

The Peninsula Record

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NATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSIC GROUP JAY UNGAR & MOLLY MASON COMING TO THE G.A.R. HALL

By: Lois Unger

It is with great pleasure that the Peninsula Valley Historic & Education Foundation announces the Thursday evening September 29th performance of Jay Ungar and Molly Mason at our historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall. Culminating the summer lecture series commemorating the start of the Civil War, these nationally renowned musicians will bring their traditional melodies to our elegant historic venue.

They will be performing *Tenting Tonight: Music of the Civil War* featuring lively dance tunes, sentimental ballads, and rousing marches heard in homes and front-line encamp-



ments during America's Civil War. Included are works by George Root, Henry Clay Work, Stephen Foster & other great songwriters of the day.

They will also share stories drawn from historical records,

letters, song books and diaries, making history come alive.

This "family band" appeals to all ages. Wit, warmth and consummate musicianship add up to an exciting evening that cheers the heart and feeds the soul.

Reservations for this intimate performance are \$17.00 and available by calling 330-657-2528. Doors will open at 6:15pm with performance promptly at 7:00pm. Get your tickets early, we might sell out!

Don't miss this unique event to hear the *Ashokan Farewell* drift through the valley!

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET AT G.A.R. HALL

By: Rebecca Urban

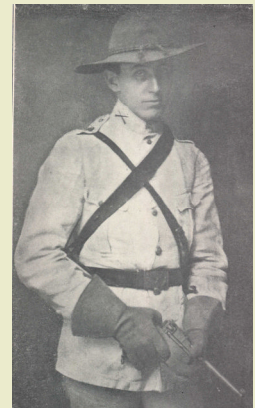
The Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable will hold their annual banquet at the G.A.R. Hall on Wednesday, September 14th. They have graciously extended an invitation to our subscribers to attend the banquet as well.

Join us at 6:00pm to socialize with roundtable members with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Following the dinner, Mr. G. Paul Huff will be presenting *Arthur Conger, Jr.: Lost in the Footnotes of History*.

Arthur Conger, Jr. is the son of Peninsula's famous Colonel Arthur Latham Conger who served in the Civil War and was active in the

Grand Army of the Republic. Forgotten locally, Conger Jr. has an international reputation for the history he made as well as the history he wrote about. Rising from Corporal to the rank of Colonel, he served on General John Pershing's staff during World War I. Conger used Civil War history to train officers prior to the "Great War" and his book, *The Rise of U.S. Grant*, is listed in the bibliographies of books published today.

If you are interested in attending the banquet, please contact Linda Tilgner at 330-867-3971. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2011.



Arthur Conger, Jr. will be the subject of the talk at the Civil War Roundtable banquet on September 14th

CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES

By: Rebecca Urban

If you have not yet attended one of our Civil War lectures, you are missing out! In recent months, we have hosted a "fundraiser" for Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Mel Maurer) and heard a compelling presentation by William F.B. Vodrey on why three of the Confeder-

acy's most beloved generals were guilty of treason.

Join us for our last three Civil War events of 2011. August 25th will feature a spectacular multimedia presentation, *The Civil War Through the Window of American Art*, presented by Jesse Bryant Wilder, author of *Art History for Dummies*.

September 14th will be a wonderful banquet with the Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable (reservations a must, see page 1). And of course, get your tickets early for the grand finale: Jay Ungar & Molly Mason presenting *Music of the Civil War* on September 29th!



Mel Maurer as Abraham Lincoln addresses the crowd

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PENINSULA

August:

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

September:

9/14: Civil War Roundtable Banquet at the G.A.R. Hall, 6:30pm
9/24: Peninsula's Music on the Porches & Plein Air Competition
- Come to the Bronson Church from 12-4pm to hear Hazel Broughton play the 1880s Estey pump organ
- Join us for the Wine Bar at the G.A.R.
9/29: Jay Ungar & Molly Mason concert at G.A.R. Hall, 7:00pm

October:

10/1: Peninsula's Peddlers Day

December:

12/11: Holiday concert at Bronson Church, 12-4pm
12/18: Holiday concert at Bronson Church, 12-4pm

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

FOUNDATION HOSTS JULY MEETING OF PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Chamber President Diane Seskes conducts the Chamber of Commerce meeting after a delicious dinner

By: Lois Unger

On July 6, 2011, the Foundation hosted the monthly meeting of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. It was a divine evening garden party with buffet created by Carlean Perez, a myriad of glorious bouquets by Kim Fiocca, relaxed conversation and personal guided tours of the Designer's Barn. While we can always visit the many fine shops and galleries here in the Village, the Foundation does not offer the same site privileges as a commercial sales venue. This invitation provided the Chamber members an opportunity to share and enjoy our lovely courtyard and the treasures within the Designer's Barn.

PYTHON DAY



The "Python Posse" of local youngsters walking up the hill beneath the 100ft. python assembled by Larry Bell

By: Lois Unger

Perpetuating and preserving the myth of Python Day in Peninsula, the Foundation created festive food and fun at the G.A.R. Hall on Saturday, July 16th.

A bountiful luncheon included "snakey joes" and wormy dirt pudding served on the patio. Last year's hand created "Abraham Slincoln" resur-

facated and joined "Monty Python" to the delight of young python posse hunters all around the village.

The exciting annual Chamber event is always capped off by the slithering of a 100 foot canvas python supported by village children making its way up Route 303 to the Library on Riverview Road. If you missed it this year, plan to join us in 2012!



Two pythons were spotted at the G.A.R. Hall—Abraham Slincoln and Monty Python

HOST YOUR OWN SPECIAL EVENT AT THE G.A.R. HALL



Ballroom is elegant in white table settings or traditional red with deep blue and seats up to 150 guests

Planning an event? The G.A.R. Hall is the perfect place to host showers, meetings, reunions, wedding receptions, graduation parties, and family gatherings!

The hall has ample parking, a period bar room with liquor license, air conditioning and offers catering. It can be perfectly paired with a wedding at the Bronson Church.

Call manager Carlean Perez for rental information, 330-657-2633.



MEET THE DIRECTORS: JONATHAN HOLODY



Jonathan Holody has been on the Board of Directors since 2007

Jonathan Holody was born and raised in Peninsula, Ohio. He enjoyed swimming at the Quarry and was a Boy Scout in Richfield's Troop 387, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Following his graduation from Woodridge High School, Jonathan spent four summers as an Ocean Rescue Lifeguard in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. He received his Bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Cleveland State University.

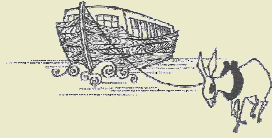
Jonathan and his wife, Emily (Hampshire) Holody live in Cleveland, Ohio with their two daughters, Josephine and Mae. He is employed as a Program Officer in Cuyahoga County's Department of Development.

Jonathan was invited to join the Foundation's Board of Directors by Mr. Hunker in 2007 following their work together on a historic preservation project in Peninsula. He currently serves as Vice President of the Foundation.

DOCENTS CORNER

- Many thanks to our "python posse" docents, Connie Louthan, Marianne Moyer, Becky Peffer, and Peggy Jo Whitman who prepared and served python platters on the G.A.R. Hall's patio on Python Day. Also, a big thank you to Terri Urban who donated the dirt pudding and our newest python, Monty.
- The G.A.R. Hall and Bronson Church are open for free tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4pm. We continue to rely on the many faithful docent afternoons spent at both the G.A.R. Hall and Bronson Church for visitors to enjoy. If you are interested in becoming a docent, contact Peggy Jo Whitman at 330-657-2607.
- We are still 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.

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