

September, 2011

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter

Exciting! Exciting! Exciting!

!!!Osprey Releases *Wabash, 1791: St. Clair's defeat* [here!!!](#)

We were excited when we discovered that John Winkler's book *Wabash, 1791*, had been accepted for printing by Osprey Publishing, of Oxford England, the premier publisher of military and military warfare books. But now *the excitement grows* as we just found out that Osprey will release the book HERE on November 5, three weeks before it is released nationally. **Fittingly the book will be released on the 220th anniversary and on the very ground of St. Clair's Defeat!** What could be more appropriate and perfect?

A committee composed of author, John Winkler; Osprey representative, John Tintera; and museum representatives, is working on a succession of special activities for that November weekend, including: an inservice for history teachers; an RSVP private party with the author for patrons and other dignitaries; an actual battlefield walk with the author; and an author/speaker presentation that will be open to the public.

This is a very, very special time for the community of Fort Recovery!!

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendars Now!

***Sunday, September 11, 3:00 - George Ironstrack.** *“The Tumultuous Period of the 1780's Through the Treaty of Greenville -.”* Our history from the Native American perspective! Ironstrack, a Member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is currently the Assistant Director and Education Coordinator of the Myaamian Project at Miami University in Oxford, OH. This author/lecturer/ teacher/student's graduate work centered on the Miami Indian village of Pickawillany which was located near the city of Piqua, OH. Here is an opportunity to hear the viewpoints of our important history from a descendent of people whose very future depended on the outcome of the clashes on the Wabash! An opportunity to listen/think/ponder. A unique opportunity. Come! It's free. Community Room of the Fort Recovery State Museum!

***Sunday, October 2 - Archaeological Family Fun Fest 12:00-\$:00**

Speakers, Artifact Displays, Mock Digs, Artifact Identification, Flint-knapping, Atlatl Throw/ Demonstrations, Hieroglyphics Cave, Face Painting, Chunkey Throw, S'more's Making; Demonstrations in Cabins; Speakers in the Community Room:

1:00 – Ken Soward – “Greeneville Treaty Line-Fort Loramie!”

2:00 – Bill Pickard – “Ohio Mounds and Earthworks – The Last 200 Years!”

3:00 – Ball State University Applied Archaeology Laboratories – Results of the NPS American Battlefield Protection Program Grant!” See/touch the finds!

***Sunday, October 16 – One of a Kind Auction - “Jungle Fever!”**

Other than our patron initiative, the only active fundraiser for the Fort Recovery Historical Society/State Museum is the auction! We are right now in the process of gathering auction items and planning for this fun night. The theme is Jungle Fever! Tom and Tess Kaup and the rest of the gang at Forget-Me-Not florists always do an amazing job of decorating according to the theme. AND the local Psi Iota Xi Sorority makes mouth watering appetizers and desserts, so even if you don't need an auction item, you can have a great time with your family and friends on this delightful community evening. Tickets are only \$10. (See the list of auction items on the museum web site – www.fortrecoverymuseum.com)

Civil War Commemoration – Sept. 9-10-11, Tea/Fashion Show – Saturday, 1:00

The Ambassador group of young men (especially) is busy preparing for the second Civil War Re-enactment. It was such a great event last year, and with one year of experience and learning under their belts, you can bet it will be even bigger and better this year. What a great time for families to experience an exciting, fun and worthwhile event together.

One way the Fort Recovery Historical Society helps in this event is through the coordination of the Saturday afternoon **Civil War Fashion Show** – which is open to anyone – re-enactor, visitor or local person. The Fashion show is held in conjunction with the Ladies' Tea. The tea (provided by the Red Hat Ladies of Fort Recovery) starts at 1:00, and the fashion show will follow immediately. There is no charge for either event. Both are included with the price of admission to the park.

Additions to the Gift Shop – Books for Kids!

I am so excited about the new addition to our bookstore – Books for Kids!! These books are all biographies of important and interesting people in the early history of our country. Often I am asked if we have books on children's levels, but until our museum friend Hal Sherman put me onto Sterling Publishers, I was unaware of such a cache of good children's books that fit right into our Fort Recovery Museum "history comes alive" theme! Some* of the books come in two versions – one for younger readers (grades 3-5) and the other for more mature students. The titles include:

<i>Benjamin Franklin</i>	<i>Chief Joseph</i>	<i>Davy Crocket</i>
<i>George Washington*</i>	<i>Geronimo*</i>	<i>Lewis and Clark</i>
<i>Pocahontas</i>	<i>Sacagawea</i>	<i>Path to the Pacific – Sacagawea</i>
<i>Sitting Bull</i>	<i>Tecumseh*</i>	<i>Thomas Jefferson</i>
<i>Daniel Boone</i>	<i>Stouthearted Seven</i>	

**Different Reading levels of same title'*

*** Illustrated by Hal Sherman*

Oh by the way, the books list for \$5.98 and \$6.98 but we are selling them all for \$5.00 each less 10% for patrons. At that rate the gift shop makes very little, but we care more about bringing history alive in young hearts!! 😊

Speaking of Young Hearts –

Visitor after visitor, (especially those who come with kids or grandkids,) comment about the Children's Center in the community room of the museum. What fun the kids have dressing like Anthony Wayne, Little Turtle, Sweet Breeze etc. and doing all the activities in the play center. One visitor this week identified himself as a historical park manager in southern Missouri. He said how it warmed his heart to see a set of grandparents and grandchildren having such a good time playing dress up like soldiers and enjoying a museum so much. He said that is "Worth all the gold the fort could hold." One visiting mom said if she lived near Fort Recovery, she would become a patron just so her kids could play in the museum often. I wish I had a copy of every kid who has had his/her picture taken all dressed up! It's so rewarding to see these things anew through the eyes of visitors. Thanks again to Helen and Cy LeFevre for creating this children's area in memory of Joe LeFevre's wife Theresa.

Thanks Brenda Brockman Eichenauer

For the high topped black leather shoes she found in her mom's house that once belonged to Elizabeth Hedrick's mother. Right now they are on display in the museum gift shop, but will later be moved to the log cabin. Thanks Brenda. Lots of our readers remember "Miss Hedrick."

Rewarding Moments

A gentleman stopped by this week and dropped a generous donation in the donation jar. Didn't even go through the museum. I asked his name and he said, "Just say, 'A friend from Michigan who appreciates what you (museum people) do!'" How nice is that?

Good moments in history and in life! nk