The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum

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Museum’s Mission

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is deeply committed to the protection and preservation of Lew Wallace’s legacy now and for generations to come.

Museum’s Vision

The General Lew Wallace Study and Museum celebrates and renews belief in the power of the individual spirit to affect American history and culture.

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From the Director

2014 proved to be a year of great accomplishment. The stewardship of our collections improved, facilities and equipment were upgraded, staff pursued continuing education and experience, the board was actively engaged in programming and events, and we were able to educate and inform people about Lew Wallace throughout the county.

Among the notable highlights were the completion of the capital campaign initiated in the fall of 2012 for the restoration of the Study to its original presentation. This campaign to raise $300,000 was supported by generous donors in thirteen states and at least eleven communities in Indiana. It was also completed 13 months ahead of the deadline! Another major accomplishment that holds great potential for the future of the museum was the establishment of an endowment for the museum at the Montgomery County Community Foundation. This was a major goal of our strategic plan that was adopted for 2014-2016.

Another goal in the plan is to move forward on investigating museum accreditation. With this goal in mind, the staff initiated participation in the StEPs program developed by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). This is a self-evaluation program that helps museums begin preparing for accreditation.

The museum and Lew Wallace were featured in the media in Greenwood, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago, and in a lengthy segment that aired nationwide on the 700 Club on the Christian Broadcast Network. In the fall of 2014, WTIU the public broadcast station in Bloomington began development of a documentary on the life of Lew Wallace.

The museum continued to pursue creative partnerships through our lecture series with Wabash College, Crawfordsville High School and the Indy 11 Soccer team; through co-hosting an estate planning workshop with the Montgomery County Community Foundation; with our continuing archaeological partnership with the University of Indianapolis; and by participating in a summer camp that was shared by several of the local historical museums and sites.

Two board members, Sean Gerold and Jerry Spillane, completed six years of service to the museum in 2014. To take their place the museum welcomed Phil Boots and Eileen Bowen to the 2015 board of trustees. The museum also benefitted from two student interns. High School student, Nathaniel Busenbark and Victoria Johnson, who assisted in reorganizing the archives and rehousing items in an effort to streamline storage and to better care for the artifacts. She is a graduate of Indiana State with a degree in history and has completed coursework in collections care at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation and continued her volunteer work into 2015.

Just as 2014 looked to be a year of accomplishment for the museum, 2015 will be a year of great changes and improvements to the property and in our ability to reach people as we share the story of Lew Wallace. We thank each and every person who has been a part of the history of the museum over the past year and look forward to the historic differences that we will make together in the coming year.

Larry S. Paarlberg
Director
A Summary of Highlights of 2014
By the Number

5,243 people visited the Study and grounds.

Our website (www.ben-hur.com) boasted a visitation of 12,556 from 105 countries! Our Facebook exceeded 1,000 followers for the first time.

Volunteers donated 1,530 hours of their time.

290 of Lew Wallace’s books were cataloged.

850 children and parents participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in March.

History Beneath Us attracted 94 visitors over one weekend in September.

Over 200 people and their dogs attended Stroll for Strays in May.

Staff delivered off-site programs or Discovery Kits to 345 preschool, elementary, and middle school students.

311 preschool, elementary, middle and high school students and 38 adult chaperones and teachers visited the Study for a field trip.

175 annuals were planted in the gardens

A family of 4 red-shouldered hawks made the Study their home during the spring and summer.

10 Adopt-a-Spot gardens were adopted.

2 couples celebrated their weddings on Study grounds.
The Study hosted 18 international visitors hailing from Australia, Austria, Bolivia, China, France, Germany, and Great Britain.

36 Park Day volunteers collected 1 trailer full of limbs and 1 semi load of leaves to take to the compost site.

330 people attended the 8 lectures offered during the Civil War Lecture Series.

Staff delivered off-site programs to 432 adults.

2 interns furthered their education and the work of the museum.

1 endowment was established at the Montgomery County Community Foundation on behalf of the museum.
Exhibits

1864 was a critical year in the life of Lew Wallace as he was a player on the national stage through his command of the Middle District for the Union. The 2014 exhibit looked back 150 years to examine Wallace’s accomplishments. He played a vital role in elections in early 1864 that ultimately assured that Maryland would remain in the Union which ultimately resulted in the Emancipation of the slaves in the state. He travelled with Abraham Lincoln to several events including the important Sanitary Fair in Philadelphia where Lincoln delivered his famous “Hung in Black” speech. And then there was the Battle of Monocacy where Lew Wallace fought a much larger Confederate army in an engagement that saved the federal capital, Washington, D.C., from Confederate capture. A highlight of the exhibit was the display of the chains that Wallace had removed from Maggie Toogood, a freed Maryland slave. The chains were loaned to the museum from Oberlin College and after their display here were sent to Monocacy National battlefield for their 150th Commemoration of the battle.
Public Outreach and Education

In over 20 public presentations, staff, guest speakers, and Wallace scholars gave presentations on Lew Wallace and the museum. A number of these public offerings were unusual and creative. In our adult lecture series the museum hosted a record eight guest speakers from Maryland to New Mexico. The lectures were: March 19, *Brown Township (Montgomery County) in the Civil War* by Scott Busenbark; April 10, *Lew Wallace Battles Slavery, Secession, and Lee’s Bad Old Man* by Gail Stephens; April 24, *Scapagoat of Shiloh* by Kevin Getchell; May 1, *The Battle of Mobile Bay* by Alan Hinds; June 26, *The Origins of the Confederacy: History and Myth* by Robert May; July 17, *Campaigning with Sherman: Hoosiers Marching to the Sea* by Tony Trimble; October 23, *Crowded with Perplexities: Wallace and Civil Liberties in Baltimore* by S. Chandler Lighty; and November 6, *Civil War Relief Work* by Jane Schultz. The program co-sponsored with Wabash College and included time with history and political science students on campus.

In one of our most unusual partnerships the Indy Eleven introduced their team mascot Zeke, a Zouave soldier based on the English Mastiff dog that Lew purchased for Sultan Abdul Hamid II, at Gail Stephens’ April 10 lecture—coinciding with Lew’s 187th birthday. In other educational programming, we continued our History Beneath Us Public Archaeology on the grounds, our summer Archi-Camp for students, and an additional camp day co-sponsored with the other Crawfordsville museums.

Finally, the property continued to serve the Crawfordsville community in many ways from the City wide Easter Egg Hunt to Stroll for Strays to the TASTE of Montgomery County, many thousands enjoyed this garden space in the heart of the community.
A: Park Day volunteers
B: Staff installing the 2014 exhibit.
C: Tour showing the canvas covering that will be removed during restoration.
E: Gail Stephens speaking at the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple.
F & G: History Beneath Us public archaeology.
H: Elaine Chase, Jamey Norton, Roger Cain and Dale Petrie helping to pack the Study artifacts for removal prior to the interior restoration.
I: Men from the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Wabash College who helped to build the new garden storage building for the museum.
Collections Care & Restoration

2014 was an exciting year for the Museum as we secured the funding needed to undertake the full restoration of the interior including electrical and security upgrades. When this project is completed in 2015, not only will the Study truly reflect the presentation designed by Lew Wallace, it will also allow greater utilization of the space. This project did mean that all of the artifacts had to be carefully inventoried and packed for removal from the Study.

In addition to this major effort, the collections were improved in 2014 with the contribution of important artifacts that have direct Wallace connections. These included items from Susan Wallace Drake. They pertain generally to her father, Lew Jr., but there are also some books that belonged to her grandfather, Henry, when he was a child in the 1850s and 1860s.

We received an oil painting from a member of the Haughey (pronounced Hoy) family. They are descendants of Lew’s brother William Wallace and the family story is that Lew purchased the painting on his way home from Turkey as a souvenir. Given the family connections, we suspect that Lew purchased the painting for his favorite brother, William.

Finally, we received more pictures from Blair Miller, one of Lew and Susan’s great-great grandchildren.

In 2014 we had an intern, Victoria Johnson, who worked in the collections reorganizing the archives and rehousing items in an effort to streamline storage and to better care for the artifacts. She graduated from Indiana State with a degree in history and completed coursework in collections care at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation.

Finally, as we planned for the future of the collections, our library volunteer Sharon Gerow continued with the exhaustive inventory of Lew Wallace’s books.
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| Liabilities & Equity |          |
|**Equity** |          |
| Permanently Restricted | 2,390.00 |
| Temporarily Restricted |          |
| Adopt A Spot | 4,731.29 |
| Artist In Residence | 618.36 |
| Educational Programming | 4,947.31 |
| Exterior Restoration | 305.00 |
| Other | 280.55 |
| Study Interior Restoration | 231,145.00 |
| Youth Programming | 6,588.54 |
| **Total Temporarily Restricted** | 248,616.05 |
| **Unrestricted Net Assets** | 94,312.40 |
| **Net Income** | 37,572.12 |
| **Total Equity** | 382,890.57 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | 382,890.57 |
2014 Income and Expenses

**Income**
- Program: 17,029
- Public Support: 42,152
- Fund Raising: 34,448
- Miscellaneous: 2,674

**Expenses**
- Program: 18,258
- Fund Raising: 24,202
- Operations: 17,612
- Miscellaneous: 559

**2014 Net Income**
- Income: 98,203
- Expenses: 60,631