

UPTON ASSOCIATION *Update*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Several Events Planned this Season*

By *Sandy Mahaffey*

Spring is here! Upton House is beginning to come alive with activities after a quiet winter. Our March speaker, Paula Jasper, portrayed Emmeline Pankhurst and was excellent. Our fore sisters fought through jail time, forced feeding, and constant denial but they were strong. They believed in their cause and that belief gave women the right to vote. Thank you seems hardly enough. Make sure you vote!

We are planning many programs for 2022. Speakers, garden lunches, open houses, and special events to name a few. We will

keep you informed.

Thank you for supporting the Harriet Taylor Upton Association. We, as a Board, work to keep Harriet's memory alive in this treasure of Warren, through her home and the Women's Park. It is volunteers of the Association that work tirelessly to make Harriet's Garden, home and Women's Park a beautiful addition to Warren's history. A personal thank you to all those volunteers.

Come visit Harriet and learn of her contributions to our city, county and country. Enjoy your spring and summer.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENTS RETURN!

By *Judi Sheridan*

Although the February program was canceled by the speaker, the March program was well-received by 20 attendees who learned about the tribulations of Emmeline Pankhurst, the British suffragist that *Time* magazine called one of the most important women of the 20th Century. Local woman Paula Jasper portrayed her for us.

On April 6, Larry Richardson shared information about the beautiful birds of the mosquito creek region with stunning photos.

We are excited to invite future guest speakers to The Upton House! In the meantime, mark your calendars for:

May 4 at 10 a.m.

The Upton's own Elizabeth Cole Clark will teach us about the life and times of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover. Coffee starts at 9:30 a.m. with the presentation at 10 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US!

Annual Spring Luncheon

Saturday, June 4

Featuring Ashtabula resident Richard Dana, prominent historian. Look for your invitation in May.

Summer Garage Sale

Thursday, July 14, 4-7 p.m. (preview)

Friday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women's Equality Day

Friday, August 26

Christmas/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.

Rental Report: *Slow but Steady*

By Kathy Lepro

The Rental Report in the 2021 Fall Newsletter stated that only 15 rental events took place at The Upton House. That number increased slightly before the end of the year, bringing the total to 21. Here are summaries of two of those additional six. In late autumn there was a request for an unusual photo shoot from a local songwriter and Christian rock musician who has worked with several studios in Ohio and in Nashville. He wanted to use The Upton House as a backdrop for his soon-to-be-released album entitled "Freedom." This would be his eighth one on Raven Faith Records. I wonder if the pictures in his previous albums are as unique as the ones taken at our historic home. Another autumn event was a family gathering on Thanksgiving Day. The renter said they could count their many blessings, one of which was that they all remained COVID-free at that point.

The new year started off slowly with only one event in early January: a small wedding ceremony and family dinner for about 30 attendees. Thank goodness it was before the heavy winter snow hit the area. Love was in the air again in February during a beautiful bridal shower with a valentine's theme. As you can see from the picture, the dining room head table and the antique piece behind it look amazing; and no doubt the guests enjoyed their luncheon at the appropriately-decorated tables.

There were no rentals in March, but three confirmed ones in April. In May, there are also three confirmed as well as two pending events.

Actually, a few more prospective renters have holds for dates later this year and hopefully, those will take place. Things have been slow but steady as we all come out of this global pandemic. I'm convinced the low numbers are no indication that people don't like to have parties at The Upton House. On the contrary, Harriet's beautiful home is the perfect location for a small gathering of almost any kind. I'm confident that you will continue to promote our venue and I thank you for that. You can be sure I will as well.



'BARBIE' *By Sandra Sarsany*

"Barbie" recognizes all female role models. Who knew? Well, the Mattel Toy Co. has come out with "the inspiring women" series to pay tribute to incredible heroines of their time; courageous women who took risks, changed rules and paved the way for generations of girls to dream bigger than ever before.

IDA B. WELLS ~ (1862-1931) JOURNALIST, ACTIVIST, SUFFRAGIST

Born into slavery three years before slavery ended in 1865, Wells would later become a formidable activist for civil rights and women's suffrage. She began her career as a teacher and segued into journalism where she gained national prominence as editor and co-owner of the Memphis free speech newspaper. She co-founded the NAACP in 1909 to courageously fight for freedom, justice and equal opportunity. She spent 50 years bravely challenging the status quo and has inspired generations of activists after her.

"The way to write wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." ~ Ida B. Wells

Women's Equality Day

By Sandy Mahaffey

Planning meetings are underway for the annual Women's Equality Day. This event will take place on Friday, August 26 at Warren Women's Park. We will celebrate the 102nd year of women receiving the right to vote. Our own Harriet Taylor Upton was instrumental in working tirelessly to achieve this right. We must continue to teach our young women the importance of this monumental struggle and always encourage them to exercise this valuable right. Please join us on August 26.



NEW LOOK AT THE WOMEN'S PARK

By Marti Flint

The ground breaking for the park was held on February 28, 2003. Since that time, the Park has become a showcase for the City of Warren. Over the years, small changes were made as flowers, trees, and shrubs were added to the landscape. Now, we are undertaking a major project to restore the stream and pond.



Starting in late spring, Creekside Gardens will begin the project. Some of the work needed is repairing leaks in the liner, cleaning the stones along the edges, adding new stones, and working on the stone area at the top of the stream. This will include draining the pond, putting the fish in a temporary water solution, and then replacing them back into the pond.



The cost of the project is estimated at around \$11,000. The Association is seeking grants and private donations to fund this project. A special thank you to those individuals and organizations who have made donations to the project to date. Look for updates as this moves forward and a celebration at completion.

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Membership Report

By Sandy Mahaffey

We are hoping that by the publication of this newsletter, we have arrived at 100% renewal in our membership, as it is our membership that keeps our Association strong. If you have not renewed, help us by sending in your membership today. Thank you so very much for your participation.

Nominating Committee

By Janet Schweitzer

The Upton Association announces the installation of two new members to the Board of Directors. We are happy to welcome Diana Tripi and Karen McGaha. The installation will be a part of the Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. on April 14.

Garden Report: Another Spring, New Chair Needed

By Carol Olson, Chair (2007-2022)

I personally want to thank each and every one of the volunteer garden members for their dedication to Harriet's Gardens. They are Hank Angelo, Donna Beatty, Ruth Ann Capito, Danita Davis, Joyce Fleischer, Bonnie Hood, Pam Rintala, Deborah Rudolf, Sandra Sarsany, Kathy Semann, Diana Tripi, Kim Welch and Ken Conklin who concentrates on spraying the drive and walkways, the watering system and trees. The members gave 262.5 volunteer hours from the fall season to the beginning of winter.

Kathy Seemann replaced the herb garden and selected the gold, white and purple plants for the new women's suffrage garden. The sign for the garden was put in place, but removed for the winter months.

Wandering Jew and the arbor cola were brought indoors for storage over the 2021-22 winter months. Hopefully, the redbud tree that was staked will return after the hard winter we just experienced. Three new trellises were added in 2021 to support the rose bushes that are being maintained by Pam Rintala.

The stone walkways, one on each side of the sundial, were completed along with replacing stone borders around some of the garden beds. There are still a lot of stones that were removed when the patio slabs were put in place. The plan was to build a patio in the back of the gardens with a sitting area and walkway, but that project will have to be taken on by the new chairman of Harriet's gardens. Currently, TCTC does not have the equipment or truck needed to take on the landscaping project.

The biggest part of any gardening is maintenance, doing some of the same things over and over and Harriet's Garden is no exception:



Garden volunteers kneeling in front from left are Ruth Ann Capito and Kim Welch. In back are Kathy Seeman, Carol Olson, Lori Caldwell, Janice Kistler, Deborah Rudloff, Diana Tripi, Kathy Fatica and Susan Craner.

removing bishop's weed, wild onions, mint, Roxanne, geraniums, and cutting rose of Sharon saplings.

I have revised the garden notebook I started in 2007-08 so that it is current with what is now in Harriet's Garden and can serve as a reference for the new chairman.

Thanks again to the wonderful volunteers! To anyone reading this, please consider becoming a new volunteer for 2022 even if only for one day.... even if you think you know nothing about gardening, but would like to learn.

The Upton Gift Shop

By Bonnie Hood

Joyce Fleischer manages the gift shop at The Upton House. She is always finding new inventory, so be sure to check it out the next time you visit The Upton. Some of the newer items include tote bags and mugs with the theme of landmarks of Warren ~ The Upton is one of the landmarks of course! We still have copies of Harriet's Recollections which always makes a nice gift!

(Pictured is Joyce Fleischer)



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Kim Welch, President; Sandy Mahaffey, Diane Williams, Marti Flint, Diana Tripi



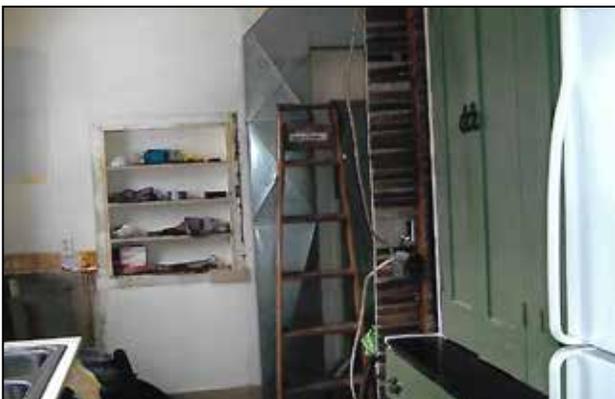
Paula Jasper portrays Emmeline Pankhurst

Emmeline Pankhurst Visits Upton House

British political activist Emmeline Pankhurst visited the Upton House on March 2 and presented excerpts from her “Freedom or Death” speech that she delivered in 1913 in Connecticut. Pankhurst became a “conscious and confirmed suffragist” at age 14. She founded the Women’s Social and Political Union in 1903 with the motto “deeds, not words.” Her militant tactics led her to several prison sentences, hunger strikes and force-feeding. She had a significant influence on the suffrage movement in the United States. British Women’s Suffrage was passed in 1928, just 18 days after her death. Pankhurst was honored at the end of the 20th Century with a statue next to parliament in London.

Paula Jasper of Girard emotionally portrayed Pankhurst while delivering the speech, which was followed by time for questions.

This was the first of our morning at The Upton programs for 2022. We were very happy to resume this series after two years of cancellations. Our Upton hostesses and a few members are pictured as they prepare for coffee hour prior to the presentation.



House Report

By Ken Conklin

Over the past year, The Upton House has been on “cruise control” and has only required general maintenance and cleaning. Of course, the house committee can always find a wall or two to paint.

Thought you might enjoy “looking back” and remembering some major projects at The Upton House. The pictures were taken during the remodeling of the work kitchen. One day, three men and a truck met at The Upton and decided they could tackle the kitchen project saving the organization \$10,000. The three men were Paul Sarsany (he had the knowledge and a truck), Tom Barnes and Ken Conklin. Old cabinets were taken out. The sink and counter top were removed. The fake brick on the walls and the tile on the floor were removed. Then the real fun began! A wall had to be taken down and we prayed it was not a load-bearing wall. Well, so far, The Upton hasn’t fallen down so guess it was ok to remove the wall. Today, the kitchen is used many times and serves The Upton well.

TRIVIA QUIZ---

What year was the work kitchen remodeled?

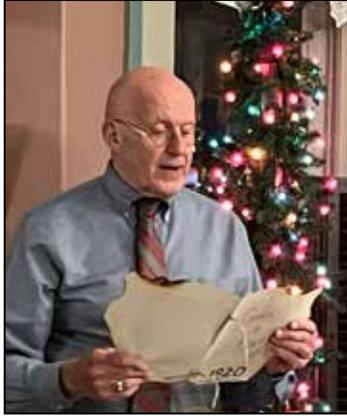
1. 2004 2. 2007 3. 2009

If you guessed #2 you are correct!

Celebrating Harriet's Birthday...and Christmas!

By Ken Conklin

After many parties on December 17th (Harriet's birthday), the event was put on the shelf for several years. It was decided to revisit the dinner evening for December 17, 2021. The invitations were mailed and 42 people responded. The dinner was served by Saratoga Restaurant and the budget did not allow for the entertainers from Radio City Music Hall. We had to settle for the cheaper route but the guests felt it was better than nothing. The 12 days of Christmas letters from Agnes to her boyfriend were read and were very much enjoyed. We also were fortunate to have our experienced snow thrower who provided tons of cotton snow for the story. We are sure Harriet was pleased with the celebration.



Ken Conklin



Diane Williamson, Rosemary Seabring and E. Carol Maxwell



Carol Hawkins, Roz Hahn and Elaine Conklin



Brick Report *By Ken Conklin*

Brick orders continue and we are extremely grateful for the support and interest. Bricks are installed during the year (weather permitting) and the purchaser is notified when the brick is installed and the location.

To date, over 600 bricks have been replaced at no cost to the original purchaser. By summer of this year, we will have replaced approximately 700 bricks. This is a major accomplishment and we thank the volunteer installers for their commitment.



Ken Conklin

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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 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.

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