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2013 Special Events

- April 3: Opening Day
- April 13: Spring Awakening
- May 3-19: Plant Sale
- June 9: Kill the Hill
- July 21: Classic Car Show
- July 28: Tecumseh Presents An Evening at Adena: *Shadows of Destiny*
- September 13-14: Murder Mystery
- October 6: Pioneer School Harvest Days
- November 9: Scrapbooking Crop
- December 7-8: Holidays at Adena
- December 7: Breakfast with Santa
- December 8: Wreath Workshop

2013 Ongoing Events

- First Sunday of Each Month, May-August: Lecture Series
- Second Sunday of Each Month, May-August: Children's Series
- Third Sunday of Each Month, May-August: Concert Series

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

A Note From the Executive Director

As hard as it may be to believe, winter is nearly over, and another season for Adena Mansion & Gardens about to begin. Our staff has diligently been working to prepare the mansion, grounds, gardens, and education center for opening day, April 3, 2013 at 9am. We will be running Mansion tours at 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3:30 pm.

For all those who have purchased a membership to Adena Mansion and Gardens for 2013, I want to give my sincere thanks. For those who are considering purchasing a 2013 membership there is still time.

Our membership contributions help in maintaining the mansion,

gardens and grounds, making it accessible for many to enjoy. One of the ways your membership aids our community and beyond is through student tours. We take pride in providing school tours at a student group rate. Area third and fourth graders as well as surrounding counties and beyond visit Adena Mansion and, with the help of staff and many wonderful volunteers, are able to learn about the history of Thomas Worthington, Ohio Statehood, and much more. In 2012 we hosted over 1600 students from 25 different schools across central and

southern Ohio.

Not only does your membership help others, but you and your family receive benefits as well. With a \$30 annual membership you and your immediate family will get unlimited admission to the mansion during our regular operating season (April - October) as well as discounts in the gift shop and at select events.

Hope to see you at Adena Mansion and Gardens in 2013!

Kathy Styer,
Executive Director



Winter aconite, the first flowers of 2013

Adena Gardens

The Worthingtons had a terraced garden to the east of the mansion. Their garden had three levels: an ornamental garden, a kitchen garden, and an area of fruits, vines, and shrubs.

Based on archeological evidence and historical scholarship, the gardens were renovated first in the 1950s and again for Ohio's 2003 Bicentennial. They represent many hours of labor by dedicated volunteers and staff. Plant varieties are those that the Worthingtons

could have planted.

The ornamental garden was used as an extension of the drawing room. Walking paths allowed for leisurely strolls on hot summer evenings. The formal terrace was divided into three sections, with roses to the north, perennials in the middle, and annuals to the south.

The half-acre kitchen garden, divided from the flower garden by a terrace wall, would have fed the Wor-

thington household, including servants and the mansion's many guests. Eleanor Worthington supervised the garden; servants would have tended it, while the Worthington children had their own vegetable plots to care for as part of their chores.

The fruit terrace included strawberries, grapes, quinces, gooseberries, figs, cherries, raspberries, and currants, which the family used to make wine and jelly.

Spring Awakening Visitor Information

Admission is Free

Hours: April 13, 9:00-5:00

Mansion tours available every hour at regular admission prices.

Special mansion tours will focus on the Adena gardens, taking guests through the first floor of the mansion as well as the gardens.

Pictures from the 2013 gardens: crocuses and the first daffodils

Event Spotlight: Spring Awakening

Join us in welcoming spring with a special event celebrating the return of life to the gardens and grounds of Adena.

The event will take place on April 13 and various activities will unfold over the course of the day. Come up in the morning for a Bird and Nature Walk led by Jean Foor of the Scioto Valley Bird and Nature Club. Binoculars are helpful to spot the birds returning to our area, and of course, comfortable shoes are a must!

The afternoon will feature live entertainment by local musicians including Sherri Dean, who will perform at 1:00pm.

Throughout the day, plein air (open air) artists from local art groups will set up their easels around the grounds, taking advantage of spring vistas.

Local art teacher Skip Hathaway will be available in the afternoon for children's art sessions. She will provide the materials and

children of all ages welcome to join her to create art inspired by springtime at Adena.

Garden clubs will have displays in the Education Center, so come learn about local groups.

Finally, the mansion will be featuring special tours that continue out into the gardens. This new tour is offered for the first time at this event so come up and learn all about the Adena gardens!



Did You Know?

The Worthingtons hired German indentured servants to create their gardens.

The first German employed to oversee the gardens was Godfried Fink. Worthington noted in his diary on October 2, 1815: "Godfried Fink, a German engages with me as a gardener for one year. He is to take charge of my

garden, to plant a vineyard and a nursery and to work in them. I am to find him a house, a cow, 1200 lbs of flour, 800 lbs of pork, 40 bushels of corn and pay him \$200 a year if he performs his duty."

Worthington hired Fink to plant and care for his vineyards. He grew Catawba

grapes, gooseberries, figs, quinces, and raspberries.

Two years later, in 1817, Worthington indentured additional servants. They replanted the vineyard and provided new landscaping for the grounds at Adena. According to family tradition, they lived in the cellar underneath the kitchen.



Some of the 2012 garden volunteers:
Bill Stowe, Whitey Coates, Dave Lanning, Cheryl Swan, Lucita Dixon, Barb Coates, Colleen Anderson, and Gloria Anderson.

Photo thanks to Gail Taylor.

Garden Volunteers

The Adena gardens are works in progress, reflecting countless hours of digging, planting and weeding by Adena volunteers.

Barb and Whitey Coates, married for 59 years, lead the garden volunteer program. They have volunteered at Adena since 2003 and have led the garden

volunteers since 2010.

Barb and Whitey and their team volunteer for at least three days each week during the growing season.

Based on a plan created by Peter Hatch, the Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello, the garden volunteers plant seeds and

bulbs, transplant, weed, prune, and water. Through their hard work, they help maintain Adena's gardens as a beautiful and historically accurate attraction.

To become a garden volunteer, all you need is a love for gardening! Please contact Kate at (740) 772-1500 or kmeehan@adenamansion.com

Group tours

Adena Mansion & Gardens is a perfect retreat for groups. Enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and relatives with a day at Adena.

Group rates are available for 10 or more people. Plan to spend a few hours or the entire day touring the mansion, gardens, grounds and outbuildings. Bring a picnic

lunch and eat under our picnic pavilion.

New for 2013, Adena is offering a special mansion and gardens tour for groups. Each group can decide between an hour-long tour that encompasses the first floor of the mansion plus the gardens, or a 90-minute tour that includes the full man-

sion and gardens. Of course, groups may still choose a traditional full mansion tour and view the gardens at their own pace.

This exciting new tour is offered only to groups and only by reservation. Please call Kate at (740) 772-1500 or e-mail kmeehan@adenamansion.com to reserve a tour for your group!

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Adena Mansion & Gardens Society manages this site on behalf of the Ohio Historical Society.

Adena was the 2000-acre estate of Thomas Worthington (1773 -1827), sixth governor of Ohio and one of the state's first United States Senators. The mansion house, completed in 1806-1807, has been restored to look much as it did when the Worthington family lived there, including many original Worthington family furnishings.

The house is one of only three houses designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe still standing in the country.

Situated on the 300 remaining acres of the original homeplace are five outbuildings and formal gardens. The gardens have undergone major renovation. Visitors may stroll through three terraces of flowers and vegetables, as well as the shrubs and trees in the grove. Looking east from the north lawn of the mansion, one can see across the Scioto River Valley to the Logan Range. This view was the inspiration for the Great Seal of the State of Ohio.

A new Museum and Education Center features interactive exhibits that use the stories of people connected to Adena to give visitors a picture of life in Ohio in the early 1800s as well as classrooms, meeting and rental space.

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2013 Information

Hours of Operation

April 3—October 31

Wednesday—Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm—5:00pm

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Admission

Adults: \$8.00

Seniors: \$7.00

Children 6 and up: \$4.00

Children under 5: Free

OHS and AMGS Members: Free

Special group rates available

Memberships

AMGS Membership: \$30

Rentals

Adena is available for corporate rentals, weddings, and other special events. Contact us for more information and rates.