

THS City Agreement Approved

By **Loraine Campbell**

On July 1, 2011, the Troy Historical Society (THS) will assume operational management of the Troy Museum & Historic Village. On Monday, March 28, 2011 Troy City Council approved a Letter of Agreement for a five-year renewable lease that includes the following provisions:

- The City of Troy retains ownership of the land, buildings and collections that comprise the facility and will continue to fund utilities, security, insurance and buildings and grounds maintenance.
- The City Manager will appoint a contact person who will communicate with the THS Board of Trustees and the Museum Director and accept their financial and annual reports.
- The Troy Historical Society will oversee all operations, hire a full time director, and use all revenues generated through admissions, mission-focused programs, grants, facilities rentals and donations to operate the Historic Village.

"This Agreement expands and increases the forty-year relationship between the City and the Historical Society," said Loraine Campbell. "This strong relationship is built on volunteerism that spans nearly a half century. Society donations financed the relocation and restoration of the buildings in the Village and thousands of volunteer hours have fueled our education and enrichment programs."

Much more work lies ahead. "Our goal is to keep the Village open to the public at least three days a week, but we need everyone's help," said Treasurer John Lavender. "We must increase memberships, donations and program attendance to close the projected \$70,000 budget gap we anticipate for Fiscal Year 2011/2012."

How can you help? Please consider the following:

- Renew your THS membership when your renewal notice arrives.
 - Consider making a donation to support the THS and Museum operations. If you cannot afford a lump sum gift, consider a pledge with 4 quarterly or 12 monthly installments. A Donation form is included in this issue.
 - Consider an in kind gift of office supplies, a gift certificate to Trevarrow Hardware, Home Depot or Meijer.
 - Volunteer your time and talents. We need:
 - An accountant and/or CPA to serve on our Finance Committee
 - Writers and editors to develop copy for the Village Press and program materials
 - Facility attendants for weekend hours
 - Volunteer gardeners to work with our Master Gardener to maintain flower beds this summer
 - Volunteers to assist appraisers at the Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair on May 1
 - Men and women to make small repairs to our buildings
- Fill out a volunteer application (download at www.troyhistory.org) and we'll help you match your talents with our needs.

The Niles-Barnard House Preservation Update

The good news is that after 174 years much of the original building material in the Niles Barnard House is in fair to good condition. The bad news is that the sill is rotted in many places and much of it needs to be replaced. The sill is the 10-inch square beam that originally rested on the loose stone foundation and now sits on the new cement block foundation. Architects Gene Hopkins, Tamara Burns and their structural engineer Steve Rudner knew that some of the sill, especially sections under the doorways and where the stone foundation was almost at grade, would have to be cut out and replaced. However, when bottom rows of clapboard (called the skirt) were removed more extensive rot was discovered. The carpenters also found areas where the surface of the beam appeared sound, but the interior was rotted. The process to replace the deteriorated sections is slow and methodical work but will be completed in April.

The next important step in the rehabilitation process is to hire stone masons to face the new poured concrete/concrete block foundation with the original stone salvaged when the house was moved. Installing the stone is critical to maintaining not only the historic integrity of the building, but also its structural integrity. THS has applied for an Evans Historic Preservation Grant that would provide \$7,500 for this important project.

The Clannad Foundation and the Michigan Architectural Foundation joined forces in 1999 in memory of preservation architect David Evans, to initiate the Evans Memorial Preservation Grant Program. This is an annual award and made to a not-for-profit (501-C-3) organization that can demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem.

Annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair May 1

One lucky member of the public who attended a Troy Museum & Historic Village's annual **Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair** was told a painting he had purchased at a flea market was worth over \$100,000. How much might your family heirloom or flea market find bring if you took it to auction?

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

You can receive verbal appraisals for \$5/item or informal written appraisals (not suitable for insurance companies) for \$20/item. Professional appraisers will evaluate antiques of all kinds, except weapons. Commonly appraised items include: fine art, glass and ceramics, furniture, jewelry, books, needlework and samplers, stamps and coins and general collectibles. 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. Visit the Troy Historical Society's website www.troyhistory.org or call the museum at 248.524.3570 for more information.

DONATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Please accept my unrestricted monetary donation:

Amount donated/pledged (please circle): \$ _____ Name: _____

My/ Our pledge will be paid in 1 2 3 4 installments (please circle appropriate number)

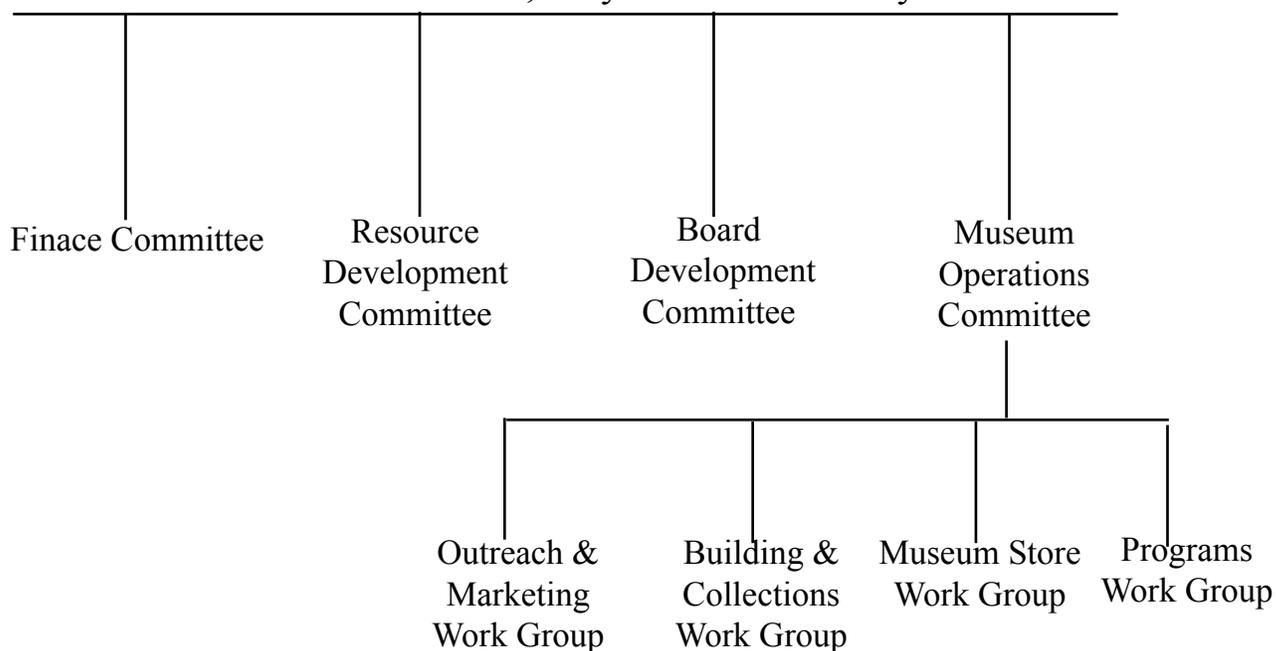
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VISA MasterCard Discover (please circle)

Account Number _____ Date of expiration: _____

Signature: _____

Board of Directors, Troy Historical Society



Starting July 1, 2011 the Troy Historical Society will take over the increased responsibility for operation and running of the Troy Museum and Historic Village. The chart above demonstrates the new structure for running the Museum. We are looking for volunteers that have experience in any of these areas to help us on these different committees and work groups. If you are interested please contact the Museum at: 248-524-3570. We have already started working on the transition so that we can make it as smooth as possible. Our biggest goal is to set up a structure not only for the transition but a structure that can sustain the Museum and help it grow and prosper. Any time and ideas you can offer will help us make this venture work for our community and others.

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"/> \$20 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family/Couple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Non-profit Institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Individual Life | |

Please check if you would like Newsletters via E-mail:

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, 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 Icedan

60 W. Wattles

Troy MI 48098

Or e-mail us at:

thevillagepress@troyhistory.org

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

SUMMER PROGRAMS JUST FOR ADULTS!

Storytelling Workshop

Friday June 17

9:30am-1:00pm

Fee: \$24 (\$22 for THS members), includes lunch

Ages 16 to adult

Learn storytelling techniques from Craig Roney, Wayne State University professor. All levels welcome.

Register by 6/14

Oral History Workshop

Wednesday June 22

9:00am-3:30pm

Fee: \$35 (\$33 for THS members), includes lunch

Ages 16 to adult

Gain tools to gather and record your family or community stories, from Dr Willie McKether of Univ of Toledo.

Register by 6/16.

Public Speaking Workshop

Tuesday June 28

10:00am-2:00pm

Fee: \$20 (\$15 for THS members), includes lunch

Ages: Adults

Professional actress Emily Campbell teaches how to project and preserve your voice while connecting to audiences. Register by 6/23

TROY GARDEN WALK BOUTIQUE

Wednesday July 13

9:00am-7:30pm

Free museum admission today!

Shop for outdoor art, vintage finds, unique jewelry, and plants at the annual boutique held on the Village Green. Presented by the Troy Garden Club. Please support this terrific annual event and the wonderful members of the Garden Club who support the Troy Museum with monetary donations and gifts of their time and gardening expertise.

GOING GREEN!

The Troy Historical Society is going green! In an effort to save on resources we will start E-mailing our quarterly newsletter, and this will be the last newsletter that will be sent through the mail. Those who would still like to receive their newsletters through the mail should contact the museum. Anyone who we do not have a valid E-mail for will still receive their newsletters via the post office. If you haven't provided us with your E-mail, and would like to help us go green, please contact the museum with your E-mail.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Join us for a delightful and engaging summer of sharing stories that express our heritage. Come for story lunches, meet Michigan authors. Enjoy family picnics that feature professional storytellers and musicians. Hear stories from the past as you stroll through the Historic Village. Each week features a special theme and related hands-on activities. Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Story Lunches

Thursdays at Noon; program will begin by 12:15pm. Free with admission. Bring a picnic lunch to munch outdoors while we read a storybook or two based on the week's theme. Then, children of all ages can enjoy a related hands-on activity afterwards.

June 23 Log Cabin Pioneers

June 30 On the Farm

July 7 Celebrations

July 14 Gardens

July 21 *Pocketful of Passage* with author Loraine Campbell

July 28 Grandparents

August 4 *My Mountain Home* with author Shutta Crum

August 11 Tall Tales and Legends

August 18 Quilts Tell Stories

August 25 Tasty Tales

Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin in the air-conditioned Old Troy Church at 2 pm and last one hour. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer if preferred.

June 30: VanHoosen Tea

Text goes here. It's either Alice VanHoosen, or it's an overview of the Women of Oakland County exhibit.

July 28: Inventorrific Tea

Explore the creativity of women inventors who solved problems of everyday life, presented by Amy Clark.

August 25: Tea and Tollhouse

Marguerite Humes will share the story of Ruth Wakefield, who invented the Tollhouse Cookie in 1703.

Fee: \$7 per person

Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series.

Program fee includes museum admission. No refunds

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Bring the whole family, your dinner and a blanket (or lawn chair). Doors open at 5:30pm; performances begin at 6:00pm. Free with admission. Donations accepted. You can help us prepare for a great event. Phone 248-524-3570 before the "CALL BY DATE" and tell us how many our in your group. Thanks!

Bring the whole family, your dinner and a blanket (or lawn chair). These professional storytellers are sure to delight! In case of rain, program will be held indoors.

Sat July 23 "Lighthouses & Legends" with Kitty Donohoe CALL BY July 18

Wed July 27 "Skipping Through the '50s" with Lois Sprengnether Keel CALL BY July 20

Sat Aug 13 "Michigan Tall Tales" with Larry Massie CALL BY Aug 8

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 2010, you can extend your membership to September 2011.

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-Thursday

10am-3pm

Adults \$3

Children \$2

Children under six are free

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

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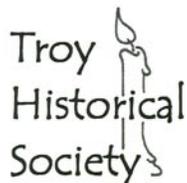
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