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**THE DAIRY BARN: PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE**
Jane Forrest Redfern
Executive Director, Dairy Barn Arts Center

Introduction by Anne Braxton



Forrest Redfern has been the director of The Dairy Barn Arts Center since March 2012. During her time at the Dairy Barn she has worked to make it more sustainable economically, more environmental, and more open to artists and the community. Last year, she organized a Second Century Campaign to raise \$1.5 million dollars for the addition of a new gallery shop, classroom, catering kitchen, nature trail, and increasing opportunities for local artists to sell and exhibit their art.

Prior to coming to the Dairy Barn, Jane worked on the Rural Policy Staff in the Director's office of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, where she was a voice for rural communities—to ensure that these people got the same opportunities for jobs, programs and benefits as people from urban settings. Before moving to Athens for Rural Action, Jane worked as a consumer and environmental advocate for Ohio Citizen Action. She worked on many environmental issues, fighting with and for consumers in Columbus and Washington.

Jane has a bachelor's degree from Ohio University in Environmental Sustainability. She serves on the board of the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau and is a board member of the Athens Area Citizens for the Arts. Jane lives on 13 acres of woods in Canaan Township with her husband, Thomas, and her two sons, Eli and Samuel.

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**EMERITI
LUNCHEON**
Thursday
November 19, 2015
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BALLROOM

MENU

\$15.00

Caesar Salad
Fruit Salad
Garden Salad
Lemon & Dill Cod
Vegetable Lasagna
Honey Glazed Carrots
Roasted Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts & Fresh Cut Fruit

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the "ALWAYS" list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 or nostrant@ohio.edu by **Friday, November 13**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the Regular Attendees List and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd

There are many reasons why living in Athens is attractive. Two which may not be noticed are CONVENIENCE and CHOICE. For most of us here attendance at an event requires about fifteen minutes or less to get into our seats after having dinner at home, walking the dog and, perhaps, changing clothes. I remember when we lived in New York City, going to a show required dinner at a restaurant, lengthy taxi or subway rides to get there, and the same to get home after the show was over. It is true that New York offered a lot of activities, but to take advantage of them was both expensive and inconvenient.



In fact, here in Athens, we have many choices we can make of shows, recitals, sporting events, museum displays and performances. In one recent week, Sue and I attended several choral rehearsals, a wonderful performance of *Joseph and the Multicolored Dreamcoat*, a winning football game, the homecoming parade, a couple of meetings of civic organizations, and dinner with friends.

I remember a new international student complaining at a reception that there was nothing to do in Athens. I suggested to her that she read the *Ohio University Post* and see what she might find. A few months later, I happened to meet that student again. She told me that she was really enjoying Ohio University and Athens. She had joined a club, gone to several musical events, and at least one reception. It only took a little effort on her part; she had found out there is plenty to do in Athens. A number of international students from big cities have said they would love to come back to Athens.

After retirement, people sometimes asked us what we were now going to do. Were we going to stay or move to Florida or Arizona? We answered "We are going to stay right here." We are as busy as we ever were and there is no reason to seek greener pastures. We have a lot more choice in our daily living, and we don't always have to rise in the morning at an early hour. Boredom is not a problem. Everyone I have known in the Emeriti Association seems to be enjoying a similar life style. I think we all love living in Athens. *Alan*

PARKING HANGTAGS

Emeriti renewing their parking hangtags are asked to wait until after December 1 to go into the Parking Services office.

Notes on October's Luncheon Presentation by Steven Miner "STALIN AND THREE MYTHS OF WORLD WAR II"

There are a number of myths about Stalin, three of which commanded our attention in this presentation.

1. Stalin signed the Nazi-Soviet Non Aggression pact to "buy time" in order to prepare for a possible war with Germany. There is no evidence of this. Indeed, the historical records shows otherwise.
2. Western aid was helpful but not decisive in Russia's ability to wage war against Germany. In fact, such aid as food and trucks through the Lend Lease program were crucial to Russian advances.
3. Stalin reduced repression during the war. The actual number of prisoners in the gulags rose when taking into account those drafted into the army and deaths in them.

Ed Baum

ITEMS OF NOTE TO EMERITI

DID YOU KNOW ...

... the website for the Emeriti Association has lots of information you might find interesting? The website address is www.ohio.edu/emeriti. It also appears at the top of the first page of each newsletter. The Emeriti Directory is available as a PDF on the website, as are the newsletters going back to September 2009.

DO WE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION?

In late summer, you received a letter from the Membership Committee asking that you update your information. Even if nothing has changed, please locate the card, provide the requested information, and return it as soon as possible. If you cannot locate the card, please contact Margaret Thomas (thomasm@ohio.edu or (740) 593-8765) and ask how best to provide the information.

Preview: The December Lunch Speaker

Kelly Burns, assistant professor of voice and countertenor will be the featured speaker.

IN MEMORIAM

Cecelia "Tate" Spencer Baird, 93, passed away on Oct. 26, 2015, at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born in 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas Ray Spencer and Mary Ellen Harrington Spencer. Cecelia married her high school sweetheart, Russell Norman Baird, in 1942. As an accomplished typist and wordsmith professional, she worked as an administrative assistant for many years, first at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Kentucky, and later at Ohio University in the College of Education and the College of Business (Accounting Department). After retirement, she and Russ spent many happy years on their farm near Albany.



Cecelia was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters, a brother, and a daughter. She is survived by a sister, two brothers, five children, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

PHOTOS FROM STEVE MINER'S LUNCH PRESENTATION



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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