

# UPTON ASSOCIATION *Update*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: *A Commitment to Educate, Inform*

*By Marti Flint*

It is with great pleasure that I begin my second term as president of this outstanding organization. From its beginning, this group has worked tirelessly to preserve Harriet's memory and her home. Providing educational programs for both children and adults about the Suffrage movement and the history of Warren and Ohio have always been a priority. We are a volunteer organization with no paid positions, our members and the board do all the upkeep, tours and educational programs.

Many fun events have happened this summer with our three open house displays, the celebration of the completion of the water feature at the Women's Park and hosting the reception of Women's Equality Day. We continue planning programs to educate and inform the public and hope to see you at some of them.

Watch the newsletter and emails for updates.



*Some of our generous donors who helped make the new water feature a success.*

## *Water Feature Celebration: Thank You!*

*By Marti Flint*

The Upton Association took on a major project to restore the water feature in the Women's Park this spring. The Park was established 2003 to celebrate the bicentennial of Ohio's statehood and is located on the grounds of City Hall. Over the years the water feature has slowly deteriorated and needed major repairs. Bob Meinke and his crew from Creekside Garden redesigned and completed the work.

The project was generously fund by donations from Upton members and area organizations. Our supporting organizations were Warren Development Association, Trumbull Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Paige & Byrnes Insurance, Heidi Fisher, Warren Rotary, Diane Sauer Chevrolet, and John and Sally Taylor. Thanks to all who supported us on this major improvement to the Park.

# Rental Report: *Birthday Parties and More*

By *Kathy Lepro*

Baby and bridal showers have traditionally been the most popular events at the Upton House in the past and I'm sure they'll continue to be in the future. However, so far in 2022, birthday parties have taken the lead, and they've ranged anywhere from celebrating a youngster who turned one to a gentleman who turned 90. Who doesn't like a fun birthday party?!

The number of baby showers ran a close second to the number of birthday celebrations. One shower in particular was for a new mother-to-be who was expecting twin daughters. Of the six bridal showers held at the Upton House this year, half of them had a tea party theme.

Another tea party took place in Harriet's beautiful home when the North Mar Church youth leaders held their traditional event for the congregation's fifth grade girls. It's always a wonderful opportunity for their young women to learn manners and etiquette and to share lunch in the tastefully decorated Upton dining room. This regular event had a two-year hiatus due to the Covid restrictions, and all were delighted to know they could safely resume this annual party.

Another return this year was "Castle on a Cloud Entertainment." The little girls who attended heard fairy tales, played games, and had lunch with their favorite story book characters, dressed in beautiful costumes. The day ended with the little princesses getting their pictures taken with the adult princesses.

Holiday gatherings are a special time for all. A family who had rented the Upton House several times in the past, rented it again for an Easter dinner, complete with an egg hunt for the children. A different family will gather together at 380 Mahoning Ave. on December 25 to enjoy Christmas dinner and a gift exchange.

While this year's total number of rental events has yet to reach what they were prior to the pandemic, it seems as though we're on the right path to do better in the future. As a matter of fact, a request has already been made to have the annual North Mar Church's 5th grade girls' tea in April of 2023. That's certainly advanced planning.

So whether folks plan ahead or call last minute, I'm always glad to answer my phone and hear, "I'd like some information regarding rental of the Upton House."

## Garden Report

By *Marti Flint*

The Upton Gardens have been well maintained this spring, summer and fall. This lovely setting has been a backdrop for many weddings, showers and other events. The garden continues to change and grow as the old trellis has been replaced and a new one installed in a more visible place, the hedge has been trimmed, tree work done and a lovely rose area has been planted.

A new plan for the garden has been implemented in which a volunteer will take a designated section and be responsible for the planting and weeding throughout the season. This plan allows the volunteer to set their own schedule and gives them much flexibility.

We give many thanks to Carol Olson, our past garden chairperson, for the years she dedicated to the beautification of the gardens and for the new plan for garden maintenance.

## 'BARBIE': Take 2!

By *Saundra Sarsany*

Once again the Mattel toy company has come out with another example of the "inspiring women" series to pay tribute to incredible heroines of their time; courageous women who took risks, hanged rules and paved the way for generations of girls to dream bigger than ever before.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY ~ (1820-1906)**

**WOMEN'S RIGHT ACTIVIST**

Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Massachusetts to a family passionate about justice and fairness for all. On November 5, 1872, while protesting and leading the charge for women's voting rights, she made a defiant move. She voted in the presidential election and was arrested. This bold act, coupled with her determined spirit, helped pave the way for the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. She did not live to see that moment.



# FLINT HONORED WITH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



By Bonnie Hood

Since 1960, the Ohio Local History Alliance, in partnership with the Ohio History Connection, has led the state in recognizing excellent projects, programs, and publications produced by Ohio's historical societies, museums, and individuals who make them happen. Our Upton Association President, Martha "Marti" Flint was awarded an Individual Achievement Award this year for her activity and excellence at The Upton House.

Marti is currently in her second term as President of the Upton Association since becoming a member in 2001. She has worked on the Garden Committee for 17 years, serving as the chairman for twelve years. She is currently the chairman of the Women's Park and can be seen working there weekly from April until November. Marti was the Upton Volunteer Committee Chairman for sixteen years. She is always the first person to volunteer to do whatever is needed at the Upton House, helping with all special events and programs. She is a member and chairman of the Women's Equality Day Committee.

Marti remains humble. She insists that she doesn't deserve the award, and that she lacks a lot of credentials that other award-winners have. In her own words she says "I just like the Upton and I pull weeds!" The Upton Association is so fortunate to have her as a leader and friend! Congratulations, Marti, on a well-deserved award.

## Welcome to Our New Board Members



Upton Board Member Diana Tripi  
(pictured with husband, Rob)



Upton Board Member  
Karen MaGaha

# VOTING IS A RIGHT.



## 2022 Women's Equality Day

By Marti Flint

On a spectacular sunny day on August 26, Upton Association joined with League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, GFWC Warren Junior Women's League, Warren Civic League and Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs in celebrating the 102nd anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

The Women's Park was beautiful, thanks to the volunteers of Upton Association who meticulously maintain the grounds.

Girl Scout Troop 80093 presented the colors, Stanley Elkins sang 2 songs and our Mayor, Doug Franklin presented the Committee with a Proclamation.

Our speaker had to cancel due to an automobile accident but each member of the Women's Equality Day Committee offered information and statistics relating to our topic "You've won the Vote ..... now, do you vote"? We emphasized the importance of educating our daughters, granddaughters, friends and relatives the power of the vote.

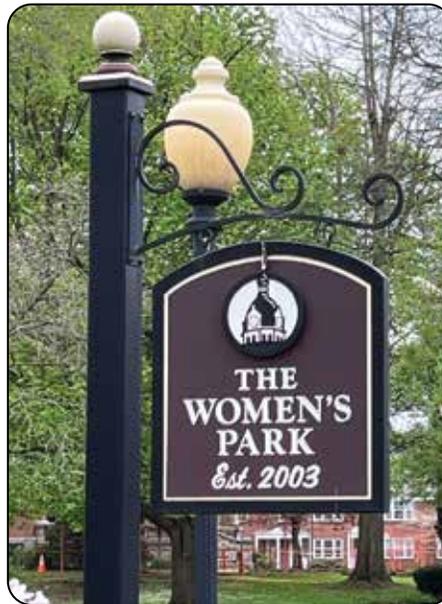
Our Special Recognition was presented to two ladies who worked exceptionally hard this year at the Board of Elections. Stephanie Penrose and Edrea Mienthewicz received plaques for their tireless work in keeping the voting available for all Trumbull County Residents. After the program, we moved across the street to the Upton House for refreshments.

# Women's Park: A Local Gem

By *Marti Flint*

The Women's Park updated water feature is completed and looks stunning. The community continues to enjoy the lovely atmosphere and many events have taken place over the summer. Weddings, homecomings, graduations and family reunions enjoy this setting for their important photos as well as events like Women's Equality Day.

This beautiful area is maintained by volunteers who plant, trim and weed weekly spring, summer and fall and schedule daily watering on the hottest days. These volunteers are Dolly Crockett, Linda Davis, Joyce Fleischer, Karen McGaha, Pam Rintela, Deb Rudloff, Karen Sprague and myself. Our fish are thriving thanks to the careful attention of the Parks neighbor, John Tremsyn who feeds and monitor the fish and pond.



*Stop in to see the lovely fall colors and enjoy the beauty of the Park.*

## Membership Report

By *Sandy Mahaffey*

I am pleased to report we reached 100% of our membership goal for this year. The Board of Upton Association thanks all of you for your continuing support in keeping Harriet Taylor Upton's home and accomplishments an important part of Warren's History. Thank You!

## Volunteer Report

By *Joyce Fleischer*

We have had several events this year, Sunday open houses, summer garage sale, our event that honored those who donated funds for the Women's Park water feature and Women's Equality Day to name a few. Looking forward to our fall and winter events which we will keep you informed on. Please consider becoming a volunteer, you can contact me at 330-974-2114 or email joycefleischer@att.net or any board member can help you. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, you are truly appreciated.

## Upton Gift Shop: Stop By!

By *Joyce Fleischer*

We have nice items in the gift shop, books by Barbara Bush, Harriet's Recollections, polo shirts and note cards. Take a look next time you're visiting the Upton.



*Linda Cowan & Sandy Mahaffey*

## Saturday in the Park

By *Sandy Mahaffey*

I spent a delightful morning/afternoon in Warren Women's Park for Family Day, sponsored by Trumbull County Historical Society. As a participant, Upton Association gave coloring books to the children attending. We also had games for them to play from a generation ago... Paper Dolls and Pick Up Sticks. It was amazing to watch them play while Linda Cowan and I explained these were typical of games we played in the 40's and 50's. Also, the "joy" of Grandma when she saw the paper dolls! We had a jigsaw puzzle of the United States that the children put together many times.

It was a very enjoyable day in Warren Women's Park and hearing the compliments of the new fish stream and the beauty of the Park. We made sure everyone knew that Upton Association maintained the Park weekly all year round.

# Sunday Open Houses Reveal Collections, History

By Judi Sheridan

The Upton House was open to the public on June 5 with a display of wedding cake toppers from the collection of Saundra Sarsany. She has been collecting them for many years along with wedding pictures and dresses.

On July 10, Ken Conklin, Bonnie Hood and Judi Sheridan displayed vintage post cards dating back to the early 1900's when postcards cost a penny to mail. Some were family mementoes, some were for specific holidays and there were even some leather postcards. August 7 was a very special day as it was also a recognition reception for all of the donors to the renewed Women's Park water feature. Following a gathering in the park, refreshments were served in the Upton House where a display of posters from past Women's History Day celebrations were on view. It was a special day for both members and visitors.



From left are Diana Tripi, Sandy Sarsany, Diane Williams and Marti Flint.

## Brick Report



Ken Conklin hard at work!

By Linda Davis

When I am able to help Marti Flint and her great group of volunteers at the Women's Park, I've talked to many passersby, expressing their thanks for the wonderful work maintaining such a treasure in downtown Warren. But this August I was alone in the park, checking the locations of some replaced bricks when I was approached by an attractive "youngish" woman in a straw brimmed sun hat.

I was surprised when she asked me my name. "Oh yes, Linda," she said. "You're in charge of the bricks." She explained that she

lives in Connecticut but was in town for her class reunion from Howland High School and that she always visits the Women's Park when she returns to Warren – it brings back so many fond memories of her younger years. She led me to her mother's large paver in the plinth courtyard, where she told me a little about her family. Her parents had been prominent figures in our area and active in many local groups and organizations including the Red Cross and YMCA. As we walked along, she pointed out many, many names familiar to her, relating some little anecdotes her and there, and reminiscing about family and family friends, memorialized in bricks along the way.

## Coming Up: FALL SERIES FOR FIRST WEDNESDAYS

By Judi Sheridan

Following the successful programs in the Spring it was decided to have two Fall programs. The weather should cooperate and speakers are excited to help inaugurate the new series.

On October 5, Carrie Nesper from the Melnick Medical Museum at YSU will talk about advances in Civil War medicine. This will be followed on November 2 by Paula Jasper who will present the story of a survivor of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire that saw 148 people die when the victims were unable to escape their workrooms in the building.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for coffee hour with the presentation at 10 a.m.

Planning is underway for the 2023 speakers in February, March and April. We will keep you posted with more details.

# House Report

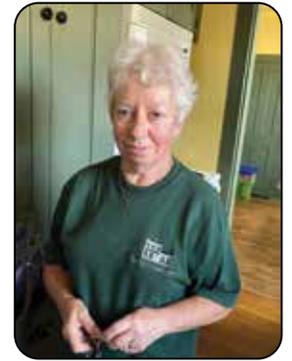
By Ken Conklin

Harriet's house continues to serve the community well. Of course, general house repairs are on a "ongoing" basis.

One day, while working at the house, I couldn't help but think how far we have come as an organization. I remember 30 plus years ago when we had a house with absolutely nothing in it. At that time, the association had the library, front hall, parlor, and dining room. The rest of the house was still rented apartments as we needed the income to pay for utilities and general maintenance.

The first piece of furniture we acquired was the large desk (which is now located in the museum). The desk had belonged to Mrs. Demming, former owner of the Tribune. Zell Draz, Mrs. Demming's granddaughter, donated the desk to the Upton House. It was placed in the library and was the only thing we owned. Then came the piano. It had been stored in a barn and chickens had left their "mark" along with tons of straw. Ken Conklin refinished the piano and it was tuned each year until the tuner man decided it could no longer stay in tune. It is a beautiful addition to Harriet's parlor and is still fun to play.

Since those days, we have acquired beautiful antiques, pictures, glass ware, lamps, etc. The community has been very generous to the Upton. I am sure Harriet would be very proud of her home on Mahoning Avenue.



## Summer Garage Sale Report

By Susan Stoddart

Summer Garage Sale Report: 22 years ago when Sandy Sarsany and I were volunteered by Carolyn Andrews to be in charge of the summer sale some said, "It will only be for a few years, people will run out of stuff to donate!" HA! We have been given so much "stuff" that we had to add a Holiday/Christmas sale in 2013. Thanks for all your donations over the years. We made \$1738 at the July sale which is 64% of what we are scheduled to make so no pressure for our Nov. sale this year. If you are looking to donate for this sale the garage is always open from 4-5:30 during the Board Meetings which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Also items can be brought to the work days before the sale, see below.

- Monday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Set up tables, unwrap items)
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12-3 p.m. (Set items for display & put stickers on items)
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, Town Hall (no work)
- Thursday, Nov. 17, Preview Sale from 4-7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 1st shift from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 2nd shift is 12-4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19, 1st shift is 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 2nd shift is 12-2 p.m.

*We have lots of opportunities for volunteers! Please let us know if you can help!*



# History of the Upton driveway

By Liz Clark

It was the summer of 1996 when we realized that the gravel in the driveway of the Upton House was being scattered all over the interior of our beautiful house; something had to be done. Dave Hamilton had shown us many new bricks but they were either pink or orange; they did not go with the antique look of the house.

Hank Angelo, our mayor at that time, knew of our plight and came up with the idea that we could have all of the paver bricks on Dawson Street. These would be free and all we had to do was dig them up and transport them to the Upton House.

It was the first of October. Nettie Ashelman, Kay Fisher, and Liz Clark thought this was a great idea. Taking our “wonder bars”, we proceeded to Dawson Street (this was the red light district). We started digging these pavers, they were the perfect color. We dug and dug and dug. Our backs were sore as were our fingers, thumbs, and shoulders. We needed help fast.

The new prison had just been built in Leavittsburg, and Kay had a great idea. She went to the prison and ask “Major Hill” (the Commander) if any of her men could help us. She said “yes” and the next day 4 prisoners and their guard arrived. The prisoners were not happy about this job until they learned that Nettie Ashelman was to be 80 years old in January. They then tried to keep up with her.

We became friends with the prisoners and many of our members and other kind people helped dig pavers. We learned that we needed 3,500 to do the drive in front of the garage and to do the open space on the west side we would need another 3,500. Hamilton Meigs stored the bricks for us. Thankfully, we were able to get all of the bricks we needed. The brick-laying began at the sidewalk and then proceeded toward the garage. WE DID IT!



## Did You Know?

*Thirty years ago on October 5, 1992, Harriet's home was recognized as a National Historic Landmark. This Greek revival architectural home was Harriet's from 1887 to 1931.*



## Learning about the Hoover's

On May 4, the Upton's own Elizabeth Cole Clark spoke on the life and times of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover. Her presentation was featured during the Spring Series for First Wednesdays. *Pictured above, from left are Linda Davis, Judi Sheridan, Janet Schweitzer, Liz Clark, Joyce Fleischer and Kim Welch.*

# SPRING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS TRIO OF LOCAL WOMEN



*By Marti Flint*

A plated salad lunch was followed by Ashtabula County historian Richard Dana speaking on three stars in the Western Reserve who made a difference in the Suffrage and Women's Rights movements.

Beginning with Harriet Taylor Upton {1853-1945) who continued the crusade for suffrage until the battle was successfully won, he discussed her younger friend and local woman, Elizabeth Hauser {1873-1958). The third in the trio was Judge Florence Allen {1884-1966), who was the first woman on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Dana's insights into their historic struggles and successes captivated the audience as he relayed new information on their personalities and influence on women's rights. *plaques for their tireless work in keeping the voting available for all Trumbull County Residents.*

## Tour Group Visits The Upton



*On August 6, we had the pleasure of meeting a group from Coshocton. The tour was sponsored by the Coshocton Library and 36 people were in attendance. They enjoyed a box lunch in Harriet's dining room which was prepared by the Mocha House. They toured the Upton House, gardens and the Women's Park. Marti Flint and Ken Conklin served as the tour guides*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
UPCOMING HOLIDAY SALE!**

**Thursday, November 17 / 4-7 p.m. (preview)**  
**Friday, November 18 / 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 19 / 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

# A Lasting Legacy...Purchase A Brick in The Women's Park

*Help pave the courtyards and path in The Women's Park with bricks inscribed with the names of women important to you...and leave a lasting legacy in their honor.*

*She was an early settler, a pioneer, an immigrant.  
 She was grandmother, teacher, mentor.  
 She is mother, sister, daughter, partner, friend.  
 Whether she lived her whole life here or never visited,  
 If she was important in your life,  
 You can honor and celebrate her life and all the lives of the women you love.*



Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone: (         ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check payable to Women's Park Fund  
*Payment for your brick is tax deductible. Any profit from the sale of the brick goes toward the support and maintenance of the park. All bricks are the property of the Upton Association. The Upton Association wishes to thank you for your participation.*

Guidelines: PLEASE PRINT! Only one character is allowed for each block **including punctuation and spaces**. You could describe her with a phrase such as: Extraordinary teacher; Music was her life; Founder of our village; Cherished friend to all. Humorous or sentimental, use this opportunity to celebrate her life. If you wish us to notify the Honoree, list name and address:

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4" x 8",         3 lines         14 characters per line;     \$50


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