



EVE Notes



What happened to 2018?

Well, I guess the year kinda got away from me! In the last newsletter (in APRIL, 2018!?) I announced that our newest project would focus on 1872 Presidential candidate, Victoria Woodhull and since then we've been busy trying to set this plan in motion. Check out the story on page 2 to find out what that means!

In the meantime, since that last edition of *EVE Notes*, our year closed with THIRTY ONE programs seen by approximately 1,500 people! Of course, our biggest "seller" continued to be *Grandma Gatewood's* storytelling program and documentary which had 15 presentations in four states bringing our attendance total since we started telling Emma's story to approximately 7,281 people!

And her story continues to amaze. Just last month we presented *TRAIL MAGIC* for a joint project by REI/ Cleveland and Cleveland Metroparks to a sold out crowd of 250 people! Rachel Nagle from the Park wrote, "The showing of *Trail Magic* raised \$1,520 for the new *Outdoor Recreation Fund*! In addition, the raffle on Saturday raised \$385. We wouldn't have been able to create this fund without the showing of *Trail Magic* to kick start the fund, and now it has about \$2,405 in it! So thankful to have such amazing support in the community!!!" On April 5, the Mountaineers in Washington state hosted a screening that also sold out — 180 people! *Grandma* continues to support important outdoor projects!

Other programs last year included *CANAL SONGS AND STORIES* and *BALLADS OF THE INLAND SEAS* with Foster Brown and a trip to Mt. Vernon for a special version of *STORIES FROM A CHRISTMAS PAST* with Chris & Mike Petee backing up the stories with Christmas songs.

This year got off to a fast start with *NATURE STORIES* for the North Ridgeville Senior Center in January. As of April 16, we've already done 12 programs with more in the works.

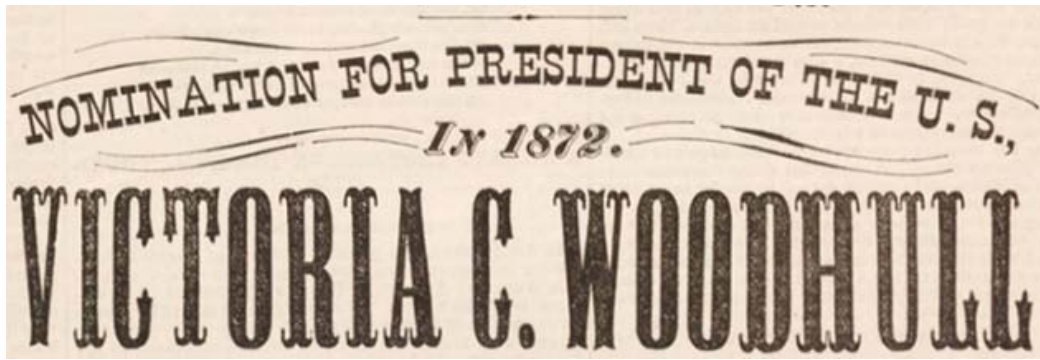
So we continue to be the "busiest little company" in the area!

Thanks to all of our presenters, donors and audience members who help us to live life in the Past Lane!

— *i Bette Lou!* —

Artistic Director

Be sure to check our website for information on upcoming programs — or better yet, sign up for our e-news and get the information delivered right to your inbox! To sign up, send us your e-mail address or fill out our form at <http://tinyurl.com/evemailinglist>



Campaign Report — 1872 and 2019

Since our announcement last year that we would document the life of Victoria Woodhull — first woman to speak before Congress (1871) and first woman to run for President (1872), Kelly Boyer Sagert, Bette Lou Higgins and Peter Huston have been busy planning, researching, writing and interviewing.

Kelly and Bette Lou have worked to research and write the storytelling program, *VICTORIA WOODHULL: SHATTERING GLASS CEILINGS*. Dunamis Theatre in Akron hosted a day-long event on March 30th called "Suffrage Centennial" — a history of the women's movement, theatre, music, and comedy showcasing strong, creative women. Our Victoria Woodhull program was the centerpiece of the event and included Anne McEvoy appearing as Victoria and accepting the presidential nomination followed by the storytelling program.

Managing Director of Dunamis, Nici Romo wrote, "It was a pleasure to host this event. Dunamis Theatre is rooted in community and conversation and I think that this event really spoke to both of those things. It was my goal to obtain as many creative and strong women to participate in the Suffrage Centennial as possible and I know that we accomplished that. I know that I was moved by the performances and as a woman I felt closer to the women that fought for inequality long before I was born. Solidarity feels good and I am lucky to be a part of it."

Our storytelling program is now available for presentations to other groups and it's not too early too think about including it in your celebrations next year for the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Amendment.

In the meantime, we've got some interviews done, Peter is working on editing these for a short documentary to use as a sample to allow us to apply for funding and Kelly is working on the beginnings of a script. We began fundraising which includes a GoFundMe campaign (visit <https://tinyurl.com/woodhullgfm>)

As with our *Grandma Gatewood* project — we know it will be a long, slow process as we raise money and continue filming. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help with fundraising, hosting an event, or in any other way, just let us know. Be sure to check our website regularly for current information at www.victoriawoodhullforpresident.org

As Victoria would say, "Onward!"

Did you know that when Victoria ran for president her platform included support for an eight-hour work day, minority representation in Congress, universal suffrage for women, public housing for the poor, a national education system, and the creation of an international body to help prevent war around the world?



We're happy to let you know that Kelly Boyer Sagert has completed a new book, [Hidden History of Lorain County](#). Kelly tells little known tales from the county including the origins of the Felons' Feast held by abolitionists in 1859 and the story of Major League Baseball's first black player, Moses Fleetwood Walker, who played for the Toledo Blue Stockings in 1883. For more information about the book contact Kelly at 440-670-6624 or kbsagert@aol.com

What's Been Happening?

2019 opened with a presentation of NATURE TALES for the North Ridgeville Senior Center. The group got a glimpse of spring with this program that focuses on flowers. (It will be repeated in May for the Mayflower Guild of First Congregational UCC in Elyria.)

Things kicked into high gear in March.

St. Peter's UCC in Amherst celebrated Women's History month with WHAT'S HER STORY? spotlighting women from Ohio. We had two presentations of MOVING RIGHT ALONG (Amherst Historical Society and Maritime Museum of Sandusky). Beachwood Community Center hosted a luncheon on March 21 with YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL IN A SKIRT! Anne McEvoy portrayed Alta Weiss on a stage the Center put up that included a full kitchen and suitcases from the 1950s along with a baseball glove and bases! The capacity crowd enjoyed this early glimpse of summer. And, of course, there was the TRAIL MAGIC screening on March 23 (see page 1)

Bette Lou Higgins did the storytelling versions of YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL IN A SKIRT! in April for the Lorain Historical Society and the Lorain County Historical Society to kick off baseball season. On April 13, the DAR in Medina got into the spirit with YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG: STORIES OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT and heard the rousing stories of Debra Sampson and Katherine Goddard among others. (Don't know who those ladies are? Why not host a presentation and find out!) Residents at Menorah Park's Stone Gardens found out about some Amazing Architectural Achievements with a presentation of UNDER CONSTRUCTION.



Set and prop pieces provided by the Beachwood Community Center for YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL IN A SKIRT!



UPC MING EVENTS!

Currently we have a number of private parties scheduled for several organizations and we are finalizing plans for upcoming public events this summer featuring two of our favorite feisty females — Alta Weiss and Victoria Woodhull. Be sure to check our calendar regularly for updates!

We are also continuing our work on LOST RESTAURANTS OF DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND. If you have any stories or pictures to share for the program and book, please let us know.

To book a program for your group — simply e-mail us at blheve@edenvallejenterprises.org. We'd love to bring a show to you! Don't forget to check our calendar to stay up-to-date.





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