

March-April 2014

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

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## 2014 Special Events

- March 1: Statehood Day
- March 15: Scrapbooking Crop
- April 12: Spring Awakening
- May 3-18: Heirloom Plant Sale
- June 8: Kill the Hill
- July 4 weekend: 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
- December 7: Wreath Workshop
- December 13: Breakfast with Santa

## Welcoming the 2014 Season

As hard as it may be to believe, winter is nearly over, and another season at Adena Mansion & Gardens is about to begin. Our staff has diligently been working to prepare the mansion, grounds, gardens, and visitor's center for opening day, April 2, 2014.

For all those who have purchased a membership to Adena Mansion and Gardens for 2014, know that your contributions are essential for helping to keep the site running. For those who are considering purchasing a 2014 membership there is still time.

Before the season officially opens, Adena participates in a city-wide celebration of Statehood Day to mark the 211th anniversary of Ohio Statehood. Five local historical organizations open their doors to the public for this

annual free event.

Also taking place before the season opens is a Volunteer Orientation on March 8 and a Scrapbooking Crop on March 15 (see more on pages 2-3).

During the season, guests will find familiar favorites on the events calendar as well as promising new additions. The first event of the season is Spring Awakening (see more on page 2) on April 12. Then the Heirloom Plant sale begins a few weeks later on May 3 (with a preview night for members on May 2) and continues until May 18.

During the summer, visitors can challenge themselves to Kill the Hill in June and celebrate American Independence on July 4 weekend. Throughout the summer, look for our Lecture and

Children's Series, on the first and second Sunday of the month, respectively. The series both feature a different topic each month related to nineteenth-century life or Adena specifically. The third Sunday of each month presents a Concert Series starring various local entertainers.

The fall season features the return of the Murder Mystery and the introduction of Autumn Fest, a new event celebrating fall and marking the end of Adena's 2014 season. However, after the season ends you can still look forward to a Scrapbooking Crop in November and three holiday events in December: Holidays at Adena, Wreath Workshop, and Breakfast with Santa.

There is certainly a lot to look forward to at Adena this year!



Signs of life: daffodils starting to poke up in the Adena gardens, February 28, 2014

## Spring Awakening: Visitor Information

Date: Saturday, April 12

Time: 9:00-5:00

## 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 Mansion & Gardens. The site re-opens for the 2014 season on Wednesday, April 2 and Spring Awakening is the first event of the season.

The event will take place on April 12 and various activities will unfold over the course of the day. Come up first thing in the morning for a Bird Walk, with a Nature Hike following later in the morning. Binoculars are helpful to spot the birds re-

turning to our area, and of course, comfortable shoes are a must!

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

Local art teacher Skip Hathaway will be available in the early afternoon for children's art sessions. She will provide the materials and children of all ages are welcome to join her to cre-



ate art inspired by spring-time 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. It is a great day to see all that the Adena gardens and grounds have to offer.



Sheri Dean performing at Spring Awakening in 2013

## Volunteer Orientation Breakfast

Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: 9:00am

## 2014 Volunteer Orientation

Have you thought about volunteering at Adena but haven't quite gotten around to it? Have you volunteered in the past but life got in the way? Do you volunteer occasionally but want to get more involved?

## We would love to have you!

Adena relies on the generosity of our volunteers and

many opportunities are available. Different positions require varying levels of training and time commitments, so there really is something for everyone.

Do you want to dress in period costume and interpret the Mansion, Tenant House or Barn? Would you prefer to answer questions in the Museum? Do you like working with school kids? Perhaps you want to help at our

special events or "behind the scenes." Or do you want to get your hands dirty in the garden?

Come to the Volunteer Orientation Breakfast on March 8! New and experienced volunteers are welcome to attend.

Contact Kate at (740) 772-1500 ext. 102 or [kmeehan@adenamansion.com](mailto:kmeehan@adenamansion.com) for more information.

## Did You Know?

Adena Mansion & Gardens is home to over 30 animals: 1 Belgian draft horse, 2 mules, 1 billy goat, about 20 sheep, 10 donkeys, and 1 camel named Zeke. All of the animals except the camel are types of animals that the Worthingtons would have kept at Adena in the early nineteenth century.

Records show that in 1822, Thomas Worthington had 24 cows, 18 steers, 21 calves, and 70 hogs on the Adena estate. In 1827, the year of his death, Worthington owned 7 horses, 9 mares, 8 colts, 3 donkeys, and 1 mule. He also kept more horses and cattle on other farms.

At one time, Worthington's sheep herd consisted of 150 Merino sheep plus some sheep of a less common breed. Worthington first purchased Merino sheep in 1810. While this type of sheep was expensive, costing \$250 per ram, they were considered worth the cost due to the fine quality of their wool.

Merinos are a breed that dates to at least the Middle Ages and originally came from Spain. They were first brought to the United States in 1802.

Adena is currently home to a different breed known as Jacob four-horned sheep.

Like Merinos, Jacob sheep are an old breed raised mainly for their wool. Their distinguishing characteristic is their four horns, which can grow to be quite large.

Soon Adena may be home to even more Jacob sheep as spring arrives and baby lambs are born!



Some of Adena's resident animals enjoying lunch

## Event Spotlight: Scrapbooking Crop

Calling all scrapppers! 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. Scrapppers 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 the Adena Mansion & Gardens Visitor's Center. Vendors will be on hand so

scrapppers can check out some exciting new products and even get a chair massage!

Pre-registration before March 7th is \$55 per person. After March 7th, registration will be \$60 per person.

Seating is limited, and payment secures your reservation. Reservations can be made by telephone at (740) 772-1500 or (800) 319-7248. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card.

### Scrapbooking Crop Information:

Date: Saturday, March 15

Time: 9:00am-9:00pm

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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 Mount Logan. 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, and meeting and rental space.

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### 2014 Information

#### Hours of Operation

April 2—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.