



# The Pulse of the Hill

St. Anne's Hill Historic District News



## Preservation Dayton Honors Leah Turnbull

by Mary Jo Dupree



Congratulations to Leah Turnbull for winning the 2009 Preservation Dayton Award. Each year, Preservation Dayton Inc. honors individuals who have made significant contributions to their historic neighborhoods and Leah Turnbull certainly fits the bill. In the five years she's lived in St. Anne's Hill Historic

District, Leah has been instrumental in transforming the neighborhood. Between serving on the Neighborhood Board and on the Social Committee, she somehow found time to serve on the Garden and Art Tour Committee and to edit the newsletter. As chairman of the Grants Committee, her tireless efforts have resulted in a \$15,000 grant which will be used to beautify the neighborhood. And of course, let's not forget the four homes she and her husband Ken have been responsible for renovating (and that does not include the home they are currently renovating).

Congratulations Leah and thanks for all of your hard work. You are certainly an example of how one person can make a huge difference in their community.

### Neighborhood Calendar

- June 2 General Membership (GM) Meeting
- June 5 The Art of Ryan Venys Opening night
- June 20 Trash & Treasure
- June 27 Porch, Patio, and Deck Party (PPD)
- July 7 GM Meeting **cancelled**
- July 11 Alley Sweep
- July 18 PPD
- Aug. 4 GM Meeting
- Aug. 8 PPD
- Sept. 1 GM Meeting
- Oct. 6 GM Meeting
- Nov. 3 GM Meeting
- Dec. 1 GM Meeting
- Dec. 11-13 Christmas Tour

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREG MANGER

It's the alley that leads to my garage, but to my neighbor, it's her garden. Judy's yard is fairly small and with a big tree covering it; it is hard to grow certain things, so she went beyond the fence and started caring for and planting various plants and bushes along the alley. I see her pruning and trimming her rose bush, as it is her pride and joy. It is quite beautiful when in bloom. Her care of the alley is a benefit to us as



well as it makes it easier for us to pull in the garage and keeps the overgrowth in check. It also gives notice to people roaming the alleys that they are being watched.

Thank You Judy!

REMINDER....Alley Sweep is July 11th.

## Christmas Tour News



A Dickens of a Christmas in St. Anne's Hill holiday home tour is the longest running guided home tour in the Miami Valley. This tour will be the 12th tour, meaning we've been "in

business" for 24 years! And this doesn't take into account the various home tours that took place around the holidays before the official tour formed. We have many, many repeat guests who look forward to our event and find it hard to wait two years for the next one. This is St. Anne's Hill's major fund raising effort, and funds all we do to make our neighborhood the best in Dayton. Beautification and maintenance of our parks and green spaces, marketing efforts, and social events are just a few of the things we're able to do because of the tour receipts.

The tour committee is going full steam ahead and this year's tour is shaping up to be the best one yet. We have some great houses on the tour, many never having been on before. I'm excited that some of the homes we've been pointing out for years as neighborhood landmarks will be open to guests this year. All the committee chairman spots are filled, and those chairs are going to be out recruiting helpers, guides, etc, over the next couple of months. Remember, to see all the great houses on the tour

you will need to either volunteer to help out or buy a ticket.

As Tour Chairman, I'm happy to announce the homes and tentative route. Keep in mind that this may change, but we're confident this group will go the distance for us.

The tour will begin at the High St. Gallery. From there we'll visit Joe Mercer, Harry & Ruth Slone, Jack & Betty Milliff, Fred & Vickey Fremder, Ryan Simon, Fred and Martha Chatfield, Keith & Nicole Klein and John Edinger & John Kurokawa. The tour will end on a sweet note with desserts at the fabulous Bossler Mansion.

Once again this year we'll have a gift shop featuring hand made gift items by our residents and friends of the neighborhood. Many Christmas elves are already hard at work making beautiful items to fill the shop. Many more are urged to participate. In addition, work is already under way to ready Victorian Park and other outdoor spaces in time for the tour.

You will be contacted in the coming months by one of the committee chairs. I hope you will be able to be a part of another successful tour. You are also welcome to call and offer your services. Some people have more time than talent. Some have more talent than time. There is a slot for you to fill! No job is too big or too small. We need everyone. Get involved!

Susan Gray

2009 A Dickens of a Christmas Chairman

### Real Estate News

Keith Klein

612 McLain Street, \$142,000

133 High Street, \$134,900

136 La Belle Street, \$130,500

30 La Belle Street, \$128,900

44 High Street, \$124,900

10 Henry Street, \$79,900

For more information, visit DABR.com today!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by editors Mary Jo Dupree, John Edinger, John Kurokawa, and Christopher Sidner. If interested in sponsoring next month's newsletter, please contact [jkurokawa@mac.com](mailto:jkurokawa@mac.com).



## The Art of Ryan Venys

Jim Venys, our neighbor and friend at the Liederkrantz is holding a show with the K12 Gallery for Young People of his son, Ryan's, artwork.

The opening night reception will be on Friday June 5th, and Ryan's dog Maggy will, of course, be in attendance. Early evening music provided by Stivers School for the Arts piano students.

The exhibit will run the length of June and is free and open to everyone.

The K12 Gallery for Young People is located at 315 E. Third Street in the Cannery Building.

**ST. ANNE'S HILL ADDED TO HISTORIC REGISTER, 1986**

JACK MILLIFF

On June 5, 1986, St. Anne's Hill was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service, which is part of the Department of the Interior, maintains the National Register. The purpose of the National Register is to support efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological resources. Properties in the National Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture.

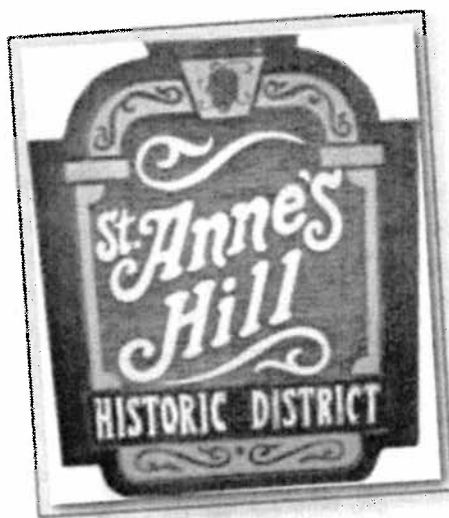
According to the National Register, St. Anne's Hill is an "excellent grouping of predominantly vernacular buildings displaying high style influences through decorative features." The Bossler Mansion is mentioned as one of many structures displaying the best of their style in Dayton. The Register also mentions that the "Hill" was included in original out-lots of Dayton, originally plotted in 1802 by Daniel C. Cooper. The Miami-Erie Canal was an important element in the development of the neighborhood and much of the neighborhood's earliest settlement was by German immigrants and tradesmen. The neighborhood saw much of its growth in the 1860's and 1870's and growth continued until early in the 20th century.

In the 1830's, newspaper advertisements promoted the sale of shrubbery and flowers from the greenhouse on St. Anne's Hill. In 1838 Eugene Dutoit built his farmhouse at 222 Dutoit Street, now owned by Chuck and Donna Wagner. In the late 1830's, Mr. Dutoit owned a 111-acre tract, which included an apple orchard. Because of fermenting apples from this orchard, the "Hill" was also called "Vinegar Hill. The reference to "Vinegar Hill" had been passed on over decades by word of mouth, according to Todd Carver, the member of St. Anne's Hill responsible for researching and applying to the National Register. Todd owned the "Cridland" House at 601 McLain. It is not believed that "St. Anne's Hill" is a name that prevailed for our neighborhood until it was re-established in 1973. References suggest the names "Smith's Hill," "Vinegar Hill," and "Bomberger" might have been equally correct names for our neighborhood. But out of all these possible names, most would agree "St. Anne's Hill" is the best choice.

In 2001, Stivers High School was also added to the National Register as a result of the efforts of Bobbie Puterbaugh-Allen. Inclusion in the National Register resulted in the restoration of the original building instead of demolishing the old school. Stivers is truly a jewel in our neighborhood, community and state.

**COMMITTEE NEWS****Trash-n-Treasure!**

Just a friendly reminder that Trash-n-Treasure is right around the corner! Please drop off your entry form and \$5 to Maureen Barry at 624 McLain Street as soon as possible. It would also be a great help if you could spread the word by hanging flyers at your workplace or anywhere else people will see them. If you need the flyer or have questions, please email: [trashntreasure@stanneshill.org](mailto:trashntreasure@stanneshill.org)

**Social Committee**

The first Porch, Patio, and Deck party of the season is slated for Saturday, June 27th at 6:30.

Appetizers: 27 Henry St.

Main Course: 1514 E. Fourth St.

Dessert: 1436 E. Fourth St.

PPD's are only \$7.00 per person for great food and good company. Hope to see you all there!

**DAYTON VIEW TRIANGLE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR**

The Dayton View Triangle will host its seventh home tour on Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 12 until 6 pm. There will be several wonderful homes and gardens on the tour this year. Order your tickets now by calling Charlene Molnar at 567-9356. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Omega Baptist Campus at 1810 Harvard Blvd. Parking is free.

**Important Telephone Numbers**

S.E. Priority Board	333-7373
Housing Inspection	333-3948
Supervisor, Jim Tredinnick	333-3918
City of Dayton Planning Department,	
Brian Inderrieden	333-3679
S.E. Zoning	333-3887
Landmarks Committee	333-3683
Sewer Maintenance	333-4915
Water Billing	333-3550
Bulk Waste Pickup	333-4833
Sidewalk/Curb Repair	333-3853
Animal Control (vicious dogs)	898-4457
Rodent Control	333-3915
Abandoned Vehicles	333-1085
Vacant Lot/Weeds	333-4843
Street Cleaning	333-4808
Street Lights	333-3850
Traffic Signs	333-4075
Park Maintenance	333-5300
Police	333-COPS
District 1	333-1290
District 2	333-7440
Drug Hotline	333-7440
Truancy Hotline	542-3228
Weed & Seed Hotline	461-WEED

**Officers**

**Greg Manger, President**  
367-6102

**Susan Gray, Vice President**  
222-4381

**Walt Colvin, Treasurer**  
222-7928

**John Edinger, Secretary**  
838-0681

**Board Members**

**Jim Deweese** 234-4861

**Steve Kardeen** 277-2784

**Keith Klein** 233-5818

**Jack Milliff** 443-0499

**John See** 461-1940

**St. Anne's Hill Historic Society**

**Membership:** Fred Chatfield

**Alley Cleanup:**  
Fred Bremer 586-0268

**Archives Committee:**  
Susan Gray 222-4381

**Grants Committee:**  
Leah Turnbull 252-5061

**Housing/Inspection Liason:**  
Greg Manger 367-6102

**PDI Representative:**  
Susan Wheeler 461-9921

**Parks & Greenway:**  
Jim Deweese 234-4861

**Marketing:** Keith Klein 223-5818

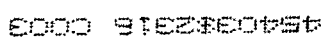
**Newsletter:**  
John Edinger 838-0681

**SEPB:** Barry Fought 586-0916

**Social:** Matthew Allison, Pat DeWeese,  
Mary Jo Dupree, Susan Wheeler  
830-2475

**Sunshine:**  
Sandy Sweetnich 222-0524

St. Anne's Hill Historic Society  
P.O. Box 34  
Dayton, OH 45401



Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Dayton, OH  
Permit #1544