



Mission:

*Keeping Indian Hill's
Past and Present Alive
for Tomorrow*

Indian Hill Historical Society

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Greetings and welcome to the first edition of the new quarterly newsletter from the Indian Hill Historical Society!

Your comments and input are welcome as this newsletter develops.

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What's Been Happening?

The Fall program season was very busy with three sold out programs: *The Nipperts & Greenacres*, *The Golden Age of TV*, and *Cincinnati's German Heritage*. In addition to interesting topics and audience camaraderie, there was lots of good food and wine.

The 36th *Annual Village Christmas Party* was just held on December 2nd. It was a beautiful sunlit day, and Santa arrived in a carriage pulled by two of Turner Farm's magnificent draft horses. The children were thrilled and delighted!



Upcoming Events:



One Room Schoolhouse Experience

In February and March, the school bell will be ringing, and 4th graders from several local schools will be welcomed to the Little Red Schoolhouse for a "living history" experience. The schoolmarm will set the stage with a captivating discussion about the history of the area and the early settlers of Indian Hill. Then the students will move through several stations doing cursive writing with pen & ink dip pens, reading from the McGuffey's Readers, figuring math problems with chalk and small slate boards, playing marbles, and identifying common items used 100+ years ago.

Around 300 students get to experience what it was like in a one-room 1800's era schoolhouse over a two-week period.

This award-winning program is in its 28th year!!

Upcoming Events, continued:

February	March	April	May
<p>17th, 12:30 p.m. <u>Queen City Sisters</u> are bringing their toe-tapping, fun music from the 50's and 60's to the Little Red Schoolhouse.</p>	<p>17th, 4:30 p.m. <u>The Patron Party</u> will be held in one of Indian Hill's finest homes.</p>	<p>14th, 4:40 p.m. <u>1848 Panorama of Cincinnati</u> is an amazing set of historic photographs with extraordinary detail of Cincinnati's riverfront.</p>	<p>19th. 4:40 p.m. <u>The History of Kenner Toys</u> may make you feel like a kid again! Remember the Easy Bake Oven, Spirograph, and so much more.</p>

Please visit the website: www.indianhill.org for more details on these programs.

Member News, 4th Quarter, 2018

Renewals:

Tom & Clare Ackerman
 Bob & Delores Adleta
 Harold & Jennifer Angus
 Jim & Mary Ann Baker
 Harry Brown
 Robert & Barbara Bucciare
 Chris & Jessica Cicchinelli
 Bill & Kathy DeWitt
 Nancy Evans
 Greg & Dani Frappier
 Peg Gillespie
 Mark & Lisa Greene
 Ken Grob
 Roberta Hair
 Sally Heckscher
 Dick & Jeanne Hannan
 Bobbi Hart
 Tony Jaccaci
 Stephen & Sandra Joffe
 Jon & Ann Keeling
 Lee & Heather Kromholz
 Phillip & Whitney Long

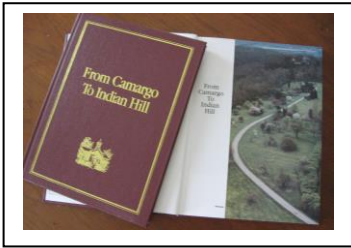
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 Cromer & Bonnie Mashburn
 Michael & Mary McGraw
 Ron & Hien Mueller
 Rick & Cynthia Mulhauser
 Jan Ring
 Norbert & Linnea Nadel
 Fred & Sandy Runk
 Doug & Anne Schmidlin
 Kathy Schmitt
 Jeff & Emily Schoeny
 Mike & Monique Sewell
 Larry & Rhonda Sheakley
 Bob & Melinda Sherman
 Chip & Gwen Sproull
 Steve & Sarah Steinman
 Ed & Jane Terrill
 Charles & Beth Thomas
 Al & Ginny White
 Tony & Sally Woodward
 Ron & Suzanne Zesch

Interested in becoming a member? [Click here](#)

Remembrances:

Dick Hannan, Laura Harrison, and Charlie Stix recently passed away. They all were long time members and supporters of the Historical Society. These wonderful people will be greatly missed.

Gift ideas from the Historical Society:



From Camargo to Indian Hill traces the history of Indian Hill from its origins as a rural farmland community beginning in 1895 to its emergence as a residential village for prominent Cincinnatians in the 1930's. Fascinating text along with photographs of the grand houses from the estate era to today make for an engaging read. \$15

Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill is a collection of pen and ink drawings of the houses, barns, and other structures that preceded the great estate era. Jim Schwering's 64 drawings are accompanied by Virginia White's historical commentary. \$10



Schoolhouse Jigsaw Puzzle

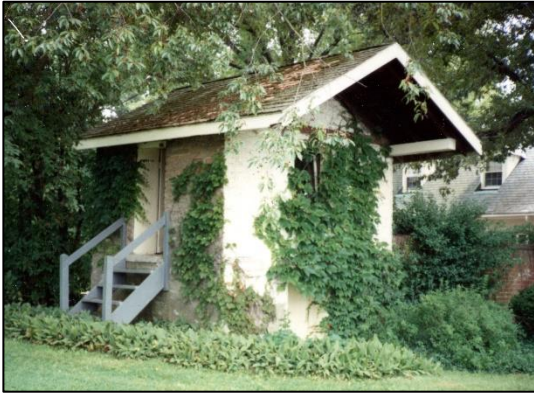
The perfect entertainment for a fun family evening! This bright, colored puzzle depicts one of the most significant historical landmarks of Indian Hill. There are 502 pieces, and it measures 16" x 20". \$20

Thanks to Our Business Members

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From the Archives ...

A Shawnee Run Springhouse. c. 1799



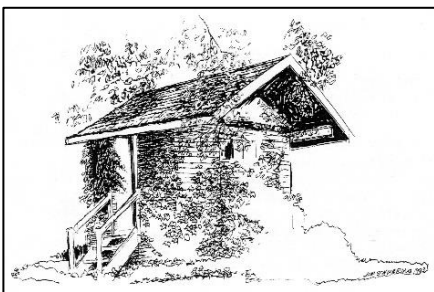
A small gabled outbuilding located on Shawnee Run Road is one of Indian Hill's oldest structures still in its original setting. The Thomas Boone springhouse was constructed circa 1799 by one of the village's early pioneers.

Thomas Boone and his wife Mary emigrated from Pennsylvania in 1785, traveling by flatboat on the Ohio River to present day Maysville, Kentucky. There they lived for five years before moving downriver to Cincinnati. Tom Boone yearned for

more wilderness and purchased a tract of land on what is now Shawnee Run Road. The family moved from the comforts of Cincinnati to the remote hill, where they constructed a house (since razed) and a springhouse. Legend has it that Daniel Boone of Kentucky fame was a frequent visitor to his cousin's home in Indian Hill.

Springhouses and smokehouses were necessary buildings in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. One of many secondary buildings to a house, springhouses protected the source of water and provided for storage of perishables. When early settlers arrived at their newly acquired land, one of their top priorities was locating a spring or other water source. With a spring, they often enlarged its basin, deepened it, or lined it with rock, allowing a pool to be formed from which water could be dipped by bucket. Frequently these natural springs were located at the base of a slope, where runoff occurred. Building a springhouse kept the water clean and free of leaves, pebbles, and debris – as well as concealed from wild animals.

Springhouses served as refrigerators in bygone days, keeping settlers' food from spoiling. Dairy products required the lower temperatures provided inside a springhouse. However, dried, salted, or smoked meats, and canned vegetables and fruits were also preserved there.



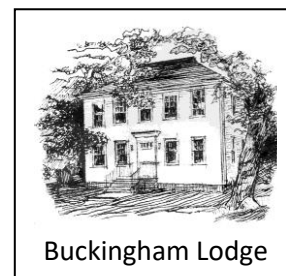
Drawing by Jim Schwering from
*Treasured Landmarks of
Indian Hill*

The Boone springhouse is quaintly nestled amongst shade trees and shrubs, with ivy growing up its primitive fieldstone exterior. Access is available through a lower level door, or up a few steps to the main entry. The structure is banked into the hillside, and several aspects of the building's design contribute to keeping it cool: a wide roof overhang, thick rock walls, and use of only a small window.

The symmetry and simple integrity of the Boone springhouse provide clues to the lifestyle of pioneer families. Lovingly preserved by the owners, it serves as a picturesque part of Indian Hill's architectural heritage.

Office News:

The holidays are over, and life is returning to normal from all of the hustle and bustle. Winter is settling in, and the cold and snow have arrived. We are hunkered down for whatever weather may come. Today, there are 4-5" of snow on the ground and negative temperatures are on the way. Brrrr....



The office has been busy with all of the Society's events, Schoolhouse rentals, oral histories, planning for next season's programs, and the never-ending project of digitization. One day, all of the paper records (photos, letters, newspaper articles, magazine articles, etc.) in the office will be digitized to help preserve the information and to make it easier to share! Trish Krehbiel, the librarian, stays busy with this detailed, painstaking process. These digitized records are being loaded into PastPerfect, a software database which allows for easy search and retrieval.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact us through email: ihhist@cinci.rr.com or phone: 513-891-1873.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2019!
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