

# Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve August 2024 Report

## **Kirby's Mill / Fundraising**

- Unfortunately, we did not receive the Save America's Treasures Grant. We are reaching out to get feedback on our application and are grateful for the experience and will add the verbiage to our library for future applications. We will be moving forward as planned, the week after Kirby Day. Thank you Oviatt House, Chris, and John for assisting with relocating the Oviatt wagon to allow space for the work and staging.

## **Programs**

- Docents continue to be present at Kirby Mill and House Sundays from 2-5pm.
- TLC continues to keep the park latrines clean, trash emptied, dog baggies filled, and so much more!
- Friends participated at Richfield Community Days with a digital display of the work completed at North, Amity, and Garfield Hall as well as a generator demonstration via bike that young and young at heart enjoyed.
- The August membership meeting hosted 50+ participants. We enjoyed hearing updates from a variety of the park partner groups. The room was enthusiastic with how many passionate volunteers have made RHP amazing over the past 10 years!
- Kirby Day is Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> and has been included as an official event in the Ohio History Connection's "Ohio Open Doors" -- which is a special 10-day event when Ohio historic buildings and landmarks open their doors for special tours and events.
- Our annual sing along is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging folks to visit Oviatt House after the sing along!
- Friend's RHP History Hike will be Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

## **Amity House**

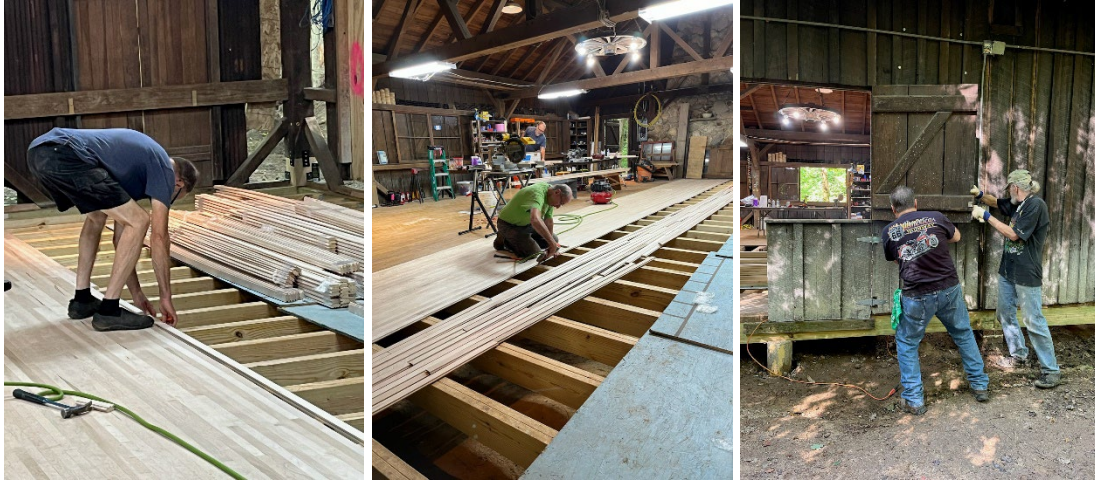
- The Friends of RHP voted to support the fundraising efforts of the Amity House raffle by augmenting the funds raised to pay for the Amity House air conditioning. John asked for a turnkey installation, said he ask Polly to forward a check for the raffle funds to Friends to pay for the full amount of the Air Conditioning installation, including permit fees.
- Working with Rustic Slate Roof to install the dampers. We have reached out to licensed MEP contractors to assist with the building permits. We are working on finalizing the work for substantial completion and building inspections.
- We love the new landscaping at Amity House! We do recommend any plants be potted or planted away from the home (or establish a maintenance plan to trim as needed) to prevent plants from touching the home and bringing in pests. We also encourage the RJRD to consider level hardscaping to reduce the about of dirt entering the home.

## **Garfield Hall**

- Flooring delivered and installed. Thank you, Ohio Hardwood Furniture, for assisting with the procurement of the soft maple specialty milled flooring to match the existing flooring. Minor roof patching was completed to prevent any damage in interim between structural work and roof work.
- Thank you, Chuck Rankin, for loaning Friends his mini excavator to better level the future patio area and dig the foundation. We are in the process of having concrete delivered, calculating the underpinning of the retaining wall, and creating the extensive form work and reinforcement installation.
- Mason John Rocco has started the chimney repairs in anticipation of the roof work.
- Permit / Occupancy drawings started.



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Install new soft maple flooring to match existing. Thank you Ohio Hardwood Furniture! Gary and Clive start investigating shutter and window repairs.



Excavate and trench for the footer, create the formwork, and set reinforcement. Masons working on rear chimney installing new stones, cement wash, and tuckpointing.



Community Day, Mill Docents, and Partners participating at our August Membership meeting.