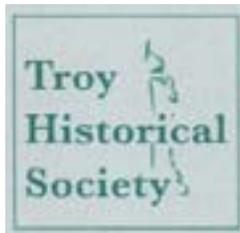


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Welcome ^{New} Board Members

At the September 20th annual meeting, Troy Historical Society members approved 10 revisions to the organization's by-laws. A significant change to Article 5 increased the maximum number of board members from fifteen to eighteen individuals. The approved language allows for the size of the board to vary between 9 and 18 members as the needs of the Society change.

This amendment was prompted by the increased workload created when THS assumed management of the Troy Historic Village. The membership also unanimously approved a slate of five new trustees. Each individual brings energy, enthusiasm and a diversity of skills to the board. A summary of the new board members follows.

Barbara Chambers is the co-chair of the Village Store Committee. She attended the Master of Arts Program in Historic Preservation at Eastern Michigan University and serves as the Chair of the Historic District Commission for the City of Troy.

Jim Jarrait retired from a full time teaching career that spanned kindergarten, high school, and college classes. He has been active in his homeowners association and has attended THS board meetings for nearly two years.

Mary Kerwin is currently Mayor Pro Tem of the Troy City Council and previously served two terms on the Troy Board of Education. She has received awards from the National School Board Assn.

and the Michigan Municipal League. Mary teaches at the University of Michigan Dearborn's Institute for Local Government.

Michael Nowosatko, a Graphics Design Artist with 30 years of experience, is the creative force behind the new Troy Historic Village logo and associated marketing materials. He is a member of the Society's Community Relations Work Group and an active Boy Scout Leader in Troop 1701.

Cindy Stewart is the Community Affairs Director for the City of Troy. She serves on the Troy Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors and actively supports many other local human service organizations. Cindy is a member of the Community Relations Work Group.

All THS members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the main building at the Troy Historic Village. Please note that the next Board Meeting has been rescheduled for October 25 because of schedule conflicts.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will take all of us to nurture the Historic Village! Here's how you can help:

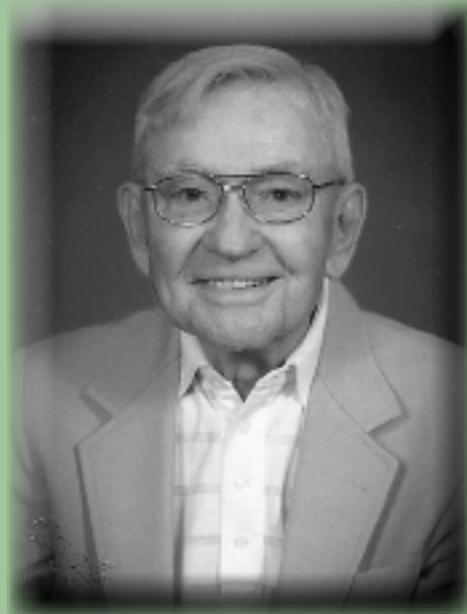
- Renew your THS membership when your renewal notice arrives.
- Make a donation to support the THS and Village operations. If you cannot afford a lump sum gift, please make a pledge, with 4 quarterly or 12 monthly installments.
- Make a tax deductible gift of office supplies, cookies for the monthly Thursday Teas at Two, or a gift card from Trevarrow Ace Hardware, Home Depot, or Meijer.
- Volunteer your time and talents. We need:
 - Volunteers in costume on October 29th for Trick-or-Treating in the Village, contact staff for more information.
 - Front desk ambassadors to greet daily visitors, contact staff for more information.
- A house plant to brighten up our office

Walter Cornelius

Long time Troy Historical Society member and former Treasurer, Walter Cornelius, passed away on August 5, 2011 at the age of 95. Walter and his ever-energetic wife Mary were fixtures at the Troy Historic Village for over 40 years. Together they assisted with programs, restoration projects, special events, and receptions. Walter also rolled up his sleeves and accepted the job of Troy Historical Society Treasurer for 35 years. He worked diligently with the Board to acquire the church and parsonage and assisted at the annual Hand and Eye Show to raise funds to move the buildings and help finance the restorations.

Walter's full life was distinguished by his military service, his career as an engineer and his exceptional community service. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1973 and retired with the rank of Captain. His 44-year career as a senior research engineer for General Motors earned many accolades. He appeared in the "American Men of Science" 11th Edition, in 1965 and the "Who's Who in the Midwest and Canada", 11th Edition, in 1969.

Walter received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Cincinnati, College of Engineering, in 1973. His autographed photo and list of published technical papers and two coedited technical books were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1975. He was the recipient of three Arch T. Colwell Merit Awards from the National Society of Automotive Engineers and he was granted four patents for engineer-



ing designs from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Where Walter was always ready to work, but he also valued time with his many friends and his family. He looked forward to monthly lunches at the Birmingham Men's Club, golf dates in Florida, conversations with the THS friends and Board Members, and special time with Mary and their family. He was warm, gracious and always a gentleman. He will be missed.



Calling all Carvers

We invite individuals and families to select a medium-sized pumpkin for \$ 1 from the Village October 17-20 (9AM-5PM) and return it creatively carved between October 25 and 27 (9AM-3PM). Photos of the best classic, funny and scary designs will appear in the newsletter and on our website. All pumpkins will be displayed during Trick or Treating in the Village on October 29 from 1PM-3PM. At the conclusion of the event, we invite everyone to take their pumpkins home in time for Halloween. The pumpkin supply is limited, so to RSVP (ReSerVe your Pumpkin) call Anne at 248-524-3570 or e-mail a.nagrant@troymi.gov.

Christmas 1863

Saturday December 3rd
1PM-3PM

\$ 8.00 Adults, \$ 3.00 Children 6-12

The Village and historic buildings will be bright with holiday cheer as we explore holiday celebrations during the Civil War. Meet well-to-do ladies, a Michigan soldier, and even poet Henry Longfellow as they prepare for Christmas. Visit with Santa Claus, and then enjoy punch and cookies. You might even catch a glimpse of President and Mrs. Lincoln. Special activities for children! Park at Zion Church, 3668 Livernois south of Wattles Road, and ride the free shuttle bus to the Village. Tickets are available in advance or at the door *See "Time to Save".

Evening Lectures

Our region is home to Americans with origins from around the globe. This special lecture series explores some of these ethnic groups, and focuses on the 20th century stories of individuals who found a place in Michigan.

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| January 18 | Southeast Michigan is home for one of the largest Arab American communities in the U.S. Sonja Kassis, from the Arab American National Museum explores the stories of those who contribute to this rich culture. |
| February 15 | Anthropologist and historian, Willie McKether of University of Toledo has collected the oral histories of African Americans who migrated from the south to find jobs and homes in Detroit, Flint and Saginaw. Join him and hear their stories |
| March 21 | Padma Kuppa is a Hindu American born in India, raised in New York and educated both countries. Her story is on of the 20th century immigration and learning to balance identities as an Indo-Hindu-American. |
| April 18 | Mary Kamidoi and her family were placed in a Japanese internment camp when she was 11 years old. She is now a member of the Japanese American Citizens League in Michigan. |
| May 16 | Marius Sidau, grew up in northwest Romania where village life and old traditions flourished. He arrived in the United states six years ago and is now a cultural anthropologist. |

Fee: \$ 5 at the door, free for Troy Historical Society members. No registration required.

Stuff Your Stockings Early

The Village Store is stocking up for the holidays with wonderful new merchandise. You will find lovely gift baskets that include tea cups, saucers, doilies and boxes of tea. Consider pairing a basket with season tickets to our winter tea series for a gift that lasts far into the New Year. Handmade aprons in festive prints, holiday ornaments, Pewabic tiles, and unique note cards are also available. Avoid the last minute scramble for a fun hospitality gift. The Village Store has sweaters and stocking caps knit to fit wine bottles and hand-dipped beeswax candles. Or if you enjoy fireside treats, consider "Funky Forks" that we hand-crafted by Village blacksmiths. They are perfect for roasting marshmallows and hotdogs throughout the year. The Village Store is open to the public Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM- 3 PM and accepts checks and credit cards.

Time To Save

The Historical Society is offering a special "members only discount" for admission to Christmas 1863 on December 3rd from 1-3 PM. To save \$ 1 on each ticket, buy your tickets by December 2nd at the Village Store.

Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15AM

Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale in our monthly program for little historians. A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child's visit complete. Appropriate for ages 2-5; children must be accompanied by an adult. Younger babies permitted. Advanced registration is required. Upcoming dates include:

- January 4th
- February 1st
- March 7th



These programs were made possible, in part, by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. We are grateful for their support. Please note that any view, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in the project do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Thursday Teas at Two

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

November 17: Holiday Finery Tea
Welcome back collector Lori Hoffman whose collection of hats, purses, and other finery never ceases to amaze. Watch a fashion show of winter hats and accessories from the 1860s to 1950s. Fee: \$ 7 per person, includes admission. Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series. No refunds, no exchanges.

Plan ahead and mark these date for our 2012 Tea Season

- January 26: Hello Dolley Tea (Dolley Madison)
- February 23: Tea with a Voyageur
- March 23: Tea and the Ingalls
- April 26: Tea with Toys



Traffic A Jam Success



The chrome shone as brightly as the sun. Tunes from the 1960s and 1970s filled the air as hundreds of folks strolled past 110 classic autos, muscle cars, and street rods at the 4th Troy Traffic Jam. The annual car show, to benefit the Troy Historical Society, was held on August 8th at the Columbia Center.

"This is now the best show in the region," commented one exhibitor. "It is the perfect mix of automotive eras, designs and examples of technology. There is something here for everyone who loves and appreciates cars." Other attendees complimented the beautifully landscaped parking lot in front of the Columbia Center. "What a great spot for a car show!" said a number of folks. "This is more like a park than a parking lot and everyone driving by on Big Beaver can see it!"

We are deeply grateful to the major co-sponsors of the Troy Traffic Jam, Allan Kiriluk and KIRCO, Terry Adderly of Kelly Services and Dave Fisher of the Suburban Collection. Additional financial sponsors included: Master Auto, Oliver Wyman, The Somerset Collection and Susan Lindsey, Accountant LLC. Many thanks are also due to our volunteers who helped direct the classic car owners to the parking spots and those who manned the Troy Historical Society booth throughout the day.

This year's event raised \$9,486 after expenses for the Troy Historic Village. Suggestions have already been received to expand next year's fund raising event to increase revenues for the Society and the Troy Historic Village operations. If you have comments or suggestions or would like to assist on planning next year's event please e-mail Loraine Campbell at lorainemcampbell@gmail.com.

Fun For All at the Fall Farm Festival

The last quarter of the year is a very busy time for volunteers who help plan and staff three major public events at the Troy Historic Village. Approximately 220 adults and children met farm animals, sipped cider and learned how farm animals produce food and clothing at the annual Fall Farm Festival held on September 10th. Bowers Farm guests included goats, woolly sheep, turkeys, a chicken and a rabbit. They enjoyed the lush grass in the Village and gentle petting from many visitors. Across the Village, Lisa Lindsey taught children how to groom her two lovely horses while Brian Peterson talked about beekeeping in the Church. Volunteers also demonstrated blacksmithing, spinning, how to dye fabrics using plants from the garden, and farm tools including milking machines, cream separators and butter churns. The Village Store sold cider and donuts, and lots of new merchandise from the recently expanded Village Store. We are grateful to all of the volunteers for their hard work and to Brian and Anne Partlan, for their generous financial support for this event. A special thank you also, to the many volunteers who donated potted mums that continue to add splashes of color as the Village puts on fall colors.



The Niles-Barnard House Update and Call for Volunteers

The construction fence has been removed as the majority of the exterior repairs to the Niles-Barnard House were completed in September. Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,200 from the Troy Garden Club, the site has been graded and seeded with grass. The Historical Society will work to finish exterior carpentry repairs in the spring. However, there are also opportunities to work on the house during the winter. Once the ground around the house is frozen, we would like to remove old carpeting, scrap building materials and other materials from the interior as we prepare the house for interior restoration. If individuals or service clubs would like to volunteer their time, hands, tools, or pick-up trucks for this work please e-mail lorainemcampbell@gmail.com. Thanks for your continued support!

A Bit Of History

On page 38 of *Troy: City from the Corners* is this interesting picture of a nattily dressed Samuel Jarvis, also known as Shorty. Recently Village researchers found his obituary in the January 24, 1908 issue of the *Royal Oak Tribune*.

His many Royal Oak friends were sorry to hear of the death of Samuel Alger Jarvis at his father's home at Troy Corners, Thursday January 16. Sammy was well know in Royal Oak as he was in Troy. He was Troy's handy man; he could do anything that other people couldn't do. He fixed clocks and watches; drew anything that people asked him to draw, and, in fact was a genius. When a boy of six years he was pushed off the Birmingham High School steps, which resulted in curvature of the spine. His popularity is shown by the fact that he was selected as clerk at one time on the Democratic ticket, although Troy is a strong Republican township. He was born at Birmingham December 22, 1874. He left father, Cyrus Jarvis, mother Ida Jarvis, two brothers Frank and Claud, and a twin sister, Mabel. His death was the result of pneumonia, although it was not expected until within a few hours before he died. He was buried last Saturday in the Troy Union Cemetery amid tears and flowers.*

*Today doctors may have diagnosed a condition like scoliosis.



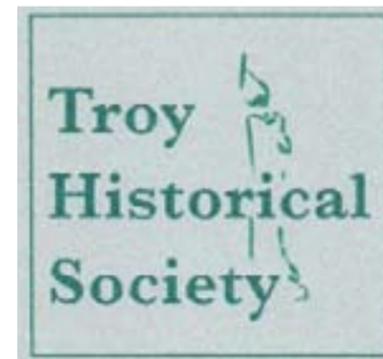
Society Board Officers:

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Gloria Anderlie, Richard Barnard, Barbara Chambers, Alison Iceman, Sherrill Jackson, Jim Jarrait, Mary Kerwin, John Lavender, Sue Lavender, Michael Nowosatko, Judy Siess, Cindy Stewart, and Gerry Young.



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Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
10AM-3PM
Adults \$3
Children \$2
Children under 6 are free

Please check the expiration date of your current membership which is on your membership card. You will receive a notice to renew your membership before it expires. For example, if your expiration date is September 2011, you can extend your membership to September 2012.

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 below. Society Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Troy Historic Village. All Society members are welcome to attend.

Troy Historical Society Membership Application and Renewal

Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Birthday (MM/DD): _____

Enclose payment for membership in the following categories:

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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.

We welcome any member's articles for the newsletter, subject to content and space limitations.

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

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