
Museum Director Publishes Children's Book

Lorraine Campbell has blended her love of the Great Lakes, lighthouses, and Michigan history in her first book, *Pocketful of Passage*. This chapter book for elementary-aged children is based on the memories of Annie Bowen Hoge whose father Vern Bowen served as a lighthouse keeper at the Passage Island Light near Isle Royale in Lake Superior. Annie's stories introduce the reader to the daily life at the Coast Guard Station in 1942 and the important role of keepers during sudden and violent storms on Lake Superior. They also recall her childhood adventures and mischief, including feeding her brother a dish of tadpole soup. However, when Annie learns that her father has been transferred, the young girl struggles to find a way to leave part of herself on her beloved island.

Pocketful of Passage will be in bookstores in early 2007. The Heritage Campaign Committee and Lorraine are working with Barnes & Noble to host a Society fundraiser and book signing the weekend of March 3 and 4. Troy Historical Society members and friends will be issued coupons prior to the event. Barnes and Noble will then pay the Society's Heritage Campaign a portion of all purchases, including copies of *Pocketful of Passage*, made with coupons that weekend at the Barnes and Noble on Rochester Road just north of Auburn Road. We encourage everyone to join us and Lorraine on March 3 and 4 and support our efforts to expand the Museum!

Heritage Campaign Update

by Ward Randol

2007 will be a crucial year for our Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign fundraising. Now that we have been able to buy the two lots west of the Troy Museum (an acre of land, altogether) to expand its Historic Village, we need to raise substantial funds in 2007 to

- Pay for an architect's site plan for the expanded Historic Village.
- Complete paying for our land purchases.
- Accumulate the funds that will be needed to move the Niles-Barnard house - Harriet Barnard's generous gift to Troy - to the Historic Village in 2008.

We will be approaching selected Troy businesses for their support of our campaign. In addition, our fundraising events planned for the first four months of 2007 will include

- Three "Collector's Corner" workshops for owners of antiques and collectibles, as a preview of our May 5, 2007 THS Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair.
- Monthly concerts in the Museum's church.
- A March book fair and book signing by our Museum Director, Lorraine Campbell, at the Rochester Hills Barnes & Noble.
- Signing up sponsors and registrants for our July 14, 2007 Motoring Memories car show.

See other articles in this issue of our THS Village Press for details of these events, as well as our exciting new www.shopformuseums.com all-year fundraiser.

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 moving the Niles-Barnard house to the Museum in 2008, the historic barn acquisition 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 Lorraine Campbell or Tim McGee at the Museum for referral to a committee member.

www.shopformuseums.com

by Ward Randol

Do you shop online? It's good for the economy if you do, you will avoid sales tax on your purchases (until further notice), and now in addition you can direct a percentage of your online purchase amounts into our Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign without costing you an extra cent! Let me explain.

Late last year the non-profit American Association of Museums (AAM) contacted our Museum about becoming a participating museum in an online shopping donation program endorsed by AAM. Over 200 retailers have joined the program including Macy's, Sears, Lands End, Expedia, Best Buy, Circuit City, and eBay, with new retailers added regularly. They contribute percentages of online shopping purchase amounts to participating museums. Museum staff investigated the proposal and determined that it would benefit the Museum without any cost to the Museum or other downside. There are no fees or other requirements for shoppers using the program. The Troy Museum & Historic Village was thereupon added to the AAM-endorsed website www.shopformuseums.com as a designated "Museum Partner." Under this arrangement, all money received from this designation will be paid directly to the Troy Historical Society for our Heritage Campaign.

I did a lot of my 2006 Christmas shopping by way of this website (mostly at amazon.com), as did other members of our THS Heritage Campaign Committee. It's simple and easy! It works! Here's how:

(1) Go into the website www.shopformuseums.com and type your email address, your name, and your mailing address in the "My Information" box in the home page. Then, click on the "Register Now" button at the bottom of the screen.

(2) "Choose" (designate) the Troy Museum & Historic Village as your Museum Partner by scrolling down the alphabetical list of over 500 museums nationwide that will pop up on the screen after you register.

(3) Next, on the same screen, select a shopping category from the alphabetical list of 39 (currently) categories to get a list of participating stores. For example, by selecting "Books, Magazines and Memberships" you will access an alphabetical list of 52 (currently) participating online stores including amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, BestBuy.com, Brookstone, etc.

(4) Click on the store you want. You will then find yourself in that store's website. Commence shopping! In the case of amazon.com, 2-1/2% of your total purchases will be contributed to our THS Heritage Campaign. Contribution percentages from the other stores vary, all the way up to 20%!

If every THS member were to go through www.shopformuseums.com to spend \$100 over a year at amazon.com the cost of four hardcover books - that would generate about \$500 in donations for our THS Heritage Campaign. Using www.shopformuseums.com to buy big-ticket items will produce proportionately bigger contributions to our THS Heritage Campaign.

So please use this free AAM service for as many of your online purchases as you can, and tell your friends and relatives about it. Give them copies of this article! We will keep our THS membership advised about the amounts received, as soon as the donation checks start to arrive.



Attention Classic Car Owners!

The Troy Historical Society is now accepting applications for the second annual Motoring Memories Car Show, which will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007. This show is open to vehicles produced before 1972, which have been maintained or restored to period specifications. Hot rods, custom or muscle cars will not be accepted. However, vehicles modified with accessories (such as fender skirts, continental kits, windshield visors, etc.) that were available during the model year, plus specials, and period racing vehicles are welcome to apply. You can download an application at www.troyhistory.org or call Loraine at the Museum for more information (248-524-3301). The Troy Museum & Historic Village and The Troy Historical Society sponsor this event. All proceeds support the Troy Heritage Campaign to expand the Museum.

Collector's Corner Workshops

by Ward Randol

Our 2006 THS Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair fundraiser was successful in large part because of our panel of expert professional appraisers. We are looking forward to having them with us again at our next Appraisal Fair at the First United Methodist Church of Troy on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

In the meantime, three of our expert appraisers will conduct Sunday afternoon workshops at the Troy Museum & Historic Village on various aspects of acquiring, owning, evaluating and caring for antiques and collectibles. They will take place in the Historic Village's Old Troy Church. Each workshop will cost \$5.00 per person for THS members and \$8.00 per person for non-members. These registration fees will go directly into our THS Heritage Campaign.

Leading off on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. will be Fred Fleming with his "You've Got to Have Style!" workshop. Fred will discuss different styles - Mission, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, and Arts & Crafts - in antique furniture and accessories. Fred is the proprietor of Aardvark Antiques in Lake Orion. He invites participants in his workshop to bring in one or two examples of their antiques and collectibles in these styles for discussion and a free verbal appraisal. Registrations for Fred's workshop are being taken at the Museum, (248) 524-3570, until January 26th.

On Sunday, March 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., Joe Kuechle will conduct his "Timely Treasures" workshop. Joe is the proprietor of Clockworks, Inc. in Warren. He will explore the care and value of clocks and watches. Participants are encouraged to bring their timepieces to Joe's workshop for discussion and evaluation. The registration deadline for it is March 2nd.

Finally, on Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., LaVere Webster of Rochester Hills will present a workshop on "How to Ruin an Oil Painting." LaVere is a museum curator for fine art, and he will discuss the care and preservation of fine art seriously, but with humorous examples befitting the April 1 date of his workshop. LaVere lives in one of the oldest homes in the area (1832), by the way, so we may be able to get him to talk about historic preservation as well. Registration for his workshop should be made by March 24th.

These workshops should be fun as well as informative! We hope to see you there.

2006 Hand & Eye Show By: Cheryl Barnard

Well another year has gone by and the Hand & Eye Craft Show was a success once again. I would like to thank the exhibitors and Society members for all their hard work. We had many beautiful crafts and a few new inventive ideas in the show this year.

Over 2,500 people were in attendance this year, which was up from the previous year we also had 15 more vendors join us this year. Thanks to the volunteers we had a very uneventful day, which when you are in charge is a very good thing. Thanks again to all of our volunteers; we look forward to seeing you next year.

If you are interested in next years show, please send pictures of your work to Hand & Eye Show, P.O. Box 6, Troy MI 48099.

We care about our members and would like to keep updated on any cares or concerns.

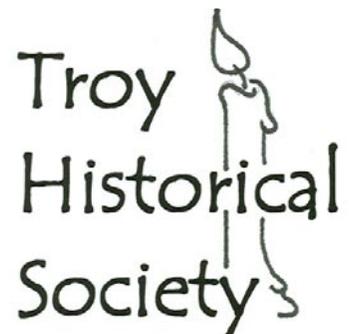
Please feel free to call Gerry Young at
586-802-1225.

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.



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.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Winter Lecture Timeline: 1819	18	19	20 Museum Tour and Candle Dipping 1-3 pm
21 Troy High School Country Fiddlers 2-3:30pm @ Museum	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Barnes & Noble fundraiser and book signing
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11 Workshop for Antique Owners "Timely Treasures"	12	13	14	15	16	17 Museum Tour and Candle Dipping 1-3 pm
18 Ron Moore: Musical Comedian 2-3:30pm @ Museum	19	20	21 Winter Lecture Timeline: 1837	22	23	24
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Feburary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Workshop for Antique Owners "You've Got to Have Style" 4	5	6	Story Time for preschoolers 10:30-11:15am 7	8	9	Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday Party 1-2pm 10
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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.

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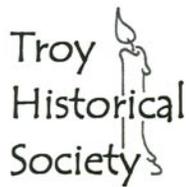
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