

September-October,
2014

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

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2014 Special Events

September 7: Mother of Ohio Statehood- Eleanor Worthington

September 12,13,14: Murder Mystery Dinner

October 5: Pioneer School Harvest Days

November 8: Scrapbooking Crop

December 6,7: Holidays at Adena

December 7: Wreath Workshop

December 13: Breakfast with Santa

A Note from the Director

WOW! Adena Mansion and Gardens has two months left of the 2014 season. We owe a big THANK YOU to our community for their support thus far.

To begin our second half of the 2014 season, Adena Mansion and Gardens is honored to present: ***Mother of Ohio Statehood: Eleanor Worthington*** Sunday, Sept. 7th, 2014 at 2:00pm. AMGS is proud to host Worthington Family Historian, Mary Anne Brown as she examines the life of Adena's First Lady on her 237th birthday. We would like to invite all attending guest to join us for refreshments immediately following the lecture.

MURDER...Once again the shadows of September will fall upon the Worthington Estate as AMGS hosts our



annual Murder Mystery Dinner, September 12th, 13th, & 14th beginning at 6:00pm. This years' mystery entitled "*The Case of the Bloody Note*," is written by Beverly J. Gray and Delmar Burkitt, both familiar faces to AMGS. The drama is set in the 1880's when Adena was owned by James

Worthington, son and heir to the late Gov. Thomas Worthington. Guest will use their crime solving skills to solve the murder, then enjoy a delectable dinner beginning at 7:00pm. You will not want to miss this night of intrigue, jealousy, and revenge!



On October 5th the Pioneer School of Ross County will be hosting a *Harvest Homecoming* at Adena. Come and enjoy exhibits featuring lots of fun, early American activities throughout the grounds, including horseshoeing, sheep sheering, blacksmithing, basket making, and more.

Next, join us for our Scrapbooking Crop on November 8th. The day will begin at 9:00am and lasts until 9:00pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided to all scrappers. Come enjoy 12 hours of fun!

In the spirit of the season, AMGS will reopen for *Holidays at Adena* Dec. 6th and 7th. Visitors will be able to tour the home of Gov. Thomas Worthington, adorned in 19th 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. 7th from 12:00pm-4:30pm

All Aboard! *Breakfast with Santa*, Saturday, Dec. 13th 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." Our young AMGS visitors will be greeted by our conductor and transported to various stations throughout the morning. Children will enjoy a special breakfast with "Hot, Hot, Hot Chocolate," Then on to story time, a craft, and a chance to meet Santa himself.

And finally, it is not too late to become an AMGS member. If you want to purchase your 2015 membership we are promoting a special membership offer of \$40 for the rest of 2014 and all of 2015. Your membership is good for unlimited admissions for you and your immediate family during regular hours, 10 % discount in the gift shop, and reduced prices for select events.

AMGS relies on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals AMGS wouldn't be able to fulfill their commitment to our community each year.

Thank you again for your support!

Kathy Styer,
Executive Director

Information: Murder Mystery

Dates: Friday
Saturday & Sunday
September 12, 13,
14, 2014
Time: 6:00 (please
plan to arrive early)

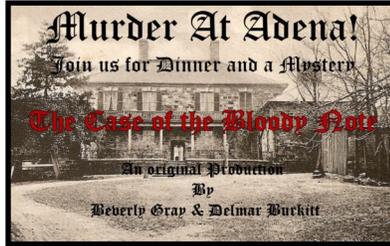
Tickets: Advance
reservation required
\$40/person AMGS
members
\$45/person non-
members

Event Spotlight: Murder Mystery—"The Case of Bloody Note"

Adena Mansion and Gardens is the place to be to hone your skills as a rookie crime solver in an entertaining atmosphere filled with great food and a murder mystery. This year's murder mystery is "The Case of the Bloody Note." It is an all new production co-written by Beverly J. Gray and Delmar Burkitt, both familiar faces in and round the mansion. Beverly J. Gray will direct the dramatic event. Several experienced actors will be returning with a few new faces around to keep you guessing. Guests will first arrive at the Visitor's Center to find their seats. Then they will

be split into groups for the entertainment portion of the evening.

Each group will have a guide to lead them through parts of the mansion and the grounds, where guests will see the different characters tell their version



of events. After the performance, the groups will return to the Visitor's Center for a catered buffet dinner.

Everyone will fill out a ballot to guess "whodunit" and finally, the murderer will be revealed! The story is set in the 1880s, when James Taylor Worthington, the eldest Worthington son, lived at Adena with his second wife, Martha Piatt Reed. Guests will meet James and Martha as well as some of their relatives and employees. The mystery part of the evening will begin at 6:00pm and dinner will follow at approximately 7:00pm. Grounds will open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$40 per person for AMGS members and \$45 for non-members. Admission includes both the mystery and the dinner. Prizes will be awarded each evening at the conclusion of the program.

Volunteer Spotlight: Delmar Burkitt

Delmar Burkitt has been involved as a volunteer and playwright at Adena Mansion and Gardens for 12 years. *"I was born in my grandmother's house in rural Pike County and have pretty much lived there all my life."* A retired educator, Delmar has spent thirty years in the field as a teacher, principal, supervisor, treasurer, and assistant superintendent for Waverly City Schools. Since retiring, he has spent many hours volunteering and currently works at the YMCA on a part time basis.

A graduate of Piketon H.S. and Ohio University, Delmar holds a masters degree from Xavier University.

In 2009, Delmar lost his best friend and love of his life, Jeannine Parker Burkitt as a result of breast cancer. Both she and Delmar volunteered at Adena in many capacities. Delmar

has one daughter, Amelia Dickens (Ed Dickens), and one son, Nathan Burkitt along with two granddaughters Virginia and Olivia. As for interests, Delmar enjoys swimming along with his passion for creative writing, mostly drama. According to Delmar, he has two published works, and many unpublished ones lying around in his office. He is actively involved with the *Jingle Bell Festival* Committee in Waverly, and at the Bethel Christian Church in rural Pike County where he has taught Sunday School for nearly fifty years.

As for Adena, Delmar's favorite volunteer role is being an outdoor guide for school children. *"My wife and I chose to volunteer at the mansion because we both loved the pace."* When asked what his contributions to Adena were, *"Mainly to help people enjoy their*



time while visiting." He also enjoys working with the many devoted individuals at Adena, both volunteers and staff members.

When asked why he enjoys writing for the drama... He simply says that it is his creative outlet. *"I love the act of creating people with unique personalities and traits. It is a very special feeling to see the characters that I have created come alive on stage or whenever the drama is performed."*



Did You Know? The Great Seal Overlook

Did you know... that according to historical lore, the inspiration for The Great Seal of the State of Ohio was based on the eastern view from Governor Thomas Worthington's estate?

Early in the Spring of 1803, Senator Thomas Worthington met with Secretary of State William Creighton and Governor Edward Tiffin at Belleview, Worthington's first home on the estate, to discuss state affairs. The three men talked through-

out the night, considering, among other things, the matter of the state seal



which was required by the state Constitution. In the early morning hours, they

observed the sun slowly rising behind the picturesque Mt. Logan Range. "The rising sun of a new state" was declared to be the perfect emblem for a state seal. And so, The Great Seal of the State of Ohio depicts a rising sun with 13 rays of sunshine, representing the 13 colonies. 17 arrowheads represents the Native American history and Ohio as the 17th state. A sheaf of wheat to represent Agriculture and prosperity, along with a view of the Scioto River.

Event Spotlight: Harvest Homecoming - Oct 5th

Join AMGS on Friday, October 5th for **Harvest Homecoming**, a fundraiser for the Pioneer School.

The Harvest Homecoming exhibits lots of fun, early American activities on the grounds of Adena, including horseshoeing, sheep sheering, blacksmithing, basket making, wood carving, and children's games. There will

also be live music and a raffle. This event is fun for the whole family, as children and adults will enjoy all the great activities!

They will also sell a bean dinner just outside the Visitor's Center - your choice of navy or pinto beans, which includes a corn muffin, drink, and dessert.

Admission to the grounds and activities is free; the bean dinner is \$5 per person. Mansion tours are available at regular rates throughout the day.

The Pioneer Center of Ross County: Their mission is to provide life opportunities for children and adults in Ross County who have developmental disabilities. They provide assistance through programs for infants, preschoolers, school age children and adults.

Get your OFFICIAL AMGS 2014 Murder Mystery Dinner T-Shirt...

An evening at **AMGS Murder Mystery Dinner** is a great experience for all crime solving sleuths...What better way to remember the night than with your very own commemorative t-shirt! Purchase your **OFFICIAL 2014 AMGS Murder Mystery T-Shirts** at the show. Tees will be available for purchase for **\$20** in our gift shop each night of the performance. Tees are black, and feature this year's Murder Mystery logo on the front—100% Cotton. For more information (740) 772-1500



*The Case of the Bloody Note
Commemorative 2014 T-shirt*

Information:

Date: Sunday, October 5th

2014 Murder Mystery
Commemorative Tees
\$20

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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.