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*V*N OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members,

*I hope all of you had a wonderful summer, filled with picnics, friends, family and fun! After the summer break in our meetings, your Board is back to work in full force!*

*We are sorry to announce that Maureen Damiani is relocating to Florida, and has left the Board. In her short year with us, she was incredibly efficient and helpful. We are sad to see her go, and wish her well in her future endeavors.*

*The current Board membership, in addition to myself, is as follows:*

*Mary Burkey - Vice-President  
Terry Smith - Secretary and Research Co-chair  
Tom DeMaria - Treasurer  
Patrick Mooney - ViewPoints Editor and Research Co-chair  
Wayne Carlson - Schools Liaison and Webmaster  
Joe Miller - Grandview City Liaison  
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*Among the year's accomplishments are:*

- our new 'Moment in Time' column in Grandview ThisWeek;*
- the most successful home tour to date;*
- providing Marble Cliff Council with historical information on selected buildings;*
- adding new material to our website;*
- providing Bobcats Touchdown Club with historical information about the stadium, which may be displayed there after its renovation;*
- providing a cover photograph of Samuel P. Bush for Kevin Phillips' book: American Dynasty: Aristocracy, Fortune, and the Politics of Deceit in the House of Bush, published last spring by Penguin Viking;*
- adding real estate abstracts of title to our collection*

*The above covers some interesting 2003-2004 items and the work continues on other projects as well. We will keep you posted!*

*I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting on September 12. The program is very exciting! (See more details on this page.)*

*As always, if you have comments, would like to volunteer in any way, or have anything to donate to our efforts, please do not hesitate to call me at 488-0425.*

*Sincerely,  
Tracy Liberatore, President*

## SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12

**The Annual Meeting of the Grandview Heights/MarbleCliff Historical Society is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 12, in the meeting room of the Grandview Heights Public Library.**



The featured program will be "Corsets to Pantaloons: What Early Ohioans Wore 1800-1810," a presentation by authors Mary K. Inman and Louise F. Pence of Threads Thru Time, Ltd. Louise narrates and Mary models "recreated" clothing of the period, the typical clothing 'for best' of ordinary women and men of the years of early Ohio statehood. The presentation includes commentary on the daily community and political life of the time, and will be followed by time for questions and interaction with the presenters.

The program will be preceded by a short business meeting, and followed by refreshments and a 'show-and-tell' display of recent society acquisitions.

Inman and Pence are retired school librarians and media specialists. They creatively interpret their extensive research in early American life by interlacing Mary's background in theater and costume with Louise's in United States History. Former Worthington teachers, they have presented widely for schools, libraries and historical societies. Their two books, *The Fowler Family Gets Dressed* and *The Fowler Family Celebrates Statehood and a Wedding*, will be available for purchase at the meeting.

**Plan to be an active member of your society on September 12. Invite a guest! All ages are welcome! The program will be particularly interesting to young folks!**



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# NEW DISCOVERIES

## *Julius Stone's Canyon Country: The Romance of a Drop of Water and a Grain of Sand*

by Tom DeMaria

All the previous installments of this column relayed information regarding a new photograph or other single piece of memorabilia; however, this month's column is unique in that it is the first time that I discovered an entire book! The author is Grandview's own Julius Stone (1855-1947). His legacy and local recollections of him have faded since he and his family left Grandview in the mid-1940's for California. Few recall that his estate is the site of Stonegate Village at Westwood Avenue and Goodale Boulevard. It's a pity, as he was truly the proverbial Renaissance man. Despite his leaving school at thirteen, Julius Stone became an extremely successful entrepreneur, Columbus industrialist, Ohio State University trustee, president of the OSU Research Foundation, philanthropist, and conservationist. He provided the money for the purchase of OSU's first cyclotron and donated Gibraltar Island on Lake Erie for the development of the Stone Research Laboratory.

Stone's business ventures included investment in the Hoskaninni Mining Company in Utah. This set the stage for an association and friendships that would culminate in his organization of a 1909 expedition generally considered by Colorado River historians to be the first undertaken purely for pleasure. Stone became intrigued by the prospect of 'running' the Green and Colorado Rivers, and in September of 1909 he and four companions embarked from Green River, Wyoming on a two-month, 150 mile expedition in four specially designed flat-bottomed boats. They landed in Needles, California on November 19, 1909. In the group (only one of whom had any previous river-running experience) was Stone's brother-in-law, Robert Cogswell, a professional photographer. These 'amateurs' successfully traversed the rivers and canyons, and Cogswell took over 300 photographs, many of which are housed at Northern Arizona University, and a large selection is available on their website: [www.nau.edu/~cline/speccoll/guide/s/stone.html](http://www.nau.edu/~cline/speccoll/guide/s/stone.html) or at the University of Utah Libraries: [www.lib.utah.edu/digital/galloway/history.html](http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/galloway/history.html) It is noteworthy that at the time of the expedition, Julius Stone was 54 years old!

Twenty-three years after the fact, when he was 77, Stone published his account of this remarkable journey, complete with 300 of his brother-in-law's photographs in *Canyon Country: The Romance of a Drop of Water and a Grain of Sand*. The first section of the book is a detailed introduction on geology, erosion, and canyon formation. What follows is a wonderfully detailed and romantic recollection by Julius Stone of the daily events of the expedition. The journal format describes the scenery, portages, raging rapids, living off the land, and survival in the wilderness of 1909. It is very 'Lewis and Clark' in approach, captivating in style, and full of Julius Stone anecdotes. The photographs documenting canyon walls, other geological formations, and landmarks are outstanding. The narrative speaks to the drudgery and hardships of the trip, including Stone's self-treatment during a bout of pleurisy and the need for frequent repairs to the boats.

The book is an outstanding legacy from one of Grandview's most prominent early residents and civic leaders. Most of the Green River and Glen Canyon portion of the expedition route is now under the waters of Lake Powell, and the photographs in the book offer a rare look at the original canyon topography, now lost to the eye.

Unfortunately, this book is not available in any Franklin County public library, but is available through interlibrary loan, or via OhioLink and its academic affiliates. I highly recommend viewing the online collection of photographs from the expedition, one of which is reproduced here, by using the links above.



*"Galloway in a boat in Disaster Falls" From the University of Utah Collection. This shot of the rapids gives a sense of what the trip was all about.*



*Julius F. Stone, circa 1938*



## 2003-2004 GH/MCHS Report to Members

Another busy and successful year! Here are the highlights:

- 2003 Annual Meeting featured Mary Ann Brown, curator and site manager of Adena, the Ross County home of Thomas Worthington, "Father of Ohio Statehood." Adena was restored and a new visitor center built as the centerpiece of Ohio's Bicentennial celebration. Ms. Brown gave an excellent illustrated account of the two-year restoration project to attendees at the Grandview Heights Public Library meeting room.
- The major project of 2004 was the society's Tour of Homes on Mother's Day, May 9. Five homes of esthetic and historic interest were featured, three west and two east of Grandview Avenue. More than 500 residents and their guests participated in this 'most successful ever' tour. Months of research by board members, in partnership with home owners, resulted in a 16-page Home Tour brochure detailing, in text and illustrations, the stories of the homes and their residents. Layout and production of the brochure was provided gratis by Melissa Rady, to whom we are immensely grateful.
- A new financial sponsorship project, carried out by volunteer society member Karen Riggs, provided Home Tour brochure publicity for local firms working in home furnishings or restoration and covered the cost of brochure printing. Kudos to Karen!
- GHMCHS continues to receive excellent press coverage thanks to Alan Froman of *ThisWeek News*. The series of articles beginning in March and leading up to the 2004 Home Tour was comprehensive in its coverage and fascinating in its detail. Accolades to Alan!
- Homeowners who graciously agreed to open their residences to visitors on Mother's Day were Willi and Lajos Szabo, Michael and Deborah Brannan, Ronald Harris and Jane Hess, Owen and Frances Balch, and Samuel Randazzo and Carol Farmer.
- In spring 2004, *Grandview ThisWeek* began running a feature called "A moment in time", featuring each week an historic photograph from GHMCHS files with a short identifying caption. Alan Froman of *ThisWeek News* issued the invitation and the project is being carried out by board members Wayne Carlson, Tom DeMaria and Terry Smith.
- After one year, board member Maureen Damiani has resigned to move with her husband, Gino, to Florida just in time to help with the campaign of their son who is running for county commissioner in Orlando. Maureen made major contributions to the work on the 2004 Home Tour. She will be missed! Our good wishes go with the Damianis.
- ViewPoints* newsletter continued publication with community sponsorship and design and production provided gratis by Melissa Rady. On June 1, 2004 Melissa Rady and Chris Peters became the parents of a son, Edmond Sandor Rady-Peters. Welcome to Grandview, Edmond!
- The work of the society continued to enjoy community support, including that from the mayors and councils of Marble Cliff and Grandview Heights, local florists' contributions of arrangements for the Home Tour, and many volunteers, including docents and golf cart drivers for the Home Tour, and students from Mrs. Lin Bensen's Family and Consumer Science class at Grandview Middle School.
- Thanks to Lloyd Herd, Barbara Osborn Hoge, Betty Salzgeber and Galen Gonsler for significant contributions of memorabilia, including family memorabilia, photographs, documents and artifacts, and the loan of photographs, abstracts of title and other documents for copying.
- Current society membership is 140 individuals in 100 memberships, of which 42 are life memberships and 1 is an institutional membership.
- Current financial status shows an account balance of \$16,000. This substantial increase over last year is due to the record \$4800 profit from the 2004 Home Tour. The home tour is our biggest fund raiser and helps defray expenses for the approximately three years between tours. Thanks to generous contributions from Grandview Heights City Council and the mayor, our income covered our expenses for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.



First Avenue being cut through east of Grandview Avenue, 1916.

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS EAST OF GRANDVIEW AVENUE (ADDENDUM)

In an earlier *ViewPoints* we documented the 1916 sale of the Salzgeber farm at what is now First and Grandview Avenues to the Northwest Boulevard Company for development, and the cutting through of First Avenue east of Grandview in the same year. Thanks to recent interviews with Betty Salzgeber and her sharing of family papers and photographs, we have learned that the Salzgeber truck farming and greenhouse operations, which

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*of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society!*

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### Reminder to Annual Members

Renewal time is here! Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society membership year runs from October through the following September. The mailing label on this newsletter shows the expiration date of your membership. Your continued support is solicited and very much appreciated.

### The Development of Grandview... *Continued from page 3*

supplied stands on Columbus' old Central Market and North Market, as well as local sales, did not end with the sale of the Grandview property. Charles and Mary Salzgeber and their four sons continued the family business with large gardens and greenhouses on West Lane Avenue, after purchasing the old Lakin homestead on the north side of Lane Avenue across from what is now Lane Avenue Shopping Center. Two of the Salzgeber sons built homes there. They also owned a garden plot on the south side of Lane Avenue, now the east end of the shopping center. This operation continued until about 1960, and older residents will remember stopping at the Lane Avenue stand to purchase giant chrysanthemums on their way to Ohio State home games.



*Clarence and Harry Salzgeber with baskets of sweet corn. Summer, 1912.*



*Charles Salzgeber, family members and workers, standing south of the family home, in what is now First Avenue, circa 1912. Note unpaved Grandview Avenue.*

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