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ABOUT THE OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2016 SCHOLARS

Ohio Humanities Chautauqua 2016: *The Natural World* Kick-off

Dr. John C. "Chuck" Chalberg (*Pres. Theodore Roosevelt*) is a professional historian, having taught college-level American history over many years. He has developed a number of living-history presentations, including President Theodore Roosevelt and baseball legend Branch Rickey. When he is not writing for such publications as "Touchstone," "The Weekly Standard," "Chronicles," "Gilbert!," and "The New Oxford Review," Chalberg performs at other summer Chautauqua's, colleges, and conferences across the country.

www.historyonstage.com

Susan Marie Frontczak (*Madame Marie Curie and Mary Shelly*) has brought literature and history to life for over two decades. She developed her first living-history presentation, Marie Curie, in an attempt to reconcile her technical and scientific past (14 years working as an engineer, supported by a B.S. in engineering and a masters in software engineering) with her love of sharing the humanities through storytelling. She performs in theatres, corporations, schools, libraries, and festivals internationally. When bringing history to life, Susan Marie lives up to her motto, "Give me a place to stand, and I will take you somewhere else."

www.storismith.org

Dianne Moran (*Diane Fossey*) is an award-winning folklorist and has worked with audiences for more than 35 years as a living-history performer, Chautauqua scholar, and a naturalist, including 25 years at the St. Louis Zoo. She lives deep in an Ozark forest where she says she is free to enjoy wild things and the spirits of the pioneers who linger on there. Dianne's programs receive funding from the Missouri Arts Council, she is on the rosters of St. Louis and Kansas City Young Audiences, and she tours the country with her living history programs as a Chautauqua scholar.

Dan Cutler (*Chief Cornstalk*) is a Vietnam veteran and retired firefighter. Throughout his life he has been a historian with an active interest in the Ohio Country of the 18th century. His fascination with the dramas and adventures of that time and place led him to participate in living history programs and reenactments. For the past 28 years, Dan has been involved in

various living history experiments. He continues to work with the West Virginia Humanities Council's *History Alive!* program, in which he presents Chief Cornstalk at many venues that include museums, schools, libraries, community centers, fairs and festivals.

Additional information about this event is available at OhioHumanities.org/Ohio-Chautauqua. **NOTE:** *High resolution images of the Ohio Chautauqua photos below as well as additional scholar photos are available.*

Ohio Humanities is the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through programs and grants, Ohio Humanities helps Ohioans use history, literature, and philosophy to explore the past, inform the present, and envision the future.

OHIO HUMANITIES CHAUTAUQUA 2016 TROUPE (Left-Right):



Novelist and the author of *Frankenstein*, **Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley** (Susan Marie Frontczak); primatologist **Dian Fossey** (Dianne Moran); U.S. President **Theodore Roosevelt** (Chuck Chalberg); physicist **Marie Curie** (Susan Marie Frontczak); and, Shawnee leader, Chief Cornstalk (Dan Cutler).

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