

“Evening at the museum back for a second year”

It will be an after-hours peek into a well-known Marietta museum and a glimpse back in time, all the way into the Civil War era.

The Campus Martius museum will offer its "Evening at the Museum" event and fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 22 at the museum, 601 Second St. Included will be food, music, games and exhibits. Proceeds will help fund the operations of the Campus Martius and Ohio River museums.

Along with the regular exhibits highlighted at the museum, the Northwest Territory Murals will be on display. These murals, which are normally housed at Marietta's City Hall, represent the history of Marietta from its beginnings and are temporarily being kept at the museum while city hall is being renovated.

"The murals were not able to be seen well at city hall and this is a great place for them to be showcased," said Nancy Hollister, president of The Friends of the Museum, which oversees operations of Campus Martius. "It is going to be an enjoyable evening where people from the area and people who are new and not familiar with the area can come and learn about the Mid-Ohio Valley's exciting past and its role in history. People can come see things they have never and may never see again."

In its second year, "An Evening at the Museum" is one the museum's largest fundraisers. Last year more than \$10,000 was raised and organizers are hoping to bring in more this time.

"Along with the regular exhibits there will be many one-time-only exhibits for people to see," said museum director Le Ann Hendershot.

"People will just have to come and find out what they are," she teased.

Local musicians Steven Ball and Scott Cain will be performing period music with the dulcimer to entertain the patrons and food will be provided by Third Street Deli, Spagna's and Valley Gem sternwheeler. A fortune teller will also be there to entertain and a gambling type

game called Thomas Playfair's 18th Century House of Chance will be played.

To top off the evening a candlelight tour of the historic Rufus Putnam House will be given. The house is located inside the museum.

The cost for the event is \$50. For more information, contact museum director Le Ann Hendershot or Christina Graham at 373-3750.

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