

Upcoming Events at *The Oakwood Historical Society*

April 30, 2 p.m. *The Far Hills Speaker Series - Where Town and Country Meet - A Pictorial Tour of Oakwood in 1913*

The year 1913 is one of the most interesting times in Oakwood's history. To gain a better understanding of Oakwood and its people during this time, speaker, Davis Schmidt, Director of Undergraduate Programs for the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Wright State University, will take us on a tour described in an article published in the Dayton Daily News on July 22, 1913. This pictorial tour consists of historic images of the Village of Oakwood via journeys along three separate routes: (1) a relatively short loop around the northeastern part of the village; (2) a more extended trip through the area west of Far Hills, including the adjacent Hills and Dales Park; and (3) a very brief jaunt through the area to the north of the Five Points intersection and the nearby Sugar Camp locale. As we follow these routes and observe the many notable features of early Oakwood, we'll also discuss some of the people who have made important and lasting contributions. This free presentation is co-sponsored with the Wright Memorial Public Library, and will be held at the Oakwood Community Center.

May – October *Herb Garden Academy - NEW!*

This new program will be offered to students in Grades 4 to 7 beginning in May. Sessions will take place Monday evenings at the Long-Romspert House Museum and Homestead, twice a month, until harvest is over in October. There will be hands-on fun - planting, growing, harvesting, cooking, and making household projects using herbs and other garden vegetables. Registration is limited, so call or email us now at (937) 299-3793 or www.oakwoodhistory.org.

May 7, 2 p.m. *The Far Hills Speaker Series - The Lost Gettysburg Address*

Few remember that two famous orators shared the stage with Lincoln at the Gettysburg dedication. The day's concluding speech remained lost until recently, when an anthropologist stumbled upon it in a cardboard box at a remote ranch in Wyoming. Forgotten too was the incredible true story of its author, Charles Anderson, a slave owner who risked everything to save the Union. David Dixon, the author of *The Lost Gettysburg Address* and presenter, will take us on an exciting journey through some of the most dramatic events of the Civil War. This is the inspiring tale of a true patriot. Join us for this stimulating presentation, co-sponsored with the Wright Memorial Library and held at the Oakwood Community Center. This presentation is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.

May 20, 4–7 p.m. *A Taste of Wine and Cheese - Relax with Fine Wines, Good Food and Great Conversation!*

Join *The Oakwood Historical Society* for *A Taste of Wine and Cheese* at the lovely, historic Long-Romspert House Museum, 1947 Far Hills Ave. in Oakwood. Relax after the fun and festivities of *That Day in May*. Enjoy fine wines presented by Arrow Wine, and a variety of sweet and savory treats selected to pair with them. Tours of the historic house museum will also be available. Please park off grounds and walk in. Handicap parking available only.

TICKETS: Members and Advance Sales - \$25/1 or \$45/2 • Tickets at the Door - \$30/1 or \$50/2
Purchase tickets online at our website or by calling Linda Pearson at (937) 299-3793.

June 4, 2 p.m. *The Far Hills Speaker Series - Polonium at the Playhouse - The Manhattan Project*

At the height of the race to build an atomic bomb, an indoor tennis court in one of the Midwest's most affluent residential neighborhoods became a secret Manhattan Project laboratory. Linda Carrick Thomas (Terhune), author of *Polonium in the Playhouse* presents the intriguing story of how this most unlikely site in Oakwood, Ohio became one of the most classified portions of the Manhattan Project. Seized by the War Department in 1944 for the bomb project, the elegant glass-roofed processing facility, providing a critical radioactive ingredient for the bomb initiator. *Polonium in the Playhouse* offers a fascinating look at the vast and complicated building of the Runnymede Playhouse was transformed into a polonium program that changed world history and introduces the men and women who raced against time to build the initiator for the bomb. This free presentation is co-sponsored with the Wright Memorial Public Library, and will be held in the lower level of the Wright Memorial Public Library. Books will be available for purchase.

August 20, Noon–4 p.m. *Classics on the Lawn - Featuring Some of the Area's Finest Vintage and Special Interest Automobiles*

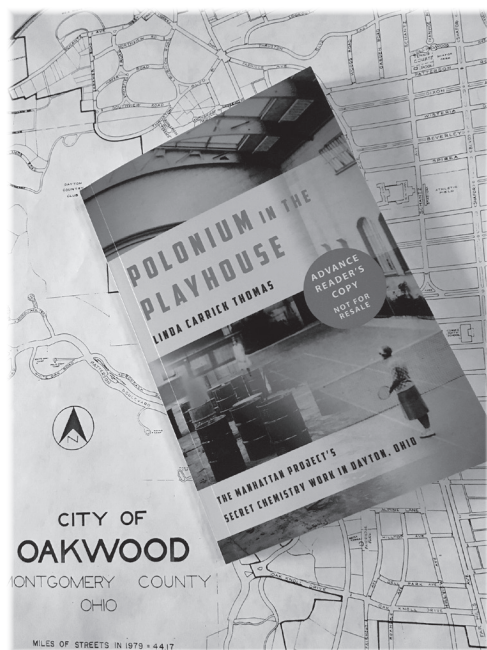
Join *The Oakwood Historical Society* for a summer's afternoon of classic cars, good food and a tour of one of Oakwood's oldest and finest homes - *The Long-Romspert Homestead House Museum*, 1947 Far Hills Ave. in Oakwood. This event is free and open to the public with lunch available at a nominal price. Due to limited parking, visitors are encouraged to park on side streets or enjoy a summer's walk or bike ride to *The Homestead*.

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An Oakwood Historical Society summer tradition returns on Sunday, August 20th, from noon to 4:00 PM for an afternoon of classic cars, good food and a tour of one of Oakwood's oldest and finest homes, *The Long-Romspert Homestead House Museum*. This event is free and open to the public with lunch available at a nominal price.

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Oakwood's WWII History spotlighted in Program

The Far Hills Speaker Series will feature author Linda Carrick Thomas as she discusses her new book, "Polonium in the Playhouse" at Wright Memorial Public Library on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 PM.

During World War II, the Talbott Family's "Runnymede Playhouse" in Oakwood served as a Top Secret laboratory where the triggering mechanisms for the atomic bombs were developed. Ms. Thomas tells the fascinating story of The Talbotts, the "Playhouse", the Manhattan Project in Dayton and the Soviet spy in their midst.

The book will debut in late May and this program will include a book signing with the author.

This is a "must see" event for those interested in the remarkable history of Oakwood, Dayton and World War II.

New Children's Program: *Herb Garden Academy!*

Designed for the Older Elementary and Tween Student, this program will build on basic knowledge about general gardening. We will get your child up to speed if gardening is new to them. We will be growing a number of herbs that can be used in the kitchen and home as well as some organic vegetables, and plants to attract pollinators. There will be a hands-on project with each session. We will use the renovated antique stoves at the homestead when we cook!

WHO: Students in Grades 4 to 7. Total Group size will be small, so register soon!

WHERE: The kitchen garden located behind The Oakwood Historical Society at 1947 Far Hills.

WHEN: Monday evenings at 5:30 from May to October: May 15, June 5, 19, July 10, 24, August 7, 21, Sept 11, 25, and Oct 2 and 16. Classes will last 1 ½ or 2 hours, depending on the project.

COST: \$90 members, \$110 non members. For information on becoming an Oakwood Historical Society member, download the form or pay online at: <http://www.oakwoodhistory.org/get/join.html>

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