

# Adena Then and Now

## What's Happening at Adena Mansion and Gardens

### We're Open!

Spring is here which means Adena Mansion and Gardens Historic Site is open for the 2023 season! Come visit us Wednesdays through Saturdays 9 am-5 pm or Sundays noon-5 pm. Admission for adults 13-59 is \$12, seniors 60+ is \$11, children 6-12 is \$6, and children 5 and under get in for free.



## School Tours at Adena Mansion and Gardens

With schools able to take field trips this year after being unable to the last few years, many schools are scheduling tours to our historic site. On Wednesday, April 6 the Columbus School for Girls toured Adena Mansion and Gardens. Touring on opening day, they were our first school to tour and made it a great way to start our 2023 season!

For more information about school tours please email [info@adenamansion.com](mailto:info@adenamansion.com) or call (740) 772-1500.



Volunteer Delmar Burkitt interpreting the Tenant House to the students of Columbus School for Girl

## 2023 Membership Drive

Memberships are extremely valuable to Adena and its mission. Contributions help with the maintenance of the site, ensuring the beauty of the gardens, our education and cultural outreach, our special events, and the preservation of our heritage. Memberships purchased now run through 12/31/23.

### Family Membership

A \$35 family membership in the society entitles you to: Unlimited admissions for you and your immediate family (member, spouse, and child under 18) during regular hours, 10 percent discount in the Adena Mansion and Gardens Gift Shop, and reduced prices for select events.

### Grandparents Membership

A \$35 grandparent membership entitles you to: Unlimited admissions for you and your grandchildren (member, spouse, and grandchildren under 18) during regular hours, 10 percent discount in the Adena Mansion and Gardens Gift Shop, reduced prices for select events.

Your tax deductible membership helps preserve and maintain Adena Mansion and Gardens, keeping it open for the public to enjoy. Membership forms are available at Adena Mansion and Gardens Visitor Center Gift Shop, or online at [www.adenamansion.com](http://www.adenamansion.com). You may also give us a call at (740)-772-1500. Thank you for your support.

## Upcoming Events

### May

May 6-21 - Heirloom Plant Sale

### June

Jun 11 - This Old House: The Two Restorations of the Adena Mansion and the Development of the Surrounding Grounds with Mary Anne Brown

Jun 11 - Vintage "Base Ball" Adena Worthingtons vs Ohio Village Muffins

## **Become a Volunteer at Adena!**

Have you thought about volunteering at Adena but haven't quite gotten around to it? Have you volunteered in the past but life got in the way? Do you volunteer occasionally but want to get more involved?

Adena relies on the generosity of our volunteers and many opportunities are available. Different positions require varying levels of training and time commitments, so there really is something for everyone.

Do you want to dress in period costume and interpret the Mansion, Tenant House, and Barn? Would you prefer to answer questions in the Museum? Do you like working with school kids? Perhaps you want to help "behind the scenes" or get your hands dirty in the garden? Contact Paige Foraker at (740)-772-1500 ext. 102 or [pforaker@adenamansion.com](mailto:pforaker@adenamansion.com)

**We'd Love To Have You!**

## **Facility Rentals at Adena**

Did you know that Adena is available to rent for your party, wedding, or business meeting? There are numerous options available to suit a variety of different needs.

Full site rentals are a popular option for weddings and receptions and allow couples to utilize their favorite areas of the site.

Weddings can be outdoors, under tents, or even in the barn.

The classroom in the Visitor's Center provides a flexible space for meetings and events of all sorts. The room can be set up in a variety of formats and features presentation equipment and free wireless internet, available day or night.

The outdoor picnic pavilion offers a casual space that can be used for group dining, workshops, and even fun gatherings such as birthday parties or baby showers.



For more information and pricing, please call Kathy at (740)-772-1500 or visit [www.adenamansion.com](http://www.adenamansion.com)

### **Did You Know?**

Elizabeth Worthington was the eighth child to Thomas and Eleanor Worthington and their youngest daughter. She was born in Virginia on May 28, 1814, while the family was visiting relatives. She proved to be a high-spirited and intelligent woman who shared a fine education with her sisters and brothers. When her father died in 1827, she was just 13 years old and in boarding school.

Charles Pomeroy was an educated man who charmed Elizabeth with poetic love letters and they were married at Adena in 1835. For some time they lived in Cincinnati and then moved to Meigs County where Charles' family owned coal and salt works. There were numerous Pomeroy family members who shared in the business and not enough profits for everyone to prosper. Charles and Elizabeth were poor. In 1848, Elizabeth wrote her mother Eleanor asking for \$50. Even so, Elizabeth tried to improve the cultural conditions of the community by forming a literary club and promoting an appreciation for the arts.

Elizabeth's life shows the difficulties of women in the 19th century who were restricted by childbirth and poverty. Her comment, "I had rather folks keep single," spoke to those problems. Elizabeth gave birth to 11 children over a period of 17 years. On November 7, 1852 Elizabeth died at the age of 38 only seven days after the birth of her last child.



Elizabeth Worthington  
1814-1854  
Photographed in 1850

### **What's Cooking in the Adena Kitchen....**

#### **Banana Salad**

- 6 Large bananas, sliced
- 3/4 cup ground peanuts

For dressing:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 tbsp flour
- 3 tbsp vinegar
- 1 lump of butter

Add together ingredients for dressing and boil until thick. Cool. Add dressing to banana slices, mix in some peanuts. Top with remaining nuts.



Rachel Brown  
Family Recipe from  
Great Grandma Nellie Richardson  
1896-1972

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Adena Mansion & Gardens Society manages this site on behalf of Ohio History Connection

Adena was the 2000-acre estate of Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), sixth governor of Ohio, and one of the state's first United States Senators. The mansion house completed in 1806-1807, has been restored to look much as it did when the Worthington family lived there, including many original Worthington family furnishings.

The house is one of only three houses designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe still standing in the country.

Situated on the 300 remaining acres of the original home place are five outbuildings and formal gardens. The gardens have undergone a major renovation. Visitors may stroll through three terraces of flowers and vegetables, as well as the shrubs and trees in the grove. Looking east from the north lawn of the mansion, one can see across the Scioto River Valley to the Logan Range. The view was the inspiration for the Great Seal of the State of Ohio.

A new Museum and Education Center features interactive exhibits that use the stories of people connected to Adena to give visitors a picture of life in Ohio in the early 1800s as well as classrooms, meeting and rental space.

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## 2022 Information

### Hours of Operation

April 5th-October 28th

Wednesday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm Sunday:

Noon-5:00pm

Monday-Tuesday: CLOSED

### Admissions

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors: \$11.00

Children 6 and up: \$6.00

Children 5 and under: Free

OHC and AMGS Members: Free

Special group rates available

### Memberships

AMGS Membership: \$35.00

### Rentals

Adena is available for corporate rentals, weddings, and other special events. Contact us for more information and rates.