

August 2005

NEW OFFICE:

Thanks to John Stout, the Conservancy now has office space, at 101 W. Main Street, Suite 3. The support and kindness of many people is evidenced by the fact that every item in the office has been donated. We greatly appreciate the help. Our postal box number remains 501.

Sunday, September 18 2:00 & 3:30

Roundtown Players and Roundtown Conservancy have together created a charming walk through past years. Step through the gates of Forest Cemetery and the lives of people who made Circleville what it is today. Tickets are \$10 and benefit the small Victorian Gatehouse at the entrance. Call 474-6418 or ask any Roundtown Players or Roundtown Conservancy member.

OCTAGON HOUSE UPDATE: A professional assessment has shown that the house withstood its appalling vandalism well and, though damaged, the interior is in excellent condition for restoration.

Saturday, September 10 7:00 p.m.

A benefit concert featuring local talent, youth and adult, is being sponsored by Roundtown Conservancy at Braeburn Farm, 6768 Zane Trail Road. The concert begins at 7:00. Admission is \$10. Proceeds to "Save the Octagon!" For further information, call 474-6418.

A BACKWARD LOOK AT THE LONG HOT SUMMER. . .

The Conservancy was extremely busy this summer meeting its goal of a fundraising event every month. This began in May with the fashion show and dance revue at Shawnee Antiques and Gallery who have been so helpful to our cause. In June we held three guided tours of Historic Downtown Circleville. These were well attended and people who missed them asked for more. In June also we held a Vintage and Rummage Sale at the Senior Center. The Sidewalk Sale in July was the hot, hot venue for our Fun Corner which, despite the heat, was very popular. (We all nearly fried!) Less than a week later we had a large yard sale at the Call farm in Ashville. This was ably hosted by Dwight Karshner. Having been extremely HOT in July, we now, in August, became extremely WET hosting yet another walking tour 'by popular request,' on the first day in weeks that it rained. It certainly made up for lost time! Everyone enjoyed these events despite the weather. We hope to see you at our next events, both for your own enjoyment and to help us "Save the Octagon!"

Donations, and memberships, may be sent to P. O. Box 501, Circleville, OH 43113

June 2005

HUGE VINTAGE & RUMMAGE SALE

8:00 - 5:30 SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Pickaway Senior Center, Chickasaw Drive, Circleville
(Off Tarlton Road)
RAFFLE -- SILENT AUCTION -- BAKE SALE
Art by local artists; items found while moving the Octagon,
Vintage rocking chair, toys, memorabilia, etc.
To donate items, baked goods, call 740-601-4275 and leave a message.

Roundtown Conservancy was able to remove the Zieger marker and take it to Sewah at Marietta for correction and restoration. There is a further need for funds to purchase a new post for the marker. Donations for this would be greatly appreciated -- we hope this project will soon come to a successful completion.

The Octagon is now on its completed foundation. We are approaching a very exciting time in the history of this work. Join us: the third Wednesday of each month, second floor of the City Building, corner of South Court and West Franklin, 7:00 p.m.

LOOK FOR US AT THE SIDEWALK SALE

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 21 - 23
8:30 - 4:30

Verizon's "Atwater Plaza"

(Corner of North Court & Pinckney)

Roundtown Conservancy is sponsoring a Fun Corner on Verizon's Atwater Plaza:

- Games and Activities for young and old
- A Wisdom Well
- Fish Pond
- "Starving Artist" display.

There will also be an attractive sales table and a chance to rest and enjoy a few minutes of friendly conversation. Be sure to look us up!

April 2005

SPRING FLING ON MAY DAY!

A gala event awaits you, offering a time to relax, enjoy the spring fashions, dancing, music and an elegant tea table.

At the Shawnee Gallery, 8531 SR 56 E, on Sunday afternoon, May 1 at 2:00 p.m., local fashion houses will show their spring/summer collections. There also will be vintage gowns on display. Circleville's new dance studio, Absolute DanceSport, will give you a beautiful experience as their teachers perform. Musicians from Studio One will entertain you. The Tea Table by Wanda will be filled with good things.

Tickets may be purchased at the fashion shops, at the dance studio (122 N. Court St.), from any Roundtown Conservancy member, or by calling 740-474-6418. Feel free to dress in vintage clothing and to wear a spring hat!

On the sales table, an intriguing little plant called "Dark Dancer" will add a new and different look to your garden or windowsill. It is only one of our tempting sales table items. There are new note cards by local artists, and an "Octagon Candle" by Wanda. Bring your purse; you're going to want one of everything!

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

On three Saturdays in May -- the 14th, 21st and 28th -- at 10:30 a.m., there will be walking tours of Historic Downtown Circleville. Led by local historian, W. W. Higgins, the tour begins at Memorial Hall (Pickaway St. and E. Main) with a visit to the Monumental Association rooms. Then the walk (just over an hour) will give you a new look at your town's architecture and teach you things you never realized about Circleville. You may then relax at a downtown restaurant, enjoy a sandwich and cup of soup, and have time for questions and discussion. The tour & lunch package is \$20. Reservations are required. Call 474-6418. Leave your name and phone number CLEARLY; you will be called.

Donations welcome. P. O. Box 501, Circleville, OH 43113

February 2005

VALENTINES !

Though slightly late in the month, we want to express on-going appreciation to [FITZPATRICK'S PRINTERY](#) for willingly printing our Newsletter during the hiatus between available copiers. Also, to [CITY COUNCIL](#) for their generous offer of Council Chambers for our meetings. We are currently meeting there (City Hall, corner of W. Franklin and S. Court Sts.) every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

STAGECOACH -- AGAIN !

Another wonderful party is planned by ArtsaRound and the Conservancy at the Stagecoach (Route 23, S. Bloomfield) for Sunday, March 6 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. [Dave & Deidre Miesse](#), [T. D. VanCamp](#), their families and staff welcome us to the Stagecoach for a second Octagon House Fundraiser with their special "Octagon House Meal" (all money from this meal to go to the Octagon). [Charlie Jackson](#) has lined up the following great music groups who will donate their talents. Here is the tentative schedule:

1:00 p.m. -- Linda Blaine & Friends (singer-guitar)
2:00 p.m. -- Dave and Megan Rainey (guitar, flute & singer)
3:00 p.m. -- Death By Banjo (bluegrass and beyond)
4:00 p.m. -- The House Band (folk, rock, blues)
5:00 p.m. -- Tony Ellis (Appalachian eloquence on banjo and fiddle)
6:00 p.m. -- Shawn "Thunder" Wallace (jazz)

There will be souvenir items for sale, door prizes, and a "Luck O'the Irish" donation tree for the Octagon.

Visit www.stagecoachbbq.com or call (740)983-2727 for more information.

STATUS REPORT

With the foundation all but complete, a new phase has begun for Roundtown Conservancy. To assure the continued health of the house, committees have been formed with specific jobs:

Business Plan and Grants Committee -- **Amy Cooper**, Chairwoman, **Josie Hall**, Advisor

Public Relations and Publicity Committee -- **Judy Palm**, Chairwoman.

Interior Committee -- **Steve Spicer**, Chairman.

Events Committee -- **Dorothy Cooper**, Chairwoman.

The Conservancy has been fortunate from the start to have members whose talents and abilities have complemented one another. This continues to be so as we expand. New members are joining at each meeting; we urge and welcome YOUR attendance.

As always, donations (tax exempt, of course) are needed and appreciated. Checks may be made to Roundtown Conservancy, Inc. and mailed to P. O. Box 501.

January 2005

TREE DECORATING A SUCCESS

Three downtown merchants, Roundtown Hardware, Court & Main Restaurant, and Fitzpatrick's Office Supplies, supported the Octagon House through the Christmas Season by placing small trees where customers could donate and 'decorate' the tree. Some who donated were: Bill & Charlotte Arledge, Nancy Bainter, Patsy Barnes, Sierra Brown, Amy Cooper, Gene Dowler & Pat, Ryan Davis, Steve Davis, Antje Ernest, Wally Higgins, Barb & Charles Hull, Kayla, Kennedy, KJ, Roseanne Knight, Helen Maddox, Sally Majors, Bella Marshall, David & Bev Martin, Melissa Metz, Connie McCain, Brian Mosely, Leah Nicole, Rich & Sharon Petit, Schroeder, Sign Creations, Debbie Tobin, and Big Wazy. There were many other unsigned, and we wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

MORE THANK YOU'S

We are grateful to many others who have helped our work: The National Trust for Historic Preservation; Mark Anderson and his crew who have worked many hours and built an outstandingly fine foundation; Dingey Movers, Inc. who moved the house to its final destination; J. Michael Asebrook and his staff and their help with plans for the foundation; Steve Richards who supplied a water tank; Randy Burchfield, Attorney. Their are many others who will be mentioned in future Newsletters. Our continuing thanks to Mary Sauer and her family who have designed our excellent website, www.roundtownconservancy.org, and continue to maintain it. Thank you, one and all.

! NEW MEETING PLACE !

For those of you who attend our meetings, and for those who would like to attend for the first time, we are now meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall, corner of South Court and West Franklin Streets, courtesy of the City Council. Our meeting date and time are still the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is February 16.

A LOOK AT 2005 . . .

With the foundation nearly complete on the Octagon House, we are aware of the great need for fundraising. Our members are very supportive and work well together; they have come up with some interesting and attractive events. The first of these will be at the [Stagecoach](#) on March 6. David Mici and their staff, and T. D. VanCamp have been gracious hosts to us in the past and we look forward to another great time there. Look for more information in the February issue.

**As always, we gratefully accept donations and encourage memberships and attendance.
Donations, tax-deductible of course, should be made to Roundtown Conservancy and may be sent
to P. O. Box 501 Circleville, OH 43113.**