



Fall Speakers Series 2016

Ross County Historical Society
45 West Fifth St., Chillicothe
Free & Open to the Public

A Cornucopia of History & Prehistory!



A Day in the Life of Ohio's Prehistoric Peoples: Insights from Artifacts and Archaeology

Featuring Gary Argabright, retired educator, collector, and authority on prehistoric cultures of the Scioto River Valley, Chillicothe.

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Gary Argabright has been collecting, cataloging, and researching Native American artifacts from the Scioto River Valley for more than 35 years, including assisting us with the storage and cataloging of our extensive collection of prehistoric artifacts. Thanks to a recent resurgence of archaeological interest and investigation into Ross County's prehistoric people and hopes of World Heritage recognition for our local mounds and earthworks, much has been learned about the sophistication and importance of activities which occurred here between 100 B.C and 500 A.D. However, very little has been said about the everyday lives of the mound builders and the peoples who preceded and succeeded them. Thanks to some amazing archaeological discoveries and analysis of the artifacts during the past 150 years we have many tantalizing clues into the everyday lives of Ohio's prehistoric peoples. Join Gary for a glimpse into their world.



George Rogers Clark: Revolutionary War Hero, 1752-1818

Featuring Mel Hankla, living historian, collector, and founder of American Historic Services of Hitchins, Kentucky

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as Mel Hankla, one of Kentucky's premier living historians, recreates the life of George Rogers Clark, a tall, talented Virginian who ventured west to Kentucky as a surveyor, but made his mark in history as a great military leader during the Revolutionary War. In 1777 Clark lead a secret mission to attack British posts north of the Ohio River. Clark's party—175 soldiers and a small band of settlers—set up camp on Corn Island near the falls of the Ohio River in May 1778. The next month Clark launched a brilliant campaign into present-day Illinois and Indiana, defeating the British and their Indian allies and securing the Northwest Territory for the young United States. We welcome Mel back for the first time since he gave an outstanding portrayal of Simon Kenton back in 2008.

Songs of and by the Women of the Civil War

Featuring Steve & Lisa Ball, living historians, musicians, and entertainers, Columbus.

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.

Steve Ball last performed here four years ago as a solo act singing many of the popular tunes of the American Civil War and providing interesting tales about the people who composed and performed them. He's been a musician and singer for over 40 years. For the past sixteen, he has combined his love of music with his interest in Civil War history performing at numerous events, festivals and reenactments across Ohio and nearby states. This time, he will be joined by his wife Lisa for another enjoyable evening focusing on songs written about or by women during the period. Some of the songs remain well-known today while others are seldom, if ever, heard. A few, however, have woven their way into our collective conscience and have become icons of American culture. Steve performs using a Civil War era Martin guitar with Lisa on upright bass and harmony vocals. Please plan to join us for another enjoyable evening of history through music.

