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Where History Lives

What's Your New Years Resolution?

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.
- Help us reduce the cost of summer programs by donating 2-3 sets of:
 - +Lincoln Logs
 - +New 100 piece jigsaw puzzles
 - +Three 2 gallon igloo beverage containers
 - +Erector Sets
 - +The game Mouse Trap
 - +K'nex
 - + 30 clean, dry #10 juice cans (48 oz size) ex. pineapple juice & V8 juice cans

Please take this simple quiz, circle yes or no. Have you recently said:

1. This year I'll get organized and clean out the clutter. Y N
2. We have wonderful family pictures . . . stored in boxes, envelopes and bags! Y N
3. When we open the picture albums the old plastic sheets stick together. Y N
4. We still have the home movies dad took, but no projector! Y N
5. I've always wondered if our heirlooms and flea market finds are worth anything. Y N
6. We really should tape record his/her stories one of these days. Y N

If you circled yes even once, we can help with two terrific workshops at the Troy Historic Village and at our Annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair.

Saturday, March 10 from 1-4pm
Kim Schroeder will provide a workshop to help families preserve their family pictures, films, videos and DVDs. Kim is a certified archivist who has worked as a multi-media specialist for more than 15 years. She lectures nationally and teaches in the Wayne State University archival program. Her presentation will provide tools, tips, and techniques to preserve old photographs, slides and film, and older electronic media, and organize these materials in your own digital family archive. She will also discuss the best way to save digital media so that you can easily transfer files to new formats as they are developed. You will leave this half- day workshop with the handouts and the resources you need to preserve your most precious memories.

Saturday April 21, from 1-3pm,
Dr. Willie McKether, anthropologist and oral historian from the University of Toledo, will teach a comprehensive Oral History Workshop. The best interviews require good preparation and some careful research. Learn the dos and don'ts of interviewing and how to ask the right questions to generate wonderful narrative answers.

Dr. McKether will also provide tips on setting up the interview, selecting the right equipment, transcribing the oral history, and preserving the interview for future generations. Important copyright information and legal guidelines will be provided for those interested in developing or working on oral history projects where the content may be published, exhibited, or maintained in museum archives or libraries.

Finally, on *Sunday, May 6*, the Troy Historical Society will hold the 8th Annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair from 1-5 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Troy at 6363 Livernois. The Church is on the west side of Livernois between Square Lake and South Blvd. Experienced professionals will evaluate art, jewelry, furniture, ceramics, glassware, books, toys, etc... If you have items too large to transport, please bring good clear photographs that show any unique characteristics and manufacturer's marks. Admission to the event is free. Verbal appraisals are \$5/item and informal written appraisals are \$20. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For additional information on these and other programs and lectures at the Troy Historic Village please see page 3.

A Bit Of History

In its final edition of 1918, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported:

"The year 1918 has gone: a year momentous as the termination of the most cruel war in the annals of the human race; a year which marked, the end at least for a time, of man's destruction of man; unfortunately a year in which developed a most fatal infectious disease causing the death of hundreds of thousands of human beings. Medical science for four and one-half years devoted itself to putting men on the firing line and keeping them there. Now it must turn with its whole might to combating the greatest enemy of all--infectious disease."

Sixteen million people lost their lives during World War I. However, one fifth of the world's population contracted the Spanish Flu in 1918 and approximately 50 million people died during the influenza pandemic. The deadly virus that killed more people than any other illness in recorded history, including the Black Death Bubonic Plague (1347-1351), was a version of the H1N1 virus that claimed 17,000 lives worldwide in 2009.

The first phase of the epidemic, known as the "three-day fever," appeared suddenly in late spring of 1918. Only a handful of deaths were reported as most victims recovered after a few days. When the disease resurfaced in September, it was far more severe. Scientists, doctors, and health officials could not identify this disease which struck fast, was unresponsive to treatment, and seemed uncontrollable. Some

victims died within hours of their first symptoms. Others succumbed after a few days; suffocating as their lungs and bronchial passages filled with fluid.

Influenza outbreaks were rampant in urban and rural communities around the world and were exacerbated by the movement of military units. Young adults, usually unaffected by the flu, were among the hardest hit along with the elderly and small children. The flu afflicted over 25 percent of the U.S. population and in one year the average life expectancy in this country dropped 12 years. During the height of the epidemic the United States experienced a shortage of doctors, nurses, medical supplies, coffins, morticians and grave diggers.

The spirit of Nationalism that was pervasive in America during WWI enabled the government to mandate behaviors that they felt would slow the spread of the disease. Public health agencies distributed gauze masks to be worn in public. Stores could not hold sales, funerals were limited to 15 minutes, and some railroads would not board ticketed travelers without signed medical certificates. National support for scientists and physicians whose medical advancements had saved soldier's lives now supported their new theories regarding the prevention, diagnostics and treatment of the influenza patients.

This sad chapter in American and World History is often just a footnote in classroom textbooks, yet it profoundly affected families, communities, and our collective knowledge of the source, spread, and treatment of viral infections.

Thank
You
Somebodies!

Thank you so much to everyone who has responded to our end-of-the-year appeal! The number of donations received and the total amount raised has set a new THS record. To date over \$8,000 has been contributed by members, volunteers, area businesses, and supporters. Donations continue to arrive by mail, so please don't think it's too late to send your check or donate using your credit card.

The staff and board also deeply appreciate the notes of encouragement that you included with your gifts. While we are not out of the woods yet, the Finance Committee was encouraged by the first six month report of actual revenues vs. expenses for the Historic Village operations.

During the second half of our fiscal year (which ends June 30) the Development Committee will seek individual and business sponsors for the Appraisal Fair, the 5th Annual Traffic Jam Car Show, and Summer in Time, our six weeks of new summer camps for children ages 7-12. If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please call 248.524.3570 or email info@troyhistory.org.

Thank you
Creative Carpets
and Volunteers!

The Village Store and the Pioneer Room have attractive new rugs thanks to the generosity of Creative Carpets in Royal Oak. Owner Jim Mason donated a 12'x 12' bound area rug for the Pioneer Room and new wall-to-wall carpeting to replace the badly worn carpet squares in the Village Store. We appreciate Jim's support and encourage our members to check out their business ad in this issue of the Village Press. Many thanks also to Judy Davy, Barb Chambers, Cheryl and Richard Barnard, John and Sue Lavender, and Bill Ziemba who moved all the furnishings and stock out of the store and pulled up the old carpet squares!

This Winter



Preserving Your Family's Images: Workshop

Saturday, March 10, 1-4pm

\$25, Troy Historical Society members \$20

With so many format changes, it's hard to know what to do so future generations can see your cherished family memories. How can you extend the life of your photos, films, videos and DVDs? Join us for an overview of planning your family's multi-media future. Handouts included. Instructor Kim Schroeder teaches photo preservation and restoration at Wayne State. Register by 3/5.

Recording Your Family's Story: Oral History Workshop

Saturday, April 21, 10-3pm

Fee: \$33, Troy Historical Society members \$30; lunch included.

If only someone would have written it down in time... Ever wanted to interview someone and record their memories? Oral histories are a great way to collect those stories from the past. Learn the best methods from Dr. Willie McKether of the University of Toledo. He will teach techniques, discuss equipment, and legal issues important when conducting interviews. Register by 4/16.

Troy Historical Society Appraisal Fair

Sunday, May 6, 1-4 pm

First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois

Bring your antiques for identification and appraisal. Free entry. Appraisals per item: \$5 (verbal) or \$20 (informal written).

Evening Lecture Series: A Heritage So Richly Woven

Wednesdays, at 7:30pm

Our region is home to cultures from around the globe. In 2012 we explore some of these ethnic groups, hearing their stories and how they found a place in Michigan. Refreshments provided.

February 15: African-American, Dr. Willie McKether, University of Toledo

March 21: Indian-American, Padma Kuppa, Bharatiya Temple, Hindu American Foundation

April 18: Japanese-American, Mary Kamidoi, Japanese American Citizens League

May 16: Romanian-American, Marius Sidau, Cultural Anthropologist

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

Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15am

Fee: \$2 children; \$3 adults

March 7: Zoo Animals

April 4: Little Bears

May 2: Cupcake Fun

June 6: Fuzzy Lambs

Join Cheddar, the Museum Mouse, to listening to a classic tales 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 required.

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.

February 23: Tea with a Voyageur

300 years ago a French-Huron Scout traded his way to the Great Lakes where he was taken in by the Ojibwa. Genot Picor shares this story.

March 29: Tea and the Ingalls

Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House" books, loved singing and listening to Pa's fiddle. Glen Morningstar will play these same tunes for you.

April 26: Tea with Toys

Hear the stories behind famous toys and games like Raggedy Ann & Andy, Lincoln Logs, and Monopoly, as presented by Amy Clarke and Ron Loeffler.

Fee: \$7 per person, includes admission. Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series. No refunds, no exchanges.

Troy Traffic Jam

Chrome, Muscle and Music – Roars into the Columbia Center



The City of Troy's annual classic car show, Troy Traffic Jam: Chrome, Muscle and Music, will roar into the Columbia Center (201 W. Big Beaver Road) for its 5th year on Sunday, August 5, from 10 am - 3 pm. This event, which benefits the Troy Historical Society, combines all of the fun and excitement of traditional car shows plus entertaining music from DJ Bob Steel and delicious food from local restaurants. Tim Hortons Troy will also provide free coffee and Timbits in the morning.

Major sponsors for Troy Traffic Jam are Kirco, Columbia Center, The Suburban Collection, Kelly Services and Somerset Collection.

"The Columbia Center provides a terrific backdrop for this show," Director of Community Affairs for the City of Troy Cindy Stewart said. "This is a terrific way to spend a summer Sunday as Troy Traffic Jam strives to make a positive impact on our City."

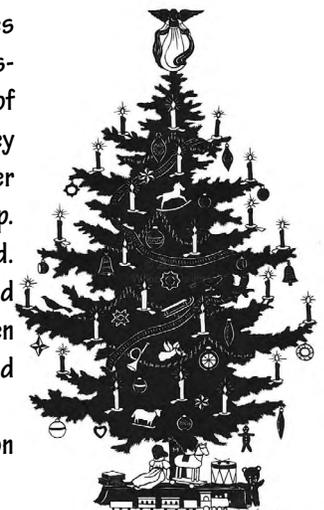
Vehicles from a variety of eras will be featured at this exciting car show! The \$ 15 fee for each vehicle includes goodie bags, prizes and dash plaques. Applications for advanced registration must be postmarked by July 29 or dropped off in person by August 3. Registration will be available the day of the event for \$ 20. Download applications online now at www.troymi.gov/carshow.

Business sponsorship packages are also available for the 2012 event. For information, please contact Cindy Stewart at 248.524.1147 or e-mail cindy.stewart@troymi.gov.

CHRISTMAS 1863

While Civil War soldiers gathered around their campfire the Village Green was alive with friends and families getting in the holiday spirit. Special thanks to re-enactors from the 21st Michigan and the 8th Arkansas-22nd Michigan groups. Traveling from building to building, children and adults of all ages enjoyed the poetry of Henry Longfellow accompanied by beautiful harp music from the talented Pat Eisenberger. After a poem they ventured out to listen to Mrs. Lincoln tell tales of their life while her husband, President Lincoln, stood by her side. After enjoying donuts and cider children ran to the Church to wait for their turn to sit on Santa's lap. Thanks to Ron Buchanan and his granddaughters, children enjoyed making a pop up snowman greeting card. Although the day was a bit gloomy the Village hosted more than 200 people who enjoyed the buildings and activities. Each building was beautifully decorated thanks to Janet Marshall, the Village Store, the Garden Club and all their helpers. Thank you to Genisys Credit Union, Tim Hortons, and all our donors for your continued support.

If you have comments or suggestions or would like to assist in planning next year's event, please e-mail Alison Icmeman at alisoniceman@yahoo.com.



The Niles-Barnard House Update and Call for Volunteers

On Saturday, February 25 (as long as the weather cooperates) we would like to remove old carpeting, scrap building materials and other materials from the interior of the house and recycle them at SOCCRA. Individuals, scouts and service club members who would like to volunteer their time, hands, tools, or pick-up trucks for this work please email lorainemcampbell@gmail.com or call 248.524.3301. Following this work bee we'll enjoy pizza and salad. Thanks for your continued support!



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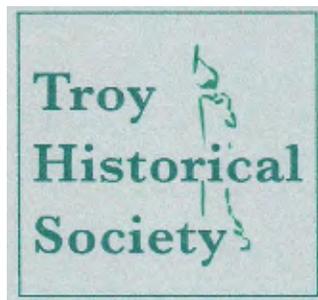
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Please check the expiration date of your current membership which is on your membership card. You will receive a notice to renew your membership before it expires. For example, if your expiration date is September 2011, you can extend your membership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

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Enclose payment for membership in the following categories:

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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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