

# INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

E-Newsletter

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## What's Going On?

In 1973, a group of fifteen foresighted Indian Hill residents joined together to preserve a beloved building at the heart of the Village -- the Little Red Schoolhouse. With the help of over 100 families as Founders, the deteriorating Schoolhouse was repaired and restored. You may have noticed the names of the Founders which appear in calligraphy on the blackboard in the vestibule of the Schoolhouse. Then known as the Indian Hill Historical Museum Association, the goal of the fledgling organization was "to collect and contain here the history of Indian Hill and its region and to be an educational center."

Over time, the Historical Society's focus has shifted from being a museum to working "to chronicle and preserve the history of this Village through photographs and research" and preserving historic buildings such as Buckingham Lodge, the Elliott House, and other landmark properties. The Historical Society's monthly meetings and programs featuring speakers on the history of Indian Hill and unique aspects of life in the Village help to promote its educational mission.

Next year, 2023, marks the Historical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we are gearing up to celebrate our success in "Keeping Indian Hill's Past and Present Alive for Tomorrow." What will the next fifty years bring? To guide our path into the future, the Society is embarking on a Strategic Plan that will help us make the best use of our resources to carry out our mission. You are an important part of the planning process. As a member, you have received either an electronic link to Survey Monkey or a letter inviting you to visit our web site and complete a brief survey. A link to the survey also appears below. Please take the time to respond! We want to know what programs are most appealing to you, what types of events you prefer, and what new projects you would like the Historical Society to initiate. High on our agenda will be digitizing the archives and historical documents currently housed in the Hauck Library. We welcome your ideas.



As we commence the second half of our first 100 years, we are grateful for your support.

Rosemary Welsh, President

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8JYG23>

## Program News for 2022-2023

### Answering the Call of the Wild: The Remarkable Life of Cathryn Hilker

Original Date: 9/18/22, rescheduled date 10/2/22

Author Kathy Merchant discussed her book about Cathryn Hilker and her passion for protecting the cheetah. Cathryn Hilker grew up in Mason, OH on a farm. Her life's path took her to Africa in the late 1950s with Dr. Byron Bernard (a veterinarian at the Cincinnati Zoo). She stayed in Africa and joined the Chimpanzee Project in Belgium Congo. After several years, she returned to the US and became a schoolteacher. In the late 1970s, Cathryn went to Al Oeming's Alberta Game Farm and met his cheetah, Tawana. Al and Tawana toured Canada visiting schools to educate children about wildlife. This encounter changed Cathryn's life and set her on a mission to save this endangered species. Two cheetahs were born at the Columbus Zoo in 1981. Cathryn asked to raise one of them, and the cub, Angel, moved to her farm! Much as Al Oeming had done, Cathryn started visiting schools with Angel and ultimately created the "Angel Fund" to support a variety of cheetah conservation projects for both wild and captive cheetahs. She worked closely with the Cincinnati Zoo and helped to create the "Cat Ambassador" program to promote all things cheetah.

In honor of Cathryn, "Chris", a 3-year-old female cheetah from the Cincinnati Zoo, made a special visit to the Little Red Schoolhouse for this event. It was exciting to see this beautiful animal up close and learn about this species from the Zoo's handlers.

Cathryn answered questions at the end of Kathy's slideshow. She told some stories of her experiences with these magnificent animals. It was a memorable afternoon at the Little Red Schoolhouse.



Juli Lowry, Cathryn Hilker, Rosemary Welsh, Susan Holzapfel



Chris, a 3-year-old female cheetah



Pam Middendorff with author Kathy Merchant



Mona Glover, Rita Stolper, Carol Thoman



Chip Hunter, DJ Hildebrant, Kent Little



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**Next Up-> Authors Series Program:**

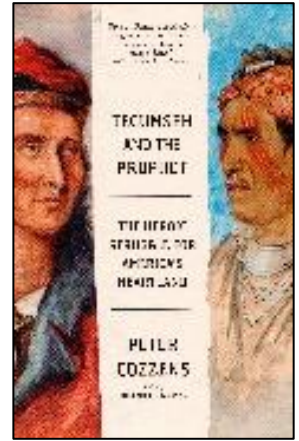
**Tecumseh & The Prophet, with Author Peter Cozzens**

*Come learn local history!*

The famous Shawnee Native American leader, Tecumseh, and his brother, Tenskwatawa, the Shawnee prophet, worked to unite the tribes of the Northwest Territory to protect their way of life and stop the loss of land to the frontier settlers. It's a story of nation-defining events and larger-than-life leaders in American history.

**October 27, 2022, Indian Hill High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.**

Reservations may be made at: <https://indianhill.org/> or call the office: 513-891-1873.



**Program Schedule for 2022-2023:**

***Treasures Uncovered***



Wiebold Studio and Riverfront Art Auctions will host an “antiques roadshow” style appraisal & preservation consultation event followed by dinner and a presentation about preserving objects.

**November 20, 2022, Little Red Schoolhouse**

***Village Christmas Party***

Bring your family and join your neighbors for a delightful afternoon at the Historical Society's 39th Annual Village Christmas Party. Make merry with the music, juggler, magician, and of course, *Santa!*



**December 4, 2022, The Little Red Schoolhouse**

***Little-Known Facts about Indian Hill!***



Why is it called Shawnee Run Rd? Given Rd? etc.? Where was the sanatorium? Why are there old railroad bridges and beds

throughout the Village? What happened to the Rangers' jail? Was there an airport in Indian Hill? What's "Radio Range" Park?

Join us for a fun, informative, and entertaining event!

**March 19, 2023, The Little Red Schoolhouse**

***The Story of Jay Trump***

From humble beginnings to world acclaim, Jay Trump, a beautiful bay horse, took his owner, Indian Hill resident, Mary C. Stephenson (later LeBlond) and his manager / rider, Crompton "Tommy" Smith on the ride of a lifetime! Jay Trump's celebrated story tells how he became the first American bred, owned, and ridden horse to win the prestigious and harrowing English Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree.



**April 23, 2023, The Little Red Schoolhouse**

***Trails & Trees: A History of IH's Green Areas and Bridle Trails***

In the early 1900s, Indian Hill was a checkerboard of small farms. When the population shifted as city dwellers searched for fresh air and green areas, Indian Hill land began to transition. Trees were planted, horse trails were created, and the roots were sown for today's Green Areas. Today, with the generosity of Indian Hill residents, over 3,500 acres have become a rich and diverse nature preserve that is unique in the Midwest. Learn about this incredible resource and the bridle trails which traverse it.



**May 21, 2023, The Little Red Schoolhouse**

## Member News: 3rd Quarter, 2022 Updates

*Thank you to all the new & renewing members this past quarter*

### **New Members this quarter:**

Kimberly & Anthony DeCarlo  
Lisa Elliott  
Paula & Bob Fessler  
Janice & Gary Hartman  
Jed Hartings  
Doreen & Mark Isett  
Elizabeth Warner & Laurent  
Huguenin

Suzanne & Bill Kite  
Linda & David Parlin  
Gina & Richard Pratt  
Nancy Steman  
Gerri Strauss  
Carol Thoman  
Julie & Joey Wyte

### **Renewals this quarter:**

Jennifer Adams  
Delores & Bob Adleta  
Judith Affatato  
Val & Noah Allen  
Robin & John Armstrong  
Eileen & John Barrett  
Diane Babcock  
Ann & Todd Bailey  
Mary Jo Beck  
Rebecca Bugos  
Jane & Larry Bennett  
Elizabeth & John Betagole  
Elizabeth & Rick Bieser  
Cynthia & John Bismayer  
Hazeleen & Leland Brewster  
Rebecca Bugos  
Stephanie & John Busam  
Jessica & Chris Cicchinelli  
Sue & Tim Clarke  
Richard Cocks  
Carolyn Condorodis  
Emily & Ryan Conner  
Jane & Edgar Cox  
Claudia & David Cummings  
Jennifer & Brian Davis  
Mary Jane & Ronald Dolan  
Kit & Dick Duval  
Jodi & Dan Feigelson  
Carin & Jeff Fike  
Noralee & Lew Gatch  
Susan & Jim Gibbs

Moira & Jeff Grainger  
Roberta Hair  
Stella & John Hassan  
Louise Head  
Melanie & Bruce Healey  
Sally Heckscher  
Julie & Rob Heidt  
Jane & Bill Higgins  
Sharan & Phil Hinkle  
Elizabeth Hodges  
Lesley Gilbertson & William  
Hurford  
Ellen & Garrett Jackson  
Frani & Don Jones  
Jeanette & Gregg Jones  
Ted Jones  
Chris & Bill Judd  
Cynthia & Kelly King  
Evelyn & Gary Kirschner  
Carolyn & James Kite  
Teddy & John Kladakis  
Jane & Ron Koppenhoefer  
Elisabeth & Kasey Kuhlman  
Caryn & Arthur Lee  
Betty Letscher  
Lynn & Wayne Lippert  
Whitney & Phillip Long  
Molly & Ted Lucien  
Carolyn & Peter Ludwig  
Candace & Mike McCaw

Alicia Bridgeland & Don  
McGraw  
Cassie & Lachlan McLean  
Deborah & Donald  
McMullen  
Pam Middendorff  
Audrey & Greg Miller  
Judy Mitchell  
Sally More  
Linnea Nadel  
Christopher Nicholson  
Arlene & Bob Niehaus  
Stephen Oughterson  
Sarah & JP Pharr  
Irene & Daniel Randolph  
Judy Recker  
Angela & David Reed  
Janet Reynolds  
Alison & Tom Rink  
Cynthia & Paul Riordan  
Susan & John Roberts  
Bonnie Roe  
Lois Poe Rust  
Shirley Scharfenberger  
Jack Schiff  
Anne & Doug Schmidlin  
Carol & Bill Schmidter  
Michelle & Robert Schneider  
Mary & Larry Schumacher  
Patricia Cook Schwemlein  
Gloria Uziel & Patrick Shea

Rhonda & Larry Sheakley  
John Shepherd  
John Shields  
Linda Siekmann  
Cherie & Martin Silverstein  
Christine & Ralph Stacey  
Sarah & Steve Steinman

Rita & Don Stolper  
Kay Sudbrack  
Jackie Sweeney  
Marcy Taylor  
Jane & Ed Terrill  
Vicki & Mark Tullis  
Brenda Walker

Paula & Tory Watters  
Barbara & Irwin Weinberg  
Tonja & Patrick Wilson  
Jan & Owen Wrassman  
Jessica Wyler & Blake Zaring

**Business Renewals this quarter**

Designed 2 Sell / Ohio Equine Properties  
Mortgage House of America

The V Collection

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


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# Happy Halloween!



# Thanks to Our Business Members

 <p><b>Central Bark</b> Doggie Day Care <i>Madeira</i></p>	 <p><b>DALEY</b> DESIGN + BUILD</p>	 <p><b>exp</b> REALTY GINA DUBELL SMITH'S DESIGNER/BELL TEAM</p>  <p><b>OH EQUINE</b> PROPERTIES.COM</p>
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 <p><b>INPRINT</b> <i>madeira</i></p>	 <p><b>Mariemont Inn</b> Best Western Premier</p>	<p><b>Jeff Michael</b> Excavating</p>
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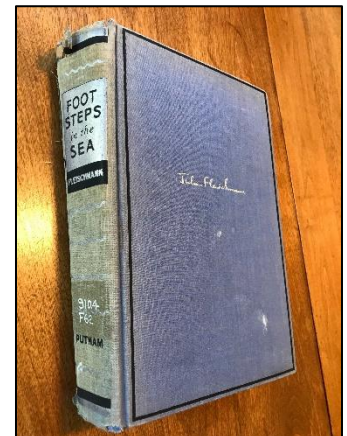
## From the President:

### Indian Hill Authors and More ...

As author Anna Quindlen states, “Books are the plane, the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home.” The Hauck Library at the Indian Hill Historical Society contains many volumes, some of which are authored by past and present residents. Shelves at Buckingham Lodge, they cover a variety of subjects. Each book offers an opportunity to expand readers’ horizons.

Of interest to children, Elbey Jay was written in 1964 by Joyce Attee and illustrated by Marjorie Applegate, Marjory Ewell, and Ede Schmidt. It featured a blue jay, and all sale proceeds went to the Indian Hill Green Areas Fund. Youngsters will enjoy the pictorial Tower City Trains, depicting the awesome O scale train layout created by former Historical Society trustee Bill Bramlage.

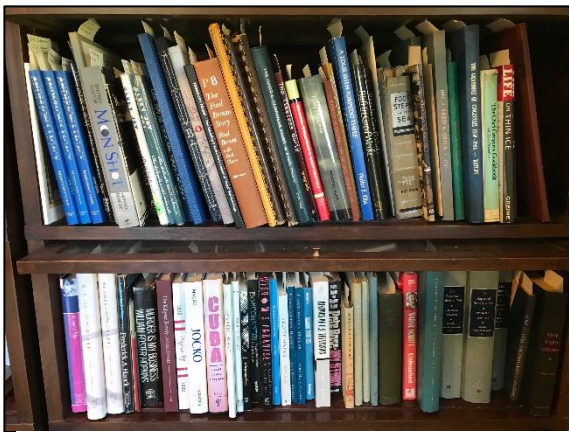
Art, health, poetry, antiques, politics, and photography are examined by other authors. Marjorie Applegate’s Sculpture provides a record of her stone carvings and was presented to her on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Denise Davis, M.D., writes about Health, Wellness and Restoration. Two poetry collections by Deborah Pope delve into the natural environment and human connections. A treasured travel tome is Julius Fleischmann’s Footsteps in the Sea, which describes the 1931 around-the-world voyage on his 225-foot yacht, *Camargo I*, and the artifacts collected along the way. Later Fleischmann’s maps of the sea lanes of the Pacific Ocean were used by the U.S. military during World War II. One of Dorothy Snowden Rowe’s two books in the library, At the End of the Pond, recounts her summers spent in Weekapaug, Rhode Island, and even contains a few seafood recipes. Mary Kromholz, antique doll expert and collector, researched and photographed European dolls, toy museums and doll factories. She wrote seven books about them, the crown jewel of which was the 640-page 500 Years of German Dollmaking, a comprehensive volume with over 3000 pictures. Senator Robert A. Taft’s Foreign Policy for Americans 1951 espouses his political views on the U.N., the Russian Menace, and the battle against Communism. Natural Impressions is a collection of the extraordinary photographs of Priscilla “Prissy” Connell, a wildlife connoisseur and nature enthusiast whose work was once featured on a U.S. postage stamp.



*Footsteps in the Sea*, by Julius Fleischmann

Other authors’ books focus on genealogy, history, and horticulture. Simon Elliott compiled The Elliott Families 1762-1911. IHHS President Emeritus Ginny White’s books provide fascinating resource material for anyone interested in the Village. From Camargo to Indian Hill traces the history of the area from its origins to its emergence as a residential community for prominent Cincinnatians in the 1920s and beyond. Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill presents the houses, barns, and structures that preceded the area’s 20<sup>th</sup> century development. Margaret Rowe’s Living with Our Flowers Through Four Seasons of the Year was published in 1932. It describes the work that plants require month by month and season by season. Although some of her advice is now out of date, much of it still resonates, such as “Never let weeds come.”

Three novels by Indian Hill authors can be found in the Hauck Library. Marifran Dirkes' Flying Into Limbo is a mystery/drama set in the medical world. The thriller Carrington House, by John Roberts, takes place in a boarding school in the eastern U.S. and deals with hazing, harassment, and cultural isolation. Dede Rede examines how history affects several interconnected women in Communist Czechoslovakia in Velvet Spring. All three were well received by reviewers. Autobiographies comprise the largest component of the library's collection of books by Indian Hill authors. Two are by sports icons. Pete Rose's My Story, written with Roger Kahn, describes the Hit King's career, mannerisms, and gambling. Paul Brown's contributions to football are detailed in The Paul Brown Story, written with Jack Clay. The architect of many innovative football strategies, Brown is revered as "the father of the game." He coached at Massillon High School and the Ohio State University and later founded and coached the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals. Other volumes document the lives and careers of local titans. Lawrence H. Rogers's two books, History of U.S. Television and Orlando Shoot Out, relate the early days of television and his dealings with well-known broadcasting executives. Mending Broken



Some of the bookshelves in the Hauck Library with books by local authors

Hearts by noted cardiologist Donald C. Harrison, M.D., describes his outstanding accomplishments and the highlights of his 50-year medical career in California and Cincinnati. For those interested in criminal justice, William F. Hopkins' Murder is My Business provides the life story of an outstanding defense lawyer and accounts of his most famous cases. Edward J. Neyra's Cuba Lost and Found is a compelling narrative about the young immigrant's struggle to find his way in a new country, his achievement of the American dream, and his reconnection with his homeland. Life on Thin Ice recounts the tales of Bob Greiwe's life in the 1930s, 40s and 50s during his youth in Indian Hill. Greiwe is an award-winning interior designer, writer, and painter.

This sampling of volumes from the Hauck Library indicates some of the intriguing fields that Village residents have examined. These local authors' writings will be saved for posterity. Anyone with information about other Indian Hill authors is invited to contact the Historical Society at its office, Buckingham Lodge.

Books like these promote knowledge. In the spirit of exploring and preserving the past of this area, the Indian Hill Historical Society is hosting a presentation by a nationally recognized author, Peter Cozzens. Mr. Cozzens will discuss his gripping historical narrative, Tecumseh and the Prophet, highlighting the story of two famous Shawnee brothers who tried to unite Native American tribes and deter the advancement of settlers on the frontier in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The event will be held at the Indian Hill High School Auditorium on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and hear about this compelling saga. And plan a visit to the Hauck Library at Buckingham Lodge!

Rosemary Welsh  
President



## Office News:

It was a busy summer with program planning, working on the strategic plan, reviewing and learning from the member survey results, answering history questions from the public, digitizing (always digitizing!), and tending to rentals and the Society's business in general. Additionally, we are happy to report the completion of the septic system replacement at the Little Red Schoolhouse after three+ years of planning, designing, and installing.



Buckingham Lodge

The Society has planned a full calendar of programs for the 2022 – 2023 year, and we hope to see you at some of those events. Your continued support and membership are truly appreciated and critical for keeping this organization a vital part of our community.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact us through email: [history@indianhill.org](mailto:history@indianhill.org) or phone: 513-891-1873.

Happy Autumn!

*The Indian Hill Historical Society*

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