

November-December,  
2013

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

Volume 1, Issue 6

## 2013 Special Events

November 9: Scrapbooking Crop

December 7-8: Holidays at Adena

December 7-8: Breakfast with Santa

December 8: Wreath Workshop

## 2014 Special Events

March 1: Statehood Day

April 12: Spring Awakening

May 2-18: Heirloom Plant Sale

June 8: Kill the Hill

July 4: Independence Day Celebration

July 27: Classic Car Show

September 12-13: Murder Mystery

October 5: Pioneer School Harvest Homecoming

October 31: Autumn Fest

November 8: Scrapbooking Crop

December 6-7: Holidays at Adena  
Breakfast with Santa  
Wreath Workshop

## Seasons Changing at Adena Mansion and Gardens

With November comes the end of the 2013 season at Adena Mansion & Gardens. Adena will be closed for regular operating hours from November 1 to April 1 and will re-open for the 2014 season on Wednesday, April 2.

2013 saw some major events and accomplishments at Adena. Major fundraisers such as the Heirloom Plant Sale, Murder Mystery, and of course Tecumseh at Adena were hugely successful. Many guests visited Adena so far this year, including at least 1,500 school children. Volunteers contributed over 4,000 hours of their time to help make all of these activities possible.

During the offseason, Adena does not shut down completely. Staff works Monday-Friday and can be reached by phone or e-mail. In addition,

Adena opens up for rentals and special events.

Events like birthday, corporate, and Christmas parties can be a real treat at Adena during the winter. The Visitor's Center and Mansion are decorated for the holidays and provide a great setting. Options include a rental of the Visitor's Center, a virtual tour of the Mansion, and even a candlelit tour of the Mansion at dusk. All of these can be arranged for groups by contacting Kathy at (740) 772-1500 ext. 100.

Adena also features some unique events during the offseason. Up first is our Scrapbooking Crop, a treat for scrappers and other paper crafters who want some uninterrupted time to spend on their projects. Then December features our gala event of the year, Holidays at Adena which also in-

cludes Breakfast with Santa and the Holiday Wreath Workshop. You can find more information about these events in this newsletter. Finally, March 1, 2014 we will celebrate Ohio's Statehood Day.

We look forward to our upcoming special events and to planning for the 2014 season!

## Road Closure

Beginning on Monday, November 4, the road leading up the hill to Adena will close for repairs. Staff will still be reachable during the closure, but it may be difficult or impossible for the public to access Adena either by car or on foot. We ask that you please call us at (740) 772-1500 before making any attempts to come up the hill during the first few weeks of November.



Ed and Jane, out for a ride

### Information: Holidays at Adena

Dates: December 7  
and December 8

Time: 11:00-4:00

Tickets: \$10 per person;  
\$7 for AMGS members

### Information: Breakfast with Santa

Dates: December 7  
and December 8

Time: 9:00-11:00

Tickets: \$10 per  
person

Participants will receive a discount coupon for reduced admission to Holidays at Adena

## Event Spotlight: Holidays at Adena

Holidays at Adena will be the final event of the 2013 season. This major event encompasses an entire weekend during the off-season when Adena is normally closed. Every year, this event takes place the first weekend of December. This year, those dates fall on December 7 and 8.

The whole atmosphere at Adena changes to reflect the coming holiday season, with different areas of the site decorated in festive ways. The mansion is decked out in a nineteenth-century style, which would have been familiar to the Worthingtons. This historical approach was known as the "hanging of the greens." Homes were decorated with wreaths, garlands, and evergreens for the winter.

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it. German immigrants brought this custom to the U. S. in the early 19th century, and we honor their legacy in the Tenant House, since many of the indentured servants who worked for the Worthingtons were German.

The Visitor's Center remains in the present day with modern Christmas décor including a large Christmas tree, garlands, wreaths, ornaments, and bows.

Holidays at Adena features many activities over the course of the weekend. The mansion has a long history of offering "holiday tours" and this year we have added a new twist. Eloise Mong has written a drama featuring costumed actors portray-

ing the ten Worthington children. They will tell stories of how the family celebrated the holiday season. Visitors will be led through the mansion, with the actors posted in various rooms to tell their stories. The combination of acting, storytelling, and decoration is sure to provide a treat for everyone.

The Tenant House will be another center of activity, with mulled cider and German cookies on offer and a children's craft available as well.

Elsewhere on the grounds, visitors will find live entertainment, horse and wagon rides, refreshments, and perhaps even appearances by some of Adena's animal residents. It is sure to be a fun weekend for the whole family!



## Event Spotlight: Breakfast with Santa

Join us for our third annual Breakfast with Santa! This event takes place the same weekend as Holidays at Adena, December 7 & 8. From 9am to 11am, the Visitor's Center will be filled with activities for kids of all ages who would like to see Santa Claus. All of the activities happen at the same time, so families can move around at their own pace to enjoy the morning. Santa will be available for pictures, and he will also have a gift

of a Christmas book for each child.

A continental breakfast is served, with kid-friendly food (and adult-friendly coffee). This buffet breakfast is available all morning.

Crafty activities for the kids include decorating a cookie and making an ornament. That way children leave with reminders of their fun morning, although some children choose to eat their cookies

right away! Adult volunteers are on hand at each station to help little hands put together their crafts.

Story time happens three times over the course of the morning so everyone has a chance to participate. A volunteer will read aloud the book that each child has received. This year's theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas," so each child will receive a copy of that book to take home.

### Event Spotlight: Scrapbooking Crop

Calling all scrappers! This is a day designed for people who love to scrapbook or create other craft projects.

We provide 12 peaceful hours to concentrate on your project in a beautiful location. The day begins at 9:00am and goes until 9:00pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided, along with snacks throughout the day. Scrappers will each have their own 6-foot table so they can spread out, and each participant will have

electrical and WiFi access. Everyone will receive a welcome gift and be eligible for door prizes.

The event will take place at Sunroom @ the Brick, at 113 E. High Street in Frankfort, Ohio. Vendors will be on hand so scrappers can check out some exciting new products and maybe even catch a free chair massage!

Pre-registration before October 31 is \$55 per person.

After October 31, registration will be \$60 per person. Seating is limited, and payment secures your reservation. Reservations can be made in person at 847 Adena Road, Chillicothe, or by telephone at (740) 772-1500 or (800) 319-7248. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card.



### Event Spotlight: Holiday Wreath Workshop

Come decorate a wreath for the holidays! We provide the wreaths as well as natural materials gathered from the grounds of Adena Mansion & Gardens. You can also bring personal mementos to decorate your wreath!

This year, the workshop is offering two options for participants: a traditional evergreen wreath and a



“snowflake” wreath. The traditional evergreen wreath comes ready for decorating, whereas the snowflake wreath involves assembly by wiring live evergreen to the metal form. Once the wreath is assembled, it is ready to decorate!

Join us on December 8 to make your holiday wreath!

### Adena Now and Then Community Cookbook

Adena Mansion & Gardens is continuing to collect recipes for a cookbook project! We invite members of the Adena community to submit favorite family recipes for inclusion in a community cookbook.

The cookbook, tentatively titled “Adena Now and Then,” will include recipes gathered from Adena staff, volunteers, board of directors, members, visitors, and fans. Anticipated chapters in the cookbook include: Bread

and Grains, Salads and Vegetables, Soups and Stews, Main Dishes, Preserves and Pickles, Desserts, and This and That.

To submit one or more recipes, please send your typed recipes to Cookbook Committee, 847 Adena Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601, or e-mail [recipes@adenamansion.com](mailto:recipes@adenamansion.com)

Each recipe should include the following information:

- Recipe title,
- Recipe author,

- Author’s location,
- Recipe date (if known)

To be the most useful to cookbook readers, recipes should list the ingredients in order of use and include container size (e.g. 24-oz. can), temperatures, and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.

Submitters’ names will be printed with each of their recipes. We ask that all recipes be submitted by the end of the year.

#### Information:

Date: December 8

Time: 12:00-4:30

Prices:  
Evergreen wreath:  
\$35

Snowflake wreath:  
\$30

Combination (each participant can make one of each type of wreath):\$50

## Adena Mansion & Gardens

847 Adena Road  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Phone: (740) 772-1500  
Toll free: (740) 319-7248  
Fax: (740) 775-2746  
E-mail: [info@adenamansion.com](mailto:info@adenamansion.com)

Website: [www.adenamansion.com](http://www.adenamansion.com)  
Facebook: Adena Mansion & Garden Society  
Twitter: @AdenaMansion



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.

### 2013 AMGS Board of Directors

Kathy Styer, Executive Director	Randy Detillion
Bill Beatty, Chairman	Adam Halm
Patti Kruger, Vice Chairman	Marvin Jones
Nathan Baldwin, Treasurer	Deb Main
Bev Gray, Secretary	Eloise Mong
Ed Behanna	Scott Nusbaum
Marilyn Blind	Charlie Ortman
Mary Anne Brown	Dick Schwartz
Jim Butt	Sue Schwartz
Dave Daughters	Tom Spetnagel, Jr.
	Tom Thomas

### 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.