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HISTORY IS PRICELESS : BUT HOW MUCH IS YOUR PIECE OF IT WORTH?

One lucky member of the public who attended the Troy Museum & Historic Village's annual **Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair** was told a set of three books he owned was worth \$30,000. How much might your family heirloom or flea market find bring if you took it to auction?

You can find out on **Sunday May 4**, when the Appraisal Fair will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Troy from 1:00 until 4:30 PM. The Fair is sponsored by the Troy Historical Society as a fundraiser to help expand the Troy Museum.

Just as on Antiques Roadshow, you can receive verbal appraisals of the approximate value of your treasures. Professional appraisers will evaluate antiques of all kinds, except weapons or coins. If your item is too big to take to the Fair, detailed photos are acceptable.

The church is located at 6363 Livernois, between Square Lake Road and South Boulevard and there is plenty of free parking. No reservations are needed and entry to the Fair is free. Verbal appraisals cost \$5. Informal written appraisals will be \$20. Visit the Troy Historical Society's website, www.troyhistory.org, or call the museum at 248.524.3570 for more information.

Meet the Architects

Successful projects reflect the quality and dedication of the people who contribute to them. We believe that the talents and professional philosophies of the architectural team of Gene Hopkins and Tamara Burns will help us to develop the Troy Museum as an outstanding cultural destination in our region.

Gene Hopkins has over 32 years experience overseeing historic preservation. He is a federally qualified historical architect with extensive experience in restoration and rehabilitation of National Historic Landmarks, as well as structures on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. His work on the Michigan State Capital earned awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and two awards from the American Institute of Architects. Gene has worked on the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall restoration, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Meadowbrook Hall, and buildings in the Cranbrook Educational Community.

Tamara Burns has twenty years of leadership and management experience providing design services for new, existing and historic buildings. She has participated in mixed use, commercial, residential, and retail projects as well as laboratory renovations, world headquarters facilities and community master planning.

Hopkins and Burns have retained Neal Billetdeaux of JJR as a planning and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) consultant for the Museum expansion. Neal's strong background in ecology and training as a landscape architect give him a unique understanding of how environmental issues, including ground and storm water management, play an important role in site planning. Neal sits on the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Water Efficiency Technical Advisory group.

We hope you have an opportunity to meet these outstanding members of our expansion team at an upcoming Public Classroom.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Museum is offering a wide variety of activities this summer for all ages. We would like to encourage you to stop by and pick up a complete list of activities, or more information on activities you are interested in. If you wish to register for a program please do well in advance. Enjoy your summer!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	Thursday Teas at Two 2:00	5	6
8	9	10	11	Thursday Teas at Two 2:00	12	13
15	16	Homelife Tour & Butter making 10:30-12:00 \$3, 3rd grade & up	17	Thursday Teas at Two 2:00	18	19
22	23	*Games on the Village Green \$5, Ages 6-12 Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9	*Basket-Weaving Workshop, \$12 Ages 8-Adult Cabin & Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3	Weddings Tea 2:00 Feel free to bring a wedding photo to share	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30	20
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30	29	30	24	25	26	27
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						Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up
						28

* Denotes that registration is required and please contact the Museum for more details

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 1	*Make a Patriotic Hat \$5, Ages 6-12 2	Thursday Teas at Two 2:00 3	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 4	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 5
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 6	Munch and Learn 12 Noon Bring Lunch 7	Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 8		*Make a Corn Husk Doll \$5, Kdg and up 10	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 Drop In Fiddling 12:00-1:00 Intermediate & up 11	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 12
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 13	Munch and Learn 12 Noon Bring Lunch 14	*Creative Writing Camp \$30, Grades 4-6 Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 15	*Creative Writing Camp, Day 2 Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up 16	*Creative Writing Camp Day 3 17	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 18	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up Homelife Tour & Butter making 10:30-12:00 \$3, 3rd grade & up 19
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 20	*Archaeology Camp I \$50 Middle School 21	*Archaeology Camp I Day 2 *Games on the Village Green \$5, Ages 6-12 22	*Archaeology Camp I, Day 3 Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up 23	*Little House Adventure Camp \$30, Ages 7-12 24	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 Drop In Fiddling 12:00-1:00 Intermediate & up 25	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 26
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 27	Munch and Learn 12 Noon Bring Lunch 28	Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 29	Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up *Ships Ahoy! Bus Trip, 9:15-5:35 Prices Vary 30	*Garden Party 2:00-4:00 \$30 Adult \$25 7-17 31		

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 Drop In Fiddling 12:00-1:00 Intermediate & up 1	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 2
	Munch and Learn 12 Noon Bring Lunch 3	Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 4	Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up 5	*Time Traveler's Camp \$30, Ages 8-12 Thursday Teas at Two, 2:00 6	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 7	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 8
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 9	*Archaeology Camp II \$75 High School 10	*Archaeology Camp II, Day 2 *Make a Corn Husk Doll \$5, Kdg and up 11	*Archaeology Camp I, Day 3 Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up 12	*Archaeology Camp I, Day 4 Homelife Tour & Butter making 10:30-12:00 \$3, 3rd grade & up 13	*Beginner's Ribbon Embroidery \$6, Ages 9-Adult Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 14	Make and Take 11:00-11:45 \$5, 7 and up 15
Craft Demo 1:30-3:30 16	Munch and Learn 12 Noon Bring Lunch 17	Tales on Tuesdays 11:30, Ages 3-9 *Hayes Tour Bus Trip, 8:00-5:00 Prices Vary 18	Cabin and Candles 1:00-2:00, \$3 1st Grade & up 19	Thursday Teas at Two, 2:00 Beekeeping and the Honey Bee \$8, Ages 8 and up 20	Toys, Games, and Imaginations 10:00-3:30 21	22
23				*Herb Flavors in Cookies and Tea \$4 24		
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Heritage Campaign Update

By Ward Randol

Every member of the Troy Historical Society should have received in last month's mail a copy of the first financial report of our Heritage Campaign from 2005 through the end of February, 2008. If you did not receive a copy of the report, please call the Museum at 248-524-3570 to request one. The report shows, among other things, that we have passed our first half million dollars in funds raised for the expansion and enhancement of the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

As we now aim for our first million, we have received several nice gifts early in 2008. Among the nicest (surprise gifts are especially sweet) are unsolicited donations from two groups. First, we were informed that the City's employees designated our Heritage Campaign as the recipient of the money they raised in February from their weekly dollar contributions entitling them to wear blue jeans to work on Friday casual days. They raised \$600 for us. A check for this amount was presented to us at the April 21 City Council meeting.

Second, we were informed by Troy's Costello School (named after Troy's first mayor, Frank Costello) that Costello's three third grade classes named the Museum and our Heritage Campaign as the beneficiary of their 2007 – 2008 business project. The project was initiated and guided by Costello's third grade teachers Valerie Thudium, Lindsay Gregoricka and Leon Raczkowski. Their 2007 – 2008 business was The Costello Greeting Card Co. The third graders organized themselves into a company, including job interviews for every student. The appropriate "employees" designed the cards, bought the materials, created a production line to manufacture them, and sold them. Bottom line: they sold over 1,000 cards for \$1 apiece and made a profit of \$852!

On April 10 the students gave a Power Point presentation of their business project to a group of invited guests including Troy's Mayor Louise Schilling, Community Affairs Director Cindy Stewart, Museum Manager Loraine Campbell, Historical Society Treasurer Fred Rounds and volunteer Sue Lavender, and Heritage Committee Co-Chairs John Lavender and Ward Randol. Mayor Schilling, herself a former elementary teacher, gave the students a historical research assignment about Frank Costello. Then the students presented their \$852 check to Fred Rounds, to a standing ovation.

Thanks to generous gifts such as these, we are off to a good start with our 2008 fundraising. We need a good start, because we are now paying our fine architects, Hopkins-Burns Design Studio of Ann Arbor, on a monthly basis, to prepare a site plan for the expanded Museum.

Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the continuing generosity of members of both the Troy Historical Society and the wider Troy Community to help make moving the 1837 Niles-Barnard house to the Museum, 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 Loraine Campbell at the Museum for referral to a committee member.

Museum Staff Invite You to Tea

The staff at the Museum cordially invites you to a gracious Summer Garden Party on Thursday July 31 from 2-4 PM. This old-fashioned English Tea will feature tea sandwiches, scones, pastries and formal china service and a chance to participate in the Museum staff's Queen for a Day Drawing. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for youngsters 7-17 years old. Ticket prices include a \$10/\$5 donation to the Society's Heritage Campaign. For more information about this lovely event, please call 248-524-3570. Tickets may be purchased at the museum or by mailing your check to the museum.

A Personal Note of Thanks-Loraine Campbell

I would like to thank the many members of the Troy Historical Society for their kind words, cards, notes and prayers following my husband Rick's death on March 2. Your friendship and support are deeply appreciated.

Shifting Gears-A New Car Show

By: Loraine Campbell

In late February three members of the corporate community in Troy hatched a plan for a new, expanded car show to be held this summer at the Columbia Center on Big Beaver Road. Their goal is to showcase Troy's beautiful corporate corridor and to introduce thousands of fun-seeking car lovers to the fine restaurants and shopping along Big Beaver. Thanks to timely introductions provided by Assistant City Manager, Brian Murphy, and with support from Community Affairs Director, Cindy Stewart, Kirco Associates, Kelly Services and the Suburban Automotive Collection have agreed to name the Troy Historical Society as the sole beneficiary of the event.

The Troy Traffic Jam: Metal, Muscle and Music will be held on Sunday, August 10 and exhibit between 200 and 300 cars. These will include classically restored autos, more contemporary "rod and muscle" cars, and vehicles showcasing new innovations. Music, food and special awards will also be featured. Vehicle owners who submit a Motoring Memories application are automatically accepted into the show.

The Heritage Campaign Committee is delighted to have this opportunity to meet and work with Troy's corporate leaders and to benefit from this highly visible event. Members of the committee and Loraine Campbell will work with Cindy Stewart and the Traffic Jam planning committee to create an exciting and successful show. Therefore, Motoring Memories Car Show will not be offered at the Museum in July. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the terrific fundraiser on August 10!

Help Needed

The Troy Historical Society is looking for a member that would be interested in serving on the Troy Historic District Study Committee. This Committee looks at building structures in the City of Troy to determine if they should be designated as a Historic Building. They are also bringing up-to-date those that are designated and what historic significance they have to the City of Troy. It meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Troy Museum at 7:30 p.m. You must be a Troy resident to serve on this committee. If you are interested, please call Kinda Hupman at 248-670-1323.

***NEW MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS* From July 1-September 30, the Museum will be open:
Monday-Saturday 9:00-4:30 and Sunday 1:00-5:00**

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: _____

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**Help preserve Troy's history. Send this form and your payment to:
Troy Historical Society, 60 W. Wattles, Troy, MI 48098**

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.

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.

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.

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 2007, you can extend your membership to September 2008.

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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