

POMERENE SET TO HOST PRIVATE OUTDOOR EVENTS

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COSHOCTON, OH- Over the past few years, the Pomerene Center has been adding amenities to better serve folks looking for a private event venue. Improvements started in the summer of 2006 with a gift of 100 white wedding chairs and 17 round tables from Dorothy Taylor (d.2008). The Taylor gift leveraged a donation from the SABA Family Trust to build a 30ft.x30ft. stone terrace. The SABA gift in turn leveraged a successful 2008 fundraising effort led by Pomerene Board Member Dixie Fishbaugh to purchase a tent for the terrace. No small matter in the current economic climate.

It's all about the power of community and people talking to people. After several years of dreaming about a tent erected over the terrace, providing an ideal spot for outdoor weddings and events, Pomerene Board Treasurer Roger Eastman talked with Steve Spaulding former owner of Shaffer Tent. Steve Spaulding talked with the current owners of the company and was able to secure a used, but pristine, 30ft.x30ft.tent for a fraction of the price a lesser quality new tent.

Meanwhile Edwin Mulligan, Marion Sutton, Robert & Juanita

Simpson, Jeanne Falk and Don & Molly Hutchins generously joined Dixie Fishbaugh in giving. The tent is scheduled to go up April 30th in time for Dogwood Festival 2009, May 1-9.

The Pomerene is extremely grateful for this series of gifts over time. These gifts have positioned the organization to generate a revenue stream for preserving the historic house and grounds.

A final word on generosity: People who grew up in the neighborhood recount small childhood stories of playing in the yard...of being invited into the house for tea...about sitting in the high-ceilinged room...about cookies. The stories are always told with an air of significance. When Warner and Lora Pomerene left their home to the community, they hoped it would be well used by the community.

For information about scheduling an event at the Pomerene Center, log onto pomereneArts.org/bookyourevent or call 740.622.0326.