



Media Kit

Steampunk Spectacle

September 7, 2013

Athens County Historical Society and Museum

Athens County Public Libraries

## Please Notice This



## Things to Know

### **Before the Event:**

1. Please RSVP to [ec194010@ohio.edu](mailto:ec194010@ohio.edu) with the name of your media organization and how many representatives will be there.
2. There will be a press conference on the Diurnal Phase on Friday, September 6. It will be held at the Athens Public Library, 30 Home Street, in the early afternoon. Contact Lanna Galloway at [lgalloway@myacpl.org](mailto:lgalloway@myacpl.org) for additional information.
3. For Nocturnal Phase interviews before the event, contact emcee Amber Brooks at [am376807@ohio.edu](mailto:am376807@ohio.edu) or ACHSM curator Jessica Cyders at [curator@athenshistory.org](mailto:curator@athenshistory.org).

### **During the Event:**

1. It is a *costume* ball. Feel free to dress up!
2. When arriving at the Nocturnal Phase ball, check in at the ticket table, where you will receive a press pass.
3. There will be storage available for equipment during the Nocturnal Phase. Ask when you sign in.
4. For interviews during the Nocturnal Phase, contact Cyders (email above).

### **After the Event:**

1. For additional information, contact any of the people mentioned above.



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**DAY OF STEAMPUNK-THEMED FUN THIS FALL**

*Events to include workshops, costume ball*

ATHENS, Ohio (September 7, 2013) – Join us for a Steampunk Spectacle! The Athens County Historical Society & Museum has partnered with the Athens Public Library for a day-long celebration of all things steampunk on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

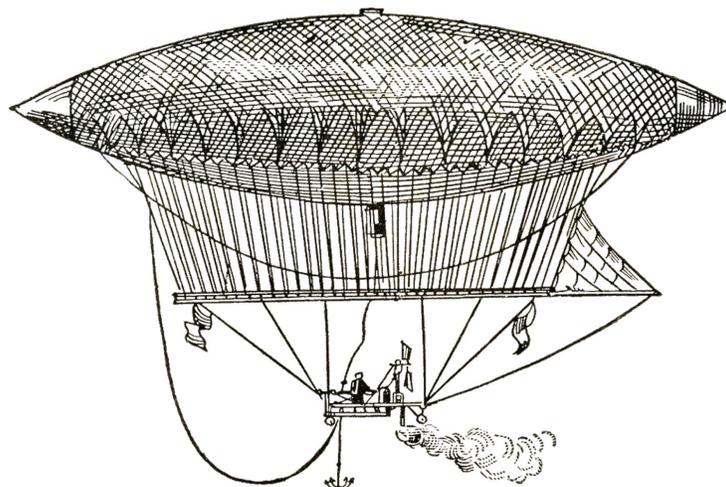
The day begins at the Athens Public Library with lectures and workshops, a low tea ceremony, a movie, art and more. The fun continues with a family-friendly costume ball at the Central Venue (29 East Carpenter Street), complete with a live band, costume contest, photos, vendors, dancing and more. After the ball there will be a promenade down Court Street and the evening will wrap up at Jackie O's Brewery for a private soiree.

Registration is required for library workshops and lectures. Preregistration will start August 31. Tickets to the ball (which also includes admission to Jackie O's) are \$10. Advance purchase is recommended as space is limited. Refer to [athenssteampunkspectacle.weebly.com](http://athenssteampunkspectacle.weebly.com) for more information.

Call ACHSM at 740-592-2280 to purchase tickets or for more details, or go online at [athenssteampunkspectacle.weebly.com](http://athenssteampunkspectacle.weebly.com).



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**FINAL CALL FOR STEAMPUNK GADGET CONTEST ENTRIES**

*Led by Athens County Habitat for Humanity ReStore*

ATHENS, Ohio (August 27, 2013) – With the Steampunk Spectacle a mere week and a half away, the competition to create the best steampunk-themed gadget is drawing to a close. Submissions will be accepted until September 6.

The Athens County Habitat for Humanity ReStore is coordinating the contest, encouraging store patrons to design their own working steampunk gadget of any function using primarily items purchased from the store.

Steampunk is a visual and literary genre that draws inspiration from the styles and mentality of Victorian-era industrialists. It can be seen in movies like *Wild Wild West* (1999) or *Around the World in 80 Days* (2004). One of the many appeals of steampunk is the “do-it-yourself” inspiration to create and invent. This inspiration finds a home in the Steampunk Gadget Contest.

Winners of the contest will be announced at the nocturnal portion of the Steampunk Spectacle – a steampunk-themed ball – the following day. Submissions will be judged by the ReStore on creativity, functionality and the percent of parts purchased from the store.

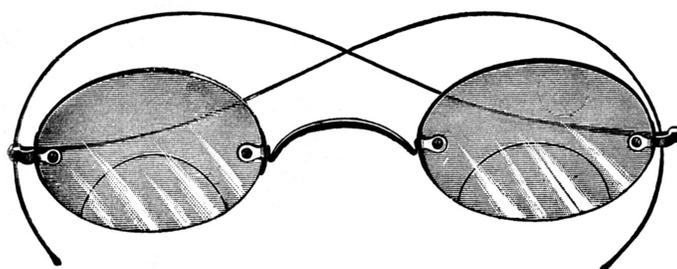
First prize is one pass to Hocking Hills Canopy Tours, a \$90 value. Additional prizes will be awarded to second and third place.

Revenue from the ReStore funds the building of new Habitat for Humanity homes in Athens County.

For more information about the Steampunk Gadget Contest, contact the ReStore at 740-589-5865 or visit the store at 309 West Union Street in Athens. For more information about the Steampunk Spectacle, call 740-592-2280.

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