

Among Friends

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Information and Updates for Friends of Oglebay

Under the Summer Sun



Wheeling Park Mini Golf Course



America's Future Trees Campaign Successful Memorial Gifts Remain Popular Option

To honor long-time landscape architect Brooks Wigginton, The Oglebay Foundation announced a major campaign to raise \$600,000 through America's Future Trees (AFT) in 2009. This campaign implements a five-year tree and landscape plan at both parks that includes tree removal, new plantings and maintenance. Foundation Chairman Randy Worls is pleased to announce that the goal was surpassed, but that funds are still being sought for future needs.

"Since AFT was started by Courtney Burton in the 1970s, the program has been a popular way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend," says Worls, "We thank all of you who have given over the years because tree care and renewal is ongoing." He further explains that there is no part of the landscape more susceptible to weather and pestilence than the stands of trees that frame the vistas at Oglebay and Wheeling Park.

Landscape architect and planning director Andy Barger reports that more than 80 new trees of various species and varieties have been planted each year of the campaign; and more than 200 dead trees have been removed in the past five years.

A gift to America's Future Trees is a vote of confidence for the future.



America's Future Trees Accomplishments:

2010: Crabapples planted in the Arboretum, because of its beauty and visibility, replacing 30-year old trees of the same species.

2011: Pine trees planted to replace aging trees in the Arboretum that date back to the early 1940s. The mature pines were originally planted to honor the J. Sumner Jones family for their contributions to the parks (Jones was a founding park commissioner).

2012: Shade trees of assorted varieties were planted, most of them in the Arboretum.

2013: Trees planted at Wheeling Park.

2014: Trees to be planted this fall to enhance recreational facilities and golf courses.



Dear Friends,

Summer is the season of color and activity in the parks and we hope you have a chance to visit often to enjoy the

sweeping vistas, the beautiful flower beds and the healthy activity of your favorite outdoor sport. Whether walking the trails, swinging a golf club or tennis racquet or enjoying a Sunday evening concert in the Amphitheater, it has been recently reinforced in numerous studies that outdoor activity is the healthiest for both body and mind.

Our thanks go to all of you who have supported the mission of The Oglebay Foundation in recent years. From the Friends annual campaign to America's Future Trees, your gifts to the parks have and will make a difference. If and when you are able and ready to discuss an estate plan on behalf of the Foundation, we are ready to talk with you.

The Wheeling Park Commission governs the most outstanding municipal parks system for a community its size in the nation. Keeping activities accessible to all and facilities well maintained is very important to park officials and, thanks to all of you, a reachable goal. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Randy Works, Chairman
The Oglebay Foundation

Make a gift to Oglebay Foundation
Visit www.oglebayfoundation.org
or call 304-243-4166

Timing May be Right to Establish a Planned Gift

Oglebay Park is the result of a well considered and calculated planned gift from one of Wheeling's greatest citizens.

If you have already arranged for an estate gift to the Foundation, through your will or other transfer document, please consider joining the Colonel Earl W. Oglebay Society - a newly established group of benefactors that receive special announcements, invitations, and benefits. By informing The Oglebay Foundation of your planned gift and adding your name to our roster, it encourages others to follow your lead. The Oglebay Foundation will work with you and your attorney to insure that your intentions are clearly expressed.

A bequest, whether outright or to fund a planned gift, can be a useful and advantageous addition to your estate plan. A few examples include:

Bequests

You may make a gift of cash, securities, real estate, or other assets by providing in your will or living trust for a bequest to The Oglebay Foundation. Your gift may be a specific bequest of a designated sum or asset, or it may be a percentage of your residuary estate.

Life Insurance

Life insurance can play a very important part in planned charitable giving. Life insurance for charitable purposes can be accomplished by 1) the transfer of ownership of an existing policy to The Oglebay Foundation, or 2) the purchase of life insurance which names The Oglebay Foundation as the beneficiary and/or owner.

Life Income/Charitable Trusts

Charitable Trusts and charitable gift annuities offer an opportunity to make a substantial gift to The Oglebay Foundation without forfeiting the annual income produced by these assets. You can retain income for your life and the life of your spouse. This gift can also be structured to create a substantial tax benefit over a period of years, protect your assets, or provide for your family.





Oglebay Summer Entertainment in Full Swing

Variety music, including classic rock, bluegrass and big band music, echoes through the hills and valleys of Oglebay on summer evenings. We've also added a few theatrical performances of "Two Gentlemen of Verona". Our summer entertainment series runs through August. Unless otherwise noted, the music starts at 7 p.m. in the Anne Kuchinka Amphitheater in the Burton Center. A schedule is available at www.oglebay-resort.com or by calling 304-243-4010. Bring a picnic basket and blanket if you wish; soft drinks will be sold.

The entertainment is free to the public through the generosity of the Elizabeth Stifel Kline Foundation and its Trustees John C. Kline, John C. Harmon, and Wesbanco. This year's grant is significant because, when added to previous gifts to charitable organizations since establishment of the Kline Foundation in 2001, it brings the total to over \$1 million distributed locally.

The last program of the season will be a "Music Under the Stars" presentation by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra on August 31. You may bring a picnic basket or purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and drinks at the venue. This annual program is part of the WSO's family-friendly community outreach program. Oglebay and the orchestra have a proud history; formed in 1929 by Mrs. Eleanor D. Caldwell of Woodsdale and a number of local musicians, the Wheeling Symphony has performed at Oglebay for 85 years with its first concert on the porch of the Oglebay Clubhouse.

Summer Outdoor* Entertainment Schedule

July

- 3 De' Ja' Vu - Classics of the 50s, 60s & 70s
- 6 Almost Famous Bluegrass
- 10 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" - Theater
- 13 The Wally Gingers Orchestra
- 17 Deni Bonet
- 20 Dick Taddy - Polka
- 24 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" - Theater
- 27 The Ron Retzer Trio - Variety of favorites
- 31 Hard Day's Night - Beatles tribute band

August

- 3 Rusty Wright - Blues/Southern Rock
- 7 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" - Theater
- 10 Roger Hoard - Classic Rock & Acoustic
- 17 The Jades - The Best of Classic Rock
- 24 Smoke Daddy and the Crawfish
- 31 Music Under the Stars - Whg. Symphony

* *Concerts will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. Call 304-243-4010 for updated information.*

News & Notes from the Clubhouse



In 1927, when the Wheeling leaders were debating the various points of accepting Mr. Oglebay's Waddington Farm gift to the City of Wheeling, Attorney W.C. Grimes wrote:

"Its acceptance will promote the health and happiness of thousands upon thousands of the citizens of Wheeling by providing them a place to play. Its acceptance will promote community pride and spirit. The playgrounds established for the children at the beginning ought to provide for those children who are in need of outdoor life. Funds, no doubt, for this purpose can be raised by popular subscriptions and by interested organizations."

Today, we know the importance of Oglebay and Wheeling Park to the health of our community. We know the importance of these outdoor spaces that provide for recreation and education. We know that the community will respond in large numbers and ensure that all children in our community have access to these programs and facilities.

This summer, we celebrate the completion of renovations to our first playground, the Stifel Playground at Wheeling Park and the numerous private foundations who contributed to our matching fund campaign. We celebrate the success of the Amazing Raise on May 6th and the new donors who accepted our challenge to make an online gift to support the parks. We celebrate the vision of Mr. Oglebay and Mr. Grimes and those who could see 87 years into the future and understand the need for places like Oglebay and Wheeling Park and what it would mean to our community and our world. For Everyone. Forever.

Your friend,

Eriks Janelsins, President and CEO
The Oglebay Foundation

Contact Eriks at ejanelsins@oglebay-resort.com
Make a gift to support The Oglebay Foundation today.
Visit support.oglebayfoundation.org

John Wilson – Mentor to Junior Golfers

John Wilson - friend, teacher and mentor to the Ohio Valley's junior golfers - died in Wheeling on February 23, 2014. After a distinguished career in the US Army and the education field, Wilson devoted his life to mentoring young men and women who wished to improve their golfing skills and wanted to pursue a career in golf. Through his efforts, more than \$2.5 million dollars in college scholarship money has been awarded to local youth.

"Johnny volunteered his services to hundreds of junior golfers, and that is what made him special," says Oglebay Foundation chairman Randy Worls. "Together with the Yates Family Youth Sports Foundation, he made it possible for hundreds of young golfers to take their skills to a higher level and compete in youth tournaments." Worls adds that friends of Wilson have gifted a Memorial Bench in his honor adjacent to #5 tee at Wheeling Park, the hole closest to his longtime home.

Hole at Crispin Golf Course Endowed in Memory of Bill Wheeler

Hole #2 at Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course was recently endowed in memory of Wheeling native William "Bill" Wheeler through a gift from his wife Barbara. A Wheeling native, Bill served for many years in the US Department of State and diplomatic corps. Although retired in Florida and Maryland, the Wheelers stayed in touch with friends in the Ohio Valley and visited several times a year.

In 2001, Hole # 1 at Crispin was endowed by the late Lloyd C. Newcomer to honor family. Like other youth who grew up in Wheeling during the 1940s and 50s, Wheeler and Newcomer honed their golf skills at the Crispin Course. Although they enjoyed the newer championship courses, Crispin remained their first love.

Endowment gifts to the golf courses provide for improved turf management and upgrades to cart paths, equipment, and course amenities. On the Crispin Course, you may provide for the permanent endowment of a Par 3 hole for \$25,000, a Par 4 hole \$40,000, and a Par 5 hole \$50,000. Endowment gifts are also welcomed at the Jones Sr. and Klievas Courses at the Speidel Golf Club. Please contact Eriks Janelins or Randy Worls at the Foundation office for more information on naming opportunities to endow and enhance Oglebay's golf courses.



40th Anniversary of Summer to Remember

LPGA Inaugural Tournament in 1974

Golf seasons come and go in the parks, often too quickly for most, but there is one summer in the lifetime of those of us old enough to remember that was special. It was the summer of 1974 – the year the lady pros came to town. The season had already started out memorably:

Coach Tom Ackerman won back-to-back victories in the Cooley-Bentz (the 25th anniversary) at Wheeling Park and the Bernhardt's at Crispin (the valley's version of the US Open).

Ohio University golfer Blake Watt shot the first sub-par round in the Stone & Thomas Classic at Speidel, but lost the tournament, in its 3rd year, to steady-playing 19-year old Randy Hillis; son of a teaching pro. Defending champion Larry Lis, arguably the most successful amateur golfer in the tri-state in the 70s, finished in the pack but gained national prominence in '74 with a first-round upset of defending champ Craig Stadler at the U.S. Amateur Open.

Karen Murphy (Waialae), now the Wheeling Park Commission's teaching pro, won the Horne's Women's Amateur for the second year in a row, joining her brothers as part of the "Murphy Monopoly" in Ohio Valley golf;

...and the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) came to town amid much excitement, a warm welcome and a \$35,000 purse (at that time the richest tournament ever held in West Virginia). For more than a year, hundreds of Ohio Valley and golf club volunteers, under leadership of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, prepared for the spotlight event named the Wheeling Classic. Twenty-two of the top thirty money winners arrived in Wheeling to appreciative galleries.

Four-year veteran Carole Jo Skala beat back a Sunday charge by Jane Blalock to win the inaugural event during a mid-summer heat wave. Skala was happy to have her family at Oglebay, calling the resort-park "as fine a recreational area as I've ever seen."

AFTERWARD: Pat Bradley, a rookie at the '74 LPGA at Speidel, went on to become a super star and Hall of Famer. There were ten more LPGA tournaments held at Speidel, each with its own special memories, but the first one was special.



From the Log of the Roving Reporter

(a popular inclusion in the Wheeling News Register in the 1970s)

A Wheeling woman visited the Oglebay Park driving range Monday night and the next day was complaining about how sore her arms were.

Thinking she wasn't used to swinging a golf club, a fellow employee suggested she swing a little easier.

"Oh, I was just carrying the bucket of balls," she modestly answered. "I'd hate to think what I'd feel like if I'd been playing."

- May, 1973



Golf Club Websites for News & Schedules

Oglebay Men's Golf Club: www.oglebaygc.com

Wheeling Park Men's Golf Club: www.wpgolf.org

Changes to Flower Beds Address Deer Population

“Even if deer don’t eat the plants, they can do a lot of damage through uprooting.”

The harm that deer cause to the flower beds at Bissonnette Gardens – and at private homes in the area –has increased in recent years according to chief horticulturist Chris Schenkel. “You will notice some differences in the flower beds this year,” says Schenkel. “We are using more ornamental grasses and hedges, salvia, dusty miller and vinca.” Schenkel adds that these plants are more deer-resistant than most.

Oglebay gardens staff use a variety of commercial repellents, with a granular version of “Liquid Fence” being the most successful. “Even if deer don’t eat the plants, they can do a lot of damage through uprooting,” says Schenkel. He adds that without electric fencing there would be no spring blooms left. Deer are most desperate in the fall so both netting and fencing are used because they can smell the bulbs immediately after they are planted.

Oglebay’s three-season flower show is made possible through the gifts of many donors. There remain opportunities to endow a flower bed, a hanging basket, or park bench. Contact the Foundation Office for more information.



New Lounging Benches for Oglebay Pool

Sixty new lounging benches are in place at the Oglebay outdoor pool this season. Manufactured from recycled plastics, they are designed for comfort and easily adjustable. “It’s the first time all the benches have been replaced since the pool opened in 1938,” says director of operations John Hargleroad. Built in post-depression years, the outdoor pool is one of Oglebay’s most enduring facilities. Hundreds of thousands of families and day campers have enjoyed the picturesque venue, and it has been home to swim exhibitions, life-saving classes and, more recently, a swim with your dog event after the pool closes for the season (Drool in the Pool).



Palm Room Renovations Created Unique Retail Space

Have you stopped recently in the Palm Room on one of your summer strolls through the gardens or the arboretum? If not, you are in for a treat for the staff is ready to help you choose a specially-designed planter, hanging basket or miniature garden (with your container or ours). "So many visitors want to take a touch of Oglebay home with them," remarks Oglebay horticulturist Marilyn Jenkinson. "Our goal is to help you do just that," she adds.

Earl Oglebay built the cozy space to house tropical plants in 1903, but it gradually became obsolete and costly to maintain. In 1991-92 the Palm Room was transformed into a unique retail space. The refurbishing included repairs and painting, replacement of the glass and wood with therma-pane glass and aluminum, and a new heating system, floor and elevator.

"We do special plantings for many customers year after year," says Jenkinson. One repeat customer was nearby West Liberty University who ordered hanging baskets in school colors. The Palm Room also sells bags of bulbs that are pulled from the Oglebay gardens and features a large selection of fairy garden accessories. Stock is seasonal and there is always something in bloom and colorful on display for visitors to take home.



Misc. News from Around the Parks...



Oglebay Welcomes 4-H Campers for 75th Summer

Oglebay has welcomed 4-H youth for summer outings since Camp Russel opened in 1939. The 4-H connection at Oglebay was a strong one. West Virginia was mostly rural in the early 20th century and Earl Oglebay, a true friend of the state's farmers, brought the first agriculture extension agent to Ohio County, thus assuring success of the 4-H movement in the area.



Stifel Playground at Wheeling Park Ready for Summer

Through the generosity of several non-profit organizations, the playground at Wheeling Park has received a major renovation that will make it more accessible, safer and more conducive for both educational and recreational play. The venue was originally dedicated in 1948 as a gift from the A.C. Stifel family.

Praise and Thanks for Access to the Parks

From the Department of Health and Human Services
State of West Virginia

"The WV Department of Health and Human Services provides many services to the children and families of Ohio County. We can ...supplement their basic needs like food and medical care. Programs like Access to the Parks help to nourish their minds and spirit. The impact of that is immeasurable. This year we have referred 2,957 children to receive applications for this program. Thank you on behalf of the children we serve."

*Sincerely,
Pamela M. Adams, Family Support
Supervisor
WVDHHR*

Upcoming Summer Events Calendar

July 2014

- 3-4 Independence Celebration
- 3 Fireworks & Special Holiday Concert at Schenk Lake
- 6 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 9-13 Ohio Valley Classic Tournament
- 10 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 12-13 Stoney Hollow Men's Golf Amateur, Speidel Golf Club
- 13 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 17 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 20 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 24-27 West Virginia Open Tennis Tournament
- 27 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 31 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm

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- 3 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 7 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 10 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 16-17 Classic Car Show at Levenson Shelter & Site One
- 17 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 24 Summer Entertainment Series Concert at the Amphitheater, 7pm
- 30-31 Woodcarver's Show at the Pine Room
- 30-31 Fort Henry Days - Levenson Shelter
- 30-31 Labor Day Weekend Celebration
- 31 Wheeling Symphony at the Amphitheater - Music Under the Stars
- 31 Fireworks at the Amphitheater

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