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**The Home of The Silver Hills Historical
Collection Will Be Open To The Public
On Saturdays Beginning
October 5, 2019**

The Silver Hills Historical Society was host to an open house and reception at the Home of The Silver Hills Historical Collection, Saturday, June 15. The community of Silver Hills walked the halls of history, which are filled with displays and artifacts documenting the neighborhood's historical heritage. The iconic landscape view of New Albany painted on Silver Hills by George W. Morrison in 1849 greets visitors as they enter the home. The painting is flanked on both sides by two charming portraits by Morrison. The images are digital copies of the originals but one would be hard pressed to see a difference. On the east wall, sitting above a 100-year-old heirloom Steinway piano, is an original Morrison portrait. It is believed to be of Col. William W. Tuley painted by Morrison in 1886. Samuel J. and Britty Pauline Elsbey purchased the Steinway grand

piano when they moved to Silver Hills in 1918. Mary Means of Louisville, KY, was the first to play the piano since it was fully restored. Mary is the granddaughter of Henry Terstegge, who was a resident of Silver Hills from 1891 until his death in 1912. Mary is an accomplished pianist. When she began to play, the music was simply remarkable.

Three bedrooms are filled with history about the Hill. The first room houses photographs and articles about those on the Hill who became aviators dating as far back as 1919. The room also documents the sport of tennis beginning when the Highland County Club was built in 1906. Eleven tennis courts have been documented on the Hill. In 1906, Silver Hills brought the game of tennis to the city of New Albany.

Another room is dedicated to Alice Greene, the founder of the Alpha Club in 1895. There are several artifacts on

display that have never been seen outside of the Alpha Club. One in particular, is the Alpha Club quilt. The quilt is a colorful tribute to the woman's literary society still in existence today. The story about Alice Greene's family, and her father's Greenland Fruit Farm ca. 1860, is also on display. There is a charming portrait of Alice's little brother, John Owen Greene. The picture was painted by George Morrison in 1869, the same year little John died.

The front room is the display room. It features the Silver Hills Highland Railway trolley car exhibit. There is a large TV where one can watch a slide show about the trolley car line (1891 – 1932). On a large open wall in the room is a display of the New Albany Water Works, featuring the original Water Works ledger book where the volume of water pumped was



Anne Banet, Karen Sanders Clear, and Dave Harris



Mary Terstegge Means playing the 100 year old heirloom Steinway Piano Samuel J. and Britty Elsby purchased in 1918 when they moved to Silver Hills.



Stan Farrell, Peggy Cody, Kelly Carnighan, and the Honorable Terrance Cody



Left, Gregg and Linda Westbrook, and Linda's mother, Nadyeen Tuley. Linda is a descendent of the Tuley family of Silver Hills.



Right, Lari Ann and John Stein

recorded beginning in 1876. The book is in pristine condition, on loan from the Indiana American Water Company. The Water Works display will remain through the end of the year, at which time a new display will be installed. There is a glass museum case in the center of the room, where many interesting artifacts are on display.

Harry Elsby and Mary Ann Carnighan built the house in 1959. It is where they raised their family of three children: Ann Carol, Harry Michael and Kelly. The home remains in the Carnighan family today.

The Home of The Silver Hills Collection will open to the public every Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM beginning October 5, 2019.

We pay special tribute to those who contributed artifacts for display: Kathy and Don Smith, Mary Means, Steve Lohmeyer, Alpha Club, David



Mary Terstegge Means kindly donated the champagne glass for display from a set of 12 that once was owned by Henry and Mary Terstegge of Silver Hills. They had the letter "T" applied to the glass for Terstegge, and the letters "K C" applied for Knob Crest, the name of their estate. It is presumed the glasses date back to the 1890s. Henry and his wife purchased the house in 1891. The house was destroyed by fire in 1926.

E. Gohmann Family, Robert Streepey, and the Indiana American Water Company.

The house and the collection were well received by the members and neighbors who toured the home before and during the June open house. Based on the comments expressed throughout the event, the collection exceeded everyone's expectations. Come by and spend as much time as you like when the home opens in October.

Anyone interested in volunteering to staff the Home of The Silver Hills Collections on any Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, please contact Kelly Carnighan @ 502-494-0840.

Event Photographs by Ric Manning

Tribute To Sara Smith & Julie Gohmann



Sara Winges Smith (Aug 18, 1940 — Jan 11, 2019)

Of all the house fires on Silver Hills causing substantial damage or complete loss of the house, not a single fire, historically, resulted in a loss of life. On Friday morning, January 11, 2019 an historic home on Ridgeway erupted into a towering inferno claiming the life of Sara Smith. Sara was 79. She and her husband, Dr. Richard Smith, bought the home in 1973. It was affectionately called the Shingles for its shake siding. Richard was a member of the faculty at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in the Department of Psychology and Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. The house was originally built around 1903 by Harold Eddy and Corene Barrett. The Barrett

family made it their family home for more than 40 years. In the mid-1930s, a fire badly damaged the upstairs part of the house. It was rebuilt to look as it did when Sara and Richard bought the house.

Sara lived alone in the home after her husband passed away in 2017. Sara was an active member of the Silver Hills Alpha Club and the Silver Hills Historical Society. She is survived by a daughter, Eileen Kerry Smith Britton and Eileen's husband, Jerry, of Silver Hills.

Sara will always be remembered for her generous gift of kindness toward all those who had the pleasure of her company.

*Photographs Courtesy
The Smith Family*



*Photo Courtesy
Gohmann Family*

Julie Ann Gohmann (June 9, 1958 — January 3, 2019)

Julie was the youngest of four children of Mary and Mark Gohmann, Silver Hills. Her father was the youngest of seven children of Charles and Sarah Gohmann of Silver Hills. In 1913, Charles moved his family to the large two-story house located at the corner of Knob Ave and Maple Lane. He was president of the Gohmann Brothers and Kahler Company of New Albany, manufactures of stoves. Like her father, Julie lived her entire life on Silver Hills. She was nine years old when her father died tragically of cancer at an early age. It was a terrible loss for the family, especially for Julie. But Julie's personality never reflected her sadness. Those who knew her found her to be an engaging individual, happy, outgoing, enthusiastic, and filled with love for her family and friends. Julie was an active member of the Silver Hills Alpha Club and a member of the Silver Hills Historical Society. She is survived by two daughters: Emily & Elyse LaGarene; husband, Stan Farrell; and two brothers, Charles and John. Julie will be missed by all those who knew her.

Looking Ahead



Buffalo Trace Annual Membership Meeting Silver Heights Parnell Center October 20, 2019 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 20, 2019. David Ruckman will be our keynote speaker presenting the history of the Buffalo Trace through Southern Indiana and around Silver Hills. David, a surveyor by trade, has conducted extensive research on the trails the buffalo used for centuries migrating from west to east and back again. His presentation includes a video history.

The Silver Hills Historical Society will provide a buffet dinner catered by A Full Plate of Louisville. The dinner will feature bison burgers with all the trimmings and sides.

The Silver Hills Historical Society will conduct the annual membership meeting at the conclusion of dinner. The three-year term for Board members expires this year. A vote for those nominated for the board of directors will conclude the meeting. If anyone would like to serve on the board, let us know and we will put your name on the nomination list.

Society Treasurer Retires

Jim Stein is a charter member of the Silver Hills Historical Society. Jim began to divest himself of his daily obligations when he retired from his job last year. Since then, he has continued to free himself to spend more time with his family and fulfill his life long desire to travel more. Jim was a key participant in the development of the Silver Hills Nature Trail, working long, hard hours clearing, building and hauling large stones for the steps. He set up and managed the Society financials, and established the fundamentals that helped to drive the Society's growth and success. Jim deserves a well-earned break. We plan to have a replacement by the time of our fall event in October.