The Auglaize County Historical Society Takes to the Road for its annual fall bus trip Thursday, September 29, 2011 **Destination: Mansfield and Richland County** *Price:* \$82 for members, \$92 for non-members



We have a full day of diverse sites planned in another of Ohio's historic counties. Our itinerary includes the following:

The 47-acre estate known as **Kingwood Center** was built in 1926 for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley King, and was opened as a public garden in 1953, a year after Mr. King's death. The grounds are renowned for their wooded nature trails, greenhouses, and displays of annuals and perennials, including daylilies, roses, and wild-flowers. The French Provincial mansion contains the King Family's original furnishings.

We're then on to the **Mansfield Memorial Museum** (pictured above, right), which was founded in 1889 and is still in its original location, a noted architectural landmark. Two floors of artifacts span the Roman era to modern times. Native Americanand noted, African, Asian, military and natural history are well represented. The museum is currently home to the first true robot, **Elektro**, his many artifacts, and photographs of his excursions around the country. Elektro was the creation of the Westinghouse Mansfield Plant, and was completed in time for the 1939 New York World's Fair. He could move his arms, hands, and fingers, allowing him to walk, talk, smoke cigarettes, and blow up balloons.

Lunch at the historic Malabar Farm Restaurant (more information on the opposite side of the flier).

We'll then visit the wedding site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall at **Malabar Farm**. The 914-acre country estate, home of Pulitzer Prizing winning-author and noted conservationist Louis Bromfield, was a haven for many Hollywood celebrities. The Louis Bromfield Visitors Education Center offers scores of interactive exhibits that allow visitors to explore sustainable agriculture, the environment, and Bromfield's literary legacy. We'll also enjoy the **Malabar Farm State Park's Country Store**, a shopping experience like no other.

Mansfield's **Renaissance Theatre** is a vintage movie palace that dates from 1928. Our guided tour will include the chance to peek behind the scenes, learn about the grand chandelier, hear celebrity stories, walk across the 48-foot stage, and enjoy the mighty Wurlitzer organ.

Who wants to ride Mansfield's first wooden carousel at the **Richland Carrousel Park** in the aptly-named Historic Carrousel District? Carved in the style of the early 1900s, all 52 figures were designed, created, and painted in Mansfield. This beautiful attraction will bring back many memories.

We'll then drive by the infamous and historic **Ohio State Reformatory**, where the movie *Shawshank Redemption* was filmed.

Finally, we'll step back in time at the **Olivesburg General Store**. Customers are encouraged to wander the store with their ice cream—hand-dipped from the original marble counter—while they browse the varied selection of merchandise. If you're still hungry, the deli offers a wide selection of meats and cheeses, including many from the Amish heartland. Be sure and ask for a sample.

During much of our trip we'll be accompanied by a step-on guide, who will provide even more information about the area's unique history.

We'll enjoy lunch at the beautiful Malabar Farm Restaurant, where food is prepared in the traditional manner of the French country household, using simple, fresh ingredients specially chosen to enhance each meal. For your lunch entrée, you may select one of the following:

From-Scratch Vegetable Lasagna, with sautéed button mushrooms, artichoke hearts, kalamata olives, roasted red pepper, and crumbled feta; OR

Mediterranean Baked Tilapia, with artichoke hearts, capers, and marinara sauce. Served with the starch and vegetable of the day; OR

Chicken Marsala, with sautéed mushrooms and Marsala brown sauce. Served with the starch and vegetable of the day.

All meals include drinks, a tossed fresh house salad, homemade bread, and a dessert of Petite Oreo Cookie *p.m. In between, we'll enjoy diverse sights* Crust New York Style Cheesecake.

It sounds like lunch alone is worth the trip!



NOTE: Our bus will leave Wapakoneta at 7 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 and experiences in another of Ohio's *areat places!*

A full day, a great meal, and plenty of our trademark historical society fellowship. What more could you ask from a trip!

BUS TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and return with payment to the Auglaize County Historical Society, 206 W. Main Street, Wapakoneta 45895. The registration deadline is **September 15** or until the trip is sold out.

NAME_____

ADDRESS______

CITY, STATE, ZIP_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER______E-MAIL ADDRESS______

Please indicate your lunch selection (include the number of each):

___# Lasagna ___# Tilapia ___# Chicken

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of Tripgoers @ \$92 (nonmembers) =____

Registration includes charter bus accommodations. admission to all sites, and lunch. *The end-of-day snack stop is* "on your own."

You'll receive a confirmation of your registration in the mail or via email by September 19. Thank you!