward to sign ups for weekends at the Bronson Church and G.A.R. Hall for the new season starting the first weekend after Mother’s Day. If you wish to become a docent for the 2011 season, please contact Peggy Jo Whitman at 330-657-2607. We can succeed only because of our committed group of volunteers!
- The annual thank you dinner and program will be held Tuesday, May 17th. The speaker will be Dr. John Hubbell

who will be presenting *Ohio Goes to War: 1860-61*.

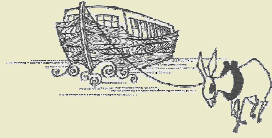
- Thank you to Mr. Hilary Sheeter for his donation of line drawing prints and to the many docents who have presented unique gifts to the Foundation collection.
- We are seeking ideas from “the guys” in our audience. Any interest in an informal group who would enjoy indoor or outdoor work projects for our historic buildings? We welcome your comments! Contact Rebecca Urban at 330-657-2528 or peninsulahistory@windstream.net

- Do you have any photos, letters, or other items of *local significance* that you would like to donate to the Foundation? Contact Rebecca Urban at 330-657-2528 or peninsulahistory@windstream.net. All donations are tax deductible.



Volunteers provided finishing touches to antique silver at the Designer’s Barn this winter

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Preserving Peninsula's past for the future.

The Peninsula Valley Historic & Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) private operating foundation. It was established by Robert L. Hunker in 1997 for the purposes of preserving the historic architecture and character of Peninsula, Ohio and the surrounding area both within and proximate to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and to educate the public about the history of Peninsula and the Cuyahoga Valley with emphasis on economic and social development, architectural design and construction, decorative arts & crafts, landscape, gardens, and overall built environment.

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