



News on Main Street

Ice House Demolished



photo by B. McMullen

The Ice House in Boneyfiddle was heavily damaged and had to be demolished when heavy winds tore through Portsmouth in February.

Appalachian Conference Coming to Shawnee State University for First Time

One of the largest conferences ever convened in Portsmouth is scheduled at Shawnee State University.

The 32nd Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference is scheduled at Shawnee State University March 27-29. It is the first time the conference will be held in Appalachia Ohio. More than 600 people have registered for the conference in the past. The theme for the conference is "Connecting Appalachia and the

World Through Traditional and Contemporary Arts, Crafts and Music."

The conference will feature keynote and plenary speakers; papers and panel presentations; reports on academic research and community practice; workshops; roundtable discussions; presentations of art, craft and film; exhibits and displays by book presses, regional organizations and artists.

Two SSU faculty members and one staff member will be partici-

pating in the conference. On Saturday, March 28, Barbara Kunkle and Neil Carpathios, professors of English and humanities, will be moderating separate sessions. Each of the sessions will include SSU student participation.

Kunkle's session, "The Patchworked Identities of Jesse Stuart's Appalachian Subject," begins at 8:30 a.m. and Carpathios is scheduled at 2 p.m.

moderating "Student Appalachian Poetry –

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Main Street Portsmouth Chocolate Walk Successful Event

Many people took advantage of a mild day at Main Street Portsmouth's Chocolate Walk on Saturday, Feb. 7 in both the Downtown and Boneyfiddle districts.

Nearly 200 people walked from store to store sampling the chocolate goodies that each store passed out.

Participating stores were B Sweete Chocolaterie, Boneyfiddle Home & Garden Shop, Chinaberry Tree, Different Daisy, Market Street Cafe, Mr. Binns' Antiques, The Emporium, Estep Sporting Goods, The Flower Shop,

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Jack and Ellen Vetter at B Sweete Chocolaterie introduces their own chocolates during the Chocolate Walk on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Our Vision: *To build a healthy and prosperous downtown that reflects the rich history of our past.*

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Clark Named New Main Street Program Assistant

Krista Clark was recently named program assistant at Main Street Portsmouth.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Clark comes via Greenville, Miss., where she served as community arts coordinator for the Arts Council.

Before that, Clark lived in

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, working at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and several newspapers.

Clark is a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago where she met her husband of 35 years, John, publisher of the

Portsmouth Daily Times.

They have two children, Lauren in Washington, D.C., and John in Chicago.

She enjoys art, music, theatre, and reading and serves on the Board of the Portsmouth Area Arts Council.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

March

- 1-3: National Main Street Conference, Chicago**
- 4:** Chair Meeting, 10 a.m. MSP Office
- 5:** Design Committee, 3 p.m. Portsmouth Public Library
- 6:** Organization Committee, 9 a.m., MSP Office
- 9:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 10:** Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m., MSP Office
- 16:** Design Review Board, 11 a.m., City Engineer Dept.
- 14: St. Patrick's Day Parade**
- 17: St. Patrick's Day**
- 18:** Organization Communication Task Committee, 9:30 a.m., MSP Office
- 18:** Economic Restructuring Committee, Noon, MSP Office
- 19:** Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Welcome Center
- 21:** Preservation Committee, 11:00 a.m., Market Street Cafe
- 23:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 26:** Promotions Committee, 5 p.m., MSP Office
- 28: Downtown Art Walk**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. sponsored by Portsmouth Area Arts Council in cooperation with Main Street Portsmouth.

April

- 1: Heritage Ohio Training, Nourishing Downtown, Greenville**
- 1:** Chair Meeting, 10 a.m. MSP Office,
- 2:** Design Committee, 3 p.m., Portsmouth Public Library
- 3:** Organization Committee, 9 a.m., MSP Office
- 10:** Good Friday
- 12:** Easter
- 13:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 14:** Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m., MSP Office
- 15:** Organization Communication Task Committee, 9:30 a.m., MSP Office
- 15:** Economic Restructuring Committee, Noon, MSP Office
- 16:** Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Welcome Center
- 18:** Preservation Committee, 11:00 a.m., Market Street Cafe
- 20:** Design Review Board, 11 a.m., City Engineer Dept.
- 22: Progressive Dinner**
- 25: Downtown Spring Cleanup**
- 27:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 30:** Promotions Committee, 5 p.m., MSP Office

May

- 1:** Organization Committee, 9 a.m., MSP Office
- 5-7: Heritage Ohio State Conference, Cleveland**
- 6:** Chair Meeting, 10 a.m. MSP Office,
- 7:** Design Committee, 3 p.m., Portsmouth Public Library
- 10:** Mother's Day
- 11:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 12:** Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m., MSP Office
- 13:** Organization Communication Task Committee, 9:30 a.m., MSP Office
- 13:** Economic Restructuring Committee, Noon, MSP Office
- 16: Garten Markt Luncheon**
- 18:** Design Review Board, 11 a.m., City Engineer Dept.
- 21:** Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Welcome Center
- 25:** City Council, 6 p.m., City Building
- 28:** Promotions Committee, 5 p.m., MSP Office



Conference

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Poetry Reading.”

Mandy Hart, CTFA, associate director of the SSU Development Foundation, is presenting Friday at noon. She will talk about “Philanthropy in Rural Appalachia in Music and Video.”

There are 200 breakout sessions, about 40 exhibitors and 62 universities represented.

The conference highlights the wealth of traditional and contemporary arts, crafts, and music of Appalachia and how they connect the region with the world.

During the conference,

participants will have several opportunities to see some of the interesting places in the area and go to restaurants and shop. Tours of art and architecture, a quilt show at the Portsmouth Public Library, special tours of the Floodwall Murals, the Philip Moore Stone House, the Southern Ohio Museum and the 1810 house are being offered by several organizations.

Saturday, March 28 is SSU’s annual Appalachian Music Festival, “Scioto Valley Saturday Night,” featuring a string band, bluegrass, ballads and country music from local and regional musicians

beginning at 8 p.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Bands include the Dr. John Simon Band, Poverty String Band, Home Remedy and an invitation to the audience to participate in a square dance.

The music festival is free and open to the public. Tickets need to be picked up in advance at the McKinley Box Office at the VRCFA.

For more information, call the Box Office at (740) 351-3600. The Appalachian Music Festival is funded by a gift from the Anna Margaret Daehler Stillwell Music Fund through the Development Foundation.

Main Street Portsmouth Accredited for Another Year

Members of the Main Street Board met with Jeff Siegler of Heritage Ohio, for the annual accreditation visit made to continue the Main Street Portsmouth program. Siegler met privately with director Zoe Richards for the first hour, while the board met.

He also met with the chairs of the four committees to discuss their plans and goals for 2009.

Lunch was catered by Market Street Cafe. After lunch, Siegler met with Board members for the evaluation process, and to answer questions from those present. He approved the program for another year.

Officers elected at the January Board meeting were Craig DeAtley, president; Tess Midkiff, vice president; Rebecca Wheelersburg, secretary; and Kathy Fish, treasurer.

New members on the Board elected in December are Mark Hunter, Joan Thomas, Lee Kasper and Tim Arms.



St. Patrick's Day Celtic Club Parade

Saturday, March 14
3 p.m.

The parade begins at Valley Foods and ends at Tracy Park

Grand Marshal:
Dr. Tsuyoshi Inoshita

Sponsored by
USEC, OSCO and Life Ambulance

For information call Port City Pub
at (740) 355-9015

About Main Street Portsmouth ...

Main Street Portsmouth (MSP) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization seeking to revitalize downtown Portsmouth and historic Boneyfiddle. MSP uses the approach begun by the National Main Street program in 1977.

The program is community-driven economic development program created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Main Street focus is to revitalize traditional downtown business districts and renovate and preserve historic commercial buildings.

The Main Street approach has successfully revitalized downtowns in over 1,600 communities nationwide, generating over 16 billion dollars of re-investment in those communities.

Volunteer committees of Main Street Portsmouth work on each of these aspects. Using annual work plans, the Committees seek to accomplish their goals.

Partners:

City of Portsmouth
Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce • Portsmouth Scioto County Visitor's Bureau • Scioto County Commissioners • Scioto Foundation • Shawnee State University • Southern Ohio Medical Center • business owners • property owners and residents

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Chocolate

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Journey Within, Lil's Quilt Shop, Market Street Hardware, Peacocks, Port City Cafe and Pub, Portsmouth Feed & Supply, Primitive Corner, Remember When Antiques, Southern Ohio Museum and Ye Olde Lantern.



Chinaberry Tree passes out chocolate treats.



Dana Romanello entertains at the Market Street Cafe.



Aloma Wymer at Journey Within served up fried Snicker's bars.



Lil's Quilt Shop prepared some sweet chocolate treats.



Laura McKinney at Mr. Binn's Antiques set a table with candlelight and chocolate.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

2008 Membership Levels:

- Friend of MSP - \$35
- Family - \$55
- Student - \$20
- Business - 10 or fewer employees \$100
- Business - more than 10 employees \$200

Yes, I would love to Volunteer

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