



March 3 - October 1, 2010
Peace Resource Center, Quaker Heritage Center, Watson Library

Wilmington College

This exciting new exhibit focuses on how children learn about other cultures through books, dolls, festivals, and music. The exhibit will open at Wilmington College on March 3, 2010, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The college campus is located at 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

- All events are free and open to the public. Most events are on the Wilmington College Main Campus at the Peace Resource Center, Quaker Heritage Center and Watson Library.
- Special tours and educational packets are available. Contact Ruth Dobyns, curator of the Quaker Heritage Center, at ruth_dobyns@wilmington.edu or Charlotte Pack, assistant curator of the Quaker Heritage Center and coordinator of the Peace Resource Center, at charlotte_pack@wilmington.edu or call (800) 341-9318 or (937) 382-6661.
- A unique part of the exhibit is the homecoming of the 1927 Friendship Doll Ellen C., who was dressed and named by the Wilmington Friends Junior Sunday School Class. This is a rare chance to see this historic peace doll and a traditional Japanese Doll Festival Set.

** See below for details of the exhibit opening and special monthly events.*

Wednesday, March 3

Exhibit Opens 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Peace Resource Center, Quaker Heritage Center and Watson Library with refreshments. Visitors are free to browse between the sites at their leisure but special activities have been organized for the following times.

- ~ 6:30 p.m. at the *Quaker Heritage Center*: Education student Sara Garrett will sing the doll festival song in Japanese and English.
- ~ 7:00 p.m. at the *Watson Library*: Enjoy a tea party and delightful readings from Barbara Reynolds children's books.
- ~ 7:30 p.m. at the *Peace Resource Center*: Author and professional storyteller Charlotte Pack will enthrall visitors with her reading of the true story of Ellen C.

April

- *Thursday, April 15*: Watson Library, 4:00-5:30, Spring Author's Reception and Dedication of the Teacher Ellen's Quaker Reading Room

Teacher Ellen C. Wright of Wilmington College, class of 1875



- *Thursday, April 22*: Quaker Heritage Center Meeting House, 7:30 p.m. Ruth Dobyns' program "Welcome Home, Ellen C.: The Story of the 1927 Friendship Doll Exchange"

May

- *Wednesday, May 5*: Peace Resource Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Children's Festival will explore the Japanese tradition of the Boys Festival and Children's Day with food, games, and other fun activities.

As part of the Children's Festival during the month of May, Japanese carp streamers and windsocks will hang on the Wilmington College campus and in downtown Wilmington businesses. This will be a unique site for Ohio!



- *Saturday May 15*: Books-N-More in downtown Wilmington, Ohio from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. They will host an American Girl Party and Style Show with Samantha and the 1927 Friendship Doll Ellen C.



*** Please note reservations are required for this special event and seating fills fast, so call Books-N-More at (937) 383-7323 to reserve your spot. Also check their web site to learn more <http://booksnmore.org/>.**

- Clinton County History Month in honor of County's 200th Birthday, so check <http://www.clintoncountyohio.com/> for special events this month.
- Asian History Month is celebrated in May and you can learn more at <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/index.html> or http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/apahm/index.html

June

- *Wednesday, June 16:* International Day of African Child
Since most faculty and students are not on the campus at this time the Exhibit Committee will be working with Quaker youth camps on educational activities related to children in Africa. To learn more about this day go to http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base_id=527&language_id=1

July

- *Saturday, July 7:* Tanabata Festival (Star Festival)
The Exhibit Committee will be collecting wishes for peace and friendship written on colorful paper when the exhibit opens until June 1. The wishes will be sent to children in Nagasaki to display for the Star Festival. We will also be receiving their wishes to display on campus for July 7 and the remainder of the exhibit.



- *Saturday, July 24:* Quaker Heritage Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Farewell party for the Wilmington 1927 Friendship Doll. This will be the last chance to see Ellen C. before she returns to her school children in Japan. You can write a letter of thanks to the Japanese children.

August

- *Friday, August 6:* Celebrating 35 Years of the Peace Resource Center of Wilmington College. Details to be announced.

* Please note additional information and graphics will be posted on the Web site, <http://www2.wilmington.edu/prc/index.cfm>, as this exciting exhibit unfolds. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

