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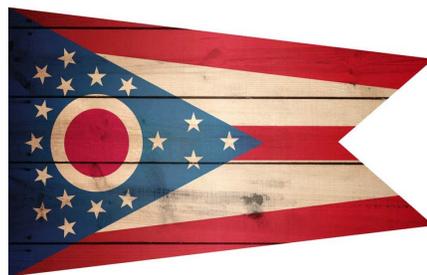
Calendar of Events

- March 4: Statehood Day
- March 11: Scrapbooking Crops
- March 18: Scrapbooking Crops
- April 5: Opening Day
- April 8: Spring Awakening
- April 8: Lecture — The Historic Daffodil
- May 6: Art with Skip
- May 7: Children's Lecture Series
- June 3: Art with Skip
- June 4: Children's Lecture Series
- June 11: "Kill the Hill" Annual Race
- June 11: Adult lecture Series, Topic TBA
- July 1: Art with Skip
- July 1: Annual Ice Cream Social
- July 2: Independence Day Celebration
- July: Adena Muffins Baseball Game
- July 16: Columbus Symphony Orchestra at Adena

STATEHOOD DAY March 4, 2017 DEBATE OVER STATEHOOD

The fiery, historic 1802 debate over whether Ohio should become a state or remain the Northwest Territory will be waged anew on March 4, 2017 at the Adena Mansion and Gardens Visitor's Center as attendees step back in time to witness political arguments waged by Territorial Governor Arthur St. Clair and Representative Thomas Worthington.

This annual event, presented as part of Ohio Statehood Day, is offered at no cost. The grounds and Museum will be open 10:00 am—4:00 pm, with performances of "The Debate over Statehood" at 11:00 am, 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm, 2:00pm and 3 pm. Special tours of the mansion, themed for Statehood Day, will take place every half-hour beginning at 10:30 am with the last tour departing at 3:00 pm.



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OPENING DAY IS APRIL 5

Adena Mansion and Gardens Society's 7th season of operation will begin Wednesday, April 4th with the resumption of our regular tour schedule. Hour-long tours of the historic 1807 home of Thomas Worthington will run from Wednesday through Sunday through October. Tours begin at 9:30 am, with the last tour at 3:30 pm. Admission to the mansion, gardens and grounds is \$ 10 per adult and \$ 5.00 for children 12 and under.



SPRING AWAKENING APRIL 8, 2017

A day of special events will highlight Adena Mansion and Garden's 2017 Spring Awakening program. See page 3

BECOME A MEMBER OF AMGS IN 2017!

WEDDINGS AT ADENA MANSION AND GARDENS

It is easy to get swept up in the romance at Adena Mansion and Gardens. The flowers blooming in the garden, a beautiful 19th century stone mansion, multiple tree groves providing a natural canopy for your guests as the spring and summer breezes blow, a rustic barn set on rolling farmland complete with a pond and foot bridge – you can't help but feel love in the air!

If you have ever dreamed of the perfect outdoor wedding, Adena Mansion and Gardens is the ideal venue for you. We have multiple locations for the ceremony, including the front steps of the mansion. Our reconstructed barn is the perfect setting to gather family and friends to celebrate your new life together. And let's not forget the photo opportunities that create that perfect wedding day album.

We are currently taking reservations for

RENTALS AT ADENA MANSION AND GARDENS

Looking for an ideal spot to hold a **birthday party, family reunion or bridal shower**? The Visitor Center at Adena Mansion and Gardens has both indoor and outdoor rental space available. Our party room inside the center will hold 75 guests comfortably and is available year-round. The picnic pavilion has seating for 90 people and is available from late April through October.

Do you need a **meeting room** away

the 2017 and 2018 wedding seasons (end of April through October). For further information, or to schedule your site visit, please contact Shelly Dennis at (740) 772-1500, or email sdennis@adenamansion.com.

For further rental information, please go to www.adenamansion.com and select "Wedding and Receptions" in the "Our Services" box.

Visit us on Facebook to see photographs of some of our previous wedding ceremonies and receptions by searching for "Adena Mansion and Gardens Society."

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An Elegant Wedding Reception at the barn at Adena Mansion and Gardens



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from the chaos of the office? We offer a meeting room that will hold up to 40 people classroom style and a separate area for snacks and/or meals.

Want to **entertain clients** or hold a **dinner party**? Again, the Visitor Center has you covered! We have plenty of space to set up a cocktail recep-

tion area separate from your dining area. You are able to select your own caterer.

Don't forget about **that special graduate** in your life. Celebrate their accomplishment with us! Book either the party room or the pavilion and your guests will receive a discount to tour the mansion and gardens.

SPRING AWAKENING, 2017

“Spring Awakening,” April 8th, 2017 – A Long Winter’s Nap is Over at Adena Mansion & Gardens

Golden daffodils along the path from the Visitor’s Center to Worthington’s storied Adena Mansion pay tribute to the coming of spring. Adena Mansion & Gardens will pay homage to the fascinating history of the cultivation of the Narcissus during a host of events to greet the new season as part of our annual “Spring Awakening.”

Adena’s favorite naturalist, Amy Fitton, will formally usher in the 2017 season with a family friendly nature

walk at 10:00. Visitors will enjoy performances by area musicians throughout the day. At 2:00 PM, a fascinating lecture about daffodils by Matt Duddy, daffodil grower and horticulturist is scheduled in the classroom. There will be a return of the Talking Petals Project; and a children’s craft lesson are all included in the activities offered at the annual Spring Awakening at Adena Mansion & Gardens on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Two nature walks, one at 10:00 AM by Amy Fitton and another at 3:00 PM by Matt Duddy, will guide visitors through the beautiful Adena property, the former featuring questions and answers about the daffodil varieties on view. These hikes around the Adena

grounds will serve as a delightful education about the flora and fauna on display at this time of year.

Musical performances will take place throughout the day at the Education Center. Performances include the Prussia Valley Dulcimers at 1:00 PM and, Sheri Dean at 2:00 PM.

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 bouquet, to send to a friend or loved one using their cellular device.

Children can join local artist Skip Hathaway in the Tenant House from noon – 3:00 PM where a seasonal spring craft project will be featured.

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 pavilion adjacent to the Visitor’s Center.

All event activities included with 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.

Learning to Live Free

A Black History Month Tribute to Chillicothe’s Pioneer Families of Color

Descriptions of the Worthington family’s arduous trek from Charles Town, Virginia to Chillicothe in 1798 cannot be complete without an understanding of the importance of the dedicated corps of former slaves who accompanied the family on a journey that lasted thirty days and ended in a town on the virtual edge of civilization.

These brave souls came to toil for the Worthington’s, to help tend the crops of what would become a 2,000-acre farm and to assist in every way imaginable to build a new lifestyle.

The names of these pioneers of color who sought a new and free life are familiar to visitors to Adena Mansion, Governor Worthington’s stately mountaintop home. Two centuries later, we remember Fanny De Mint, Robert Manns, Hanna Ross, Judy Stanley and others for their contributions to the town of Chillicothe and to

the Worthington family. Born into slavery, they began lives of freedom in the Northwest Territory and ultimately owned property, founded churches and raised families.

Despite all sorts of obstacles, these former slaves carved out lives for themselves while enduring a culture that had not yet advanced to recognize the rights and freedoms of all people. . Important gathering places still in existence today were churches such as First Baptist and the Quinn AME Church which became sources of information and education for families.

The stories of these vital members of the community are often left untold. Their mettle helped build Chillicothe and advance the Worthington fortunes. Their sacrifices were important to the new land, which we now call Ohio.

This information comes from *African Americans in Southern Ohio* by Beverly Gray. More information can be found on the webpage www.angelfire.com/oh/chillicothe/people.html

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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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2017 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.