

March—April 2016

What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

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2016

Calendar of Events

- March 19 & 26:
Scrapbooking Crop
- April 6: Opening Day 
- April 9: Spring Awakening
- May 1: Adult Lecture (TBA)
- May 7-22: Heirloom Plant Sale (Closed Mon-Tues)
- May 15: Teddy Bear Tea
- June 4: Art with Skip
- June 5: Adult Lecture (TBA)
- June 12: Children Series (TBA)
- June 12: Kill the Hill
- June 19: Living History
- July 2: Ice cream Social
- July 3: Independence Day Celebration
- July 9: Art with Skip
- July 10: Base Ball Game
- July 17: Living History
- August 6: Art with Skip
- August 7: Adult Lecture (TBA)
- August 14: Children Series (TBA)
- August 21: Living History
- September 9-11: Murder Mystery Dinner
- October 23: Halloween Storytime

A Note from the Director...

As hard as it may be to believe, winter is nearly over, and another season for Adena Mansion & Gardens Society is about to begin. Our staff has diligently been working to prepare the mansion, grounds, gardens, and education center for opening day, April 6, 2016 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 2016, I want to give my sincere thanks. For those who are considering purchas-

ing a 2016 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 Gardens. With the help of staff and many wonderful volunteers, they are

able to learn about the history of Thomas Worthington, Ohio Statehood, and much more. In 2015 we hosted over 1900 students from 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 2016!

Kathy Styer
Executive Director

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 Worthington 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.

Information: Spring Awakening

Admission:
\$10—Adult
\$9—Senior
\$5—Child (6-12)
Free—AMGS Member
Free—OHC Member
Free—Child (0-5)

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

Mansion tours available every hour on the half hour.

Event Spotlight: Spring Awakening

A chance to see “plein air” artists at work; a family friendly nature walk; performances by area musicians; the Talking Petals Project; and children’s craft lesson are all included in the activities offered at the annual Spring Awakening at Adena Mansion & Gardens on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Plein air (open air) artists will be at work on the grounds, taking advantage of the springtime beauty. Later in the day, a naturalist will lead a family friendly spring hike around the Adena grounds to discuss all the flora and fauna on display at this time of year.

Musical performances by Sheri Dean and Prussia Valley Dulcimers, to name a few, will perform in the lobby of the Education Center throughout the day.

The Talking Petals Project art cart will be on display at the Education Center from 11:00 am – 3:30 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to build their own “tussie mussie”, or coded Victorian flower bouquets, to send to a friend or loved one using their cellular device.

In keeping with the spirit of spring, local artist Skip Hathaway will lead instruction on

fresh cut flowers. Children can join her in the Tenant House from noon – 3:00 pm.

Maps of Adena’s marked trails will be available and all of the hiking trails will be open. Visitors are welcome to tour the gardens and picnic on the grounds, or in the shelter, by the Education Center.

All event activities are included with an Adena Mansion and Gardens admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children 6 and up, free for OHC and AMGS members and children under 5. Mansion tours will be offered at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm.



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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.

Event Spotlight: Heirloom Plant Sale

Adena Mansion and Gardens annual plant sale focuses on “heirloom” plants – varieties raised and passed on before the advent of industrial farming. Many go back at least as far as Worthington’s time.

Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme – treasured staples of the medieval pantry and probably Thomas Worthington’s as well – will be among the 85 varieties of herbs, tomatoes,

vegetables and flowers on sale at this year’s Adena Mansion and Gardens plant sale.

This year’s sale is set for Saturday, May 7, through Sunday, May 22. Hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed on Monday and Tuesday).

Flower varieties for sale that are the same as those grown in the gardens include foxglove, Maltese cross, morning glory, dianthus, coreopsis, Sweet William, and balsam. Among herbs in the sale, lavender and thyme are also grown in the garden. Also available will be dill, basil, chives, oregano, cucumbers, peppers, and cabbage to name

a few. Tomato varieties for sale will include Black from Tula, Arkansas Traveler, Black Sea Man, Cherokee Purple, Mortgage Lifter, Hill-billy (Potato Leaf), and Green Zebra.

There will also be metal art for purchase, such as bottle trees and shepherds hooks. In addition there will also be some hanging baskets and vegetables.

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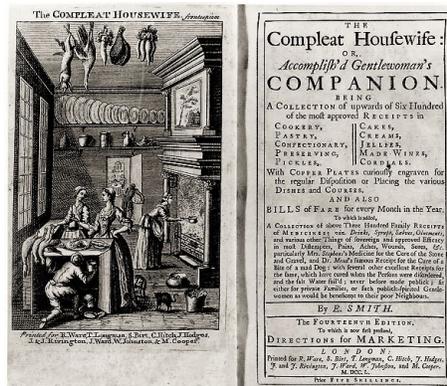


What’s Cooking in the Adena Kitchen...

Apple Tansey

- 3 small apples (or 2 large)
- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 4 large eggs
- 6 tsp. heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- Water

In an iron skillet take three pippins (apples), slice them round in thin slices, and fry them with butter; then beat four eggs, with six spoonful of cream, a little water, nutmeg, and sugar; stir them together, and pour it over the apples; let it fry a little, and turn it with a pie-plate. Garnish with lemon and sugar strewed over it.



The Compleat Housewife: or, Accomplish'd Gentlewoman's Companion by E. Smith, published in London, 1754.

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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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2016 Information

Hours of Operation

April—October
Wednesday—Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm—5:00pm
Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Admission

Adults: \$10.00
Seniors: \$9.00
Children 6 and up: \$5.00
Children under 5: Free
OHC 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.