

*Former Ohio Governor Bob Taft (left) and First Lady emeritus Hope Taft present MECCA Executive Director Neal Brady with the 2010 Scenic Ohio Award.*

## MECCA Presented 2010 Scenic Ohio Award

On Saturday October 16, 2010, at the Ohio Governor's Residence in Bexley, MECCA Executive Director Neal Brady was presented a 2010 Scenic Ohio Award by Former Governor Bob Taft and First Lady emeritus Hope Taft. Scenic Ohio honors communities and entities that are working to improve and protect their visual qualities, distinctive culture, or historical character.

The award recognizes communities, public agencies, private corporations, non-profits, individuals and others who preserve or enhance Ohio's Scenic Resources through programs, projects, improvements, legislation, public awareness and resource management.

Scenic Ohio was impressed with MECCA's multiple efforts to enhance our appreciation of Ohio's canals while contributing so much to the region's scenic, recreational, historic and economic resources.

## MECCA Finances

*By L. Neal Brady  
MECCA Executive Director*

In 2010, most of us have realized a downturn in the economy and in our personal budgets. The Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association is experiencing a downturn of its own.

MECCA has taken a hit of a 40% reduction of financial support from our traditional supporters. Wise investments helped us bridge the budget gap for the past 15 months but that has now run out as well.

The next step was to delay publication of this newsletter, limited mailings to members and partners, and reduce educational exhibits at regional festivals and events. Several months of payroll liabilities are currently being held and all other expenses have been reduced to a minimum.

Even with the current financial position, we continue to provide a high level of service to our partners and members, constantly promoting the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor as travel and recreational destination.

I can't say enough how important your continued support is to the work of MECCA. We have enjoyed great progress over the past years. We need your help to continue and move forward the mission of MECCA, enhancing the Towpath Trail and the Canal Corridor for future generations to enjoy.

Please renew your membership today and support MECCA with a generous end-of-year contribution

# Dedication Pays Off with Lockkeeper's House Opening

By Scott Frey  
Executive Director  
Southwest Auglaize County  
Chamber of Commerce

An estimated 235 people turned out on a soggy June 19th Saturday morning to witness the dedication of the Miami and Erie Canal Visitors Center, the Lockkeeper's House, in New Bremen. With a bit of music from the local band AC Swing, Larry Dicke, President of the New Bremen Historic Association, welcomed visitors and thanked donors and Board members before turning the microphone over to New Bremen Mayor Jeff Pape.

Mayor Pape thanked the contractors for their efforts in building the beautiful Visitors Center: Hoge Lumber, Baumer Construction, Garmann – Miller and Associates, Area Electric, Hoffman Decorating and many others. Mayor Pape then presented a Proclamation from the Village of New Bremen, officially dedicating and opening the Visitors Center.

Neal Brady, Executive Director of the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor



**Scott Frey, Executive Director, Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce, welcomes State Senator Keith Faber (R-Celina) to the podium to present his letter and a letter from the General Assembly of the Senate of Ohio in honor of the dedication of the facility.**

Association, presented remarks about the importance of the Miami and Erie Canal in the history and development of local communities. The Miami and Erie Canal Visitors Center is located at the “Heart” of the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor and on the Scenic Byway. The facility will offer visitors to the region an opportunity to enjoy a “canal experience”. Canal experiences are shared by both local

residents and the visiting public that come into the area to learn about the history and operation of the canal, enjoy the cultural and social ambiance of the communities, and recreate on the Towpath Trail. The Village of New Bremen and the New Bremen Historic Association are complimented and congratulated on their work in the completion of the full development of the Lock One North as a historic site and tourism destination.

Ohio State Parks Acting Chief, John Hunter was introduced and spoke of the recognized successes in the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor, specifically in New Bremen with the renovation of Lock One and the Lockkeeper's House. These successes are a result of the development of partnerships. Congratulations and best wishes were offered.

Linda Kuenning of Western Ohio True-Value Hardware presented Delores Steinecker \$1,000 cash prize to be awarded to the holder of the key that would open the Lock on the Lockkeeper's House. At the end of the ceremony, those in attendance toured the Lockkeeper's House to enjoy the building and refreshments.

## MECCA and the Lockkeeper's House

The beautiful Lockkeeper's House is open but something is missing. MECCA had planned to move their offices into the new Miami and Erie Canal Visitors Center, however, an agreement has not been reached to occupy and staff the facility.

Prior to the dedication ceremony on June 19, an Education Exhibits Committee comprised of Village officials, historic association members, ODNR, and MECCA staff and board members invested many hours in the creation of four large interpretive panels that have been installed in the facility. The panels “tell the story” of the Miami and Erie Canal from Cincinnati to Lake Erie and communicate the natural, cultural and recreational opportunities in the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor. Tom Kirk of Designer Imaging created and installed the panels on each of the three floors. The BremenFest Committee, the New Bremen Historic Association, The Ohio Department of Natural Resources and MECCA provided funding for the interpretive displays.

Currently the MECCA Office and the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Center remain at 30 South Washington Street. Stop in and visit.

# Thompson Best Known New Bremen Lockkeeper

*Submitted by Mary Ann Olding*

Thomas B. Thompson was an interesting man who became the best known lockkeeper at New Bremen's Lock 1 North. Born in Pennsylvania on January 9, 1832, he was one of those early 19th century adventuresome frontiersmen who looked for opportunity in numerous places during the early days of this country's canal and railroad era.

At age 19, he came to Piqua, Ohio, where he worked on packet boats on the Miami and Erie Canal. He helped build the Dayton & Michigan Railroad, a line begun in 1851 that paralleled the canal through Botkins and Anna. Not liking railroad work, he roamed the country for a couple of years. He returned to Piqua where he was the proprietor of a saloon, later had a bakery, and then a confectionary business. He traveled to nearby small towns selling from a huckster wagon making frequent trips to New Bremen and staying at the local hotels. While in Piqua, he also bought and sold timber; bought, sold and operated boats; and owned as many as seventeen boats on the Miami and Erie Canal.

After the Civil War ended in 1865, Thompson moved to Dayton where he ran a grocery and saloon for six months. On June 2, 1868, he married his boss's sister, Mary E. List. The next year on April 27, 1869, they boarded a packet and came to New Bremen, a village of immigrants of German descent. For almost 40 years, Thompson played an important role in the village's progress; however, he did not become New Bremen's lockkeeper upon arrival.

For the first two or three years, the Thompsons rented a house from which he conducted a grocery and saloon, and George L., their first of nine children,



THOMAS B. THOMPSON  
(from the N.B. Sun - 3/29/1907)

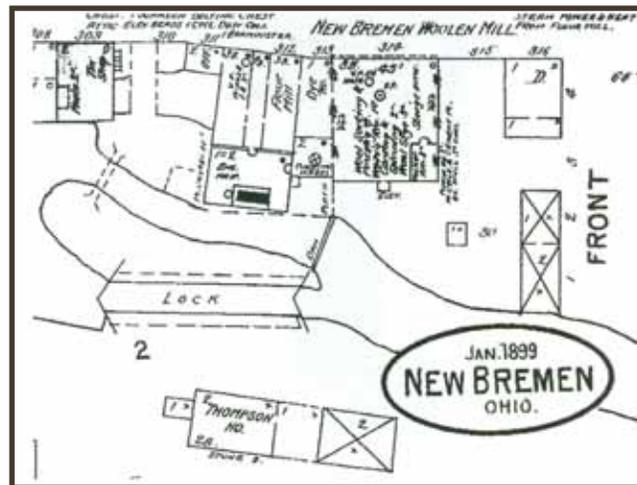
was born on October 26, 1870. He sold that business, and moved to Washington Street where he operated a saloon until about 1876 or 1877. At this time, "he purchased the house at the lock, and for many years conducted a boarding and lodging house. He also conducted a livery barn a few years, and always had one or more teams busy . . . he did all kinds of hauling and teaming, always being his own manager in whatever he undertook, at times having more irons in the fire than the average man is able to manage." While Thompson was the lockkeeper, New Bremen's economy and prosperity flourished with mills and industries due to its abundant water supply and its prominent location at Lock 1 North.

Mrs. Thompson died on March 11, 1905, of cancer. A week later, her husband had a private sale of "a five-room brick house on South Washington Street, two teams, wagons, harness and beds of all kinds, faming utensils of all kinds, top wagon, top buggy and bobsled." Until his death, he owned TR 8 & 9, outlots 5 & 6, where the lockkeeper's house is located. Thomas B. Thompson died just before Christmas in 1907, at age 75, thus ending the colorful life of a 19th century Miami and Erie Canal entrepreneur.

The property that contained the lockkeeper's house

was transferred on January 1, 1908, to a son, Walter G. Thompson. About 1910, the original wooden lock was replaced with a concrete structure that was rebuilt and dedicated in 2007 by the Village of New Bremen. Whether Walter Thompson succeeded his father as lockkeeper is not known. After the Great Flood of 1913 heavily damaged the entire Miami and Erie Canal system, Walter Thompson continued

to own the property until at least 1920. His name appears on the property where the reconstructed lockkeeper's house now stands, as shown on a blueprint of the canal and its surroundings on a 1920 map drawn by H. E. Whitlock for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



**Early Plat Map of the Lock One in New Bremen.**



*Youth choir performs at Spencerville Gazebo dedication.*

## Spencerville Community Gazebo Dedicated

*Submitted by Rich Beebe*

In the quiet village of Spencerville with the Miami Erie Canal languidly flowing behind it, the gazebo housing the information center adjacent to the square was dedicated June 24, 2010.

Guest speaker for the event was Neal Brady, Executive Director of the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association (MECCA), who extended congratulations to the village on behalf of the 18 member Board of Trustees of MECCA. He said the Miami and Erie Canal Scenic Byway, State Route 66, "is an artery that extends through your community, offering a view of prosperous, well-maintained farms and rural communities that were settled along the canal." He noted the canal towpath is a part of the interstate

North Country Trail and Buckeye Trail, linking Spencerville to a vast area.

Travelers and hikers on the towpath will be able to use the gazebo as an information center while stopping in town to purchase refreshments, fuel, and traveling supplies, as well as learn about the town and canal. Brady said he also envisions the gazebo will be used as a community gathering center for events and programs such as the musical entertainment present at this dedication.

He noted the canal generated water power, prompting many businesses such as mills to be located adjacent to the canal, spurring additional growth. He told the crowd there is renewed interest in the canal today, with many

improvements to the canal taking place throughout the canal corridor, New Bremen just dedicated the Miami and Erie Canal Visitors Center, The Lockkeeper's House the previous weekend, he observed.

Canal structures are being renovated, sections are being dredged, banks are being stabilized, and park areas, parking lots and overnight camping sites and amenities are being installed for trail users and visitors.

He concluded his remarks by extending congratulations to the village for bringing the project to fruition and promoting the canal resources in the canal corridor. "Continued best wishes are offered to

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# Spencerville Gazebo Dedication

your dynamic community.”

The program was emceed by Rich Beebe, a member of a local canal committee about 10 years ago when the canal was dredged.

He said the gazebo “can justifiably be considered the gemstone of the Streetscape project.” He credited Streetscape for “giving our community a much needed face lift, making the center of the village something to be proud of.”

He noted the square had been the site of a gazebo many decades ago. That gazebo had served as a place to hold band concerts. He suggested it would be nice if concerts by bands or other musical groups could once again be held in the gazebo in the square, perhaps in coordination with an ice cream social, an idea which was greeted with applause by the crowd.

Beebe also read a proclamation from Mayor Lynn Cummins dedicating the gazebo to the residents of

Spencerville. The mayor was unable to attend the dedication.

Councilman Ron Meyer briefly addressed the crowd, telling them that a new canal committee is being formed to promote canal improvements. The members of the new group include Meyer, Rick Keller, Joel Hatfield, Sean Chapman, and Rich Beebe.

Providing musical entertainment for the evening was a Youth Choir, under the direction of Janis Griffin. The choir opened the program with the National Anthem and a patriotic melody, and sang a couple of songs relating to the canal and other numbers during two additional appearances.

Maverick, a barbershop quartet of which Spencerville High School Band Director Josh Van Gorder is a member, demonstrated its musical skills, performing four songs in classic barbershop harmony.



***Starting at Lock 2 in New Bremen, Ed Erickson begins his three month journey backpacking the 1444-mile Buckeye Trail. The Buckeye Trail makes use of the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail as it circles around the state of Ohio.***

***Ed is from the Twin Cities, MN. and hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2005. About two years ago, inspired by an article on the Buckeye Trail, he started planning this hike.***

## Sidney Feeder Walkpath Dedicated

On Saturday October 30, 2010, a Dedication Ceremony was conducted for Phase II of the Sidney Feeder Canal Walkpath.

The asphalt trail extends the Canal Feeder Walkpath an additional 4000 feet to the City’s south corporate boundary and connects to the Westlake Connector Path. Phase III of the Canal Feeder Walkpath project is currently under construction and will extend the trail to Vandemark Road for a total trail length of three miles.

An Ohio Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$342,200 assisted in funding the project. Finrock Construction of Covington, Ohio was the general contractor.



***Hikers enjoying the recently-completed Sidney Canal Feeder Walkpath***

# Canal Diggers Affair a Success

By L. Neal Brady  
MECCA Executive Director

The Canal Diggers Affair, a fundraiser for the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association, was held Sept. 25, 2010, at St. Marys Eagles. The event was a success as the event brought attention to the organization, gained new friends and members, and generated critical dollars for the continuation of our work.

Numerous unique and one-of-a-kind canal related items were auctioned. These included canal related books and maps, photographs, postcards, and a guided towpath tour. A feature item in the live auction was a hybrid trail bicycle donated by J & D Bicycle Shop of Wapakoneta. An abundant number of general raffle items and gifts were enjoyed by the 75 individuals in attendance. Gotham City Quintet provided musical entertainment and the auctions and raffles made for a fun filled evening.

The Irish-themed dinner included pulled pork BBQ with roasted potatoes and a special cake. Wooden Shoe Brewing supplied a special brew for the evening.

## HTPD Adds Parking Lot at Bloody Bridge

Submitted by Allison Brady  
Director, Heritage Trails Park District

Heritage Trails Park District in Auglaize County has been busy improving the Towpath Trail this year. These improvements make it easier to get onto the trail and safer for travel.

A nine-car parking lot has been added at Bloody Bridge located 6 miles north of St. Marys. You can park your car to start a hike/bike along this section of the canal. Funding for this project comes from ODOT.



**Parking at Bloody Bridge adds trail access.**

Crossing State Route 66 near Bloody Bridge has been made easier with an opening in the guard rail. No more stepping over rails or lifting your bike to get across this highway. The Towpath Trail crosses the roadway and traffic does not stop so pedestrians are asked to watch for traffic and cross safely. ODNR, Auglaize Highway Department and ODOT provided support for this project.

Stone paving along the Towpath Trail north of Lock 14 Park continues. Clean Ohio Trail Funds were used to pave the trail making this one of the best hiking sections along the canal. The Heritage Trails Park District is located in Auglaize County. Our goal is to provide safe parks for people to enjoy. These improvements help to get more people out enjoying the outdoors.



**Improved Towpath Trail under way  
From Deep Cut to Spencerville**

## Deep Cut Trail Progressing

Submitted by Steve Dorsten  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Clearing trees and branches to widen the towpath North of Deep Cut Road to Kolter Road has begun. Widening is necessary to permit equipment access for the installation of an improved trail. The trail improvement will consist of a 10-foot wide crushed limestone path with a one-foot grassed shoulder on each side.

The trail will start at Deep Cut Road on the Miami and Erie Canal towpath, proceeding north to the south corporation limit of the Village of Spencerville, a distance of 1.9 miles.

Drainage tiles were installed under the stone trail to collect and discharge water seepage from the adjacent high bank.

The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District obtained Clean Ohio Trails funding for the purchase of materials for the trail improvements. Grand Lake St. Marys State Park Canal Lands Staff is constructing the trail.

Once completed the all-weather surface will be compacted and can be enjoyed by hikers, bikers and nature lovers of all kinds.



Walk With Nature hikers line up at the bus stop at 40-Acre Pond. The annual fall hike attracted about 1,100 hikers.

## Hundreds Flock to Towpath for Walk With Nature

By L. Neal Brady  
MECCA Executive Director

The 41st Walk with Nature was conducted on Sunday Oct. 17, 2010, with an estimated 1,100 walkers and participants.

The outstanding fall day offered perfect weather to experience a walk on the Towpath Trail and participate in the numerous activities in Memorial Park in St. Marys.

Walkers were welcomed to the park with a chili-cooking contest, beer-tasting, fall farmers market, corn toss tournament, pumpkin painting, a

youth photography exhibit and great toe-tapping sounds of Famous Old Time Music Company.

Participants took the opportunity to walk north to Lock 14 (5 miles) or south to 219 (3.8 miles) from Memorial Park. Shuttle buses from the St. Marys School District made stops at Glynwood Road and Lock 14, and at SR 219.

The event was a recognized event of the Grand Lake Health Systems Road to Fitness Challenge.

A special exhibit of youth photography featuring the canal was

open at the Arts Place Collective Center in downtown St. Marys.

Organizations and partners of this event included The St. Marys Kiwanis Club; St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce; the Heritage Trails Park District; Arts Place, Inc.; the City of St. Marys; College Community Arts Council; Grand Lake Health Systems; Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association; ODNr Division of Parks; Ohio Army National Guard Company A STB, 37th IBCT; and the Auglaize & Mercer Counties Convention & Visitors Bureau.



## Canal Tour to Focus on Black Swamp

The Canal Societies of Indiana and Ohio are sponsoring the "Taming of the Swamp" canal tour April 1-3, 2011. The event will be headquartered in Van Wert, Ohio.

Planned stops on the tour include a visit to the John Paulding Historical Museum in Paulding, a tour of Junction, Ohio, and many canal related structures in Northwest Ohio.

On Saturday, April 2, there will be a banquet at the Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert and the featured speaker will be Peter W. Wilhelm from Northwest State Community College. His topic will be "converting the Black Swamp." Contact MECCA at 419-733-6451 for more information.

# Six Mile Spillway Work

*Submitted by Steve Dorsten  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources*

If you have been on St. Rt. 66 (The Miami and Erie Canal Scenic Byway) north of St. Marys, you might have noticed a large orange piece of equipment standing on the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath by Six Mile Spillway. The Grand Lake State Park Dredge Section provided the 45-foot long reach excavator (hydra-hoe) to remove silt and a sandbar from the canal north of the arch spillway. The silt was dug from the canal trough and deposited on the canal bank (towpath side). Removing the material allows an open channel for free-flowing canal water to proceed northward rather than over the spillway. The dam and sandbar were created as soils eroded from the canal banks.

Additional work removing trees that had fallen into the canal has been completed. This will allow water to flow in the middle of the canal trough and reduce further erosion of the canal banks. To further protect and secure the canal banks, a few additional trees that were destined to fall into the water were removed. The work in this area will allow increased water recreation use and protect the elevated canal banks.



*Long reach excavator dredges the canal near 6-mile Spillway.*

## *Geocaching on the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath*

*By L. Neal Brady  
MECCA Executive Director*

What is one of the fastest growing outdoors activities, that is fun for people of all ages, and brings awareness to recreational trails? Geocaching.

Participants use a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver and coordinates listed on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to find containers hidden by other geocachers.

Geocache container sizes range from containers as small as the tip of your little finger (nanos) that are too small to hold anything more than a tiny paper log to five-gallon buckets or even larger containers.

The most common cache containers in rural areas are lunch-box sized plastic storage containers or surplus military ammunition cans. Geocache containers need to be sturdy, waterproof, animal and fire-resistant, relatively cheap, and have plenty of room for trade items. Smaller

containers are more common in urban areas because they can be more easily hidden. Larger containers can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value.

Upon locating and finding a geocache, the treasure hunters record their exploits in the logbook and online. Geocachers are free to take objects (except the logbook, pencil, or stamp) from the cache in exchange for leaving something of similar or higher value. Many times the geocachers record additional comments about the location, weather, or interesting experiences while locating the geocache.

Currently, there are many geocaches hidden along the Towpath Trail, and at special sites in the Canal Corridor. Check [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and see how many geocaches you can find while hiking the towpath trail and visiting the historic sites along the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor.

## Minster Canal Renovations Approved

*Submitted by Don Harrod  
Minster Village Administrator*

The Auglaize County Engineers' Office continues to work on the plans for the renovation of the canal in Minster. Late in 2009, the Village of Minster petitioned the Auglaize County Commissioners to consider the cleanup of the canal as a ditch petition.

In December of 2009, a second public hearing was held by the Commissioners to consider the request to locate, remove obstructions, provide a deepened outlet for subsurface drainage, install erosion control structures, and stabilize banks on a section of the Miami and Erie Canal. After that public hearing the Commissioners instructed the Engineers Office to begin developing plans and cost estimates for this project.

The third and final public hearing for this ditch petition was held, and the project is moving forward. Construction is expected to begin in January of 2011.

# Links in a Chain -- National Trails Day Marks Growth

By Allison Brady  
Executive Director  
Heritage Trails Park District

Like joining pieces of a puzzle or links in a chain, the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail continues to develop.

The Heritage Trails Park District hosted National Trails Day on June 5 with 60 guests gathering at Lock 14 Park to celebrate. The newest link of improved Towpath Trail along the Miami and Erie Canal starts at Lock 14 Park, heads north, and almost reaches State Route 66. Funding ran out just before the trail reached the road crossing, but each new link is appreciated by those who travel along the path.

The Towpath Trail dedication included presentations from Frank C. Murray, Heritage Trails Park District; Mary Fitch, ODNR Canal Lands; Steve Dorsten, ODNR; and Neal Brady, MECCA. News coverage included Lima TV and the St. Marys *Evening Leader*. Special guest, Rick Adamson of the Buckeye Trail Association joined us for the event.

Following the dedication, guests were encouraged to take a hike on the trail as part of the Road to Fitness program sponsored by the Grand Lake Health System. Dannon yogurt was provided for refreshment.

Heritage Trails Park District was awarded a Clean Ohio Trail grant to make this project possible. Matching 25% to the grant's 75%, the park district transformed the grassy towpath into a paved stone trail. In 2009, two miles of Towpath Trail from Glynwood Road to Lock 14 Park were completed by ODNR. In the spring of 2010 one more mile of improved Towpath Trail was completed by Buehler Asphalt Company.

Canal lands are owned and maintained by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources but leased to



**Allison Brady, Heritage Trail Park District Executive Director helps participants sign up during the recent National Trails Day Celebration at Lock 14 Park.**

the Heritage Trails Park District. Partnership with MECCA, ODNR, Grand Lake Health Systems, and Dannon has helped to put the Heritage Trails Park District on the map.

To check out this newest link in the Towpath Trail, stop in at Lock 14 Park and hike north from the park. Look for additional improvements of a crossing at St. Rt. 66 and parking at Bloody Bridge.

## Be a Volunteer... It's Easy

Submitted by Steve Dorsten  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Volunteerism is a word thrown around a lot lately. Whether it is the Federal, State, or Local Government or even a local not-for-profit agency, people have been encouraged to make a difference by volunteering. Giving your time can assist organizations in mighty and many ways. Grand Lake St. Marys Canal Land Section is one of those groups that rely on volunteers to help in various ways. Volunteers may perform a simple task such as picking up litter or a vigorous workout such as removing trees and branches from the Miami and Erie Canal.

Want to be part of the Miami and Erie Canal Land Volunteer Team? You can join an existing group or start your own. A simple two-page agreement with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks can get you started. The document provides contact information, describes each party's responsibilities, and entitles the volunteer to perform certain tasks on state property. Existing Volunteer Groups in St. Marys, Spencerville, and Delphos schedule multiple events throughout the year. Some prefer to spread their efforts through the year while others work at a specific event or activity.

Volunteering along the Miami and Erie Canal Heritage Canal Corridor is very strong and active because people want to enhance the quality of life in the community as well as "put the finishing touch" to impress visitors of the region. If you would like to share this vision, please contact Steve Dorsten, Canal Land Manager at 419-394-5950.

# TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIVING TO MECCA

Many people consider making charitable contributions for income tax purposes. Remember, MECCA is a tax-exempt entity and contributions to it are tax-deductible. Contributions can be in cash or "in kind". Appreciated stock given to a charity allows the donor gets a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. If you are considering charitable gifts, please consider a contribution to MECCA to help promote the historic canal corridor.

## Miami Erie Canal Corridor Association (MECCA) Membership/Donation Form



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The Annual MECCA Membership Meeting will be held Jan. 19, 2011, at the MECCA Office in New Bremen, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and all MECCA members are encouraged to attend.

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