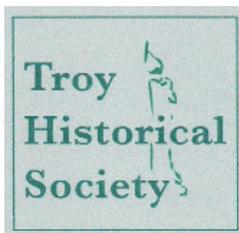


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THS Awarded Grants



Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will take all of us to nurture the Troy Historic Village. 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 Trearrow Ace Hardware, Home Depot, or Meijer.
- Volunteer your time and talents.

The Troy Historical Society recently received grants totaling \$31,871 from two important and very different funders in the region: the Kresge Foundation, a \$3.1 billion dollar foundation headquartered in Troy, and the Brooksie Way Minigrant Program, which is supported by fees from the Brooksie Way Half Marathon. In recent years, the Kresge Foundation recognized that many regional arts and culture institutions in southeast Michigan struggle to meet day-to-day financial obligations and do not have the resources to develop new projects, which traditionally attract grant support. The Kresge Foundation responded by offering Detroit Arts Support Grants. These grants provide dollars that can be applied to salaries, supplies, marketing and other operational expenses incurred by the institution. The funds may not be used for fundraising events or capital expansions. On October 2 the Troy Historical Society was awarded a 2-year, \$30,000 grant to support operations at the Troy Historic Village.

“The Society is really grateful for this support,” Treasurer John Lavender said. “The staff works hard to control costs in the Village, we continue to look for ways to increase revenues, and we have many additional ideas for program growth and expansion. These unrestricted funds are critically important.”

“The Kresge Foundation supports creative places where people actively investigate, preserve and share not just objects, but also the stories and the relationships that those objects represent,” Loraine Campbell said. “It’s our goal to use cultural traditions and artistic expressions to establish the Village as a center for creativity, learning, and enjoyment that increases the vitality of our community.”

The Society was also happy to receive

\$1,871 in September through the Brooksie Way Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants support projects promoting healthy and active lifestyles in Oakland County. The Society will use Brooksie Way funds to purchase timeless, traditional outdoor toys and games, including jump ropes, hula-hoops, and lawn games.

“We will schedule four *Games on the Green Days* next summer and also use the equipment in our summer day-camp programs. Our goal is to provide more ways that families can enjoy the Village and its resources throughout the year and to support healthy active lifestyles in our community,” Ms. Campbell added.

Through its Resource Development Committee, the Society continues to investigate grant opportunities and submit appropriate grant proposals.

Village Store

The Village Store is festive – don’t miss the chance to visit! Open during regular Historic Village hours, the Store has many old-fashioned toys, prints and posters, local history books, and other interesting items available to purchase for yourself or to delight people of all ages on your gift list.

Troy Homestead 1935-1940's

This "Bit of History" article submitted by THS member Kay McFarland will be published as series of stories. The stories were written by John McFarland (Kay's brother-in-law), son of Paul and Edith; brother to Paul and James. The McFarland family lived at 620 Creston from 1935 to mid-1970s.

I remember the summer I turned four in 1935. My folks were looking at a home to buy in Troy Township, one block north of Long Lake Road, east of Rochester Road. At that time the address was 620 Clark Street. Wheeler Clark purchased 160 acres in south-east Section 10 in 1823. Clark Street is now Creston and the side road was Smith, now Somerton. It was a corner two-story house with a three car, two-story garage. The 135' x 335' lot was one acre. Alongside the garage on the south side was a chicken coop. Outside the kitchen window was a pear tree loaded with almost ripe Bartlett pears. In the Michigan basement was a cistern (a flowing well with a tank). On moving day, I still remember how shocked we were to find the pears all gone; the well plugged up and cans and bottles tossed down into the basement. What a mess.

Dad wanted to put in a garden. The soil was sandy and overgrown. Dad had Cliff Sutermeister, a local farmer, plow the area. I was surprised when he came with his plow and a mule. They soon had it turned over. Dad wanted to have chickens. So the next spring the mailman, Lyle Russell, drove up the drive, honked the horn and delivered a box of baby chicks. For a few days and nights we baby-sat, fed, watered and kept them warm. No diapers, but lots of droppings, followed by eggs and chicken dinners for the table. Being a farmer's son, Dad worked the chicken droppings into the sandy soil and the garden was soon well fed too.

Our pair of rabbits soon did what rabbits do best. It was to a young boy, very exciting to watch as they plucked fur and lined a nest for their bunnies. It was equally exciting to see the babies-so tiny, so many, so "fur-less." It soon became apparent to Dad that these cute furry bunnies were pets to his sons. Raising rabbits was for my older brother, Paul and me, a lot more fun than feeding, watering and cleaning out the pens. Our petting and naming the rabbits posed a problem for Dad's plan to sell rabbits for breeding and food for our table. We wanted to keep our cute pets. Soon two of the three bays of the garage were filled with pens of always hungry, thirsty, messy rabbits. The messy part was fed to the very productive garden of grapes, black raspberries and gooseberries. The whole process came to an end when the price of oats and pellet food became prohibitive.

Of all the gardens we grew, to me the best chore was the pickin' part, especially blackberries. We stuffed our faces while picking and piled them on cereal and homemade ice cream. Mom made very tasty vanilla in the ice cream freezer almost every Sunday. In our area of mostly one or two acre lots, factory workers like my Dad lived with their families. East of Rochester Road, for the most part, folks were truck farm families. The kids helped take in the crops in the fall, before the school year began and until everything was harvested. In the spring, school usually finished early enough for them to pitch in with planting.

Board of Directors Update

In September the THS Board of Directors thanked two outgoing trustees - Gerry Young and Richard Barnard - for their years of dedicated service. Gerry has long-supported seasonal special events at the Village. She worked in the gift shop, at the annual Hand and Eye Show, and she continues to volunteer her time at the monthly teas. The Board is grateful that Gerry will continue to send cards, notes and flowers to staff and volunteers who need our support and prayers.

Richard Barnard has been a hands-on board member who coordinated parking at the annual Hand and Eye Shows, and continues to keep Troy Traffic Jam Car Show traffic running smoothly. Richard also chaired the ad hoc committee that developed the newly-established Cornerstone Pioneers.

At the Annual Meeting, the Board also welcomed three new members: David Zuza, Jonathan Strong and Ann Toth. Each of these individuals brings important skills and ideas to the board. David Zuza is an experienced strategic planner and has worked in marketing. He is an active healthcare professional and a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce. Jonathan Strong, a long time Troy resident, is a certified financial planner for UBS Financial Services. He has also volunteered as a Boy Scout leader. Ann Toth is an experienced middle school teacher and very interested in working with staff and volunteers to develop and expand our education and youth programs. These members will serve three-year terms.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm at the Village. Beginning with the first meeting of the New Year, on January 15, 2013, the Board will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at 7pm in the Village. All Society members are welcome at these business meetings.

This Fall at the Village



Old-Fashioned Christmas

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Experience the tastes, sights, and sounds of holidays past at this year's Old-Fashioned Christmas event. Tour the decorated Village Green and visit our historic buildings to hear traditional carols and try Christmas foods from long ago and around the world. See the many ways this holiday is celebrated and visit with Santa Claus. Special activities for children and delicious holiday treats! Park at Zion Church, 3668 Livernois, south of Wattles Road and ride the free shuttle bus to the Village.

Admission: \$ 5 Adults; \$ 3 Seniors and Children ages 6-12; children under 6 free

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.

January 31: Shipwrecked Tea

In December 1854, the passenger steamer *Westmoreland* foundered near Sleeping Bear Dune and sank. Soon, rumors spread that she carried treasure and a 150-year search for this ship began. Join author and shipwreck hunter [Ross Richardson](#) for the story of the *Westmoreland* and how he found her.

February 28: Presidents Tea

Did you know that tea played an important role in the lives of this country's founding families? Certified tea etiquette consultant [Pat Sagert](#) cordially invites you to travel through American history with our presidential families as they take tea.

March 21: Patti Clocks Tea

During the 19th century, Welch, Spring & Co. produced a series of expensive rosewood clocks named after famous opera singers of the day. Join [Andy Dervan](#) for the story behind these "Patti Clocks" and the opera stars for whom they are named.

April 25: Zoo Tea

Drawing more than one million visitors each year, the Detroit Zoo, first opened in 1928, continues to fascinate. Join fifteen-year senior docent [Janet Rosenthal](#) for a comparison of "then" and "now" with a look at the Zoo's history, exhibits, and animals.

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

Evening Lectures

Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Old Troy Church in the Village

Fee: \$ 5 at the door; \$ 3 for Historical Society members

Refreshments provided. No registration required.

Great Lakes! Great Heritage!

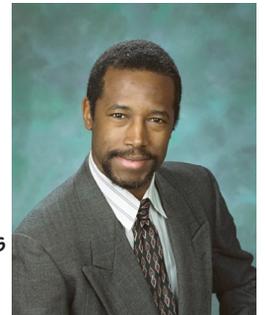
Diverse cultural traditions are key components of our region's history and they continue to enrich and inform our daily lives. Heritage infuses our art, the flavors in our food, and the passion that fuels our discoveries and innovations. Join us as we celebrate the many facets of heritage as expressed in notable lives, achievements, and institutions with roots in the Great Lakes Region.

Jan 16: Pewabic Pottery Celebrates 110 Years

Discover Pewabic's artistic heritage that has thrived since Mary Chase Perry Stratton opened her studio and pottery on Jefferson Ave in 1903. Today Pewabic is a non-profit ceramic design studio, education center and National Historic Landmark that welcomes 40,000 visitors annually each year.

Feb 20: Dr. Ben Carson: Physician and Scientist

This distinguished pediatric neurosurgeon, educator and scientist who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008, was raised in a poor Detroit neighborhood. Ben's mother instilled in her son a love of books and a commitment to achieve. We'll explore Dr. Carson's life, accomplishments and the opportunities he offers to young people today.



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March 20: Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame was dedicated in 1987 on the anniversary of Michigan's ratification of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. Since then the Center has inducted 8-10 outstanding women into the Hall of Fame each year. We'll explore the contributions of historic and contemporary honorees.

Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

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 children 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult.

First Wednesday of the month, 10:30-11:15am:

January 9-Winter

February 6-Friendship

March 6-Green

April 3-Spring

Fee: \$ 2 Children, \$ 3 Adults

CornerstonePioneers

Volunteers are the heart, soul and life-blood of THS, and, while we are grateful for each dollar and hour our volunteers contribute, we recognize that the contributions of some individuals require special recognition. The Society has established the Cornerstone Pioneers to acknowledge their outstanding volunteers and recognized the first 12 inductees at this year's Annual Meeting.

Cornerstone Pioneers actively contributed 10 or more years of volunteer service to the Society. They worked thousands of hours at Village events and at the annual Hand and Eye Show, a fund-raiser for the Historical Society in past years. They spent countless hours at meetings, balanced accounts and monitored budgets. They set up tables, scraped buildings and cleaned artifacts giving of their time, talents and treasures to ensure that the history and heritage of our region are preserved for future generations.

In the program's inaugural year, the Society recognized 12 long-time Cornerstones, both living and deceased. Each received a framed certificate of appreciation and their names are listed on an attractive panel that hangs in the Pioneer Room in the Old Township Hall. The Board of Directors will host an annual Social for the Cornerstones and each summer the Board will solicit nominations for a smaller number of inductees whose extraordinary contributions will be recognized at the annual meeting.

While pages could be written about each individual, space constraints require that we limit ourselves to the following annotated alphabetical list of the 2012 Cornerstone Pioneers.

-**Norman and Harriet Barnard** were active THS board members and officers who helped to move buildings to the Troy Historic Village. Their 1837 home was donated and relocated to the Village in 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are deceased.

-**Walter and Mary Cornelius** were active members for more than 40 years. Walter, now deceased, served as Treasurer for 35 years. Mary worked at countless events and continues to volunteer at monthly teas.

-**Thelma and Al Holdburg** were active early Society volunteers who always rolled up their sleeves when there was work to be done. They painted the Caswell House after it came to the Village in 1968. Al, now deceased, and Thelma are beloved for their long-time commitment and support.

-**Lois Lance** worked diligently over 60 years to preserve local history and significant historic buildings in the community. She authored *Pathways of History Through Troy in 1976*.

-**Vera Milz** served as a Director and President of THS, and represented the Society on the Historical Commission for many years. The bell and steeple of the Village Church were her generous gifts.

-**William Price** was a long time member, supporter and benefactor. His unique sign collection documents early roads and Troy destinations. Bill, now deceased, worked tirelessly to establish the Historic Village.

-**Viola Smith**, an active member of the original Museum Guild of Volunteers, managed the Museum Gift Shop for many years. Her childhood memories of life at Troy Corners have been invaluable to staff.

-**Jeanne Stine**, Troy's first female Councilmember and Mayor, has supported THS programs and efforts at the Historic Village for 25 years. She donated files documenting her civic service to the Village archive.

-**Morris Wattles**, now deceased, was a charter member of THS, and served on the Board of Directors for many years. A consummate historian and civil servant, he is responsible for documenting and preserving Troy's early history.

MAPLE SYRUP TIME – PAST & PRESENT

Presented by Troy Nature Society & Troy Historical Society

Fee: \$ 7 TNS & THS Member Fee: \$ 6 for ages 4-adult. Saturdays, March 2,9, & 16 from 9am-3pm

New this year – staff and volunteers from the Troy Historic Village and Troy Nature Society will join forces on 3 Sweet Saturdays in March. Discover how maple trees make sugar and how people, from Native Americans to 21st Century tech-savvy-sap-tappers, have harvested it to make maple syrup. We'll venture into the woods, visit an historic sugar camp, sample sap, participate in activities to learn more about syrup making and stop in the sugar shed to see the wood-stoked sap evaporator in action. The tour finishes with syrup tasting over warm mini-waffles and our version of the pioneer treat called sugar on snow. Programs start every half hour between 9am and 3pm. Register for a specific day and time at www.troynaturesociety.org. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the program on a space available basis only.

The Niles-Barnard House

This summer, due to the generous support of Joel and Janet Garrett, three urgently-needed exterior restoration projects were completed. These repairs will protect the building from severe weather and improve its exterior appearance.

Window restoration: The building's first floor windows required restoration in order to prevent leaking and structural damage. Windows needed to be removed, scraped, sanded, re-glazed, painted and re-installed. In order to stabilize the windows as economically as possible, while assuring that the work met historic preservation standards, the Historical Society partnered with Jim Turner, a member of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and professional window restorer, to host a window restoration workshop. Twenty one volunteers took part in this two-day, hands-on learning experience, which took place on August 24 and 25. Volunteers learned to repair, restore and maintain wooden windows by restoring the windows of the Niles-Barnard House. Topics covered during the 16-hour workshop included: window evaluation; paint removal; wood repair and replacement; and glazing techniques.



The workshop benefitted participants, as well as the Niles-Barnard House. Each participant received a window-restoration kit, including tools, mask, and "how-to" handouts, along with instruction and supervision from Mr. Turner, while learning by doing. Participants paid a nominal registration fee of \$20 for this informative, hands-on workshop. Seven windows were repaired and reinstalled. The remaining windows will be repaired by volunteers during the winter and spring.

Repairs to the north wall: When the Niles-Barnard House was relocated to the Troy Historic Village, the garage, which had been added to the house by the Barnard family, was detached and left behind. Recent repairs to the back side of the house removed the scar created by this separation. Damaged siding was removed and replacement clapboard was milled, primed, and stained to match the existing siding and then installed on the house's north wall.

Repairs to the south wall and roof: In preparation for relocating the building, an unused and unstable chimney, which was not original to the house, was removed to prevent damage to the building and to increase the safety of the workers involved in the move. The south wall and the roof around the chimney opening have now been repaired, permanently closed, and stained to protect the building and restore its appearance. Thanks to the generosity of the Garretts, the Niles-Barnard house can wait safe and secure for the extensive interior work that will make the

Are You Ready to Explore Our Region?

Adults who have participated in our day trips to museums, historic churches and other cultural centers have really enjoyed the experiences and would like more trips. Unfortunately the cost of motor coaches and even smaller 22-passenger buses has skyrocketed (over \$600 for 4 hours to local destinations). This is cost-prohibitive for our size group. So, I suggest we try a new format to keep costs down and still enjoy the benefits of group travel to cool places. If you are interested in a car-pooling to Pewabic Pottery or the Michigan Woman's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in early spring, please e-mail lm.campbell@troymi.gov or call me at 248.524.3301.

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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 7pm 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:

- \$30 Individual \$45 Family
 \$50 Non-Profit \$100 Business

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.

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