

Fraxinus

Twenty gestures toward utopia



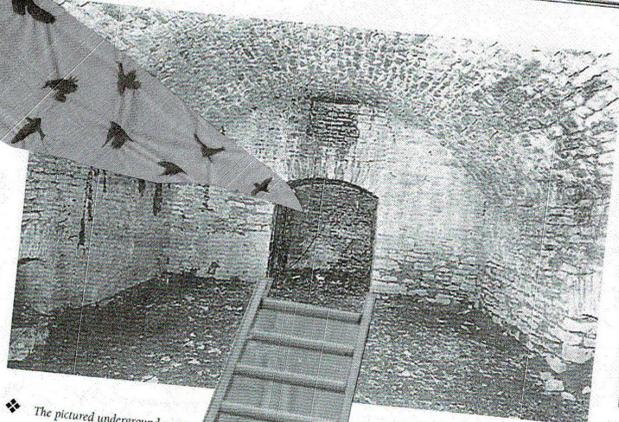
an outdoor box



our assembly,

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All of this could be yours.





❖ The pictured underground room was used by the Universal Spiritualist community in Utopia as a meeting room. The room exists to this day.

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❖ Diana Whitney's grave on US 52 near Chilo. The inscription on a plaque beside the tombstone reads: "There rests here in the quiet beauty of the valley of the Ohio, the dust of a young girl. On July 23, 1823, a wagon train creaking toward the west came to halt close by. When the train moved forward, one of its party had been left along the trail, a hostage against time, Diana Whitney. In a later summer this tablet was placed here on her grave to remind those who pause to read of a humble sacrifice woven into our country's greatness." To this day, flowers can be found on her grave.

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tobacco warehouse was built in 1849. Other businesses in the township consisted of gristmills and tanneries, with farming continuing to be a major activity.

There are several small settlements in Franklin Township along the Ohio River. One of the earliest is Felicity (April 1816). Felicity (April 1816) is in the center of the township along the Bullskin Creek. Another settlement is located along the northern line of the township (January 1816) being the Bryansville (from 1816). Rural. Landings. Local. western part of the village to the

on-train traveling through Ohio. To the east, the village of Utopia was founded in 1844-46 the location of the Fourierite Association, an experiment in economical-based communal living. It was followed by a Spiritualist community, boasting of nearly 100 followers. Their association was based on the principles of both religion and business engaged in for the common good. During a disastrous flood, on the night of December 12, 1847, seventeen members, including one of the association leaders, drowned. The enterprise was allowed to decline and members scattered to other points in the community. Several stayed in the area and founded a town on Utopian principles (hence the name).

It is certain that the strong minded people who formed the township placed a high value on education. At an early period little school cabins began to appear. All were built by subscription and the teachers were paid the same way for their services and "boarded round" with their patrons. Beginning in the 1840s, school conditions were gradually changed when the state began giving aid from an act known as the "Akron Law" which provided for "Union

Schools," the basis for today's school systems. In the 1900s the township had as many as ten district schools.

Today the township is primarily rural. There are no major industries. A large percentage of the population works outside the township. Franklin Township is home to small towns, small farms and rural living.

FELICITY

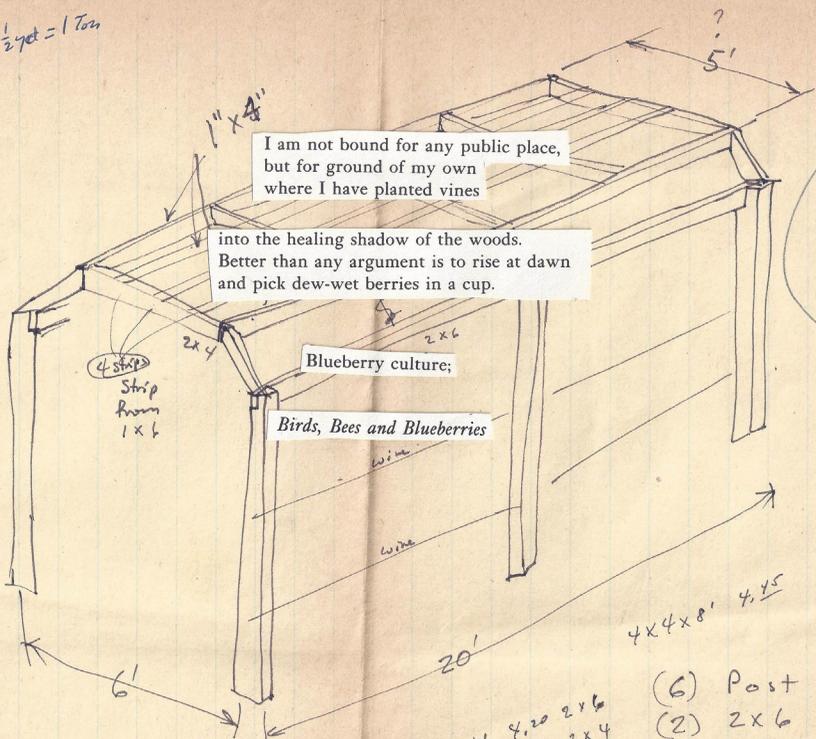
By Jim Shafer,
Franklin Township Historical Society

The village of Felicity is on the Bryan and Carter surveys. They were surveyed December 25, 1787, by John O'Bannon and his assistants, Cpt. Morgan Bryan and Major Nicholas Carter, both soldiers of the Continental line. The two surveys embraced six hundred acres of choice

COUNTY

Did he really see -

Sand 3.85
 1 Ton 1 1/2 yd = 1 Ton



I am not bound for any public place,
 but for ground of my own
 where I have planted vines

into the healing shadow of the woods.
 Better than any argument is to rise at dawn
 and pick dew-wet berries in a cup.

See
 Later
 Drawing

4 Strip
 from
 1x6

Blueberry culture;

Birds, Bees and Blueberries

4 x 4.20 = 16.80
 6 x 4.45 = 26.70
 4 x 2.57 = 10.28
 60' x 2.6 = 15.60

 69.38

10' 4.20 2x6
 10' 2.57 2x4
 1x6 20' 4.45

- (6) Post 8' Lg.
- (2) 2x6 20' Lg
- (5) 1x4 20' Lg
- (5) 2x4
- (6) 2x4

like a life force





Planting & care

of the vines



of

SOCIAL social social

ART

and

JUSTICE

justice

JUSTICE

to be a BIRD means assuming the RESPONSIBILITY of the



broken SOCIETY. in

it means being a pollinator for its

success

AND

development as you

HELP

it

Grow



grow

grow



Imagination is a

way of

re-viewing

re-interpreting

inter-

rupting

probing, reaching, playing

pre-viewing

the future.

RHUBARB

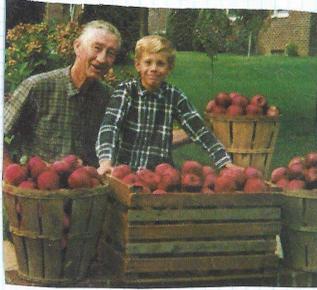
Dark, sweet Windsor

Table Queen

Remove all old canes

Dig that humus

Zucchini is highly popular



Weed is important

Early Prolific Straightneck

Perfection

Cherokee Wax

Delicious sweet and new potatoes

A painting of a forest scene. In the background, there is a wooden shed with a gabled roof. The foreground is filled with dense foliage and trees. A hummingbird is perched on a branch in the lower right. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

Toughest Bird on the Block

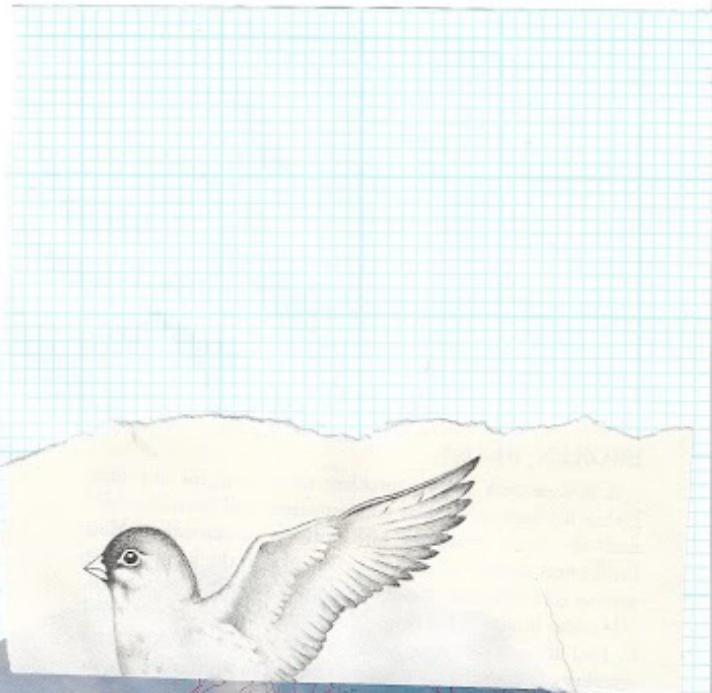
Unexpected
intrusions of beauty.
This is what life is.

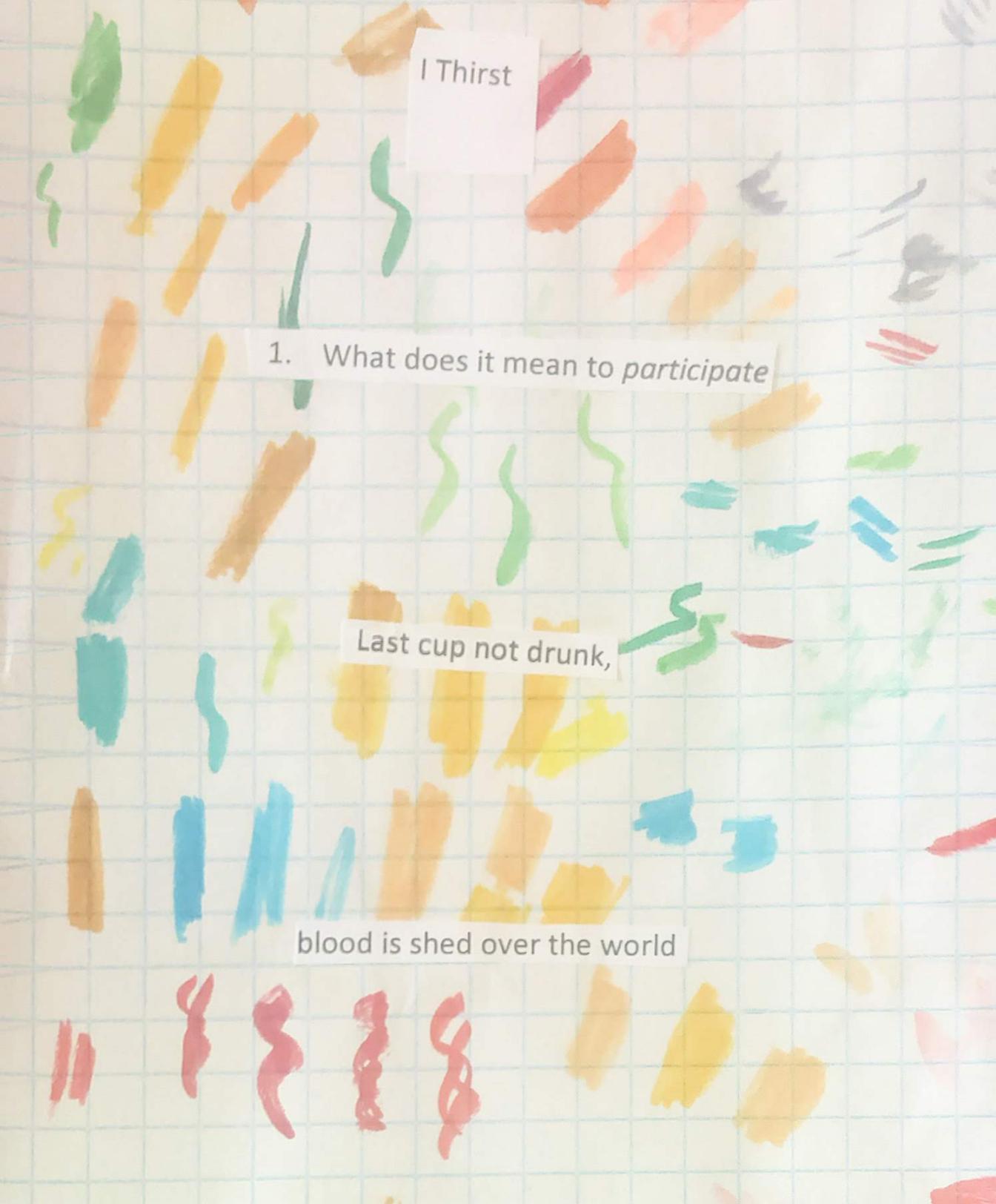
In the Sun

the feisty rufous hummingbird.



A WORK IN
PROGRESS



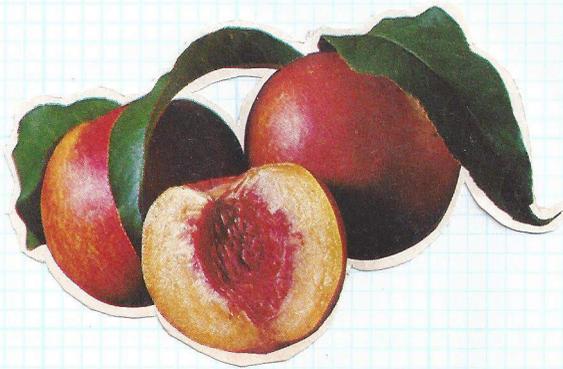


I Thirst

1. What does it mean to *participate*

Last cup not drunk,

blood is shed over the world

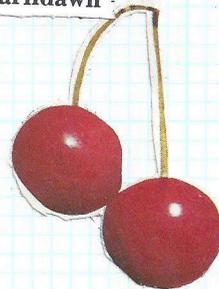


Glossy red Sparkle berries

fruiting season

will be necessary

in the Earlidawn



I suspect that

the heart is goofwicked

(There is a psychological reason).

WHAT IS

IT ?

The

BURNING

DESIRE TO

birds?

If Mother Nature bends to

*the will of desire, is it logical that mere men can
defeat a burning desire?*

NEVER

Never

never

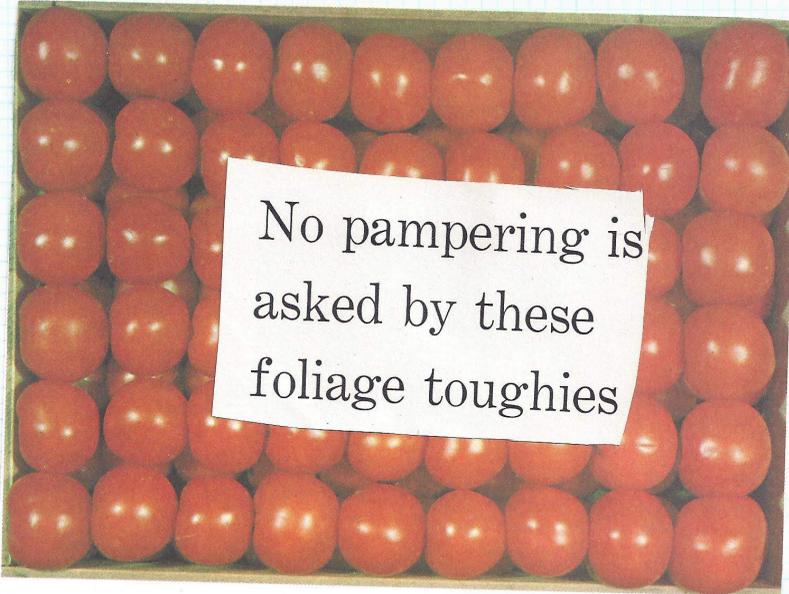
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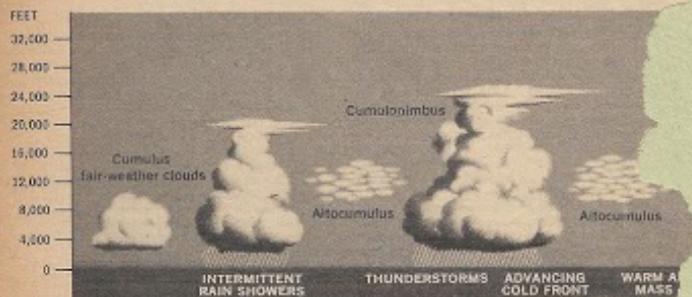


No pampering is
asked by these
foliage toughies

Tomatoes are usually planted after the 24th of May

we supply constant sunshine.

CLOUD FORMATIONS—AND WHAT THEY MEAN



flop and stagger about

recover consciousness

contained

slowly,

even painfully,

longing for

articulated works

These are the kind of prayers

Steady or rising

Falling

Falling

Rising steadily

unsteadily.

From west or southwest

From south or southwest

the process of being

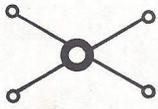


A Bursted Bubble



FRUIT

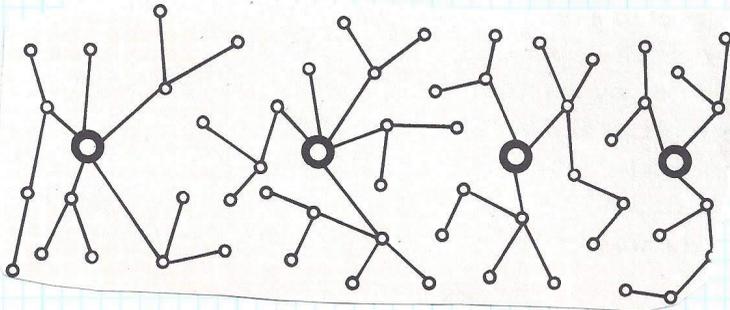
they are wonderful for wandering
which is crisp attractive striped red and
white flesh trees
incubation



For treasures that soon must decay,

Though there is nothing you can do,
For a stranger in despair,

But help your fellow-man along.



produced a dream for a simple people; a play that was life at the edge of a horizon. The effect on and activation of the imagination were powerful because the work opened up a sense of freedom not just in the future, but in the very present of the now.

Another example of such work is provided by the Viennese collector, German philosopher, and author of *Die Kunst* (2001), a collection of essays on art and culture in Central Europe. The text discusses the role of art in the lives of people during their day-to-day lives, and how art can be used to create a sense of community and shared experience. The author argues that art is not just a decorative element, but a powerful tool for social and political change. do they attempt to rectify a situation when their political position places them outside the dialogue of political art, their use of ambiguity in public space has political implications.

What are the political uses of the absurd, the grotesque, the curious, the insane, the surreal? In his book *On the Politics of the Body* (1968), Bruce Lincoln discusses the political consequences of the body in art. He argues that the body is a site of political struggle, and that art can be used to challenge and subvert power. In his book *On the Politics of the Body* (1968), Lincoln discusses the political consequences of the body in art. He argues that the body is a site of political struggle, and that art can be used to challenge and subvert power. *Paintings, Trying to Remember* (1993), in which he discusses the political consequences of the body in art. He argues that the body is a site of political struggle, and that art can be used to challenge and subvert power. What is to be gained by Guy Ben-Ner's work, a family opera in