
Heritage Campaign Update

By: Ward Randol

Working in a public-private partnership with the City of Troy, the Heritage Campaign Committee of the Troy Historical Society has already made significant progress toward our five-year Campaign goals for expanding and improving the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

In the latter half of 2005, Troy City Council approved the purchase of two lots immediately west of the Museum, to be paid for by our capital fundraising Heritage Campaign. This land will expand the Museum's campus from two acres to three acres. It will provide proper sites for Harriet Barnard's 1837 Troy home and historic barn, when they are ready to be moved to the Museum's Historic Village.

On January 23, 2006 City Council approved an agreement between the Troy Historical Society and the City of Troy, which lays out the five Museum projects to be paid for by our Campaign. The agreement describes in detail the respective responsibilities of the parties for these five projects:

- Carrying out Harriet Barnard's gift to Troy of her historic home by moving it to the Museum and adapting it to be an integral part of the Historic Village.
- Acquiring a historic barn, relocating it to the Museum, and restoring the barn.
- The adaptive re-use of the Museum's main building for principal use as permanent exhibit galleries for the Museum.
- The creation of a permanent Troy Historical Society endowment fund to assist the City with the expenses of maintaining the Museum's buildings.
- The creation of a suitable gateway to the Museum.

On February 28, 2006 the purchase of the first lot west of the Museum was completed. The City now owns this land for future Museum use.

Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the generosity of members of both the Troy Historical Society and the wider Troy community to help make these projects a reality. Offers to help the Campaign financially or in other ways will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Loraine Campbell or Tim McGee at the Museum for referral to a committee member (248) 524-3570.

Anniversary Quilt Finds a Home

By: Vera Milz

At the Hanging of the Greens festival on December 3, 2005, the Troy 50th Anniversary Quilt was raffled at 3:00 p.m. The lucky winner was a Troy Historical Society Member, Mary Lee Smith. She had purchased the twelve tickets sent in the annual meeting announcement with the hopes of winning a quilt for her new cottage which she was decorating in country style.

The quilt was made and donated by the Cameo Quilt Guild during the summer of 2005. They chose a log cabin design to remember Troy's early homes. Blue and white represented Troy's city colors. The blocks were placed in a field and furrows pattern, and the quilting was done with vines and leaves to remember the agricultural beginnings.

Members were asked to sell or purchase tickets, and the response was very positive. Many Cameo Quilt Guild members helped to sell the tickets. After the expenses for licensing, tickets, and photos were paid, nearly \$2,000 was raised toward the purchase of land for the placing of the Niles/Barnard home. It was a team effort, and many thanks go to everyone who participated in this project!

2006 Antiques Appraisal Fair By: Ward Randol

The sparkling one year old annex to the First United Methodist Church of Troy will again be the site of the Troy Historical Society's annual antiques appraisal fair. This event is a fundraiser for the Society's Heritage Campaign to expand and improve the Troy Museum & Historic Village. It will take place on **Saturday, May 13, 2006** (the day before Mother's Day) between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 6363 Livernois, which is on the west side of Livernois between Square Lake and South Boulevard.

Please mark your calendars for this event, and bring your heirlooms and treasures to see what they may be worth! Each verbal appraisal will cost \$5.00, written appraisals will be \$20.00 a piece. There will be no door charge for admission this year.

The specialties of our professional appraisers will include antique jewelry, glass, furniture, fine art, dolls and toys, among others. Watch for further details shortly!



2006 Hand & Eye Show By: Cheryl Barnard

This year marks a new beginning for the Hand & Eye Craft Show. We are updating our logo (see above) and making some other minor changes in order to keep the show current.

The jurying is going to be held for this year's show on **May 6th** at the First United Methodist Church of Troy from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The 2006 show is the 42nd for the Hand & Eye Craft Show, which is the one of the main fundraisers for the Troy Historical Society. This year's show will be held on **Saturday, November 18th** at Troy High School located on Long Lake Road and Northfield Parkway. The show runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's show will feature approximately 150 crafters with a variety of items from clothing, painted items, jewelry, cookie baskets to seasoning mixes, and many more beautifully crafted items. Admission to the show is \$3.00 (no strollers allowed).

This year's proceeds will go towards the purchase of additional property for the expansion of the Troy Museum as well as sponsoring many of the wonderful programs and interns for the museum's on-going educational programs. Anyone interested in volunteering to work at the show or to receive further information call (248) 879-6305.

MOTORING MEMORIES

Troy Museum & Historic Village

By: Loraine Campbell

Mark your calendars now! On **Saturday, July 15** the Troy Historical Society and Troy Museum will co-sponsor Motoring Memories, a brand new automotive event. That day the village green will be filled with restored and original automobiles manufactured between 1898 and 1959, plus antique motorcycles and bicycles. The event will also feature live music provided by *The Classics*, model car and auto memorabilia exhibits, trophies, and great activities and food for car buffs of all ages. All proceeds from the event will support the Troy Heritage Campaign to expand the Troy Museum. If you or a friend have any questions about exhibiting a car, motorcycle or bicycle, or if you would like to work on this exciting and fun event call or E-mail Loraine Campbell at (248) 524-3301, campbelm@ci.troy.mi.us. We need everyone's help and support to make the event a success!



SPRING INTO HISTORY

By: Loraine Campbell

The days are getting longer. Crocuses are beginning to grow. The first red-winged blackbirds and robins have returned, so we invite everyone to come to the museum and *Spring* into history by attending great lectures and programs!

Meet the directors of terrific historical museums in the metro area when they present fascinating programs for the Society's spring lecture series, "Gee! I Didn't Know That!" Everyone will also receive a special brochure highlighting exhibits and events at regional museums you'll want to visit as the weather gets warmer. Lectures are held the **third Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Admission for Historical society members is free. Guests pay \$5.00 at the door.

On **April 1**, bring your family and friends to "Hats Off to Spring!" Lori Hoffman will explore the history of hats with her wonderful collection of antique and vintage hats. This delightful program is perfect for youngsters seven and older as well as adults. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and includes teas and teatime sweets.

On **May 5**, join the Museum day trip to the Public Museum of Grand Rapids for *Treasures of Ancient Egypt: the Quest for Immortality*. This outstanding exhibit of ancient artifacts is the largest collection to ever leave Egypt and includes masterpieces from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the Luxor Museum and the archeological sites at Tanis and Deir-el-Bahari. The day trip fee of \$75 includes deluxe motor coach travel accommodations, a buffet lunch, admission fees to the museum and exhibit and an exhibit tour guide.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendar for Heritage Day on Saturday **June 24**. This year our old-fashioned patriotic celebration will include Uncle Sam, the Betsy Ross flag-making factory, puppet shows, patriotic speeches, a special game of "History Detective" plus great music and tasty treats. Be sure to bring the entire family!

40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

By: Ali Iceman

The Troy Historical Society is celebrating it's 40th anniversary this year, and would like to invite you to join in the fun! The party is **Friday August 11**, at the Troy Museum & Historic Village. All members of the Troy Historical Society are welcome to join in on the celebration. Watch out for more details in the next Village Press. We hope to see you there!



Join the
Historical Society
Help preserve the Light

The Troy Historical Society was organized in 1966 to promote the appreciation and awareness of the rich heritage of the citizens of Troy, to encourage preservation of records, pictures, structures, and other objects of local historical significance, and to sponsor programs to carry out these purposes.

You can become a member by mailing in the membership application on the back page of this newsletter.

Society board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except summer) at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Historical Museum. All Society members are welcome to attend.

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How do you like our new look?
Any questions or comments
please send to:

The Village Press
Attn: Alison Iceman
P.O. Box 6
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We welcome any members articles for the newsletter, subject to content and space limit.

Troy Historical Society
Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Birthday (D/M): _____

Enclose payment for membership in the following categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Single membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family (children under 21) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Non-profit Institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Individual Life | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business |

Memorial contributions and bequests are welcome.

Your interests or personal collections/Your history in Troy: _____

Help preserve Troy's history. Send this form and your payment to:

Troy Historical Society, P.O. Box 6, Troy, MI 48099

Please check the expiration date of your current membership which is on your address label. Those membership dates that are highlighted are in need of being renewed before our next newsletter. For example, if your expiration date is September 2005, you can extend your membership to September 2006.

Enjoy the past by visiting and taking advantage of the outstanding lectures, festivals, and displays at the:

**Troy Museum &
Historic Village**

60 West Wattles Road
(248) 524-3570

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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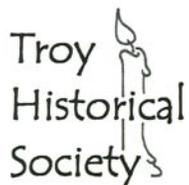
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