

# SEASONS of SCRIPPS



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NEWSLETTER of the FRIENDS of the WILLIAM E. SCRIPPS ESTATE

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## FOUNDING FRIENDS



~Randomly NOTED~

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As November is now upon us, and we can feel the year winding down toward the holidays, this seems a great time to review our first, founding year. Where do we find ourselves, how did our path evolve, and is it leading us in a meaningful direction?

Who is now with us on this path, and who might join us ahead? How can we keep everyone moving forward?

The goal of the *Friends* is to protect the cultural legacy of the William E. Scripps Estate. That is, its records, architecture, gardens, stories, and the difficult to explain but very real spirit of the place. Are we making progress on this primary objective? Consider the summary

boxes here, and you be the judge.

To the extent that we have been successful this year, your involvement may have made the difference—and

will be needed again next year. Every individual contribution, no matter the size, helps get us where we are

going more effectively, and lightens the remaining burden on the whole. Luckily, we have many ways for our *Friends* to help—volunteering time or services, planning/organizing events, contributing funds, and spreading the word and the enthusiasm. These are all fruitful ways to help us grow, and furthermore, help us *sustain* that growth, crucial in our current economy.

### 2008 FUNDS RAISED: \$ 34,131

- *Hemingway & Scripps Days Benefit Dinners*
- *Private luncheons, tours, business meetings, teas, & weddings.*
- *Grants*
- *Memberships, merchandise & donations*

### PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED

- 1086 visitors to house & grounds
- Web site development/merchandising
- 3 successful grant awards received
- Corporate, community, civic, and university partnerships (U of D/OU)
- Restoration of Bryant Fleming garden
- Restoration of Samuel Yellin Gate
- Created professional DVD documentary of gate restoration
- Phase I of survey and mapping of historic trees
- Repair/replacement of some furnishings
- Stronger ties with Plein Air artists
- Building relationships with Cranbrook & Meadow Brook Hall

### PROJECTS PLANNED

- Installation- National Register Sign
- Wayside Exhibit / Auto Heritage Signage on Scripps-Booth Autos
- Restore Bryant Fleming Fountain & Lily Pool
- Restore Telephone Room & complete Office woodwork
- Literary and Lecture program with Orion Twp Library
- Artist in Residency Program at the Estate for summer 2009
- Pursue humanities grants for community arts projects
- Pursue grant funding to restore over-painting of murals in Boudoir

## WHAT'S ▲ UP ▲

CHRISTMASIDE AT Scripps Holiday TOURS  
NOV 29/30 & DEC 7-21!

ONCE AGAIN DESIGNED BY  
MAY HUERNER & PATRICIA HERMANS

NEW!  
Scripps MERCHANDISE GREAT IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR ILYER OR GO TO [friendsofscripps.org](http://friendsofscripps.org)

Scripps Days Benefit DINNER, "SUNSET AT THE ESTATE" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!  
SILENT AUCTION RAISED \$ 3200!

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## MORE FOUNDING FRIENDS

LARRY OSHIER, M.A.

MAY/RICHARD HUERNER

ASHLEY PHIFER

JAMES DURONIO

BONITA/LOUIS FOURNIER

MARI-ANN HENRY

LINDA SICKLES

SARA VAN PORTFLIET

JOHN/BARB KELLEY

MARY MILLER

PATRICIA/RICHARD HERMANS

NANCY J./WILLIAM J. CARTY/MCDEVITT

STEWART/MARY CRAWFORD

SALLY/TERRANCE LIPSET/MCROBERTS

## SCRIPPS FAMILY DONATES NINA'S MONOGRAMMED TOWELS!!

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the Melissa Scripps family, the Estate can now display a set of Nina Downey Scripps' hand towels. Like many such women of the day, Nina had her personal items monogrammed. In addition to adding to our artifact collection, these towels offer a glimpse into the materials, colors, and craftsmanship of fine linens in the 1920s, 1930s & 1940s.

## GARDEN COORDINATOR NEEDED

We have volunteer gardeners who only need direction and task lists, and we can make tremendous progress next year on the grounds. What we don't have is an **organized garden-savvy person** who can look ahead to the season, generate some "to do" lists, and communicate & follow up with the pot waterers, weed pullers & dead-headers willing to work in the gardens. Definitely needs someone with "true grit"! (approx. 1 hr/wk.) **Call Leslie ASAP, 248-391-4445, ext. 1100.**



## FOCUS ON...JEFF MANSFIELD,

*Project Manager and 'carpenter extraordinaire' at the W.E. Scripps Estate. Jeff's training as an engineer has helped him appreciate the design and craftsmanship of the mansion and grounds. He has overseen stone wall repairs, wrought iron cleaning, and stained glass window restoration, among other projects.*

*He has also applied creative problem solving to plumbing and carpentry work in the mansion, always with the goal of maintaining its historic character. He designed and built a conference-size tabletop to fit over an antique library table; replicated and rebuilt a white oak stairway, and will be undertaking more restoration carpentry work in Mr. Scripps' Office and*

## TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO ACT SOON TO BECOME A *FOUNDING FRIEND!!!* Better yet—*give a membership to the Friends to your friends or family this holiday season, & they'll be named as Founding Friends in perpetuity.*

2008 is our Founding Year. All 2008 members, at any level, will be permanently recognized as *Founding Friends*. And, as a bonus, late 2008 membership purchases will apply to 2009. Who can beat that deal?

But that's not all... Members receive discounts on tours, event tickets, and now, our newly launched merchandise. Plus, all *Friends* have the satisfaction of knowing each one of

those dollars has a direct impact on a significant restoration project at the estate. Rates are: \$25 Student; \$50 Individual; \$100 Family; \$1000 Family/Corporate Patron. Forms can be found on our website,

[www.friendsofscrippsestate.org](http://www.friendsofscrippsestate.org), or call 248-391-4445, ext. 1100.

*the Telephone Room this winter.*

*But in the warm weather, he can be found outdoors, opening old garden paths by clearing away undergrowth or removing dead trees. His efforts have helped return much of the landscape's original character. He is currently working to restore the plumbing for a major fountain designed by Bryant Fleming on the north terrace.*

*Jeff manages to get an enormous amount done in his one-day-a-week schedule. And, his passion for the work is clear—he willingly drives 2 1/2 hours each way from his home in Ohio!*

*He is also a Founding Friend of the W.E. Scripps Estate. We're lucky to have Jeff's many contributions.*

## MORE of WHAT'S UP

CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY TREE AT THE FIRST ANNUAL CANTERBURY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE AUCTION ON display NOV 23- DEC 14

TREE'S THEME: "Will Scripps' Wildwood FARM"

U of D ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS STUDYING ESTATE MAKE FASCINATING DISCOVERIES!

SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

RESTORATION BLACKSMITH BOB BECKER TO DONATE REPAIR OF OSCAR BACH WINDOW GRILLE!