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Present the 4th Season of:

Chautauqua & Lyceum Series
Spend an Evening With...
2010 Schedule

All Productions are presented
SECOND* & LAST THURSDAY of the month
*except January, August and December

At 7 PM at [ThePlace@TheWoodward](#) (111 S. Main St., Mt. Vernon)

JANUARY 28 - Thomas Jefferson [a.k.a. Ken Hammontree] Founding Father, writer of the Declaration of Independence, President, founder of the University of Virginia, and ...then there was Sally Hemming.
Music - FolkTails [Traditional folk music of the era]

FEBRUARY 11 - James Bowsher is a renowned folk artist, storyteller, archaeologist, writer and teacher, featured on PBS and other television programs. The Wapakoneta, Ohio, native has built a monumental complex known as the Temple of Tolerance. The structure, assembled from boulders, fragments of demolished historical structures and other evocative items, has become a landmark. His storytelling involves showing original objects and artifacts related to the stories he tells.

FEBRUARY 25 - Meet Mary Todd Lincoln [a.k.a. Diana Langley]. You've heard many rumors about her; read of her difficult personality, but what was she really like? Give her a chance to tell her own story.
Music - ELIXIR [re-inventing Americana and Civil War Songs]

MARCH 11 - Paul Lawrence Dunbar [a.k.a Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin - OHC Speaker] was the first African-American to gain national eminence as a poet. Born in 1872 in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of ex-slaves and classmate to Orville Wright of aviation fame. He was to poetry what Mark Twain was to prose.

Readings - Mark Jordan [set the mood for an exceptional evening]

MARCH 25 – Simon Kenton [a.k.a. Ken Hammontree] – He was one of the most famous early settlers in the region now called Ohio. A tough man, some called hero, some villain. Discover the real story!

Music – Pocketful o’Gimmick [a sample of 1700’s Contra Dance music]

APRIL 8 – Come out and meet **Andrew Carnegie** [a.k.a. George Dauler OHC sponsored Speaker] – He was an Industrialist, Steel Baron, Philanthropist and so much more. He was an interesting dichotomy. Learn what drove this man to excellence.

Music – Nothin' Flat [Lady Barbershop Quartet returns]

APRIL 29 – Meet **Victoria Woodhull** [a.k.a. Susan Kahr]. She was born Victoria Chafin in Homer, Ohio. Successful business woman, occultist, suffragette, Wall Street Broker, newspaper owner, presidential candidate, free love advocate, women's rights leader. Find out the whole story.

MUSIC – ELIXIR [Re-inventing Americana]

MAY 13 - Spend an evening getting acquainted with the life and music of **Woody Guthrie** [a.k.a. Jeff Putnam]. This influential folk artist, writer of "This Land is Your Land" and singer/songwriter of the depression era dust bowl, labeled his guitar with "This machine kills Fascists."

MUSIC - Woody Guthrie and Guests

MAY 27 Meet Samuel Clemens, better known as **Mark Twain** [a.k.a. Kenneth Barnett]! He had many mentors Ohio mentors including Fredericktown's Dan DeQuille. Hear the master storyteller, humorist, American icon, who will tell us, what else... stories.

MUSIC - ELIXIR [Humorous American songs for the master Humorist]

JUNE 10 – Mount Vernon’s own **Paul Lynde** [a.k.a. Jim Stoner] relates his many up and downs in show business, life in Mount Vernon, “Hollywood Squares”, “Charlette’s Web” and who could forget him on “Bewitched?” to bring the life of Lynde to us as never heard before.

Improv with Mark Jordan

JUNE 24 – Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt [a.k.a. Ken Hammontree and Rachel Ball] were most likely our most beloved partners in the history of President and First Lady. They were both strong individuals and they helped America through one of its bleakest periods, World War II.

1940’s Era Radio Show [It’s A Bird! It’s A Plane! It’s A Surprise]

JULY 8 – Spend an evening of laughter with **Groucho Marx** [a.k.a. Doug Gustafson]. You will laugh so hard you will leave in tears. Find out the story behind the man and his famous brothers. Find out things you didn't know about Groucho and you can bet your life on it.

Old Time Radio Show [A comedy special in honor of Groucho]

JULY 29 – **Jesse James** [a.k.a. Mike Petee]. He was not a cowboy, nor a country singer, not even a TV personality. He WAS a Bushwacker, an outlaw, a terrorist, a bank and train robber – who never accepted the end of the war AND he was raised in Missouri to boot. Wait until you hear about his mom. Was she a character! Hero or a villain? You decide.

Music – **[Robert] Bob Ford** [Appropriate name to open the show]

AUGUST 26 - **Frank Sinatra** [a.k.a. Jim Stoner]. Old Blue Eyes is back - his musical career started in the swing era with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, he became a solo artist in the early 1940s, being the idol of the "bobby soxers." AND he could act - in 1954 he won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. And did we mention the Rat Pack?

Music – TBA

SEPTEMBER 9 – **Amelia Earhart** (aka Amy Clawson). This beautiful woman rivaled Charles Lindbergh as America's sweetheart. She had it all. She was the world's best known woman pilot. She had it all going for her, then the last flight! What really happened on that journey?

Music – **Bob Ford** [Did you hear the one about the Irish Pilot]

SEPTEMBER 30 - Meet the man from the Bible by the name of **Moses** [a.k.a. Ken Hammontree]. You think you know all there is about him. You think you know the real truth about this man of God. But do you?

Music - **Chestnut Ridge** [Gospel Bluegrass]

OCTOBER 14 – **William Tecumseh Sherman** [a.k.a. Mike Petee] He is loved by many, condemned by just as many. He led a famous March to the sea and burned Atlanta Why? Did he really say “War is Hell?” Find out the real story! Wait until you find out what he thought of the press.

Music – **Clearfork String Band** [the music from the era]

OCTOBER 28 – **Lucy Hayes** [a.k.a. Betty Darst OHC Speaker] brings the wife of Ohio President Rutherford B. Hayes, Kenyon graduate to life. Known as Lemonade Lucy while in the White House, did she know his husband's friends added alcohol upstairs? Come and find out.

Music - **Elixir** [Music from Civil War era and right into Reconstruction]

NOVEMBER 4 – Storytelling with Mark Jordan – author of 3 exceptional plays - about Ceely Rose, Phoebe Wise and Louis Bromfield, from the Malabar Farm area, Mark will relate these and selections from his 2010 book , “1776 ...and All That,” published by XOXOX Books in Gambier, Ohio.

NOVEMBER 18 (**due to Thanksgiving 3rd Thursday this month) –** Spend an evening with **Anne Frank** [aka Rachel Ball] – you know of her famous diary, you think you know all there is to know about her efforts to avoid capture by the Nazi’s and her death in a concentration camp, yet there is so much more to learn.

Music – To Be Announced

DECEMBER 16* (**due to holiday season) – Meet Georg Friedrich Händel** [a.k.a. Mark Sebastian Jordan] – His life and music may justly be described as "cosmopolitan": born in Germany, trained in Italy, and spent most of his life in England His most famous work, the *Messiah* oratorio with its "Hallelujah" chorus, is among the most popular works in choral music and has become a centerpiece of the Christmas season.

Music – Meg Litteral and THE String Ensemble

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We would also like you to tell us what you like and don't like about the programs and make suggestions of historical figures that you'd like to see featured (and if you know people who already do the character, we'd like to know how to contact them). If you know any musical or theatre type entertainers who might fit well with our programming, we'd also like to hear about them as well.

AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE PROGRAMS A SUCCESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, VISITORS, SCHOOL CHILDREN, CO-WORKERS AND NEIGHBORS, WHEN THE WOODWARD OPERA HOUSE RE-OPENS WE WANT TO MOVE RIGHT IN.