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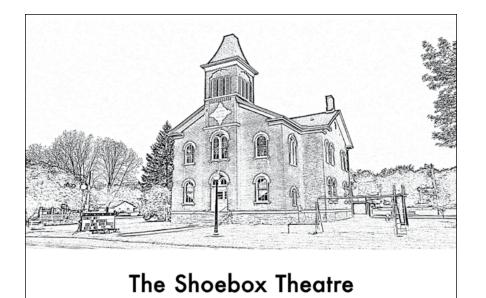


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his 268-acre preserve protects one of the most spectacular dolomite and limestone gorges in the state. Registered as a National Natural Landmark in 1968, Clifton Gorge encompasses a 2-mile stretch of the Little Miami State and National Scenic River, just east of John Bryan State Park.

Geologically, it is an outstanding example of interglacial and post-glacial canyon cutting. At one point, the river funnels through a deep, narrow channel, which was apparently formed by the enlarging

and connecting of a series of potholes in the resistant Silurian dolomite bedrock. In other sections of the gorge, cliff overhangs have broken off forming massive slump blocks scattered along the valley floor.

The shaded, north-facing slopes provide a cool, moist environment for northern species including hemlock, red baneberry, Canada yew, arbor-vitae and mountain maple. This is one of the most spectacular sites in the state for viewing spring wildflowers including the rare snow trillium.







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#### **Entertainment**

#### Ongoing

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- Story Time
- Lawn Bowling
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- Jump Ropes
- Bean Bags
- Contests
- Much more!

#### **Special Saturday-Only Activities:**

•Story Time on the Half Hour (10:30 AM-5:30 PM)

#### Friday, August 23rd

#### **Vendors Open** 4 PM

#### Cola Station All Day

The Presbyterian Community Outreach of Clifton will sponsor a "Cola Station" in the Shoebox Theatre located in the School Building. Come in to cool off with a complementary beverage and music.

#### Cruise-In 4-8 PM

Along Clay St. by the Opera House.

#### One More Time Swing Band 4-6 PM

A small swing band consisting of 2 trumpets, 4 saxes, 2 trombones, bass, keyboard, and drums, playing those great songs from the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, and more.

#### **Beer Tent Opens** 5 PM

Clifton's Festival Beer Tent features craft brews and taster's favorites, as well as a wide selection of classic brand names. The tent is open as long as the music is playing, so come and kick back with a cold one – the entertainment's on us. *Bring your ID*.



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SCA will be set up in the Clifton Garden Park (intersection of Clay St. & Clinton St. one block south of the gazebo/school) all day Saturday and wandering throughout the festival as well. Learn more about us at *sca.org*.

#### **Entertainment** (Contd.)

#### **Demonstration: Chainsaw Carver** 6-6:30 PM

**Behind the Teepee.** Stop by behind the teepee to watch a live demonstration of the unique art of chainsaw carving!

#### Discarded Mischief 6:30-8:30 PM

A unique blend of musicians that create a fun, eclectic fusion of music. They mix Celtic, Americana, Rock, Country, Reggae and more to create their own brand of music and mischief. They transport audiences on a musical journey from Ireland to Jamaica, from your back porch to the skating rink or swimming hole, from familiar sing-alongs to new originals – they have something for everyone. So sing along, tap your toes, stomp your feet or just get up and shake it. This band is all about leaving your troubles at the door and getting with friends, enjoying music, fun, maybe a pint or two ... all with a gleam in their eyes and a hint of mischief

#### Spanish Tony Sanchez 9-11 PM

This four member groove machine was put on earth to do one thing, and that's ROCK! From butt-kicking classics to thunderous originals, "S.T.S." has a fresh, genre-spanning style that will surely have you out of your chair and rocking, too!

#### Saturday, August 24th

Read about the festival's ongoing Kids' Activity Area back on page 9 – and don't forget to stop by!

#### Vendors Open 10 AM

#### **Demonstration: Society for Creative Anachronism**All Day Saturday

Clifton Garden Park (At the intersection of Clay Street and Clinton St.) The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., (or SCA) is dedicated to learning about and bringing to life the culture, crafts, and daily activities of pre-17th Century Europe. While dressed in clothing of this distant time, the group engages in combat, cooking, and other arts and sciences of the period. For more information, see their ad on page left.



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#### **Entertainment** (Contd.)

#### Cola Station All Day

The Presbyterian Community Outreach of Clifton will sponsor a "Cola Station" in the Shoebox Theatre located in the School Building. Come in to cool off with a complementary beverage and music.

#### Back In Time Express 10-11:30 AM

Four singers ranging in age from their 40s to 80s performing Classic Country, Old Time Gospel, and Classic Rock music.

#### **Beer Tent Opens** 11 AM

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#### **Demonstration: Behind the Curtain Dance Studio** 11:30 AM-12 PM

At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343. Behind the Curtain Dance Studio was founded in November of 2013 and currently serves roughly 200 students, including adults and children. Their goal is to create a fun, safe and nurturing environment in which children and adults of all ages are able to learn different kinds of dance – including jazz, ballet, tap, tumbling, cheerleading, hip hop, modern, belly dancing, Zumba, Mommy & Me, and more – all at affordable prices.

#### **Demonstration: Chainsaw Carver** 11:30 AM-12 PM

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#### Rob Heiliger 12-1:30 PM

Rob Heiliger will start at high noon on Saturday, bringing his catalogue of catchy, well constructed, and clever songs, mixed with the hits of Johnny Cash, Roger Miller, and other Americana artists. Heiliger's performance is certain to contain comedy, story telling, and local geography, including the local favorite "Walking to Clifton".



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#### **Entertainment** (Contd.)

#### **Demonstration: Dayton Celtic Academy** 1:30-2 PM

At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343. Under the direction of Mary and Laureen Laffey, the Celtic Academy of Irish Dance is celebrating 30 years as Dayton's premier Irish dance school. Voted Best of Dayton by both Dayton Magazine and Dayton.com, the Celtic Academy is always in high demand to perform at events throughout the Midwest. Certified instructors instill the values of excellence and determination in both the competitive and noncompetitive arenas. Dancers and instructors alike live up to the school's motto: Dance like champions, love like family!

#### **Demonstration: Chainsaw Carver** 1:30-2 PM

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#### Rock Island Plow Company 2-3:30 PM

Since their beginning as a band in 2004, Rock Island Plow Company has stayed true to their roots of playing traditional bluegrass. As formed by the likes of bluegrass forefathers Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, and The Stanley Brothers, Rock Island Plow Company works to keep the tradition alive. Rock Island has traveled the Midwest each year entertaining audiences with their show antics and hard driving bluegrass style.

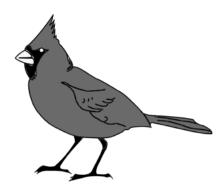
#### **Demonstration: Troupe Roja** 3:30-4 PM

At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343. Troupe Roja is an award-winning Middle Eastern dance troupe from Dayton, OH. They study and perform many styles – from folkloric to fusion. Their dances often feature props like veil, cane, sword, and finger cymbals. They dance at many events and festivals in the area, including Dayton's A World A'fair and the Lebanese Festival, and for their second time, the Clifton Gorge Music & Arts Festival!

#### **Demonstration: Chainsaw Carver** 3:30-4 PM

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#### **Cardinal Squares**



Cardinal Squares dance from 7:30-10:00 on the second Friday of every month at Clark Technical Career Center, 1901 Selma Rd., Springfield, Oh. Our Dance Leader and instructor of many years is Ray Beavers. Dance class begins the second Tuesday of September. Classes are held every Tuesday from 7-9 graduating in spring. Square dancing is VERY easy to learn and is great physical and mental exercise. Our square dance family enjoys many terrific activities! We celebrate special occasions and local and national events year round! Come join in the fun!!

Our guest caller for this year's Festival is Jason Raleigh. Jason has been calling for many years, has a wonderful voice and unique calling style including a remarkable talent for yodeling in his singing calls. We enjoy dancing to Jason and you will too! Come give it a try! Jason will have you dancin' in the street with us in no time!

#### **Contacts:**

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#### **Entertainment** (Contd.)

#### Lord Kimbo 4-6 PM

Lord Kimbo is a jazz-funk group with local members from Clifton and Yellow Springs.

#### **Demonstration: Cardinal Squares** 6-6:30 PM

At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343. Cardinal Squares dance from 7:30-10PM on the second Friday of every month and offer weekly dance class with dance leader and instructor Ray Beavers. Their guest caller for the Festival is the talented Jason Raleigh, who has been calling for many years and will have you dancin' in the street in no time! For more information, see their ad on page left.

#### **Demonstration: Chainsaw Carver** 6-6:30 PM

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#### The Hoppers 6:30-8:30 PM.

Six guys from Yellow Springs playing tunes from the Beatles, Byrds, Beach Boys, Rolling Stones, McCoys, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Johnny Rivers, Roy Orbison, Elvis, Del Shannon, & Ritchie Valens – just to name a few!

#### Soul Fire Tribe (Fire Dancers) 8:30-9:00 PM

At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343. Soul Fire Tribe is a fire dance performance group from Yellow Springs. The show is captivating and fun for all ages.

#### Ohio Brass and Electric 9:30-11 PM

Ohio Brass & Electric is a party/variety band, whose six-piece horn section allows accurate recreation of a wide range of songs that appeal to audiences of all ages. This Yellow Springs based band covers artists ranging from ABBA to Warren Zevon, across genres spanning 20's-era swing to today's pop hits, and a little bit of everything in between – with a focus on danceable tunes, and the horn bands of the 70's (Chicago, Blood Sweat & Tears, Tower Of Power, Earth Wind & Fire, etc.).

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## The Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector Trail



he Little Miami Railroad was incorporated in 1836 to connect the important industrial cities of Cincinnati and Springfield. Within a decade, the railway had expanded upward along the Little Miami River to reach Springfield, and later merged with other railroads to eventually reach the state capital and points East. For nearly a century and a half, the railroad was in operation as part of an extensive railway system stretching to the eastern seaboard; however, by the 1970s the Interstate Highway system had become the dominant transportation network - the remnant Little Miami Railroad had been abandoned. The graded rightof-way was well suited for a multipurpose trail often referred to as a "bike path." The trail is now known

as the Little Miami Scenic Trail and is the longest such trail in Ohio and the third longest in the country, and is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of a multi-use trail for its stunning scenery along the river corridor.

Since the early planning days of the Little Miami Scenic Trail there have been spurs or extensions from the Trail to nearby sites of significance. One such extension, from the Village of Yellow Springs to John Bryan State Park – and eventually to the Village of Clifton – has been discussed for decades and always seemed just out of reach due to the lack of a convenient right-of-way such as the vacated railbed that made the main Trail possible. A new plan is finally off the ground and shows some promise that the

#### The Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector Trail

Yellow Springs Clifton Connector, as it's called, could become a reality after all.

In the fall of 2015, Clifton Mayor J. Alex Bieri and Miami Township Trustee Chris Mucher held a meeting with Ohio Department of Transportation District 8 to discuss plans at the time to resurface State Route 343 the following summer. Mayor Bieri felt the road could be widened to accommodate bicycles on the shoulder along the road between Yellow Springs and Clifton. However, the route was originally a mule trail where wagon teams carried goods from the Mills in Clifton Gorge to the Rail Station in Yellow Springs and was never well engineered as a roadway. The narrow lanes and poor construction proved

fatal flaws to the Mayor's hopes for redesigning the road. Moreover, the idea of widening the road turned out to be not only impractical and costly, it still fell very much short of a scenic and safe trail for cyclists and hikers.

Discussions of a connector trail continued the following year, and by the summer of 2017 a coalition of local leaders and organizations began to form to pursue a feasibility study. Greene County Regional Planning hosted meetings with Village Officials from Yellow Springs and Clifton, Township trustees, and representatives from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Greene County Parks, Tecumseh Land Trust, Glen Helen Ecology Institute, and Rails to Trails Conservancy,



#### The Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector Trail

among others. The group began working with an engineering and design company that specialized in trail planning and construction. By 2018 \$45,000 was put toward a feasibility study of the project. This money was from the local governments of Clifton, Yellow Springs, Miami Township, a grant from the Yellow Springs Foundation, and capital budget funds from the State.

As planning continued, landowners were brought in to the discussions, and many have been very supportive of the Trail project but concerned about losing property frontage or general encroachment. Creative solutions are being sought in every case. This may force sections of the new Trail to share the existing road or having more road crossings than otherwise necessary, but these solutions will ultimately make the project more of a community endeavor: by and for the people who will enjoy it, something the railroads were too large-scale to do.

The current plan is a 3-phase project which will take years to build. The first phase begins at the Yellow Springs Station and follows US 68 to SR 343, ending at the entrance to Glen Helen. Phase 2 continues along the Glen's border to William and Mary Ct. and along SR 370 to John Bryan State Park. The

final phase will traverse the Park and end at the Clifton Gorge parking lot on SR 343. Challenges along the proposed route include mixed topography, environmental impacts, farmland protection easements, and private landowner concerns, among others. It will not be easy or straightforward to construct. A pending Clean Ohio grant application to be awarded in November 2019 could start the construction of phase 1 by 2020, but more funding will be needed and piecing it together will be an arduous process. Local leaders are hopeful that the progress made thus far will not be in vain and are committed to a continued effort.

The long-term goal of the Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector Trail is simply to improve the quality of life for area residents by connecting them to the State Park, natural areas such as Clifton Gorge, and the entire Little Miami Scenic Trail, all by hiking, biking, or other non-motorized transport. Just as the railroads of centuries past have shaped the present landscape, future transportation systems are sure to come and change our modes of development. But although the future is never certain, it seems a safe bet that walking, bicycling and enjoying the outdoors will continue to be as important as ever.



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Nature's Token	Handmade pieces from natural items
Nelly Cuddles	Theraputic animals/bags
Oily Refuge	Natural bath, body and cleaning products
Pampered Chef	Pampered Chef products
Paper Alice	Glass fusion & paper making
Petals All Around	Wood flower creations, soy candles
Randall Grewe	Handcrafted kitchen utensils
Retreat Street	Handmade soaps, body products, and candles
Rose-A-Lee Designs	Handmade cloth products
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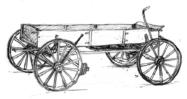
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Wild Fire Pizza	Wood fired pizza & dessert pizza	
Young's On the Moove	Ice cream, panini, and fried cheese curds	
Christian Brothers Meat Co.	Pulled pork and pulled smoked chicken, beef brisket, babyback ribs, chicken bacon wrap, barnyard parfait	
Schmidt's Sausage Truck	German sausage sandwiches, potato salad, sweet cabbage and kraut, pretzels, ruffles, and jumbo cream puffs	
Tasty Indonesia	BBQ chicken on a stick, vegetable fried noodles, Briyani rice, eggroll, curry puff, dumpling, mango juice, limeade	
Little Z's Concessions	Funnel cakes, fried Oreos	

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Society, began raising funds to save the historic building. Thanks to his dedicated work and the generosity of the donors who cared so much for the Opera House, it is restored and continues to be a valuable part of the Clifton community. The Opera House is owned by the Village and managed with the help of Christin Zerbe-Leckey, the Opera House Event Coordinator.

See our upcoming shows listed in the summer/fall event schedule (pp. 32-33). The Opera House can also be rented for private events. For more information, call (937) 342-2175.



## The Clifton Opera House SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

Shows start at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted; suggested donation for most shows is \$10. For more information, visit **cliftonoperahouse.com** 

## The Clifton Opera House SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

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#### **JULY**

Saturday, July 13 **The Chris Heider Band**(Folk)

Saturday, July 20 **Sawmill Ridge** (Bluegrass)

Saturday, July 27 **Sugargrove**(Bluegrass)

#### **AUGUST**

Saturday, August 10
Wild Rumpus
(Irish Party Music)

Saturday, August 17 **Ohio River Minstrels** (Folk)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Saturday, September 7 **Blue Notes**(Country, Bluegrass)

Saturday, September 14
Chubby Howard &
Classic Country Band

Saturday, September 21 **Pinnacle Ridge** (Bluegrass)

Saturday, September 28 Lower London Street Dixieland Band

#### **OCTOBER**

Saturday, October 5 **Muleskinners**(Bluegrass)

Saturday, October 19
Nine Mile Creek
(Dulcimer & String Band)

#### **NOVEMBER**

Saturday, November 2
Mark Whitt & the True
Bluegrass Band

Saturday, November 9 **Pandini Brothers**(Italian/Pan-Mediterranean)

Saturday, November 16 Holiday Show:

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#### **DECEMBER**

Friday, December 6 7-9PM- Tickets \$15 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

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