



Scioto Valley News

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"To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."



"Malabar Youth Hostel," watercolor by Mary Ann Clady.

Hostelling International USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council (CSOC) purchased this painting during the June 2007 "Malabar Dreams" exhibit at the Grandview Heights Public Library. On August 16, CSOC presented it to new Hostel Manager Barbara Dolezel as a gift to HI-Malabar Farm Hostel.

Upcoming Events at Malabar Farm State Park

September 15, Stargazing dusk to 11 PM, weather permitting. The Astronomy of Youth Club & Malabar Farm conduct stargazing for anyone interested in star and planet observations. Meet at Malabar Farm's Day Use Horseman's Area parking area. For more information, contact Curtis Goff at (419) 774-1250.

September 22 & 23, Heritage Days Festival, 10 AM – 4 PM each day. One of Ohio's largest free outdoor craft & live history festivals. Malabar Farm State Park's premier fall event! Over 100 craftspeople, period clothing, Civil War Encampment, Shawnee Tribe Village, Midwest Ox Drivers Association, Central Ohio Draft Horse Association and more.

September 22, Barn Dance, 7-10 PM. Traditional Square Dance in the barn beside the Big House. Free. Live music & calling.

October 6, Spin-In Days & Hayrides. The Malabar Farm Spinning and Weaving Guild host their 8th annual gathering of fiber arts guilds 10 AM – 4 PM. Open to the public with demonstrations free of charge, rain or shine in the Working Farm Barn across the road from the Hostel. 30-minute hayrides offered 12 Noon – 8 PM, \$2 includes hot cider.

October 13, Fall Walk & Hayrides. 10 AM. Free naturalist-led walk through woods and field. 30-minute hayrides offered 12 Noon – 8 PM, \$2 includes hot cider.

October 20, Stargazing dusk to 11 PM, weather permitting. The Astronomy of Youth Club & Malabar Farm conduct stargazing for anyone interested in star and planet observations. Meet at Malabar Farm's Day Use Horseman's Area parking area. For more information, contact Curtis Goff (419) 774-1250.

October 27, Barn Dance, 7 – 10 PM. Traditional Square Dance in the barn beside the Big House. Free. Live music & calling.

From the President

As you can see in our events listing, your HI-USA Council Board of Directors has few member-participation events. This concerns me. As a member, you can help your Council by:

- ✿ Tearing out, completing, and returning the questionnaire on p. 8 of this newsletter. We need your input in order to know what you want.
- ✿ Attending HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council's (CSOC's) Annual General Meeting & picnic. We will celebrate a good year for hostelling and discuss the serious work ahead.
- ✿ Volunteering, either for specific projects or as Directors on our volunteer Board.



We are planning a retreat at HI-Malabar Farm Hostel the weekend of October 26-28. Attendees should arrive Friday night. Saturday we will donate a day's work, painting parts of the hostel. We supply the paint, and everyone paints! Saturday evening, Malabar Farm State Park offers a free barn dance - a fun way to end the day. Sunday morning we will get serious and create a new Five-Year Plan for CSOC. This will require creative thought and commitment to hammer out the objectives for our council.

We invite all Council members with interest and commitment, either as a potential Director on our Board or in another ongoing working relationship, to join us October 26-28. If interested, please contact me in advance at (614) 276-0447.

New equipment: CSOC recently purchased a new Dell laptop computer and projector with the help of a grant from HI-USA. We subsequently acquired software and a new HP printer. The projector equips us to present PowerPoint programs on hostelling to groups. We already used the printer to produce the post card you received for our Annual General Meeting invitation. Hence we have some decent office equipment to help communicate our message.

Postage Stamp: HI-USA reports that we are still lobbying for our postal officials to produce a 2009 Hostelling postal stamp to celebrate 100 years of hostelling. You can help with this worthy goal. Notify your congressperson that we need a stamp. The USPS has already released their list of stamp subjects for 2008. Our year is up next and we definitely have no time to lose!

- Allan

HI-Malabar Farm Hostel Open Times for Summer & Fall 2007

Now through December 15:

Thursday night – Sunday morning
(evening hours 5-10 PM;
morning hours 7-10 AM)

Open year-round for groups with prior reservation, minimum requirements apply. (Please contact hostel directly.)



Discount for children 12 yrs. and under.
Discount for groups of 10 or more.

Hi-Malabar Farm Hostel
3954 Bromfield Rd
Lucas, OH 44843

Tel: (419) 892-2055
Fax: (419) 892-3055

Rates: \$17 per person for HI members.
Additional \$3/person for non-members.

E-mail: hi-malabarfarm@juno.com

Welcome, Barbara Dolezel!

By Allan South

I met Barbara Dolezel, HI-Malabar Farm Hostel's new Manager on August 16 at the farm, and it appears the hostel is in good hands. Barbara and HI-USA staff have already worked on sprucing up the house.

The hostel still needs tender loving care and we have planned a work day for October 28. All Council members may help out. Bring yourself and clothes you can paint in. If you arrive Friday evening, the council will pay for your overnight at the hostel. If interested, call me at (614) 276-0447.



**Hostelling International-USA
Central & Southern Ohio Council
FY 2006-2007 Summary & FY 2007-2008 Budget**

Balance as of 4/01/07		Projection for 3/31/08
Cash on hand		
CD	10,546.56	
CD	6,285.56	
CD	7,000.00	
Checking	14235.59	
Total	38,067.71	38,200.00

Income & Expense Statement

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	FY2006-2007	FY2007-2008
HI-USA Pass Credits	9,614.00	7,000
Interest	1,012.14	1100
Donations	0.00	100
Outings	335.00	300
Other	28.00	500
Total Income	10,989.14	9,000.00
 Expenses		
Marketing Expenses	215.73	400
Insurance & Charter Fee	701.12	850
Miscellaneous	539.56	500
Newsletter	2,542.50	2700
Office	213.61	250
Programs & Publicity	726.53	1500
Outings	390.00	300
Travel & Meetings	1,986.05	2100
Voice Mail	244.48	250
Total Expenses	7,559.58	8,850.00
		Net 150.00

Notes:

FY 2006-2007 Audit completed. FY 2007-2008 Budget adopted by Board of Directors on June 26, 2007. Brian Stettner, Treasurer.

Sprucing up HI-Malabar Farm Hostel



*Photos recently taken of HI-Malabar Farm Hostel.
Visit once and you might make it your home in the country!*



Internet URLs to know:

<http://iyhf.org> – Hostelling International (International Youth Hostel Federation)
www.hiusa.org Hostelling International-USA (American Youth Hostels, Inc.)
<http://ayhcs.netwalk.com> – HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council
www.malabarfarm.org - Malabar Farm Foundation

Why Have a Board of Directors?

Taken from *Council Board Handbook, HI-USA, 6/2007*

In exchange for tax exemption, the government requires that a tax exempt Group act as guardians of the "public trust" to help ensure that the public purpose of the organization is being carried out. The directors, officers or trustees of the organization serve as stewards of this trust, accountable to the state government that granted the organization its charter, to the federal government that granted its tax exempt status, and ultimately to the public itself.

Board Members do not serve in order to derive financial gains as they might in a for-profit company. They are expected to serve "in good faith" for the public good and to exercise, on behalf of the public, a legal and fiduciary responsibility.

What is a Director (= "Board Member") of HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council?

During October 2007, Central and Southern Ohio Council will create a Five Year Plan that will guide council activities and expectations of Directors through 2011. We invite you to be a vital part of this. See our Events listing on p. 6 and call Allan South if interested.

Board Member Job Description

Reports to: Board President.

Purpose: To serve the board as a voting member; to develop policies, procedures and regulations for the operation of [Hostelling International-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council]; to monitor finances of the organization , its programs and performance.

Term: 2 years.

Expected meeting attendance:

- ☞ Regularly attend board and committee meetings as scheduled.
- ☞ Participate as an *ad hoc* committee member if appointed.
- ☞ Attend board retreats, in-service workshops and other board development activities.
- ☞ Attend and participate in special events as needed.

Obligations of the Board:

- ☞ Establish policy.
- ☞ Hire/fire/supervise and evaluate the Executive Director. [Note: CSOC currently operates without an Executive Director.]
- ☞ Secure adequate funds.
- ☞ Monitor finances.
- ☞ Maintain and update long-range plans.

Specific duties:

- ☞ Attend meeting and show commitment to board activities.
- ☞ Be well informed on issues and agenda items in advance of meetings.
- ☞ Contribute skills, knowledge and experience.
- ☞ Listen respectfully to other points of view.
- ☞ Participate in organizational decision-making.
- ☞ Financially support the organization.
- ☞ Assume leadership roles in all board activities, including fundraising. *
- ☞ Represent the organization to the public and to private industry.
- ☞ Educate [oneself] about the needs of the people served.
- ☞ Have a strong belief in the mission of [HI-USA]: "To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."

* *Initiating, promoting and participating in mission-based outreach programming, in particular HI-USA initiatives such as Community Wall, Cultural Kitchen and partnership with Girls Scouts, and finding funding sources figure high among current CSOC needs. –Ed.*

Events Calendar



Heritage Days Festival, Malabar Farm State Park, Lucas, Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23. CSOC will staff an information table and conduct tours of HI-Malabar Farm Hostel during the park's biggest fall showcase. If you've never visited, this is the time! Volunteers needed to welcome visitors.



Work Day/Barn Dance/5-Year Plan Meeting, HI-Malabar Farm Hostel & Malabar Farm State Park, Lucas, Friday October 26 - Sunday, October 28. Friday night arrival. Painting walls Saturday. Barn Dance at park Saturday night. 5-Year Plan Meeting Sunday. Probably the most important weekend for the Council's future in years. Serious supporters of hostelling needed!



Columbus International Festival, Veterans Memorial Expo Hall, Columbus, Saturday & Sunday, November 3-4. One of Columbus' best festivals – food, music, dance, and vendors from many countries and ethnic organizations. We need volunteers. Help us staff our booth either day and we'll pay your admission!



Yoga Retreat, HI-Malabar Farm Hostel, Lucas, Friday-Sunday, January 18-20, 2008. Our most popular annual event. A winter weekend at the hostel, with yoga classes in a log cabin in the woods. Testimonial for instructor Mary Sinclair: "Mary possesses a tremendous amount of knowledge about how the body works. Perhaps, even more importantly, she teaches in a way that her students can really 'get it' and make constructive changes in their bodies. Working with Mary has profoundly changed my life!" Friday night arrival, Sunday departure. Reserve your space now.

Interested? Call CSOC's Allan or Phyllis South (614-276-0447) for more information or to sign up. Get involved with your Council and have some fun!

CSOC awards a special T-shirt for the best guest contribution to this newsletter every issue. This issue: no guest contributions. Want to win a T-shirt? Send us your contribution. You may see it in the next newsletter!

Board of Directors Meetings

The CSOC Board of Directors welcomes all council members to our meetings; please let us know in advance if possible.

*If you have a HI-USA membership and live in our jurisdiction – receive this newsletter – **you are a council member.***

We also encourage potential new Directors to contact us.

Next scheduled meeting: call for information.

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Ohio Council

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Board of Directors

President: Allan South

Vice President: Matthew Heller

Secretary: Jon Porter

Treasurer: Brian Stettner

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Maria Holderbaum

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Contributors to this issue of Scioto Valley News

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To renew your HI-USA membership, purchase a new HI-USA membership, or purchase HI-USA Directories, please call CSOC's Allan or Phyllis South at (614) 276-0447.

CSOC welcomes new Director Maria Holderbaum!

Newsletter delivered to your E-mail Inbox!

CSOC offers this newsletter in two formats: the familiar print version or a PDF attachment to an e-mail sent to your e-mail address.

Additionally, you may completely cancel your subscription to this newsletter, though we hope you won't.

You will continue to receive the print version unless you direct us otherwise.

To begin receiving the electronic version instead of print version, please e-mail a brief message to that effect to ayh@netwalk.com, subject = "Newsletter."

**HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council
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Columbus, OH 43216**

[Remove pp. 7 & 8, complete survey, fold this side out, seal, stamp and drop in mail. Thanks!]

CSOC Offers Programming

Did you know that, besides promoting the benefits of hostels, HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council offers educational programs for children and adults? Many participants have loved our Cultural Kitchen program. Cultural Kitchen comprises four sessions and focuses on the food and culture of a specific country. Participants in the program choose and conduct research on one country. They prepare a menu typical of that country. During the last session, with CSOC support and international guests where possible, participants share their research and a meal that they prepare.

Community Walls ranks as our second most popular program. Community Walls, an arts-based initiative, gives participants the opportunity to create a mural that reflects their participation in and feelings toward their neighborhood. During the Community Walls program, participants earn pride by working on a communal art project that CSOC displays in the community.

Volunteers and consultants retained by the Council's Board of Directors conduct these programs for a modest fee to cover the cost of food and art supplies. Cultural Kitchen and Community Walls fit perfectly with the interests of students in grades 3-12, college classes, and community groups. To learn more about either program, please contact Allen or Phyllis South at (614) 276-0447 or asouth@columbus.rr.com.

[Continue response to Question V here.]

How can we serve you?

HI-USA, Central and Southern Ohio Council (CSOC) is seeking suggestions for activities that will get its members involved in Council events. Tell us how we can serve you best. Cut off this last page, complete this short questionnaire, fold and tape shut (other side out), stamp & mail. As a thank you, members who submit the questionnaire will be put into a drawing for either a two-night stay at HI-Malabar Farm Hostel or a one year HI-USA membership card (winner's choice). Thank You!

I) Desired Council Activities

Check activities that you would like to see CSOC sponsor.

- Local cultural, nature, or sporting events
- Bike Tours
- Yoga Retreats
- Visits to hostels in the United States
- Visits to international hostels
- Other:

What programs would you like to lead?

II) Knowledge of Current Council Activities

Check any of the following educational programs you have heard of through our newsletter or other HI-USA communications.

- World Travel 101
- Cultural Kitchen
- Women Traveling Solo
- Community Walls
- Travel Workshops with Girl Scouts

What programs would you like to learn more about?

III) Importance of Current Council Activities

Your Council provides a number of services and activities in

addition to selling HI-USA membership cards. Some of these appear below. **With 5 being the most important**, order these activities in their importance to you.

- World Travel 101
- Cultural Kitchen
- Women Traveling Solo
- Community Walls
- Travel workshops with Girl Scouts

IV) Relationship with the Council

How would you like to get involved with CSOC?

- Donate office supplies
- Join the Board of Directors
- Teach or lead council events
- Assist with marketing or promotional events
- Write articles for the newsletter
- Answer questions about hostelling at community events (e.g., Columbus International Festival, Community Festival).
- I joined only to get the HI-USA Membership Card
- Other: (please explain)

V) Additional Information

As CSOC's Board of Directors plans future Board and Council activity, what else would you like to share with us? Use as much space as you need – write anywhere above.