

Car Show: In Gear!

By: Loraine Campbell

Plans for the first Motoring Memories Car Show are running like a well-tuned engine. The stack of Vehicle Applications has grown and includes a charming 1928 Model A, a 1938 Cadillac, a 1940 Lincoln Zephyr, a 1949 MG Roadster and an original 1927 Buick Bus! These and more terrific cars, trucks and motorcycles manufactured between 1900 and 1959 will be on display at the Troy Museum & Historic Village on Saturday, July 15 from 10 AM until 4 PM for all to see and enjoy.

Mark your calendar now. Motoring Memories will be a wonderful event for families and car lovers of all ages. The show will include live music provided by the barbershop quartet *Four Wheel Drive* and *The Classics*. DJ Linda Tilapia of *Birdie Productions* will add tunes from the 1950s and MC the awards ceremony. You'll want to be there to cast your ballot for the People's Choice Award. The day will also include special raffles, activities for children and an exhibit of mascots or hood ornaments and other automobile memorabilia.

The Motoring Memories Car Show is another new fundraising event co-sponsored by the Museum and the Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign to expand the museum. Each vehicle owner accepted in the show has paid a \$20 application fee. The Society is asking for a \$3 per person donation at the door. Please note that shuttle parking is available from Zion Christian Church on Livernois. For additional information or to volunteer for this event please call Loraine at 248-524-3301 or check out www.troymi.gov/museum

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Troy Museum & Historic Village



There's Music In the Air

By: Loraine Campbell

Looking for cool music on a hot Sunday afternoon? Grab your favorite beach chair and come to the museum where there's *Music In the Air* every Sunday afternoon from 2-4 PM between July 9 and August 13. This year's six concerts will again include Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band and Jazz with the Sheila Landis Trio plus four new groups including the Gratitude Steel Band's sizzling Caribbean fun. For details go to www.troymi.gov/museum or call 248-524-3570.

Parking is available at the Museum or at Brookfield Academy (southeast corner of Wattles at Livernois). The Historical Society asks a \$2 per person donation at the door.

Music in the Air is sponsored by the Troy Museum and Troy Historical Society with generous support from Ameriprise Financial, the Handleman Company, the Community Affairs Dept. of the City of Troy and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

happy birthday troy historical society!

By:Loraine Campbell

Forty years ago, on June 30, 1966, Clara J. Haag signed the Articles of Incorporation for a new organization, the Troy Historical Society. The Board of Directors was listed as Morris Wattles and his sister Helen Mary, Charles Martell, Lois Melchert and Stanley Benford. The mission of the fledgling group was "to bring together those people interested in history, particularly the history of the City of Troy; to discover, collect and preserve records and objects of all types, which may help to establish, illustrate and interpret the history of the community... (and) to disseminate information and otherwise create public interest in the history of the community."

The Troy Historical Society has most certainly exceeded the expectations of those founding members. In forty years the Society has grown to nearly 200 members. They have invested thousands of volunteer hours and over \$600,000 to develop the Troy Museum & Historic Village as the best museum in Oakland County (as determined by a recent Daily Tribune poll). In 1968 the Society entered into a public private partnership with the City of Troy to relocate the 1832 Solomon Caswell House to the vacant two acres behind the old Township Hall. That partnership has grown stronger over the years as Poppleton School, a wagon shop, the old Troy Union School, and the 1837 Methodist Church and Parsonage were added to create what many describe as a mini-Greenfield Village, which draws over 23,000 visitors each year. In 2005 the Society's Heritage Campaign set another very ambitious goal: a \$7.7 million dollar capital campaign to expand the museum for future generations.

As a member of the Historical Society you are part of this success story and are cordially invited to a special anniversary pig roast at the Museum on Friday, August 11th at 5:00 PM. Dinner will include roast pork and turkey, fresh corn on the cob, potato salad and all the fixins! In addition to great food and lots of fun, we will recognize past and present leaders of the Historical Society and outstanding museum volunteers. Finally this celebration is the kick off for a major membership drive for the Society. Our goal is to double our membership during our 40th anniversary year to 400. You can help by bringing your friends and neighbors to the picnic. For more information or to sign up for the picnic please call 248-524-3570.

2006 Antiques Appraisal Fair

By: Ward Randol

Our second annual antiques & collectibles appraisal fair was held on May 13, 2006 from noon to 4:00 at the First United Methodist Church of Troy. We sponsored the fair as a fundraising event for the Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign to expand and improve the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

Five professional appraisers donated their time and expertise to make the event a success. They were Paul Haig, John Wanat, LaVere Webster, Joe Kuechle, and Troy's own bookman, Bill Lynch. We thank them and hope they will come back for an encore next year. The date for our third annual fair has already been set for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the church.

We also thank our THS volunteers for working hard and making our 2006 event run so smoothly. A friend of volunteers John & Sue Lavender brought in several items to be appraised, including a set of three large, leather-bound, gilt-edged books published in 1868 about the Indian chiefs of North America, complete with hand-inked color plates of many of the chiefs. Bill Lynch's appraisal of the set? \$30,000!

We hope to see you at next year's fair on May 5 with as many of your treasures in hand as you can carry for evaluation by our expert appraisers. Please mark your 2007 calendar now!

<p>42nd ANNUAL HAND & EYE SHOW</p> <p>Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society a Non-Profit Organization</p>

This year's Hand & Eye show will be on **Saturday, November 18th** at Troy High School from 9 am - 4 pm.

Interested crafters send photos with return postage to Hand & Eye Show PO Box 6 Troy MI 48099.

We will be accepting crafters until September 1st.

For further information please call: (248) 879-6305.

Heritage Campaign Update

By: Ward Randol

The Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign to expand and improve the Troy Museum & Historic Village continues to make progress toward our five-year Campaign goals. Parts of this progress are our 2006 fundraising events:

- On May 13, 2006 we held our second annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair, described elsewhere in this issue of "The Village Press."
- On July 15, 2006 we will sponsor Motoring Memories, our first classic car show at the museum. This event is also described elsewhere in this issue.
- On six consecutive Sunday afternoons at 2:00, July 9 through August 13, 2006, we will be hosting "There's Music in the Air, 2006", a series of outdoor concerts on the Village Green sponsored by grants and several local companies.
- Later this fall we plan to have a book fair at the Rochester Hills Barnes & Noble. If things work out as we hope they will, this event will feature a book talk and book signing by our own museum manager, Loraine Campbell. Stay tuned for further information.
- The annual Hand & Eye Craft Show will be held at Troy High School on Saturday, November 18, 2006.

As a result of all of our fundraising in this and previous years, on June 5, 2006 we were able to present the Troy City Council with a king-sized replica of a Troy Historical Society check payable to the City of Troy for \$151,435.84. (The real check had been deposited with the City earlier that day by our Treasurer, Fred Rounds.) This check was authorized by the Society's Board of Trustees, to enable the City to complete paying for the purchase of the half acre of property at 109 Lange Street immediately west of the Village Green. This land is intended to be the future site of a historic barn for the historic village.

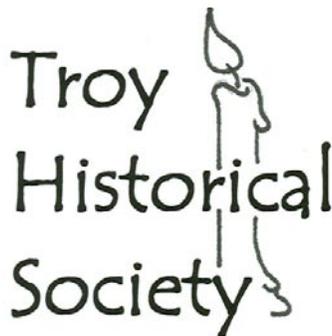
Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the generosity of members of both the Troy Historical Society and the wider Troy community to help make the historic barn and the campaign's other museum projects a reality. Offers to help the campaign financially or in other ways will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Loraine Campbell or Tim McGee at the museum for referral to a committee member.

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
Troy MI, 48099

We welcome any members' articles for the newsletter, subject to content and space limits.

Mark Your Calenders!

July	August
15th Motoring Memories Car Show: 10 am - 4 pm	11th Historical Society Birthday Party: 5 pm
Music In the Air: Sundays 2 - 4 pm	Music In The Air: Sundays 2 - 4 pm (ends Aug. 13th)

Member Notice
Starting **August 1st** the following changes will be made to the membership application:
-No Student
-No Patron
-\$200 for Individual life
-\$50 Non-Profit
-Family will include anyone in the house under 21
-Businesses will receive one free ad a year in the Village Press

We care about our members and would like to keep updated on any cares or concerns. Please feel free to call Gerry Young at 586-802-1225.

Art In Troy

The Troy Historical Society is proud to announce that board member Ron Bernard will have his art on display. Bernard has recreated some scenes in watercolor of Troy during the turn of the century and the 1920's. His art will be on display for the entire month of July at the Troy Public Library.



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.

Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

www.ci.troy.mi.us/parks/museum

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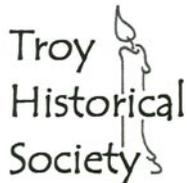
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