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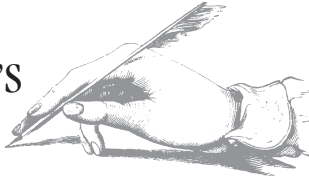
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members:

*Spring greetings! I love my drive home from work, seeing how very green everything is becoming, and watching people out walking their children and pets. I especially enjoy the new W.W. Williams Shelter at Wyman Woods. Although some green was taken from it, there's also a water overflow area that forms a little pond that I think is really nice. Everything is starting to fill out and look like the summer Grandview we all love.*

*The WOSU Columbus Neighborhoods Tri-Village documentary will have its premiere broadcast on WOSU TV on Monday May 18 at 9:00 p.m. Be sure to tune in! We hope to plan a special event based on the series later in 2015 at Grandview Heights Public Library.*

*Please check our Society Showcase at the high school, as well as the composites that adorn the walls. All is the work of much appreciated volunteers, and Society Board members. Tom DeMaria updates the high school showcase often. Rutbanne James, Tom DeMaria and Jane Harris also update the Bank Block "breezeway" showcase as well as showcases at the library. Please take a moment to give these displays a look-see!*

*The Archives Committee is busy as usual updating, scanning and adding to our digital collection. Check out our new Timeline of Community History. It is accessible from our website and the library website. It is amazingly interactive and will be a continuous work-in-progress. ([ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org); [ghpl.org](http://ghpl.org))*

*Visit the new touch screen the Society donated to the library. Again—amazing! You can scroll away and learn! It is located next to the reference department on the upper level.*

*In other news, the Society is helping to assist the newly formed Preservation and Conservation Group in the hope that we can provide factual, historical information about any properties they need assistance with. We are not part of that group—they are a separate entity, but we support their efforts to preserve and protect Grandview and Marble Cliff history.*

*I want to take a moment to note the passing of one of our most generous members: Jack Anderson. He has been incredibly supportive of the Society (amongst other local charities) and has been a boon to us. Our deepest sympathy to the Anderson family. In closing, I wish you a relaxing and fun spring. Spend lots of happy times with your loved ones and friends. That's what it's about!*

Sincerely,

Tracy Liberatore, President



## Tri-Village Joins WOSU Columbus Neighborhoods Documentary Series

*Premiere Broadcast WOSU  
May 18, 9:00 p.m.*

*W*e Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society, are moving toward May 18 with excited anticipation. Our archives proved a rich source for the Columbus Neighborhoods production team. The Archives Committee gave many hours during much of the past year (Each Columbus Neighborhoods documentary requires about a year to produce.) to cooperative work with the WOSU team, and deserve a very special note of appreciation. In addition, the WOSU production staff conducted many interviews and story-telling sessions with members of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff communities, as well as Upper Arlington, of course.

We found the WOSU staff deeply interested in local history and lore, and respectful of sources. Any materials copied from archives, or from private individuals, are returned to the owner, and do not become the property of WOSU.

The following pages contain the "back story" on the origins and history of WOSU's Columbus Neighborhoods project, now in its fifth year, with eleven "neighborhoods" completed and one "to go." The reader will also find information on extended stories related to each documentary, links for online viewing, and DVD purchases.

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## Inside Columbus Neighborhoods: How the Project Began and How the Work is Done Or The Why, Who and How of the Project

The *Columbus Neighborhoods* series is the brainchild of Tom Rieland, WOSU-TV General Manager. He was heavily involved in the city's bicentennial commission. Brainstorming for the series was done by Tom, along with content director, Brent Davis, and WOSU senior staff in programming and marketing. Tom's vision was to highlight the history and character of each neighborhood. To do that required interviews with local historians and neighbors, and the incorporation of historical photographs. Many PBS stations produce historical documentaries about their communities. What OSU producers brought to the table was a willingness to find little known storylines and let them shine.

The first 6 documentaries: (Short North, German Village, Olde Towne East, University District, King Lincoln, and Downtown & Franklinton) were chosen because Tom wanted to highlight the core ring of neighborhoods surrounding downtown to add to the bicentennial buzz and celebration in 2012.

The documentaries are created by 5 producers and two videographers. All are on staff, also creating other products as they produce each documentary. The same producers also produce *In the Know*, *Columbus on the Record*, *Broad & High*, and many arts and civic programs throughout the year. The producers are also editors of the show and directors of on-site re-enactments when appropriate. The producers have remained the same throughout the project. They are multi-talented and full of positive energy. Other production houses have a team of 25 or more for one documentary. Ken Burns has over 50.

WOSU has 1, sometimes 2 producers for every show. Yet they still produce Emmy Award winning programming because they



Tom Rieland, WOSU-TV General Manager



Videographing Lynn Thompson, granddaughter of King Thompson



Ryan Schlagbaum videographing in Marble Cliff

love their community. Producers work on their off time, holidays, nights and weekends to get these products not just done, but done "right."

The production team works closely with several historians, most notably Ed Lentz. Doreen Uhas-Sauer of Columbus Landmarks and Jeff Darbee and Nancy Recchie of Benjamin D. Rickey and Co. have also been major contributors and great partners in finding those hidden stories the team is so fond of telling. The Ohio History Connection (formerly the Ohio Historical Society) is a partner in finding and authenticating historical photographs. Where photographs do not exist for a particular or crucial story, the producers must craft a re-enactment. The Ohio History Center helps out with location (the Ohio Village) plus actors and costumes. The series could not have been done without the dedicated staff of the Ohio History Center.

Funding for the series has been strong and consistent, with State Auto being the first (and continuing) underwriter. Funders include AEP Foundation, Bailey Cavalieri LLC, Chase, State Auto, Barbara Fergus, Tad and Nancy Jeffrey, the Columbus Foundation,

Bob and Missy Weiler, Worthington Industries, and others.

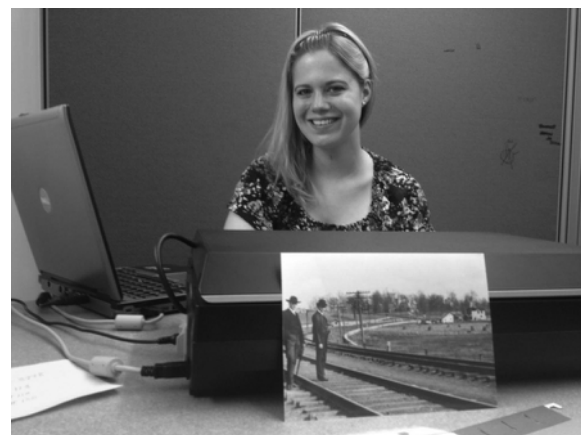
The first phase of *Columbus Neighborhoods* received much acclaim including Emmy Awards, and was recognized by the Columbus Landmarks Foundation, The Columbus Historical Society, and the German Village Society. The Greater Columbus Arts Council presented OSU Public Media with its Award of Artistic Excellence for the series in 2012. Each broadcast of these documentaries has received top TV ratings for local premieres.

(Thanks to Cindy Gaillard, Executive Producer for Arts and Culture, WOSU Public Media, and Producer Diana Bergemann)

Visit [ColumbusNeighborhoods.org](http://ColumbusNeighborhoods.org) and [WOSU.org](http://WOSU.org) to explore several exciting extensions of the series project, including downloads to view, opportunities to add your own stories, and information on the purchase of documentaries (59 minutes each, plus bonus material).



Interviewing Jeni Britton Bauer



Production Assistant Allison Brogan



Producer Diana Bergemann with Lucile Osborn and Rita Schmalz



Story-sharing: Diana Bergemann with Terry Smith and Pat Mooney



Chef Hubert Siefert of Spagio with videographer Andrew Ina





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# What do an Explorer, an Entrepreneur, a Notre Dame Football Player, a Truck Farmer, and an Automobile Stylist Have in Common?

*F*ind out more about these five famous men by visiting the upper level showcase at Grandview Library during the month of April. The “Who’s Who of Grandview” display was created by GH/MCHS board members Tom DeMaria and Ruthanne James. It highlights the lives of Julius Stone, George Urlin, Ralph Guglielmi, Charles Salzgaber and Alan Leamy. The showcase display encourages finding more information on these five men by viewing the society’s Timeline on the adjacent Touch Screen donated by the GH/MC Historical Society. You can still see a duplicated display at the Bank Block’s breezeway on Grandview Avenue. A new “Who’s Who of Grandview Women” will be featured there during the month of August.



*His name is on the map of Grandview. Who Is he?*

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