

November-December  
2014

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

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## 2014 Special Events

November 8 : Scrapbooking  
Crop

December 6,7: Holidays at  
Adena

December 7: Wreath Work-  
shop

December 13: Breakfast  
with Santa



Season's Greetings to one  
and all!

Adena Mansion and Gardens  
has completed their 2014  
season. We owe a big  
*THANK YOU* to our communi-  
ty, visitors, volunteers, and  
staff for their support thus  
far.

Although Friday, October  
31st marks the last day of  
our 2014 season, we have  
several exciting events  
planned for the November  
and December.

In November, join us for our  
annual *Scrapbooking Crop*,  
held on Saturday, November  
8<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin at  
9:00am and will last until  
9:00pm. Breakfast, lunch  
and dinner will be provided  
to all scrappers. Come and  
enjoy 12 hours of uninter-  
rupted fun scrapping those  
memories of family friends  
and cherished events. Local  
vendors will be on hand  
demonstrating their new and  
exciting products. Registered  
scrappers will be eligible for  
an hourly door prize drawing.  
Space is limited and will fill  
up fast.

## A Note from the Director...

As November fades into the  
wintery days of December,  
Adena Mansion comes to  
life with yuletide cheer  
throughout its' rooms. In the  
spirit of the season, AMGS  
will reopen for *Holidays at  
Adena* Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Visi-  
tors will be able to tour the  
home of Gov. Thomas  
Worthington, adorned in 19<sup>th</sup>  
century holiday style. We will  
have activities in the Tenant  
House, Barn and Visitors  
Center, not to mention our  
annual *Holiday Wreath  
Workshop* scheduled for  
Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from  
12:00pm-4:00pm.

Our final event for the 2014  
Season will be Breakfast  
with Santa.

All Aboard! *Breakfast with  
Santa*, Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am-12pm. *Please join  
us* as we finish out our 2014  
Season with our twist on the  
beloved children's book,  
"The Polar Express." Young  
AMGS visitors will be greet-  
ed by our conductor and  
transported to various sta-  
tions throughout the morn-  
ing. Children will enjoy a spe-  
cial breakfast with "*Hot, Hot,  
Hot Chocolate*," a reading of  
the story, a special craft,  
and a chance to meet Santa  
himself. Come and bring  
your special little ones for a  
memorable day! Reserva-  
tions are required for this  
event and can be made by  
calling (740) 772-1500  
(\$15)

If you would like to pur-  
chase your 2015 member-  
ship or give a gift of history  
to someone special you may

do so during our office hours of  
Monday thru Friday 9am-4pm.  
An AMGS membership is good  
for unlimited admissions for  
you and your immediate family  
during regular hours, 10 % dis-  
count in the gift shop, and re-  
duced prices for select events.

AMGS relies on the generosity  
of individuals and businesses  
for support. Without the assis-  
tance of community-minded  
individuals AMGS would not be  
able to fulfill their commitment  
to our community each year.

Thank you again for your sup-  
port!

Kathy Styer,  
Executive Director

### Information: Scrapbooking Crop

Dates: Saturday,  
Nov. 8th 2014  
Time: 9am-9pm

### Information: Holidays at Adena... Dec. 6-7



Shop AMGS Gift  
Shop for that Special  
Holiday Gift.

### Event Spotlight: Scrapbooking Crop

Do you find yourself constantly interrupted when trying to scrapbook at home? Adena Mansion & Gardens has the solution for you! Join us for 12 peaceful hours on Saturday, November 8th and scrap those wonderful memories of families, friends, vacations, and more.

The day begins at 9:00am and lasts until 9:00pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided, along with snacks throughout the day. Scrappers will each have their own table so they can spread out. Each scrapper will be eligible for door prizes.

Vendors will be on hand so scrappers can check out some exciting new products.

Pre-registration on or before Friday, October 31st is \$55 per person. After October 31st, \$60. Reservations can be made by telephone at (740) 772-1500 or (800) 319-7248.

### Event Spotlight: Holidays at Adena and Wreath Workshop

Historic and modern traditions will be intertwined at Adena Mansion and Gardens' gala weekend, *Holidays at Adena*, set for Dec. 6-7. While Adena is closed for the winter season, it re-opens for this special event for one weekend only. The Mansion will be decorated for the season in early 19<sup>th</sup>-entitled "Christmas with the Worthington Family" The drama will take place inside the mansion, as visitors move from room to room to see all the scenes.

The Tenant House will show off German traditions to reflect the heritage of many of the indentured servants who worked at Adena. Visitors will find a Christ-

mas tree, handmade decorations, German cookies and mulled cider.

At the Visitor's Center, live entertainment and refreshments will be offered along with other unique items available for sale at the Adena Gift Shop. Elsewhere on the grounds, horse and carriage rides will be offered at an additional charge.

General admission to *Holidays at Adena* will be \$10. The event will run from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7th.

On Sunday, December 7th, join Adena Mansion and Gardens for our annual *Holiday Wreath Workshop*. The



Wreath Workshop will take place from 11:30pm to 4:00pm. For a fee of \$35, the workshop will

provide a live evergreen wreath base for participants to decorate. The workshop will also provide decorations such as dried flowers, fruits and other natural materials, and instructions. Participants are welcome to bring their own items to use as decorations.

Reservations and advance payment are required for the *Holiday Wreath Workshop* by calling (740) 772-1500 or (800) 319-7248.

### AMGS Volunteer Spotlight: Barbara & Whitey Coates



Barbara and Whitey Coates with Garden Volunteers

With over 1,100 hours of volunteer service this season alone, makes Barbara & Whitey Coates AMGS's **Gold Super Star Volunteers!** Five years ago, the husband and wife duo started volunteering in the gardens on a regular basis. Barbara, a Master Gardener, has served on other garden clubs throughout her life. Whitey, a native of Syracuse, NY, found his way to Chillicothe long ago and worked for the paper industry. It was in Ross Co. that the two would make their home and start a family. This 60 years of bliss resulted in 5 children, and 12 grandchildren whom they both adore! When asked why they chose to volunteer at AMGS, Whitey simple said, "We love to hear the continuous compliments from visitors who come to see

the gardens, and we enjoy the other dedicated volunteers who have become dear friends as well." The Coates are still very active throughout the community serving on boards, working with the Chillicothe Tree Commission, and caring for the beloved gardens that once entertained and delighted the Worthington Family. When asked what advice can you offer to AMGS Volunteers? Whitey simple quoted from his favorite poem... "Do It Anyway..."

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.  
Forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.  
Be kind anyway.  
If you are honest, people may cheat you.  
Be honest anyway.  
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.  
Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.  
Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.  
Give your best anyway.  
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

## Did You Know? **What...No Christmas Tree?"**

Visitors will never see a Christmas Tree in the Home of Governor Thomas Worthington...Why you ask? The yuletide was celebrated differently during the early 19th century. The Christmas that Americans celebrate today seems like a timeless weaving of customs beyond the reach of history. Yet, the familiar traditions of carols, cards, presents, trees, and Santa's that have come to define December 25th in the United States is little more than a hundred years old. In colonial times, Americans of different sects and national origins kept the holiday (or did not) in ways they carried over from the Old World. Even in the early nineteenth century, many Americans hardly took notice of the holiday. Some Early American's celebrated the winter season

with parties, hunts, visiting, feasts and church services. Decorations generally consisted of live greens such as holly and ivy strung throughout the house, with a sprig of mistletoe prominently displayed. The traditions varied from household to household depending on how wealthy the family was. Traditional symbols of a 19th century Christmas did not resemble our modern Christmas traditions of today. The Christmas Tree, although an icon of modern Christmas, originated in Germany in the 16th century, but did not gain popularity in America until after 1842 when it was introduced in Williamsburg, VA. The Worthington Family also followed very much of the same traditions of early 19th century customs. On Christ-

mas Day, it was not uncommon for the Governor to work in his office attending to the running of his estate and various political duties. The hanging of the greens, collected from the grounds of the estate, would have been observed throughout the public spaces of the home. Much of the celebration however would have taken place during the coming new year. New Years was a time of hosting dinners with friends and family while reflecting on the blessings of the past year. Small gifts, or tokens may have been given by the family in hopes of a bountiful new year.



*The Tenant House - German Indentured Servants brought the tradition of a Christmas Trees to the new world.*

## Event Spotlight: Breakfast With Santa

**All Aboard!** Book Your Golden Ticket to experience the magic as children will be welcomed by AMGS' very own train conductor. Come for breakfast, enjoy *hot, hot, hot Chocolate* and meet Santa himself. And, for those who BELIEVE, a special memento from Mr. Claus will be given to each child. Passengers will enjoy cookies, activities, and refreshments while a storyteller reads "The Polar Express." Santa will be waiting upon their arrival, and will present a special gift to each child. Admission is \$15 per person and reservations are required for this event. Please visit our website at [www.adenamansion.com](http://www.adenamansion.com), or call (740) 772-1500 for more information.



**Breakfast with Santa:**  
Date: Saturday, Dec. 13,  
2014 9am-12pm

## *What's Cooking in the Adena Kitchen...*

### Apple Cake

2 sticks (8 oz) unsalted butter Softened  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 t ground cinnamon  
1 t baking powder  
1 t baking soda  
3/4 t salt  
2 large eggs  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 cups diced peeled apples

#### Topping

1/2 cup granulated sugar  
2 T all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 t ground cinnamon  
3 T cold unsalted butter,  
cut into bits  
3/4 c coarsely chopped  
pecans or walnuts



### Apple Cider Punch

1 - Gallon of Apple Cider  
1 - 2-liter of Ginger Ale

Mix together add ice and fresh apple slices to garnish.

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 baking pan. With mixer, beat butter until creamy. Beat in the granulated and brown sugars until light and fluff. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add the eggs to the butter mixture, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the flour mixture, alternating with the buttermilk, beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Fold in the apples just until combined. Scrape the mixture into the pan.

Topping:

Cut together the sugar, flour cinnamon, and butter until the mixture resembles fat, course crumbs. Stir in the nuts. Scatter the topping over the cake batter in an even layer. Bake for 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with just a few moist crumbs attached. Cool in the pan on a rack. Serve directly from the pan.

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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 home place 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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### 2014 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.