

## Upcoming Events

### July

- 2-4 Independence Celebration
- 3 Fireworks at Schenk Lake
- 9-10 Stoney Hollow Men's Golf Amateur
- 28-31 West Virginia Open Tennis Tournament

### August

- 19-21 Classic Car Show

### September

- 3-4 Woodcarver's Show - Pine Room; Fort Henry Days - Levenson Shelter
- 3-5 Labor Day Weekend Celebration
- 4 Wheeling Symphony at the Amphitheater

## 2011 Summer Sunday Entertainment Series Presented by the Elizabeth Stifel Kline Foundation

### July

- 3 John Adams – John Denver Tribute artist (Schenk Lake)
- 10 Richard Smith - best described as "Finger-style guitar virtuoso"
- 17 Deni Bonet - Violinist with a Unique Sound
- 24 Subway Show Band - Oldies including sounds from the 50's and 60's
- 31 Smoke Daddy and the Crawfish - Classic Rock

### August

- 7 Cabin Fever - Traditional Folk and Bluegrass
- 14 Hot Pursuit - Variety
- 21 5 D's - Big Band
- 28 Bridges and Friends - Classic Rock & Favorites

### September

- 4 Music Under the Stars - Wheeling Symphony, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Bench Endowment Fund Popular Way to Honor or Memorialize Loved Ones

Visitors to Oglebay continue to enjoy the numerous park benches on which to sit and relax during strolls through the Burton Center and Wigginton Arboretum.



Many people also enjoy reading the inscriptions. The bench endowment fund began in the early 1990s about the same time as the major improvements started at Bissonnette Gardens. It remains a popular way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend.

Currently, there are 6 benches available for endowment at Oglebay and an undetermined number at Wheeling Park. They are presently placed around the hilltop/gardens

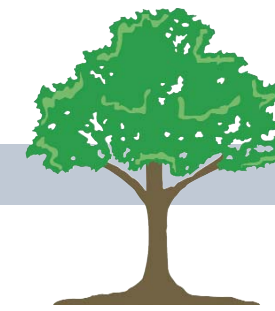
area, on the arboretum trail, around Schenk Lake, and at the Oglebay Tennis Complex. Plans are being drawn up to place more on the golf courses. The cost to endow a bench is \$2,500 which pays for the original bench/plaque and provides for its repair or replacement, if and when it is needed.

The most recent dedication of new benches took place on June 15 prior to the start of the Jack Dorsey Wheeling-Oglebay Senior Open Tennis Tournament. The benches were placed overlooking the upper courts at Oglebay's Crispin Center in memory of Dorsey, Walter Arensberg and Carol Strasser by their friends.

Because of the popularity of the bench endowment program new sites are being considered. If this program interests you, please contact The Oglebay Foundation.

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# Among Friends



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Information and Updates for Friends of Oglebay

Dear Friends,

*We are grateful to so many of you for considering endowment gifts as your way of helping keep our parks special and accessible for everyone in future generations. In this issue you will read about a generous endowment for the gardens gifted by the Drum family, formerly of Wheeling.*

*If you haven't been to Wheeling Park lately, it would be worth your while to stop by and enjoy the Frank Rock Garden this year. Renovations over the past two years have created a beautiful natural area with "waterfall-like" features.*

*This would also be a good summer to invite your children, grandchildren, and friends to visit the Good Zoo. There are some interesting new animals to greet you. Fitting in with the zoo's mission of caring for rare and endangered species, the staff has welcomed a Grevy's Zebra and two Komodo Dragons.*

*The Wheeling Park Commission lost a mentor and friend when Margaret "Peg" Dankworth of Bellaire, Ohio, died in March. Many of our park staff worked with Peg over the years and she was considered a pioneer in the parks, recreation, and conservation field. If you did not know Peg, we hope you enjoy reading her story.*

*Once again, let me tell you how much we appreciate your interest in and support of our projects and programs. Wheeling's parks system is unique, and you continue to play an important role through your gifts to The Oglebay Foundation and the Friends of Oglebay annual fund.*

Sincerely,

Randy Worls, President  
The Oglebay Foundation

## Family Gift to Memorialize James D. Drum Benefits Oglebay Gardens

Oglebay's Bissonnette Gardens recently received a substantial endowment gift in memory of the late James D. Drum, a well-known Wheeling businessman who loved music and flowers. This generous gift from the Drum family will endow a substantial number of flower beds in the hilltop area, starting at the main office, surrounding the Ralston Fountain, and bordering the greenhouses on the lower walk and along the parking lot hillside. Drum's widow, Lois, and his son and daughter-in-law David and Michelle, recently traveled from North Carolina for a dedication. "James would approve of this gift," says Lois. "Gardening was his passion and he loved the gardens at Oglebay."

James Drum died in 2009. After graduating from Bethany College and earning an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, Drum served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He became treasurer and a co-owner of the C.A. Robrecht Company and was active in the civic life of Wheeling. A kind and compassionate person throughout his life, according to Lois, he sang in the choir at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for fifty years and also with the popular Randolph Singers.

At their Bethlehem area home in Wheeling, where they lived throughout their marriage, James planted an extensive flower garden each year. "When the seed catalogs came



Lois Drum is joined by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Michelle, for the dedication ceremony in honor of her late husband, James.

in late winter, he would start planning his garden. When planting season came, he would be outside from the time dinner ended until dark," says Lois. "The yard was his domain and that was fine with me." With encouragement from friends active with the Wheeling Civic Garden Center, Drum began entering his flowers in Garden Center shows, actually winning a blue ribbon in his first attempt.

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## The Ihlenfeld Dining Room has had a face lift!

We spent the month of January giving the dining room a new look. Come have breakfast or dinner with us and admire the new renovations. We think that you will be as impressed as we are!

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## Creating a Legacy with an Endowment Gift

Wheeling's parks system has thrived for more than eighty-five years because of the generosity of individuals, families, and foundations who have given generously toward its success. From golf to swimming, tennis to skiing, and family cottages to a family zoo, there is something for everyone at Oglebay and Wheeling Park. Now that the building of major facilities has slowed, park officials want to make sure that all structures and grounds can be well maintained in perpetuity and renovated when needed. This can be accomplished through the endowment of a facility or program.

An endowment is created with the donation of a lump sum of money, either outright or through a planned giving vehicle or estate gift. The principal is never touched, but the investment income goes toward the endowed facility or program on an annual basis. Most facilities, sections of facilities, and recreation/education/zoo programs have endowment potential. In this issue you read about the endowment created for the gardens in memory of James Drum. There are many other areas in the parks that can be endowed in your name or that of a loved one or family.

If you are not in the position to endow a separate entity, you can still make a donation to The Oglebay Foundation's Maintenance Endowment Fund. Your gift will then be mingled with other gifts to insure that park facilities and programs are as available to future generations as they are today.

**If you have an interest in discussing support of an endowment facility, or making a gift to the endowment fund, please contact Randy Worls at 304-243-4001 or 800-624-6988, extension 4001.**

## Who's New at Oglebay's Good Zoo

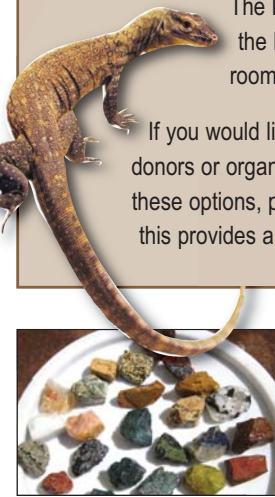
If it has been a while since you visited the Good Zoo, you are in for a treat. Continuing to expand the zoo's mission to conserve rare and endangered species, the zoo welcomed a Grevy's Zebra and two Komodo Dragons in the past year. In addition, a new room, called the Colors of Nature Room, has opened in the very popular Discovery Lab. "With our new and renovated exhibits, and our growing education program, we are very excited about happenings at the zoo," says director Penny Miller.

The adult Grevy's zebra, a female named Samburu, was pregnant when she arrived in 2010, then went months beyond her due date before she gave birth. Much to the delight of zoo staff, a baby foal was discovered lying in the tall grass of the zebra exhibit on May 19. The female baby was named Daktori, which is Swahili for "Doctor." This name was chosen by the zoo's animal keepers to honor the late Dr. Michael Miller who served as the zoo's veterinarian for several decades. This endangered species of zebra, characterized by its narrow stripes, is the largest of the wild equines species and originated in Kenya and Ethiopia. Mother and child can be viewed from the ostrich viewing area or from the zoo train which travels through the exhibit.

A brother and sister combo of baby Komodo Dragons also arrived at the zoo in the spring. These dragons, native to Indonesia, are a species of the largest living lizard in the world, sometimes growing to 200 pounds and a length of nine feet. Hatched for the first time in the U.S. in 1992 at the National Zoo in Washington, DC, the two babies at Oglebay were hatched at the Los Angeles Zoo in August, 2010. "Although the dragons will be with us for the foreseeable future, if they grow too large for our display we will eventually have to find a new home for them," says Miller.

The Komodo Dragons are part of an exciting new area in the zoo's Discovery Lab called the "Colors of Nature" Room. In addition to the baby dragons, there are frogs, snakes, golden lion tamarins, and an 18-foot python. According to Miller, youngsters love this room so much that sometimes parents have a hard time getting them to leave the building.

If you would like to view pictures of the new arrivals, you can go to the website [oglebay-resort.com](http://oglebay-resort.com). There are opportunities for interested donors or organizations to support new exhibits or endow existing exhibits and programs at the Good Zoo. If you are interested in discussing these options, please contact Penny Miller at 304-243-4027 or 800-624-6988, ext. 4027. "Our zoo education programs are steadily growing and this provides a wonderful opportunity for people who enjoy supporting youth activities," adds Miller.



## NEW! Gem Sluice at the Zoo

A "panning for gemstones" interactive challenge opened at the Good Zoo's Australian exhibit in late June!

### Drum Family Gift continued from page 1

"During his final years just about every evening he wanted to go to Oglebay to walk in the gardens and these outings became one of the bright spots of our day," recalls Lois. "It is my hope that others enjoy the gardens as much as we did." In late April, the family visited with park officials to view the plaque that honors James Drum. "We are so appreciative of this generous gift," said Randy Worls, president of The Oglebay Foundation. "It means that we will have the funds to plant colorful flower beds for many years to come."

## Remembering Bellaire's Margaret "Peg" Dankworth

"She was a pioneer in the parks and recreation field and a mentor to several of our staff."



The Ohio Valley lost a long-time professional in the parks, recreation, and conservation field when Margaret A. "Peg" Dankworth died in March at the age of 90. Her long career included executive positions with the American Institute of Park Executives and the American Zoological Association, both headquartered at Oglebay for a time. "She was a pioneer in the parks and recreation field and a mentor to several of our staff," says Randy Worls, president of The Oglebay Foundation.

During World War II, Dankworth served as an officer with the U.S. Navy Reserve, however she always had her sights on the conservation and recreation field. After the war, Dankworth became business manager for the National Recreation Association (NRA) based in New York City. Shortly after, she became the first

woman head of the Great Lakes District of the NRA in Toledo, Ohio.

In 1958 Dankworth returned to her native Ohio Valley when she was selected as assistant executive director of the American Institute of Park Executives (AIPE) after its headquarters moved to Oglebay. With AIPE, she worked with the zoological branch, and served as director of advertising for Parks & Recreation magazine.

AIPE and several other organizations merged to become the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) in 1966, then moved headquarters to Washington, DC. Several years later, the zoological branch left the merger and, with Dankworth's assistance, formed the American Association of Zoological Parks & Aquariums (AAZPA) and moved back to Oglebay.

Peg Dankworth became the first executive director of the AAZPA and successfully started both the zoo accreditation program and a zoo management school. During her tenure, she befriended many well-known celebrities including Marlin Perkins of t.v.'s WILD KINGDOM; Hollywood's Jimmy and Gloria Stewart, William Holden, and Betty White, all animal conservation advocates; and Jack Hanna, t.v. personality and director emeritus of the Columbus (OH) zoo.

One of her most interesting experiences involved forfeiting her passport with a group of zoo directors to walk through "Checkpoint Charlie" to visit the East Berlin zoo. The visitors were welcomed by staff with an orchestra playing Broadway tunes and a six-course luncheon. "A surreal moment...and a sharp contrast to the grim world outside the zoo," she said.

When Dankworth retired, and moved into the old family home in Bellaire, she became involved with researching historic homes in nearby Morristown. She then personally restored five houses in the district, garnering praise and awards both locally and from the Ohio State Historical Society. Although she traveled the world extensively, Peg Dankworth's heart always remained in Bellaire, where she served on the review board for the St. Clairsville Historic District.

Dankworth was a mentor and professional confidant for several Wheeling Park Commission employees over the years, including Bill Koeigler, director of Oglebay's National Training Center, Penny Miller, director of the Good Zoo, and Barbara Palmer, currently newsletter editor for The Oglebay Foundation. "She was a wonderful role model to other women, and to everyone that followed her footsteps in the parks, recreation, and zoo profession," says Miller.

## Frank Rock Garden at Wheeling Park Features Stunning Improvements

Originally designed and gifted in 1926, Wheeling Park's colorful Frank Rock Garden has delighted several generations of park visitors. Recently, the original reflecting pool was skillfully transformed into a "wetlands area" by the Falling Waters Aqua & Landscape Designing Co. of Wexford, PA. This was made possible with the addition of a second rock ledge creating two "waterfall-like" streams that cascade into an area that appears to be a woodland stream. The major reconstruction work was done over the winter of 2009 to combat on-going leaks in the pool.

Large and small rocks, shade-loving plants, and a re-circulating pump were added to the rock garden in the summer of 2010, completing the natural woodland stream effect. Plants used include astilbe, iris, trillium (a spring perennial), and bottle brush buckeye (a summer perennial). "The plants are filling in nicely this year and we are pleased with the results of this total renovation," says Andy Barger, director of planning for the Wheeling Park Commission.

Originally created in memory of Ella B. Frank, mother of the late Mrs. Charles (Pauline) Sonneborn, by Pauline, her four siblings, and father William H. Frank, the garden was eventually dedicated to both parents. A family endowment trust, managed by Charles Sonneborn of Chicago, provided funds for the renovation and insures future maintenance. If an endowment gift to Wheeling Park interests you, please contact The Oglebay Foundation.

