



EVE Notes



What happened to 2019 and what's happening to 2020?

Well, I guess 2019 kinda got away from me! It was a fast-paced hectic year that became 2020 quicker than I expected it to. Though 2020 came in like it was on a rocket, it didn't exactly get off the ground and now it's on hold with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting everyone and everything. After our program on March 10 at the Elyria West River Library, all of our presenters started calling and e-mailing to say programs were being cancelled to be rescheduled for when some type of normalcy returned. So now we all wait in limbo. But that's no reason to stay out of touch, so I wanted you all to get caught up on what happened during the second half of 2019.

Last year we did 29 programs for about 1,720 people who came to hear the stories of our heritage. A great year no matter how you look at it! Since the last EVE notes went out in the Spring of 2019 (proving how quickly the year got away from me!), you'll find the report of those events along with this year's starting presentations on the next page.

In the meantime, I hope that all of you are doing well and will stay safe and healthy until we can join you in person to share more of our stories. We appreciate all of our presenters, donors and audience members who help make our programs a success.

As Victoria Woodhull would say, "Onward!"

— i Bette Lou! —

Artistic Director

In case you're wondering, yes, we ARE accepting bookings for later this year and for 2021! E-mail us at blheve@edenvallejenterprises.org to make arrangements.

Probably the most exciting event of the year — TRAIL MAGIC: THE GRANDMA GATEWOOD STORY, was accepted into the Chagrin Falls Film Festival where it was named "Best Local Documentary"! Some 160 people attended the screening and the Q & A that followed. We are grateful to the staff and audience of the festival for supporting this film and we are humbled by the honor they have bestowed on us AND Emma!



Trail Magic named "Best Local Documentary"

Kelly Boyer Sagert
Peter Huston
Bette Lou Higgins
at the
Chagrin Falls
Film Festival



The end of 2019 — the beginning of 2020

Our last ENotes ended in April, so here's a quick run-down at how we finished off the year.

The ladies at First Church Elyria's Mayflower Guild started spring with a fun collection of NATURE TALES. Baseball season spotlighted Ohio's favorite woman player, Alta Weiss, with two July presentations of YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL IN A SKIRT. Heritage Avon Lake hosted the storytelling version and Grafton Library presented the first person version with Anne McEvoy as Alta. This special presentation featured a Q & A with All-American Girls Baseball League player Lois Youngen who fielded questions from the crowd about her life as a player for the WWII women's league. Menorah Park residents enjoyed presentations of FROM A CRASH TO A BANG, PLEASE WELCOME MR. & MRS. AMERICA, I HEAR AMERICA SINGING and OHIO FACES AND PLACES between August and December. Buckeye Library had OHIO GHOST STORIES for their Halloween offering. Dayton Aviation Park showed TRAIL MAGIC to about 75 Buckeye Trail hikers and other history buffs. Rocky River Library celebrated veteran's day with a presentation of YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG: STORIES OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. Berea Business and Professional Women and the Lorain County Historical Society began celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the Women's Rights Amendment with our new storytelling program MADAM PRESIDENT: THE STORY OF VICTORIA WOODHULL. A great beginning to our project to document this suffrage soldier's life. Members of the Baldwin Wallace Institute for Learning in Retirement spent September and October delving into Ohio History with EVE's Ohio series of stories.



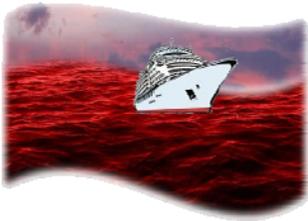
TRAIL MAGIC Audience at the Dayton Aviation Park
November 10, 2020

As 2020 began January brought in a "surprise" presentation of BATTLE SCARS: STORIES OF THE CIVIL WAR for the Rocky River Historical Society when they called wanting a last minute substitute for their January 9 meeting because their speaker was ill. In February, The Elyria Arts Council hosted NEXT STOP, FREEDOM! in honor of Black History month. The Elyria Library West River Branch presented MADAM PRESIDENT: THE STORY OF VICTORIA WOODHULL on March 10th for Women's History Month. A new program, FEISTY FEMALES FROM OHIO, for Ohio University/Lancaster's Celebrate Women conference was successfully moved on-line on March 27th.



NEXT STOP, FREEDOM! at the Elyria Arts
Council February 10, 2020

Though we had quite a schedule already in place for the rest of 2020, all programs have been put hold due to COVID-19. We hope to see you when these programs can be rescheduled. Check our calendar at <http://edenvalleyenterprises.org/calendar.htm> to find our up-to-date schedule!



"Cruise To Murder" was a night of murderously good fun!

Luckily we got in under the wire with our murder mystery dinner theatre.

This fundraiser for Eden Valley's programming was held at German's Villa in Vermilion, Ohio on Friday, February 28, 2020. This audience-participation dinner program was written by Eileen Moushey of *Mysteries by Moushey* and presented and sponsored by Pat Price of Priceless Productions. We had a sold-out house with 91 Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drews trying to solve the murder on *S. S. Amore* where things got a "little testy" with the crew. The passengers not only had an opportunity to solve the crime, but they joined in a Karaoke contest and had plenty of raffle baskets to bid on along with taking a chance on a 50/50 raffle.

Pat put together great cast and crew for the evening's entertainment. The Eden Valley board and staff worked hard getting donations for raffle baskets, selling program ads and handling hundreds of other details to bring this great event to our audience. We thank all them and all our cruising detectives who took part in the fundraiser which went to help support our Victoria Woodhull documentary project. A full list of ALL our helpers, donors and business who purchased ads is below.

You can find a link to a "Memory Book" of pictures from the event on our website at www.victoriawoodhullforpresident.org in the section about the cruise.

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