

Wes Cowan and New Co-presidents for the Terrace Park Historical Society

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By Carol C. Cole

Wes Cowan was the speaker for the September meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society and if you missed the meeting you missed a great treat! We had well over 50 people in attendance. Wes lives in Terrace Park (747 Park Avenue) but is known all over the United States (and perhaps the world) through his participation in Antiques Road Show, History Detectives and his own Historic Americana Auctions. If you look him up on the Internet you will find a great many entries about him and his work. Part of his talk dealt with small local Historical Societies like ours, and I hope in the future Wes may be able to give us additional useful information about what we should and should not be doing.



Before Wes spoke we held our Annual Meeting. Carol B. Cole, Treasurer reported that we have 103 memberships (many of these are Family Memberships so they represent more than just one person) and a balance of \$4,764.47 in our treasury. We increased our Board size from 9 to eleven members, each person serving for 3 years with staggered terms. New people on the Board are Susan Frank and Meghan Mills. We also have established a Life Membership of \$1,000 for those who are interested in supporting

our organization in a bigger way. Of course donations of any size in addition to yearly dues are welcome at any time.

The Board elected Terrace Park natives John Rockaway and Susan Abernethy Frank co-presidents. They are very excited about keeping the momentum going for the organization, inspiring new memberships, and activating more of the current members.

John was born in Terrace Park in 1938, graduated Terrace Park High School in 1956 and then went to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, graduating in 1960. John and his wife, Linda, visited Terrace Park frequently in the 1960's before John's parents, Dottie and Jack, moved to Florida (1970). John's love and memory of Terrace Park stayed with him and in the late 1990's he and Linda purchased "Gravelotte" at 720 Elm. They moved to that home in 2001.

Susan Abernethy Frank was born in Terrace Park in 1942 (daughter of Edna and Philip "Bud" Heil), graduated Mariemont High School in 1960 and graduated the University of Cincinnati in 1964. Susan and husband Bill Abernethy moved back to Terrace Park in 1968, and raised both of their children, Scott and Molly, in Terrace Park. In 1990 Susan's love for Terrace Park inspired her to produce "Terrace Park, With Love", a video scrapbook of the wonders of the village. The video was dedicated to her father who also loved Terrace Park and had "discovered" it when he was a small boy and loved to fish in the area. This same video is still available from the Terrace Park Historical Society for \$12, or in DVD format for \$15 – an excellent Christmas present idea! Susan currently lives in the historic district of Newport, Kentucky with her husband, John Frank. She still keeps in close touch with the village and is very excited to co-chair the Historical Society.

John and Susan look forward to more involvement with the schools and to getting the exciting and interesting history of the village to the children and newer residents. Their first program, in November, will be an Open House at the Terrace Park Historical Society headquarters at St. Thomas Church. They plan to have a spring program on the history of Miami Grove (now the wilderness preserve).

John and Susan want to remind all residents of all ages that a membership to the Historical Society is a great holiday gift for friends and family whether current or past residents of Terrace Park. If you're not a member yourself this is a good time to join. Please visit our website www.tphistoricalsociety.org for more updated information or contact Carol B. Cole at 831-5161