**GROUP NEWS**

We have a brand new website. It is [www.movgh.com](http://www.movgh.com). Check it out. Jim and Tom have been working very hard to get it up and running. They have included information on the upcoming conference.

Don’t forget the Haunted West Virginia Ghost and Paranormal Conference is growing closer. We are accepting pre-registration payments at this time. We have a very good line up of speakers covering many different areas of the paranormal and metaphysical world.

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**BEYOND GHOSTS**

A paranormal group from Buffalo, New York traveled to Marietta, Ohio to participate in a hunt at the Anchorage with a few of our members. Members of the paranormal group, Beyond Ghosts met our group members at the Campus Martius Museum and filmed some of our members and people from the museum for their internet based television show. They later traveled to the Anchorage where they filmed themselves and our group members as they conducted a hunt at the Anchorage.

There were several different occurrences at the Anchorage, which included people hearing voices, the sound of a young girls giggle and one of the guys from Beyond Ghosts reported seeing a person peeking around the door jamb from the room across the hall from Liz Putnam’s bedroom.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

**Susan Sheppard**

Not only is Susan Sheppard the creator of the Haunted Parkersburg Ghost Tours, she is also well respected for her abilities as a psychic medium.  She has worked as psychic and a spiritualist medium since age fourteen and as a paranormal investigator for the last decade. This came about when her friends overheard a well-known psychic tell Susan that she, too, had "the gift" and should use her special abilities to help others. This was no surprise to Susan's family who had witnessed her uncanny abilities since early childhood.

Her West Virginia childhood might have some bearing on her interest in the paranormal. Sheppard is "Black Dutch," meaning she is descended from the less than 850 Shawnee Indians who remained east of the Mississippi River after the other Shawnee (during the "Trial of Tears" removal) were forced onto reservations out west in the 1830s.   Susan, along with others in the Friend family, is a direct descendent of Shawnee Chief Big Thunder through his daughter, Bright Lightning, whose name was anglicized to "Anna Friend."

 Susan grew up just a few hills away from the first sighting of the famous West Virginia Mothman. It was during this time that Sheppard’s family home underwent a great deal of paranormal activity sparking her interest in the unknown while tapping into her natural psychic talents. However, Sheppard has had direct communications with spirits of her Native American ancestors since around age four when she met the ghosts of two Indian braves on the hillside above her grandparent's house in broad daylight. Though very small, she understood the braves to be both her ancestors and her guides. Ms. Sheppard’s adolescence was spent partly doing psychic readings along with school work and sometimes working with local law enforcement on missing person cases. She later grew up with the aspirations of becoming a published author and an artist, both of which she achieved. Sheppard has authored a number of popular books which are sold worldwide and has continued with her art in many venues. Her poetry alone has won many prestigious awards.

Susan has never strayed from her interests in the spirit world and has continued to work in the field as a medium, as well as a practicing astrologer. In the last few years she has worked primarily as a psychic medium and a paranormal investigator on various ghost hunts and investigations. She also leads séances, does clearings and performs platform style readings before the public for which she is the most famous in her area.

Last year, Susan was featured on the ABC Family Channel’s popular show “Scariest Places on Earth” as a psychic medium at the Shawnee Amusement Park in Bluefield, West Virginia. She has previously taught “Be Your Own Psychic” classes at the Self-Health & Awareness Center and continues appear before audiences and live television as a psychic medium.

Not only is Susan an exceptional psychic, she is knowledgeable in the field of the unknown. She remains up-to-date on the latest developments in research concerning the paranormal. Contact her at [sheppard@wirefire.com](mailto:sheppard@wirefire.com).

**users.wirefire.com/magick**

**PARANORMAL NEWS**

The Victorian House Museum in Millersburg, Ohio was investigated by the Central Ohio Paranormal Group on March 6, 2010. While there, they recorded several EVPs as well as video showing unexplained phenomena in the museum. The group believes that the spirits like to come out and “play” with visitors. The group will present their findings on October 30, 2010 at two separate presentations. The museum will also be open for self-guided tours that night.

The complete article is available for review at [www.the-daily-record.com](http://www.the-daily-record.com)

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Wooster, Ohio is again on the paranormal news front. The Daily Record had an article on Douglas Myers; a civilian employee of the Wooster Fire Department was the subject of the article. This article appears to be a spotlight for local people in the Wooster area.

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For those who are fans, CBSs Ghost Whisperer will not be returning after 6 seasons. The reruns are aired on several different channels, such as ION, Syfy among others.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel will be holding its annual yard sale on July 31, 2010, to begin at 8 am. The yard sale will be held in the parking lot next to their main office.

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Psychic Development with Susan Sheppard & Sacred Way Astrologers is held on Tuesdays at 7 PM at the Dils Center, 521 Market Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Parkersburg, WV. Cost is $5 per night.

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Merry Meet Alliance. A friendly place for Pagans to meet and share is held on Thursdays at 7 pm at the Dils Center, 521 Market Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Parkersburg, WV. Cost is $5 per night.

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Sacred Way Spirituality Presents: Reiki Seminar with Melissa Heffner McElroy will be conducting a Reiki Seminar (Psychic Healing & Balancing). Wednesday, July 7 starting at 7 pm until 9 pm. Learn how to tune into, balance and heal the human body with Reiki Master and psychic empath, Melissa Heffner McElroy. Learn the basic Reiki techniques with the gifted Melissa Heffner McElroy as she shares her special wisdom. Cost is $10. More information can be found.

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The 4th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow is to be held at the Waterford Fairgrounds in Waterford, Ohio on July 17 and 18, 2010. The cost is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the festivities. More information can be found at [www.myspace.com/thepeoplesnation](http://www.myspace.com/thepeoplesnation)

**JUST FOR A CHUCKLE**

There will be a hunt for Big Foot to begin July 10 and running through July 14 in Silverton, Colorado. There is a reward of one million dollars to the first photograph of Big Foot to the promoter and the specialists and it must be authenticated. Other prizes will also be rewarded.

[www.hunt4bigfoot.com](http://www.hunt4bigfoot.com)

**HISTORY AND GHOST STORIES OF SCHEDULED HUNTS**

(Please remember that all hunts are subject to the weather)

**THE ANCHORAGE**

Overlooking West Marietta/Harmar is the imposing ashlar sandstone Italian villa known as "The Anchorage" or "Putnam Villa". This home, built in 1859 by Douglas Putnam for his wife Eliza, comprises 22 rooms and a grand tall campanile that fronts the house. From the tower room, the largest part of Marietta and its two rivers can be viewed. John Slocomb was the architect and master builder. The walls are made of 24" thick sandstone quarried from the top of the hill behind the house. The foundation is of solid rock and all wood used in the house is locally grown oak.

The Anchorage is best remembered as Edward MacTaggerts residence. Using wealth accumulated from oil wells in Oklahoma, Mr. MacTaggert restored the home and furnished it with treasures from his many worldwide travels. From the tower room, the largest part of Marietta and its two rivers can be viewed. This mansion served as the residence of many prominent Marietta citizens including Harry Knox (Knox Boatyard), Dorothy James Roberts (author), and Sophia Russell (Marietta College). The mansion is currently undergoing restoration sponsored by the Historical Society.

There have been reports in the past of EVP’s, individuals being poked, clothes being raised up, giggles, shadow people, voices, footsteps, among other things. There are also pictures of a little girl standing in the attic.

This hunt will cost $15 per person. All proceeds are donated to the Historical Society to further their efforts for restoration.

**HUNT REVIEW**

We went to the Eaton Tunnel on June 6. There were 13 group members in attendance.

It was an exciting evening. There were reports of multiple sightings of shadow people from a large part of the group. There were reports of strange feelings and strange noises throughout the night.

If you went and have anything that you experienced, please let me know so I can add it to the scrapbook.

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There was a hunt held at Ikie’s tomb on June 26. There were about 10 people in attendance.

There were reports of EVP’s, K-2 meter readings above normal as well as noises heard, such as horses where none were found.

**BOOK SUGGESTIONS**

Tom Moore has suggested a book for you. He has suggested an excellent book to read, which is “Ghost Hunting: How to Investigate the Paranormal” by Loyd Auerbach.

**MOVIE SUGGESTIONS**

Do you have any movie suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.

**ARTICLE SUGGESTIONS**

Have you read an interesting article on ghost hunting or the paranormal? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.