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Deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month.

Next Meeting:

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is May 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Marks Church, corner of Monroe and Eighth Streets.

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Chuck Wente, Artist – Again!

by Bruce Murray

I met East Row resident Chuck Wente nearly ten years ago when I first moved to Newport. I knew Chuck as the artistic director for Downtown Theatre Classics, and then as a playwright and actor. Chuck's play about Orson Welles had a reading at the Contemporary Art Center.

It wasn't until recently that I found out Chuck is also an excellent artist. Recently, Chuck's wife Diane, an employee of the Cincinnati Ballet, invited us in to see the portrait in progress of Otto Budig, commissioned by the ballet. It is beautiful, and now hangs in the lobby of the Cincinnati Ballet offices.

Chuck Wente studied art in high school, and took special classes at the Chicago Art Institute. He also studied art at the University of Illinois and had private lessons from Grant Kenworthy, Official Artist of the Santa Fe Railroad. During high school, he entered eight works in local competitions, and won seven gold keys. The eighth went on to national competition and won the Hallmark Award, a national honor.

After college, ordinary life intervened and Chuck enjoyed painting occasionally, but focused on a regular income and raising his family. After living – and doing some painting - in upstate New York and Connecticut, Chuck came to SW Ohio in the mid 1970s and occasionally accepted commissions for portraits, landscapes, or other works of art. One commission was for a stainless steel sculpture, part of the cornerstone at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Ohio.

The event that restarted his painting activity was a portrait of Victoria Morgan, artistic director of the Cincinnati Ballet, commissioned as a birthday gift. That led to the commission for the Budig portrait and others for people associated with the ballet. Chuck is available to do portraits and prefers to be a "traditional" artist with his subjects in dignified poses. He will also work with landscapes and other subjects.

Chuck is now planning a painting course to be held in downtown Cincinnati's Theodore Berry Friendship Park. The course will be held in five 1.5 hour sessions on May 17, 24, and 31, and June 8 and 15. All materials, paint, brushes, canvas, paper, and even an easel will be supplied. At the end of the course, students will keep all except the easel. The course is limited to eight people and the cost is \$220 for the entire course. To register, call 859.380.6331 or e-mail Chuck at cwente2@insightbb.com. 🐦

Newport's own NBA – the Newport Business Association

by Barbara Bonney, NBA vice president

When you hear “NBA”, don’t assume it’s about basketball. NBA also stands for the Newport Business Association, an organization of about 70 members whose mission is to support the businesses and community of Newport. We have been involved with various projects around the city and have an active voice with the City of Newport.

Our next event is the Newport Memorial Day Parade, which grows each year. If you’d like to join the NBA in this parade, please contact Scott Ledyard at 513.708.7682 or e-mail at scott.ledyard@nerdsonsite.com.

Last year’s activities included a sunrise boat ride on the Ohio River (members of the Ft. Thomas Business Association were also included), an annual awards banquet at the Carnegie Events Center, sponsorship of four concerts, and sponsorship of a local family at Christmas through the Brighton Center.

Monthly meetings focus on member businesses and mutual concerns as well as networking. We gather at the Community Room of the City Building on the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. (to accommodate businesses opening on time). Membership is value-priced at \$50 for smaller businesses and \$100 for larger ones. Contact Ryan Wyrick at 859.292.3666 for a membership application. 🌿

Message from the Chair

by John Morrow

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the East Row Historic Foundation for electing me as your Chair. I believe that in the coming year our community will be faced with unprecedented challenges and opportunities, and I hope that our organization will make significant contributions to addressing these vital issues.

In the past, many residents of the East Row have not taken part in the activities of the Foundation, while at the same time expressing concern over real and substantive problems that we face.

I believe that in the next year we should strive to increase participation and chart a direction and a set of goals for our organization. There have been efforts to do this in the past, and I believe that we should revisit these decisions in order to establish a new framework and move the ERHF forward.

In order to do this as expeditiously as possible, I propose that we have a “retreat” or “consciousness raising session” during the month of May for a few hours on a Saturday morning. This will be an opportunity to discuss the purpose of the Foundation, solicit suggestions and plot a set of long-range goals for our organization.

I will be soliciting advice from you on this and related topics in the coming days. 🌿

Help Wanted!

The ERHD is still looking for someone to manage the advertising for *The VOICE* and also to be the Gateway district representative at our monthly meetings.

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Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29

East Row Historic District Garden Walk

Tickets will be sold in the parking lot at the SW corner of 5th and Washington Streets on the days of the tour.

Saturday, July 12

East Row Yard Sale

Sunday, September 1

Riverfest

Saturday, September 20

Wine Over Water on the Purple People Bridge

Spring Litterfest is Coming!

Newport will be holding its spring Litterfest event from May 17 through May 25. Residents of the city are encouraged to participate by joining in and disposing of old items with a clean up of their property.

Collected items can be discarded at the City Garage located at 1020 East 9th Street. During this event the garage will remain open to accept collected items between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Elderly or handicapped residents who require assistance disposing of items can call the City for assistance at 859.292.3670.

For more information contact Doug Roell at (859) 912-2541. 🌿

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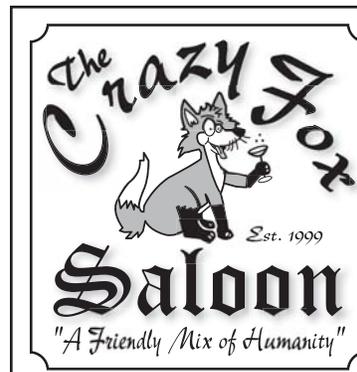
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Grand Opening of Sin City Antique Gallery

by Beverly Simon

I love the new Antique Gallery at 822 Monmouth St., Newport. Whatever your style, from Victorian to Mid-Century, you'll find decorative arts and furniture to fit your home. If you are looking to outfit yourself, check out the room devoted to vintage clothing, shoes, hats, and handbags. You'll find rhinestone jewelry, Indian rugs, and a chandelier that once hung in a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. I am telling you, there is something for everyone! Plus it's such a fun atmosphere. Drive by the ever-changing windows - they remind me of the windows you see in Manhattan. Mannequins ironing, stained glass windows (lit from behind) - really creative.

Come by and welcome David Scott and Ron Brozzart back to the neighborhood. Ron grew up on Linden Street and his father, who owns the Brozzart Café in Bellevue, still lives there. David's father owned a paint store for 20 years. Entrepreneurship is in their blood, and they've had a love affair buying and selling antiques for 15 years.

The Grand Opening is May 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be raffles and door prizes. It's cool to be green, so remember when you buy an antique, you're recycling!

Check out their web site at www.sincityantiques.com. There is a 10% off coupon you can print to bring in and use for your next purchase. Hope to see you there! 🌿



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Horticulturist Entertains East Row Garden Club

Who knew that the grounds crew at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum plants at least 20,000 bulbs, then rips out nearly 6,000 tulips and replaces them with annuals? Or that 17,000 graves are planted with groundcovers? Or that a flowering dogwood and an arborvitae are cultivars developed and named after Spring Grove? If you think that Spring Grove is only a cemetery, think again, says Whitney Huang, horticulturist for Spring Grove, who entertained nearly 35 members and guests on April 15 at the East Row Garden Club meeting.

In other business, it was announced that seven gardens would be showcased during this year's East Row Garden Walk on June 28-29. As plans continue, volunteers are now being sought. If you'd like to volunteer during the walk, please call or e-mail Beth Murray, volunteer coordinator, at 261-4940 or bethmurray@fuse.net.

The East Row Garden Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at Levee Perk, Sixth and Overton streets, unless otherwise announced. A social time (that includes dinner) begins at 6:30 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. with a speaker and business meeting. New members from throughout Newport are always welcome. Annual membership is \$30 per household. For more information, contact Mary Beth Crocker, president, at marybethcrocker@fuse.net.

Upcoming meetings:

May 20:

Mike McCleese, owner of A Guy & His Dog Landscaping, will speak on hardscapes for the small garden.

June 17:

No speaker. Garden Walk business.

June 28-29:

East Row Garden Walk 🌿

Ballroom and Swing Dance Classes Offered

Sunday is dance class night!

Starting Sunday April 27 and continuing on May 4, 11, 18, and 25, Carolyn & Company Dance Productions will be holding dance lessons at 1024 Saratoga (Newport Converting).

Sessions include:

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. -

Ballroom Dancing Continued (for those who have already had the beginner's five-week session)

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. -

Ballroom Dancing - beginner's course

8:30 – 9:30 p.m. -

Swing Dancing - beginner's course

Five hours of instruction for \$45 per person

Classes are taught by Carolyn, local Maple Street resident, who has over 25 years of experience. If you have the desire, come on down! That's all it takes! I guarantee you'll learn how to dance!

To register, call 513.379.2204.

Couples highly recommended; however, if you need a partner, just call and then I'll put the singles together.

See you on the dance floor! 🌿

Pick Up the Poop!

Just a reminder to all dog owners out there - please clean up after your dogs. No one wants to step in what your dog left behind because you did not clean it up.

It's up to you – as a responsible pet owner, it is incumbent upon you to clean up after your pet. Be a good neighbor and a good buddy to man's best friend – pick up after your pooch. 🌿



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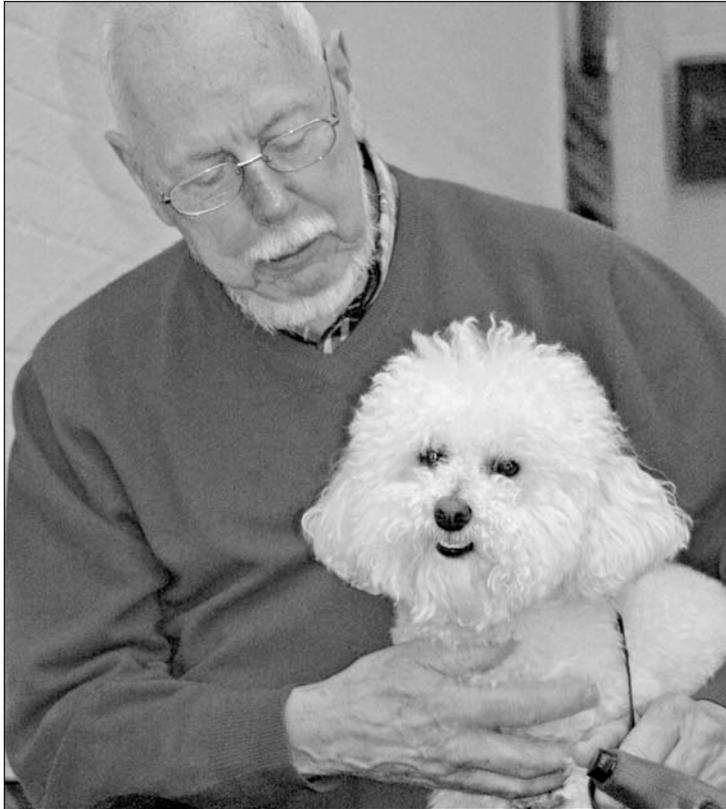
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Meet Your Four-Legged Furry Neighbors

Say hello to long-time Newport resident Bill Jones and his precious pooch Jazzy. You can often see Bill and Jazzy out for a stroll along Overton Street or around the neighborhood. Next time you see them, stop and say hi to your neighbors. 🐾



Congratulations!!

Hearty congratulations are due to the East Row Garden Club's Cincinnati Flower Show committee - composed of Mike Kolb, Gerri and Bill Jones, Michelle Breen and Sheryl Heeter. The group won gold in the Cincinnati Flower Show's container competition. The entry, shown below, scored 93 out of 100 points. Their theme was Route 66, representing a California desert ecosystem with the WigWam Hotel as a Route 66 landmark; a vintage-appearing gas station in Illinois, with a mirror representing Lake Michigan - so Route 66 is shown from East to West!

The East Row Garden Club also received the Martha Seaman Award of Excellence, awarded to an amateur in Container Gardens that displays the most distinctive use of color and/or textural harmony. Only three of twenty containers entered received a special award. Fourth Street resident Jim Swearingen, along with Margo Heubi, were part of a team that designed an award winning table setting that received the Dennis Buttlerwerth Florist award for Best of Show in Dramatic Table Settings.

WAY to GO!!!!!! 🐾



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May's Schedule of Events at the Library

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Birthplace of Professional Baseball:

The 1869 Red Stockings - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3

Greg Rhodes, team historian and host of the Reds Hall of Fame highlights show, heard before each game on the Reds Radio Network pre-game program, will talk about the amazing 1869 Red Stockings. A great warm-up to another summer of baseball. Adults. No need to register.

Newport Book Club - 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6

Join us for a discussion about Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. Newcomers welcome. Snacks provided. No need to register.

Teen Cinema: Cloverfield -

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6

A giant monster terrorizes New York as five friends celebrate a going-away party. Armed with only a video camera and their wits, they try to survive the most horrifying event of their lives. Rated PG-13. Snacks provided. Ages 13 and older. No need to register.

Computer Basics - 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7

Learn basic skills needed to utilize the computer. Registration required. 859.572.5035.

Internet I - 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 14

Understand concepts and learn basic skills to utilize the Internet. Registration required. 859.572.5035.

Movie Matinee: Away From Her -

2 p.m. Saturday, May 17

Come see the film that won 28 industry film awards and was nominated twice in this year's Oscar contest. Starring Julie Christie and Gordon Pinset, Away From Her is a touching story about a long-married couple in their twilight years facing Alzheimer's disease and increasingly difficult decisions about their futures. Adults. No need to register.

Teen Cinema: National Treasure 2, Book of Secrets -

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20

When Ben's great-grandfather is implicated as a key conspirator in Abraham Lincoln's death, he is determined to prove his ancestor's innocence. Ben follows an international chain of clues that leads to the trail of the world's most treasured secrets. Rated PG-13. Snacks provided. Ages 13 and older. No need to register.

Internet II - 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

Learn new skills and practice skills learned in Internet I. Registration required. 859.572.5035.

Microsoft Word - 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 28

Learn the basics of the most popular word processing program on the market today. Registration required. 859.572.5035.



Check Out the "Frog Bog"

Opening Memorial Day Weekend at the Newport Aquarium, the Frog Bog features these unique and wonderful animals with fun and new interactive components for kids to enjoy.

Included in the Aquarium's general admission price, this exhibit, with 30 different kinds of frogs, has many hands-on, visual and sound-rich experiences that highlight different senses and replicate the frog habitat. There will also be an area that allows kids to explore exhibits while climbing through tunnels, walking through tubes and sliding down a slide.

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