

# 2005 Centennial Celebration

## Celebrating 100 years... a century of education and preservation.

The General Lew Wallace Study and Museum is excited to announce several events planned in 2005 to celebrate the Museum's centennial year. In 1905, the same year that General Lew Wallace passed away, his family opened the doors and began welcoming the curious public into the General's Study. Historians, tourists, schoolchildren, and families have

explored the Study for 100 years, learning about Wallace's life as a soldier, author, diplomat, inventor, artist, and architect.

For two weeks this summer, the grounds of the Study will offer educational programming, musical performances, a Civil War encampment, and more. Beginning June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Museum will offer **free admission to the public for 100 hours**, ending on July 10th.

During the first week of the celebration, the Montgomery County Cultural Foundation will offer an art workshop at the Old Jail Museum, which will focus on graphic design, book illustration, and architectural models. One of the planned projects is designing a movie poster for the movie, *Ben-Hur*. This workshop is the first of two art workshops that will be offered by the Cultural Foundation in 2005.

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## Join Us for a Party

On February 19, 2005, the board and staff of the Museum will honor our members, donors, and volunteers during a party at the Crawfordsville Country Club. Please plan to join us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Museum's accomplishments during the past

year and preview the exciting events planned for our Centennial Celebration.

Hors d'oeuvres, music and a cash bar will help make the party festive. This event is made possible by Keystone Building Services, Inc., RPM Print

& Design, and Earthworks.

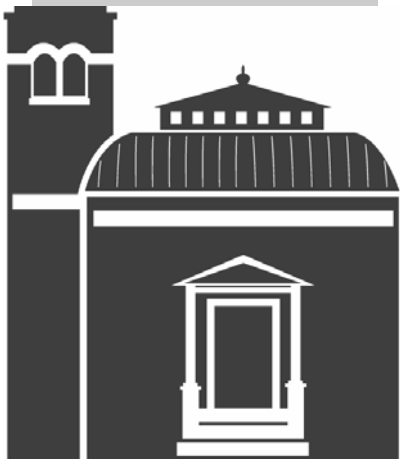
Look in your mailbox soon for an invitation to this annual event that honors the individuals who really make great things happen for the Museum, YOU!

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### Special points of interest:

- *The Museum will open for the season March 5, 2005.*
- *LWSPS By-Laws and Board slate were unanimously approved. Thank you for mailing in your vote!*
- *Park Day is April 2nd. Plan to join us!*



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# From the Study

# Greetings from the Board President!

As we close out a very productive 2004 I would like to take the time to thank all of our members and contributors for their support. It is only through your time and donations that the Society is able to move forward in further preserving the Study and expanding its programs.

This last year saw the completion of Phase One of the Carriage House Rehabilitation and a great start on the fundraising for Phase Two, the renovation of the interior. The completion of the Carriage House is vitally important as a step in our Strategic Plan. It will ensure that we have the necessary facilities to house staff, workrooms, collections, gift shop,

and interpretive center.

In 2004, the organization also provided more opportunities for the community to experience the Study and Lew Wallace's life by hosting programs at various times during the year. These included Easter egg hunts, Strawberry Festival fun, and hands-on art activities.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our departing Board President Johanna Herring whose steady guidance and southern charm smoothed the waters through the year. I'd also like to thank Director Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko and Asst. Director Stacy Klingler for their

untiring commitment and energy. They have provided direction and expertise as we take the Study to a new level of community outreach.

I am looking forward to 2005 as the Centennial Year of the Study and am confident that with your help we can continue the progress already made. Please keep us in mind as we complete the Carriage House rehabilitation, plan our Centennial celebration, and host numerous community programs. Only through your support of the Study will we flourish.

- Dean Smoll  
*LWSPS incoming board president*

## 2005 Centennial Celebration (cont.)

The **Lew Wallace Youth Academy** will be offered during the second week of the celebration and will invite middle school aged children to learn about Lew Wallace's life and love of learning. Through structured education and fun, the Academy will instill the importance of character, leadership, and life-long learning in its participants. This is the inaugural year for the Academy, which will be offered each summer at the Museum.



Not only is 2005 the anniversary for the Museum, but it is also the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of

*Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (November 11, 1880). Wallace's best known book is still in print today and was made into three motion pictures. To commemorate this achievement, **The Lew Wallace Symposium** is planned for November 4, 2005 from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wabash College, the co-sponsor of this event. Invited lecturers will speak on various aspects of Wallace's

career and legacy, including the impact of *Ben-Hur* on American literature and culture, his disap-

pointment after the Battle of Shiloh and his triumph at the Battle of Monocacy, and his wife, Susan's, literary achievements and personal accomplishments.

A dedicated group of community members are serving on the Museum's Centennial Committee and assisting the staff and board with the planning process. Museum director, Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, stated that, "We are enjoying tremendous enthusiasm from the community while we plan the Centennial. The committee's support and initiative will make this a truly memorable year for the Museum and provide the community with fun and new educational opportunities for families, children, and adults alike."

To know more information about the Centennial Celebration as plans develop, email the Museum at [study@wico.net](mailto:study@wico.net). We hope to see you here!

# Study Grounds Offer Park Setting for Events

Planning an event, family reunion, or wedding in 2005? Consider holding it on the grounds of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum!

The grounds of the Study are available for rent and provide a unique setting within the Crawfordsville community. Surrounded by brick walls and accentuated with low hills

and lush trees, the Study grounds offer privacy as well.

To schedule your event, call the Museum at 765.362.5769 for a copy of the reservation form. It is suggested that reservations are made four weeks in advance. Rental costs are structured according to the nature of the event and party.

## Usage Fees:

Commercial/Private Rate

\$50/hour (minimum 2 hours)

\$50 refundable deposit

Non-Profit Rate

\$10.00/hour recommended donation, deposit at director's discretion.

Maximum Usage Fee

\$500.00

# Volunteer Spotlight

Clara Wooten “fell in love with the uniqueness of the Study” over 20 years ago when her family started bringing visitors to the Museum for an afternoon out in Crawfordsville. When her daughter was in school, she volunteered in the North Montgomery school system, but now that she has retired, she has “branched out” in her volunteering. “I’ve always enjoyed history, and when I saw the Museum was looking for volunteers, it just seemed like a good fit.” We often call Clara for special tours, particularly for school groups, and she claims she is always willing to “police the grounds.” Clara has found that her experience giving presentations as the former transportation manager for Golden Books Publishing has prepared her to give tours to larger groups of visitors.

Lew Wallace. She also enjoys her special research project investigating the biographies of the people who touched Lew Wallace’s life, such as Billy the Kid, Sultan Abdul Hamid II, or Abraham Lincoln.

The most unusual thing Clara has learned since she started at the Museum is actually not about Lew Wallace himself. As a member of the League of Women Voters, Clara has an interest in the history of women’s suffrage. “I was surprised to find out how involved Susan Wallace and Zerelda Wallace (Lew Wallace’s step-mother) were in the women’s movement.” Overall, Clara likes working at the Museum because it “stimulates my brain and keeps it moving.”



Clara Wooten, museum volunteer.

When asked what she likes best about volunteering at the Museum, Clara couldn’t pick just one thing. “I meet so many interesting people, and I didn’t realize how many non-local people come to the Museum.” She takes great pleasure in her conversations with visitors about where they come from and why they are interested in

“I’m especially interested in Henry Wirz,” commander of the Andersonville prisoner of war camp in Georgia, because of a connection to her own family history. “One of my ancestors survived Andersonville, as well as the explosion of the paddleboat Sultana on the Mississippi river—the biggest maritime disaster in US waters.”

You, too, can stimulate your brain and support the Museum. When the Museum opens the Carriage House Interpretive Center, our need for volunteers will increase—would you like to give tours to drop-in visitors or groups, help in the gift shop, or be on-call for special events? Call the Assistant Director, Stacy Klingler, at the Museum (362-5769) to find out more about volunteer opportunities or plan to attend our “Join Lew’s Crew” volunteer recruiting event in conjunction with Park Day on Saturday, April 2.

# Annual Report

This past year saw amazing growth for the organization through increased visitation and financial donations. This growth is the result of increased grant awards and community services and more sophisticated fundraising approaches. The following totals provide a quick snapshot of the organization's financial health. If you would like to learn more details about the Museum's operations, please contact Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko at 765-362-5769 or study@wico.net.

*The GLWSM is funded annually by the City of Crawfordsville and the Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society. To understand the organization's entire budget, both funding sources have to be considered.*

## CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE ALLOCATION

2004	2003	% Change
\$27,235	\$25,600	+6%

## ADMISSIONS REVENUE

(reverting)		
2004	2003	% Change
\$3,572	\$3,786	-6%

## GIFT SHOP REVENUE\*

(non-reverting)		
2004	2003	% Change
\$7,684	\$5,538	+39%

\*includes donations made through gift shop and rental fees

## LWSPS INCOME

Memberships:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$10,200	\$2,630	+288%

Carriage House Gifts & Grants:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$48,410	n/a	n/a

Other Grants:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$11,215	n/a	n/a

Miscellaneous unrestricted:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$150	\$265	-43%

## LWSPS EXPENSE

Carriage House:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$24,570	n/a	n/a

Grant Expenditures:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$7,713	n/a	n/a

General Operating:		
2004	2003	% Change
\$8,102	\$3,691	-63%

## LWSPS TOTAL INCOME

2004	2003	% Change
\$69,975	\$2,894	>500%

## LWSPS TOTAL EXPENSE

2004	2003	% Change
\$39,070	\$3,691	>500%

## SUMMARY OF MUSEUM INCOME AND EXPENSE

TOTAL MUSEUM INCOME**		
2004	2003	% Change
\$108,646	\$37,819	+187%

\*\*55% of this income is restricted for capital and grants.

TOTAL MUSEUM EXPENSE***		
2004	2003	% Change
\$67,620	\$32,185	+110%

\*\*\*does not include expenses funded through the non-reverting account, i.e. gift shop inventory, special projects, etc. Those numbers were not available at press time.

NOTE: All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

TOTAL MUSEUM VISITATION		
2004	2003	% Change
2,281	2,141	+7%

TOTAL STAFF TIME HOURS		
2004	2003	% Change
2,800	1,900	+47%

TOTAL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER HOURS		
2004	2003	% Change
289	145	+99%

## Thank you to our members and donors!

*The Museum thanks several new and renewing members and special donors who gave between August 19 and December 31, 2004. Their generous gifts help us with preservation efforts and educational programming.*

*Thank you for your support! New members and donors are denoted in bold.*

**Charles Ardner**, James and Patience Barnes, Austin and Lucille Brooks, Rusty and Kathy Carter, Vernon and Barbara Easterling,

**Rex and Sandy Henthorn**, Don and Johanna Herring, Cinnamon and Larry Legutko, **Jeff Patrick**, Ed Pease, Joann and Michael Spragg, Dick and Elizabeth Walker, **John and Clara Wooten**.

**THANK YOU!**

# Written Word, Spoken Word Exhibit at IHS

Opening March 11, 2005, the Indiana Historical Society will feature an exhibition of Indiana's famous authors, humorists, and orators, including Lew and Susan Wallace. For the exhibit, the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum has loaned several items belonging to Susan Wallace, including her guitar, sewing kit, hymnal, folding mirror, and quill pen.

The Society holds a tremendous collection of Lew Wallace items that will also be used in the exhibit. In addition to the Wallace's, the exhibit will feature James Whitcomb Riley, Olsen and Johnson, Booth Tarkington, Mari Evans, Etheridge Knight, and Soul People.

The exhibit will run from March 11

through November 13, 2005. The Indiana Historical Society is located in the Indiana History Center at 450 West Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis. Visit their website, [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org) for more information about hours of operation and other events at the Indiana History Center.

## 2005 Calendar of Events at the Museum

The Museum will host several fun volunteer and learning opportunities in 2005. The following is a brief description of what's in store!

### February 19 (Saturday): Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society Annual Meeting at the Country Club.

Come and celebrate our successes and meet others who share the same conviction the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum is a vital part of our community that needs to be preserved!

### March 5

**(Saturday):** Museum opens for the season (weekends only in March).

### April 2 (Saturday): Join Lew's Crew Volunteer Recruitment Day/ Civil War Preservation

**Trust Park Day.** Interested in giving time as well as financial support to the Museum? Join us for this one-day volunteer extravaganza. You can get your hands dirty and help prepare the grounds for the upcoming season by raking leaves, pulling weeds, and

planting flowers. If getting dirt under your fingernails is not your style but you'd still like to help, attend our volunteer recruitment session to learn about other great volunteer opportunities throughout the year!

### June 11 (Saturday): Strawberry Festival at the Museum (activities to be announced)

**October 2 (Sunday): Artists-in-Residence Program.** This annual event showcases local artists as they create new works on the Museum grounds. Meet the artists and learn about their inspiration and techniques. Families can also enjoy free art activities.

**November 4 (Friday): The Lew Wallace Symposium at Wabash College.** Invited lecturers will speak on various aspects of Wallace's career and legacy, including the impact of *Ben-Hur* on American literature and culture, his disappointment after the Battle of Shiloh and his triumph at the Battle of Monocacy, and his wife, Susan's, literary achievements and personal accomplishments.

**November 27 (Sunday):** Museum closes for the

season.

Be sure to mark your calendars and check future newsletters for additions or changes. See you then!

### *Summer Centennial Celebration: June 25 - July 10*

*June 25: Centennial Celebration Kickoff at the Carriage House Interpretive Center*

*June 27-July 1: Montgomery County Cultural Foundation Art Workshop: This new art workshop for middle school aged participants will cover graphic design (Ben-Hur movie posters), book illustration (after Lew Wallace's illustration of Susan Wallace's children's book Ginevra), and architectural design (after Lew Wallace's own study).*

*July 5-9: Lew Wallace Youth Academy. During this half-day camp, middle school aged participants will learn about the importance of character, leadership, and life-long learning through structured activities based on Lew Wallace's careers and interests.*

**June 12 (Sunday): Strawberry Festival at the Museum.** The Civic Band will play at 3 p.m. on the Museum grounds and free hands-on heritage activities for families will be available from noon to 4 p.m.

# It's not too late to name a room!

Fundraising efforts continue on Phase Two of the Carriage House project! Funds will be used to will renovate the interior of the building for use as an Interpretive Center. When completed, the Carriage House will dramatically improve museum operations and preservation efforts, allowing us to better service the community. Naming opportunities are still available. At a certain level, your gift will be prominently recognized in the room of your choice, signifying your commitment to education and preservation. For gifts of \$1000 or more, donor's names will be commemorated on a permanent plaque inside the Carriage House Interpretive Center, the first point of entry for visitors.

Please consider a gift on behalf of your family, departed loved ones, or yourself. All gifts are tax deductible according to state and federal tax law. A few of the opportunities are described here:

## **Education Room \$25,000 SOLD!**

The Education Room will be the centerpiece of the Interpretive Center. As a multi-functional space, it will be used for educational activities for all ages, temporary exhibits, an audiovisual presentation for visitors, and community meeting space. Your gift will provide necessary funding for interior finishes, electrical, and telecommunication needs. In addition, your gift will provide state-of-the-art exhibit cases, exhibit supplies, activity tables and chairs, and educational supplies.

## **Reception Area \$25,000**

This is the first area visitors to the Museum will see. As they enter the Carriage House, they will be greeted by museum staff, pay admission, and then directed to the Education Room to view the exhibits and A/V presentation. In addition, the entryway will be handicap accessible. This improvement will make this historic site ADA compliant. In addition to finishing, electrical, and telecommunication sup-

port, your gift will provide a reception counter and a desktop computer for the museum staff.

## **Catering Kitchen \$15,000**

With the installation of a catering kitchen, the Museum will be able to expand services offered to the public. Weddings and special events are often held on the grounds and there are no kitchen facilities available. In addition, the staff has no kitchen facilities available during work hours. It is essential to keep food consumption areas separate from museum exhibits and storage. Your gift will provide funds for the necessary interior finishes, electrical, plumbing, and telecommunications improvements, as well as new appliances and safety mechanisms for the kitchen.

*To receive more information about this opportunity, please call Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, at 765-362-5769.*

### *Special Carriage House Project contributions (since 11/1/04):*

**Carol and Denny Cook, Jamie and Scott Douglas, Vernon and Barbara Easterling, Cinnamon and Larry Legutko, Howard Miller, Dale and Clara Milligan, David and Nancy Orr, William Placher, Jon and Patricia Sommer, and William and Ellen Swift.**

#### **Naming Gifts:**

- ☆ **Education Room: Dennis Hohlbein, in memory of Lynn Hohlbein**
- ☆ **Catering Kitchen: MCVCB Tourism Commission**
- ☆ **Administrative Room: Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation (budgeted capital improvement allocation)**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

# From the Gift Shop

Need to buy a gift? Consider shopping at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum Gift Shop where all proceeds go toward the preservation and operation of this National Historic Landmark.

## GIFT ITEMS

Leather bookmarks, brown, with gold embossed Lew Wallace Study logo  
#20001 \$3.00

Pin for your lapel or hat, Lew Wallace Study logo in gold and burgundy  
#20008 \$4.00

Magnet Gift Card, 5" x 8" card with both magnets - a perfect thank you gift that can be easily mailed or packed  
#20011 \$3.00

Coaster, burgundy, circular, with Lew Wallace Study logo in gold  
#20007 \$2.25

## CLOTHING

T-shirt, with drawing of Study and Wallace quote, adult sizes, cream w/burgundy & khaki w/ black  
#30005 \$14.00

T-shirt, Home of Ben-Hur, with the chariot race, adult sizes, grey  
#30006 \$16.00

## FEATURED BOOK

*Lew Wallace: An Autobiography*, 2 volumes, hardbound in marbled blue, gold page edging, photographic reprint of 1906 Harper Brothers edition  
#10010 \$60.00

## FEATURED MOVIE

*Ben-Hur*, Animated, 2003, with the voice of Charlton Heston as Ben-Hur from Good Times Entertainment  
#40001 (DVD) \$19.98  
#40002 (VHS) \$14.98

Revenues from the gift shop go toward the operation and preservation of the Study.

Please consider these items as a gift or for yourself. Call the Study now and place an order!

**765-362-5769**

**VISA/MC accepted**

**ORDER FORM**

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**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE  
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The General Lew Wallace Study and Museum will collect, preserve, interpret and foster research of archival material and inanimate objects that reflect the life and career of General Lew Wallace, including his personal study, to promote an understanding of Lew Wallace and his role in shaping American history.