



# Centerville

July 21 – 25, 2009

**Founded in 1796, "warm and cheerful"  
Centerville is one of the oldest communities in**

**Ohio.** From its early beginnings as a small crossroad and stagecoach stop, Centerville has grown into a high quality, modern residential area offering progressive schools and fine family life.

Visitors are initially charmed by "the heart of Centerville," an area designated as an architectural preservation district to retain and



maintain its rich historic heritage. Here the renovated homes of early settlers now house dozens of boutiques and businesses that thrive in the midst of quiet, tree-lined streets and neighborhood parks.

Centerville is part of Washington Township located about six miles south of Dayton. Surveyed by Revolutionary War veterans, the township was described by these pioneers as amazingly fertile wooded land with ample springs and a system of creeks providing an adequate supply of fresh water, extremely important to their primary means of livelihood - farming.

Centerville has an unusual historic feature: the "largest collection of early stone buildings in Ohio." Constructed of limestone from nearby quarries, the buildings include the Asahel Wright house (circa 1806), once owned by the great uncle of Orville and Wilbur Wright. Located just off Centerville's main intersection, the house is now used by the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society, host of OHIO CHAUTAUQUA. There you will also find Asahel's Emporium, a unique gift shop and tourist center operated by the Society.

The Asahel Wright house and the Historical Society's Walton House Museum are among the stone buildings of special interest to travelers and history buffs. A self-guided discovery walk of some of the stone buildings located in the heart of the city is available.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA's familiar red and white striped tent will be pitched at historic Stubbs Memorial Park, the perfect setting for an exciting week of programs.

**OHIO CHAUTAUQUA in Centerville is sponsored by  
The William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation.**

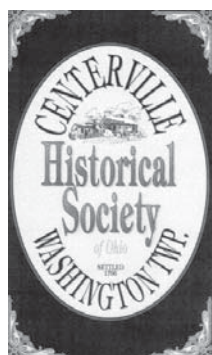
**For detailed information, contact the Centerville – Washington Township Historical Society at (937) 433-0123 or visit the website [www.mvcc.net/Centerville/histsoc](http://www.mvcc.net/Centerville/histsoc). E-mail [cwths@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwths@sbcglobal.net).**

All Evening Performances will be held at Stubbs Park on Spring Valley Road.

Daytime Workshops will be held at the Centerville Washington Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road, or Cross Point Vineyard Church, 38 N. Main Street.

Concessions will be available each night.

**Free popcorn & balloons!**



## Tuesday July 21 2009

- 11:00am Youth Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**A Day at the Daytona Normal and Industrial School** - By Dorothy Prince
- 2:00pm Adult Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**Mary McLeod Bethune & Eleanor Roosevelt** - By Dorothy Prince
- 6:30pm "Just The 3 Of Us" – Old Time Favorites
- 7:30pm **Thomas Alva Edison**

## Wednesday July 22, 2009

- 11:00am Youth Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**The 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World** - By George Dauler
- 2:00pm Adult Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**The Gospel of Wealth According to Carnegie** - By George Dauler
- 6:30pm Ann & Phil Case – Old Time Appalachian & Folk
- 7:30pm **Mary McLeod Bethune**

## Thursday July 23, 2009

- 11:00am Youth Workshop – Cross Point Vineyard Church  
**Art & Nature** - By Paxton Williams
- 2:00pm Adult Workshop – Cross Point Vineyard Church  
**The Amazing Artistry of George Washington Carver** - By Paxton Williams
- 6:30pm "The Herbie Smith Show and His Band" – Music thru the years
- 7:30pm **Andrew Carnegie**

## Friday July 24, 2009

- 11:00am Youth Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**Children and Grandchildren at the Table with Mr. Bell** - By Michael Hughes
- 2:00pm Adult Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**Mothers of Invention** - By Michael Hughes
- 6:30pm "Fenton Collins" – Music thru decades and styles
- 7:30pm **George Washington Carver**

## Saturday July 25, 2009

- 11:00am Youth Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**Becoming Thomas Edison** - By Hank Fincken
- 2:00pm Adult Workshop – Centerville Washington Library  
**So You Too Want to be a Chautauqua Performer** - By Hank Fincken
- 3:00pm Vintage Baseball Game: Ohio Village Muffins vs Centerville Stone Strikers
- 4:00pm Austin Healey Vintage Car Show
- 6:30pm "Redesign" – Gem City Sweet Adeline's Barbershop Quartet
- 7:30pm **Alexander Graham Bell**

