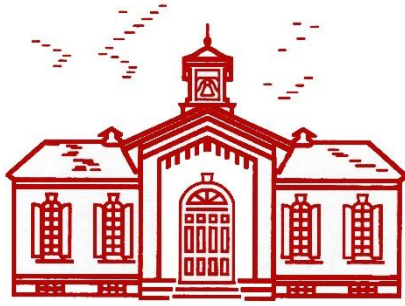




INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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What's Been Going On?

How a Kitchen Conversation Sparked a Preservation Movement

Sunday, September 20, 2026, Little Red Schoolhouse

In the early 1960s, Indian Hill residents Margo Taft Tytus, Betty Balch Hobson, and Martha Phyllis Whitney Rowe recognized that many of Greater Cincinnati's historic places were disappearing. What began as a conversation around a kitchen table grew into the Miami Purchase Association (MPA), an organization that would eventually become Cincinnati Preservation.

Presented by Cincinnati Preservation Executive Director Beth Johnson, this program explored how three visionary women helped launch the modern preservation movement in Greater Cincinnati. Their first project was to protect the Miami Fort site and the approximate 40 earthworks near the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers. Today, Shawnee Lookout is part of Great Parks of Hamilton County. Other successes followed including Dayton Street Protected District, Sharon Woods Heritage Village, and Union Terminal, to just name a few. There were losses along the way too, such as the Albee Theater. The losses provided important learning lessons - one must know what is there and which places are important to keep before the bulldozers arrive.

The emphasis of MPA changed to document inventories, to create tools such as public policies to encourage preservation, and to educate people about the importance of keeping these historical places. A preservation ethic developed which still exists today through Cincinnati Preservation and influences the region's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and stories.



Beth Johnson & Susan Casey
of Cincinnati Preservation



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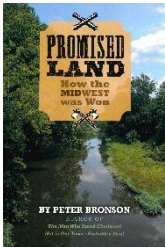


Karen Abel, Kent Little
Chip Hunter, Allison Kahn



An interested crowd

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October FREE	November	December FREE
Thursday, 22th, 7:00 p.m. Indian Hill High School, Sue Harder Memorial Performing Arts Center <u>Annual Authors Series with Peter Bronson</u> <u>PROMISED LAND: How the MIDWEST was Won</u> Join us for a look at how courage, conflict, and key battles shaped the Midwest where the American Dream took root. 	Sunday, 15th, 4:30 p.m. Little Red Schoolhouse <u>Miniature Rooms as Theater with Robert Off</u> Bob Off creates highly detailed miniature rooms that blend architecture, storytelling, and illusion. Come learn about these amazing works of art and how they are made. 	Sunday, 6th, 2:00 p.m. Little Red Schoolhouse <u>46th Annual Village Christmas Party</u> Bring your family and join your neighbors for a delightful afternoon at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Make merry with the music, jugglers, magician, and of course, Santa! Eggnog, punch, and homemade cookies top off our annual gift to the Village. 

Member News: *3rd Quarter, 2026 Updates*

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

New Members:

Eileen & Dick Alexander
Debbie & Ed Alf
Douglas Brengle family
Cathy Clark
Carol Conlan
Christine & David Farkas

Kara & Gregg Feltrup
Meg & Steve Hilmer
Barb & Tim Sharp
Jen & Peter Snow
Kristin & Holden Wilson

Renewals this quarter:

Elizabeth Armitage &
Bill Colohan
Robin & John Armstrong
Lynda & Nate Bachman
Gail & Nick Bagnoli
Mary Jo Beck
Elizabeth & Rick Bieser
Ann & Stephen Bjornson
Karen Blackburn &
Javier Felipe-Morales
Agnes & Luke Boswell
Hazeleen Brewster
Sandra & Otto Budig
Jane & Mark Burke
Andrew Byer family
Mary & Rob Cassidy
Su-Yang Chan family
Sue & Tim Clarke
Carolyn Condorodis
Emily & Ryan Conner
Jane & Edgar Cox
Norma & Leo Dean
Penny & John Dinsmore
Mary Jane & Ronald Dolan
Beth & Andy Donnelly
Lisa Elliott
Jodi & Dan Feigelson
Carin Fike
Susan & Jim Gibbs
Amy & Eric Groh
Mary Beth Hamburger
Donald Harrison
Bobbi Hart
Mindy Hastie &
Tim Goldsmith

Holli Hansen
Janice & Gary Hartman
Stella & John Hassan
Louise Head
Elaine Heidrich
Julie & Rob Heidt
Sandra High & Jay Hodge
Sharan & Phil Hinkle
Betsy Hodges
Elizabeth Warner &
Laurent Huguenin
Ellen & Garrett Jackson
John Johnston
Frani & Don Jones
Jeanette & Gregg Jones
Cynthia & Kelly King
Carolyn & James Kite
Jane & Ron Koppenhoefer
Caryn & Arthur Lee
Ina & Edward Loftspring
Molly & Ted Lucien
Molly & Ken Mahler
Doug Manzler
Candace & Michael McCaw
Don McGraw & Alicia
Bridgeland
Mary & Michael McGraw
Cassie & Lachlan McLean
Audrey Miller
Linnea Nadel
Nancy & Malott Nyhart
Mardie & Bob Off
Linda & David Parlin
Sarah & J.P. Pharr
Lynn & Steven Phillips

Irene & Daniel Randolph
Janet Reynolds
Alison Rink
Joan & Alvin Roehr
Molly & Tripp Rogers
Lisa & Mike Rousseau
Lois Poe Rust
Carol & Rob Scallan
Susan & Michael
Scharfenberger
John Schiff
Kitty & Lyle Schmidt
Carol Schmidter
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Mary & Larry Schumacher
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Brenda & Morley Thompson
Linda Trebbi
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Brenda Walker
Paula & Tory Watters

Julie & Andy Webster
Barbara & Irwin Weinberg

Laura Wogen

New Business Members this quarter:

House of Toeppen Real Estate

Business Renewals this quarter:

Carson Wealth
Central Bark Doggie Daycare

Julia Wesselkamper Group – Coldwell Banker

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



FREE! **HOW THE MIDWEST WAS WON**

Where the American Dream Took Root

THURSDAY, OCT. 20TH
7:00pm

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5th Annual Authors Series



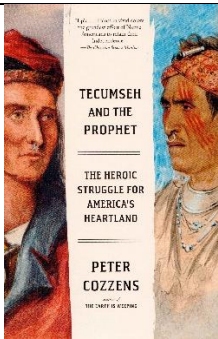
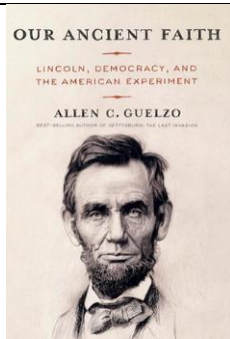
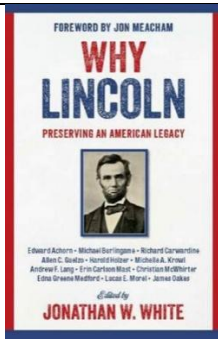
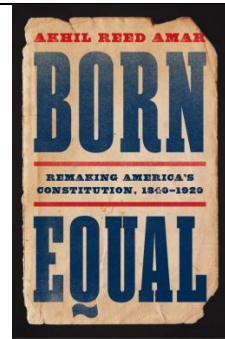
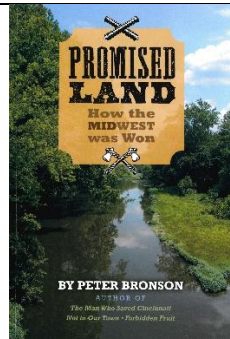
On Thursday, October 22nd, author Peter Bronson will meet with students at both Cincinnati Country Day School and Indian Hill High School to discuss his recent book, PROMISED LAND ~ How the MIDWEST was WON. Later that evening, Mr. Bronson will present a program at the Sue Harder Memorial Performing Arts Center at Indian Hill High School sharing stories of the fascinating local history explored in his book.

This evening event which is open to the public starts at 7 p.m. Thanks to the Society's many generous and supportive donors, admission is **free**.

Connecting the community with history is one of the Indian Hill Historical Society's central goals. Over the years, the Society has offered programs on notable families, Village homes, important events and eras, music and the arts, community celebrations, and local educational experiences such as the fourth-grade One-Room Schoolhouse field trips at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The Author Series was born out of an effort to expand this connection work to the local schools to involve students and teachers in promoting and learning from history. It's been a very exciting collaboration. Both high schools have embraced this event and provided valuable input on the selection of authors and topics. Additionally, this year, the marketing classes at Indian Hill High School have been involved with creating promotional materials for the evening presentation. Several of their ideas have been incorporated in the marketing plan. It's been a productive exercise with a real-life event.

The authors and books which have been part of the Authors Series are as follows:

October 2022	October 2023	October 2024	October 2025	October 2026
Peter Cozzens	Allen Guelzo	Jonathan White	Akhil Reed Amar	Peter Bronson
				

The daytime discussions with students are among the most rewarding parts of the program. Students ask thoughtful and unexpected questions, creating lively conversations among students, teachers, and authors. The evening presentations extend those conversations to the wider community.

This year's speaker is a local writer. Peter Bronson, an accomplished author, has educated and influenced many people through the years. Raised in Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State University, he became a journalist, first with the *Tucson Citizen* and later with the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, where he was an editorial page editor and widely read columnist. His work ranged from investigative reporting to opinions about local and national issues. He was recognized for Best Editorial Page in Ohio four years in a row.

After he wrote his last column for the *Enquirer* in 2009, readers composed letters of praise, stating he was “a gifted writer unafraid to voice his opinions” and that “he has a way with language that is magical”. Peter founded Chilidog Press LLC in 2002, an independent publishing company. It has published more than fifty books.

PROMISED LAND ~ How the MIDWEST was Won explores the experiences of Revolutionary War veterans and their families who settled in Ohio during the late 1700s. Their arrival brought new homesteads and communities to lands already occupied and used by Indigenous peoples, resulting in violent conflicts with devastating consequences on both sides.

The book follows the region through the Battle of Fallen Timbers and the War of 1812, events that helped establish U.S. control of the area and accelerated Ohio’s settlement. Bronson broadens the story, examining the role Cincinnati families played in the nation’s westward expansion.

He also reviews Cincinnati’s involvement in the Texas struggle for independence from Santa Anna’s Mexico and the claim, repeated by some historians, that “Cincinnati saved Texas.” That story leads into the origins of the Knights of the Golden Circle, a secret society that advocated the expansion of slavery throughout the Western Hemisphere before and during the Civil War.

These are only a few of the people, events, and stories shared in Bronson’s latest work. One reviewer described the book as “exciting history that reads like a novel.”

We hope you’ll join us for a rousing exploration of *PROMISED LAND ~ How the MIDWEST was Won!*



Thursday
October 22, 2026



7:00 p.m
(doors open at 6:45 p.m.)



Indian Hill High School
Sue Harder Performing Arts Center
6865 Drake Rd. 45243

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Office News:

As the Administrator for the Society, the Authors Series is one of my favorite events. It is such a unique and wonderful opportunity to share history with students and the community. I have the privilege of sitting in the class meetings, and they are always engaging. The fact that it can be offered free of charge due to the supporters of the Society is very rewarding for all involved. It is also a reminder of the importance of the members and donors to the Society. This organization is nothing without your patronage and belief that we are delivering on the mission statement, "Keeping Indian Hill's Past and Present Alive for Tomorrow". The Board of Trustees and the office crew are very thankful for your continued presence, support, and generosity.



Buckingham Lodge

I will also make another "plug" for you to stop by the office at Buckingham Lodge. It's a wonderful historic building that the Society is privileged to work in and maintain. You'll be impressed with the "treasure trove" of information and resources (maps, books, etc.) which may be discovered here.

If you have any suggestions or input, please let us know ~ we invite new ideas. The office at 8650 Camargo Rd. is generally open from 10-4 Monday through Friday – visitors are always welcome - however it's best to call beforehand to ensure someone is here.

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

Happy Autumn!

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