
VICTORIAN VANITIES

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Victorian Vanities receives Grant from the Louis N. Cassett Foundation

Victorian Vanities would like to thank the Louis N. Cassett Foundation for their very gracious \$1,000 grant. The foundation was founded in 1946 and gives primarily to cultural programs, social services, education, and community development.

Brian Mango accepts position as New Board Member

We would like to welcome Brian Mango, Facilities Director for Granahan Playground at 65th and Callowhill Streets in Philadelphia as our newest Board member. Mr. Mango has been at Granahan for four years and is one of our best supporters.

2010 Annual Report

The 2010 Annual Report is now available as a PDF online. If we do not have an e-mail address for you, then it is enclosed with this newsletter. **We appreciate your feedback!** If you have any comments on the annual report, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

Victorian Vanities to speak at Temple University in February

To celebrate Black History Month, Victorian Vanities will be speaking to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Temple University on Friday, February 18th, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The program will be on "Inspirational African American Leaders of the Victorian Era." This is an expansion of our program on Black History that we do for campers. We would like to thank Joan Cahan, of the Victorian Society, for suggesting us to the Program Committee for this event. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Temple University (OLLI) was founded more than 30 years ago, and at the time was entitled Temple Association for Retired Professionals (TARP). The organization was founded primarily for those people who have retired from their regular lines of work and want to keep on learning. Sponsored by Temple University, the organization boasts a lively, no-pressure learning environment in which students take a variety of courses in fields like art and architecture, computers, current events, finance, health, history, humanities, languages, law, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, science, theatre and films. They also offer games and hobby classes such as bridge, mah jongg, chess, photography, and hands-on art.



**A Fox and Man in
a boat with a
Candy Cane**



The Face Says It All....

Victorian Vanities would like to thank its interns, Chelsea Sanz and Irina Koroleva for the wonderful work they have been doing, and without whose help, the annual report would not have been produced.

Memories of World's Fairs— Philadelphia to Shanghai



Expo 67



Memorial Hall



Victorian Vanities has put together an exciting new program for the 2011 summer season. It describes and tries to recreate the excitement of five World's Fairs. In this day of the Internet, it's hard to imagine going to a World's Fair or what, exactly a World's Fair is for.

For the 1876 Centennial, we have over 400 slides of the fair. In addition, we have several artifacts, tickets, guidebooks, and other ephemera that children can touch and examine that came from the fair.

For the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, we have a few artifacts and more important, Buffalo Bill Cody will be traveling with us. John Thompson, our former art teacher, will be joining us again this year. In addition to making Buffalo Bill come alive, he will be distributing boxes of Cracker Jack which was introduced at this Fair.

For the 1939 World's Fair we will be showing scenes of the Fair as presented by Viewmaster which was introduced at this Fair. We have original reels for this. If you have anything else from this fair and would like to share it with us, please contact us.

For the 1967 World's Fair, we will be teaching campers how to make Geodesic Domes out of gumdrops and toothpicks. The Geodesic Dome, designed by Buckminster Fuller was the iconic US Pavilion at this Fair.

For the 2010 Fair we will be allowing campers to virtually tour the US Pavilion in Shanghai. Again, if you have any souvenirs from this fair and would like to share them with us, please contact us.

Campers will learn about the history of World's Fairs and why we have them. Part of the uniqueness of this program is that it is geared to the summer program. There is more of an emphasis on having fun and on crafts in the summer. If campers learn, (and we hope that they are exposed to new materials and ideas!) then that is icing on the cake. We are very proud of this new program and are offering it to adults as well. If you would like to see it, please let us know.

Expanding in New Directions

The mission of Victorian Vanities is to educate the public about American history. With this in mind, we are seeking venues other than schools to present our workshops. So far, we are thinking of Senior Centers, perhaps nursing homes, maybe libraries. We are also beginning to think of ways that we can partner with organizations similar to our own such as the Violette de Mazia foundation (interested in Art Education, anyone?) or Arts Rising. As members of the Cultural Alliance, we are looking to grow with their program of community engagement called, "See How we Grow."



The Faces of your Children

Many public-school children seem to know only two dates—1492 and the 4th of July; and as a rule they don't know what happened on either occasion—Mark Twain