

# THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER 1913 FLOOD

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

Listed events will be held in Hamilton, Ohio unless otherwise noted.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.colliganproject.org](http://www.colliganproject.org)



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HISTORY PROJECT

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## Public Presentations

**FRIDAY 11.2.12**  
Heritage Hall Museum, 20 High Street • 7pm  
**Kathy Creighton**, Exec. Director, Butler County Historical Society  
Exhibit Opening Presentation  
*The 1913 Flood in Hamilton*

**TUESDAY 1.8.13**  
Hamilton Lane Library, 300 N. 3rd Street • 2pm  
**Jim Blount**, Hamilton Historian  
*Flood Warning! Was Hamilton Prepared for 1913 Disaster?*

**TUESDAY 3.5.13**  
Wilks Conference Center, Miami University Hamilton • 7:30pm  
**Trudy E. Bell**, Science & Technology Writer, Lakewood, OH  
*Ohio's Greatest Weather Disaster: The 1913 Flood in Hamilton and Beyond*

**TUESDAY 3.12.13**  
Hamilton Lane Library • 2pm (registration required, call 894.7158)  
**Jim Blount**, Hamilton Historian  
*Hamilton in Crisis: Who Came to City's Rescue After March 1913 Flood?*

**TUESDAY 3.20.13**  
Miami Hamilton Downtown, 221 High Street • 7pm  
**Hays Cummins**, Professor of Geography, Miami University  
*Geologic History & Flooding in the Miami Valley*

**SUNDAY 3.24.13**  
First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street • 3pm  
**Teri Trent**, Church Council  
*1913 Flood: First Methodist Church as Red Cross Hospital*

**MONDAY 3.25.13**  
Butler County Courthouse Gazebo, 315 High Street • Noon  
**City of Hamilton**, Officials, Speakers, and Guests  
*Centennial Commemoration of the 1913 Flood*

**TUESDAY 3.26.13**  
Wilks Conference Center • 7:30pm  
**Jim Blount**, Hamilton Historian: A Hamilton Community Symposium  
*The Dam Lie That Saved Lives: Hamilton Family Stories of the 1913 Flood*  
Images from the Rob Wile, Jack Armstrong, Eckert Family, and Brian D. Lenihan Collections

**THURSDAY 3.28.13**  
Smith Library of Regional History  
15 S. College Avenue, Oxford • 7pm  
**Valerie Elliott**, Smith Library, and **Curt Ellison**, Colligan Project  
*Towns on the Tributaries in the Flood of 1913*

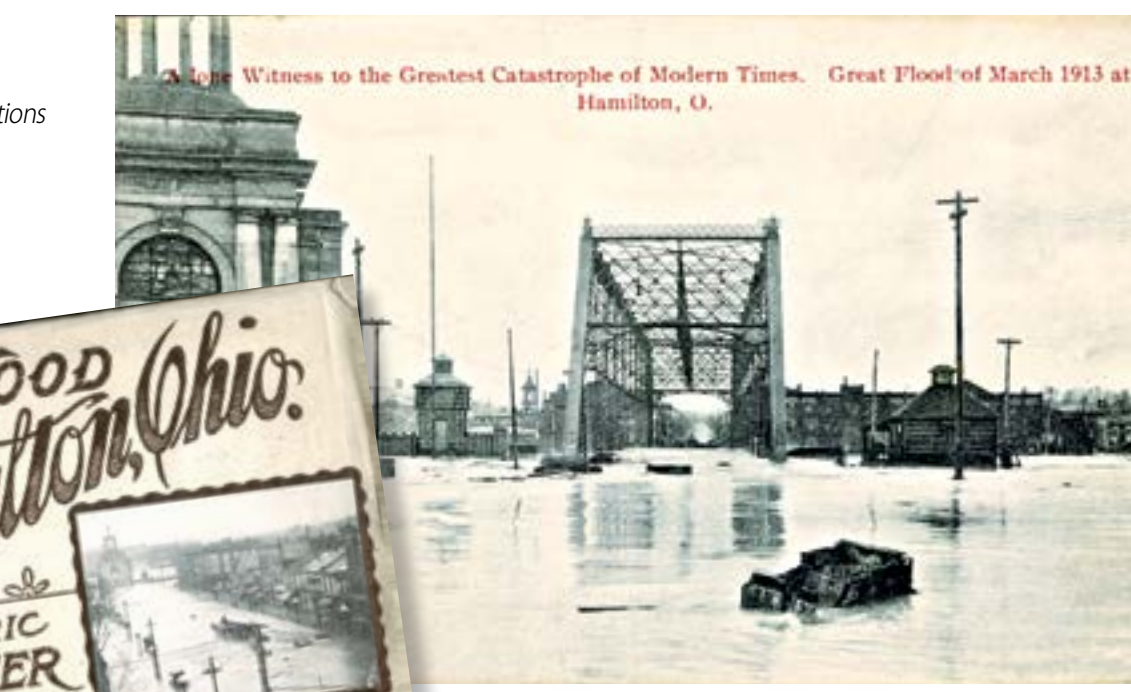
**WEDNESDAY 4.3.13**  
Miami Hamilton Downtown • 7pm  
**Julia Dian-Reed**, Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service, Wilmington, OH  
*1913 and Today: Forecasting for the Extremes*

**MONDAY 4.8.13**  
Fitton Center for Creative Arts  
101 S. Monument Avenue • 8pm  
**Dan Finrock**, Transportation Historian  
*The Bridges of Hamilton and the Floods that Affected Them*

**TUESDAY 4.9.13**  
Hamilton Lane Library • 2pm (registration required, call 894.7158)  
**Jim Blount**, Hamilton Historian  
*Remember the Promises We Made in the Attic! Obstacles to Preventing Another 1913 Flood*

**WEDNESDAY 4.10.13**  
Wilks Conference Center • 7:30pm  
A Talk with **Tom Rentschler**, hosted by **Jim Blount**  
*Achievements and Legacies of the Miami Conservancy District*

**WEDNESDAY 4.17.13**  
Butler County Historical Society, 327 N. 2nd Street • 7:30pm  
**Kathy Creighton** and **Richard Piland**  
*The Lutie Gard Letters During the 1913 Flood: A Dramatization*



When flood was highest—Looking down High Street toward Memorial Monument, Hamilton.



When flood was highest in heart of city—Looking east on High Street, Hamilton.



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**WEDNESDAY 4.24.13**  
Miami Hamilton Downtown • 7pm  
**Dan Antenen**, Construction Historian  
*How a New River Was Built in Hamilton: Engineering the Miami Conservancy District*

**FRIDAY 4.26.13**  
Heritage Hall Museum, 20 High Street • 7pm  
**Sam Ashworth**, Middletown & Butler County Historical Societies Video-Documentary Premiere  
*The 1913 Flood: Shadow Over the Miami Valley*

**FRIDAY 5.3.13**  
Miami Hamilton Downtown • 7pm  
**Hamilton Civic Leaders Forum: The Future of the Great Miami River in Civic Life**

## Walking Tours

Tours form at Hamilton Visitors Center High & Monument Streets  
*A Guided Interpretive Tour of Hamilton 1913 Flood Sites*

Take a walk with an actor costumed in period dress through Downtown Hamilton, listen to first-hand accounts of the disaster, and imagine the magnitude of devastation site by familiar site. Sponsored by the City of Hamilton.

## Walking Tours

**SUNDAY 3.24.13**  
2pm & 4pm

**SATURDAY 3.30.13**  
2pm & 4pm

**SATURDAY 4.6.13**  
12pm & 2pm

## Museum Exhibits

**11.2.12-4.30.13**  
Heritage Hall, 20 High Street  
*The Destruction of Industrial Hamilton During the 1913 Flood*

**3.15-5.31.13**  
Butler County Historical Society, 327 N. 2nd Street  
*A Time of Terror – Personal Stories from the Neighborhoods During the 1913 Flood*

**3.22-4.17.13**  
Fitton Center for Creative Arts, 101 S. Monument Avenue  
*Down They Came – The Collapse of the Bridges During the 1913 Flood*

**3.15-5.31.13**  
Hamilton Lane Library, 300 N. 3rd Street  
*Floodwater Invades Hamilton's Downtown Business District*

**3.15-5.4.13**  
Butler County Courthouse, 101 High Street  
*Government Response to the 1913 Flood*

**1.1-4.30.13**  
Smith Library of Regional History, 15 S. College, Oxford  
*The Flood of 1913: Hamilton (JAN), Middletown (FEB), Oxford (MAR), Dayton (APR)*

**3.18-4.30.13**  
Partners in Prime, 140 Ross Avenue  
*Rossville Rises From the Ruins*



## Community Festival

RiversEdge Park & Amphitheater, Front Street  
For updated events and times, go to [www.colliganproject.org](http://www.colliganproject.org)

**SATURDAY 5.4.13**  
Celebrate Hamilton's future as a river city at public performances and other activities inaugurating RiversEdge Amphitheatre as a community resource.

**Blue & Burgundy Regatta**  
Great Miami Rowing Center  
10am-4pm

**Music of 1913**  
Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble  
1pm

**After the Flood: Dance-Theatre**  
Demetrius Klein Dance Company  
2pm

**Songs & Stories of River Life**  
The Rabbit Hash String Band  
3:30pm