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Maple Syrup Time Past & Present

Join the Troy Historic Village and Troy Nature Society on three sweet Saturdays in March! Discover how maple trees make sugar and how people have harvested it through the ages to make maple syrup.

We'll venture into the woods, 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. Guests will visit an historic sugar camp just like those found on Troy area farms 100 years ago!

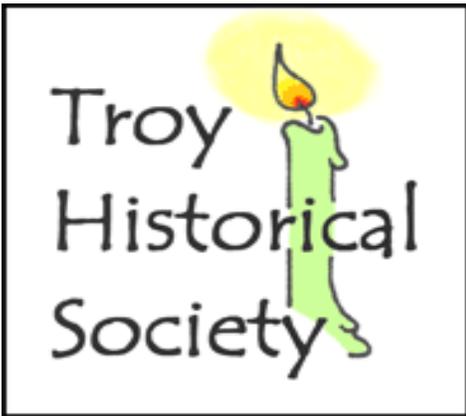
In the nature center library, meet a story teller who will share a maple story or two. The tour finishes with syrup tasting over warm mini-waffles and another special sweet maple treat!

Programs start every half hour between 9 am and 3 pm, on Saturday, March 1, 8, and 15. Register at www.troynaturesociety.org for a specific day and time. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the program on a space available basis only.

Troy Nature Society and Troy Historical Society members: \$6; Teens and adults: \$8; Children 4-12: \$6; Children under 4: Free. Pricing is per visit.



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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. Board meetings for the Troy Historical Society are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Troy Historic Village. All members are welcome to attend.

A Look at Our New Board Members

The Troy Historical Society thrives on the efforts and contributions of its board. Each year, new faces and ideas enrich the culture of the Society and support the Troy Historic Village. In September 2013 the Board welcomed two new members, and paid tribute to David Zuza after his first full year of service. We would like to highlight our new members Rosemary Kornacki and Jim Crandall, and thank David Zuza for his hard work in 2013.

Rosemary Kornacki chaired the Troy Historical Commission for many years. This commission served as the bridge between City Council and the Village while it was under City Management. Rosemary, a long-time Troy resident, is interested in fund development and starting an endowment through legacy giving. When asked about the Village, she remarked, "It has been a thrill adding new buildings and watching the Village grow and thrive. I'm looking forward to the grand opening of the Niles-Barnard House and eventual addition of a barn."

Also new this year is Jim Crandall. Jim worked in corporate real-estate tax. He has also worked with a city commission while living in Massachusetts. Before joining the board, he effectively served the Village working with the finance committee. Jim Crandall is an avid golfer and hails from Colorado.

Despite serving on the board for only a year, David Zuza is the THS Volunteer of the Year for 2013. David was instrumental in developing and implementing the new strategic plan for the Troy Historic Village. A quick look at his personal bio reveals impressive accomplishments. David worked 30 years as a health system executive, strategic planning management consultant, and coach. He understands how to work with diverse organizational cultures and management styles, transforming command-and-control approaches to trust-and-track techniques that empower.

Passionate about his work, he states "The Troy Historic Village is a unique and magical place. When entering the Village one enters a time machine and can suspend belief, stop the clock, and step back in time." He adds that the Village is an "outstanding organization for its dedicated, knowledgeable, and hardworking staff; its interesting, personable, and generous trustees; and its unique and valuable historical artifacts, educational programs, and community and economic development potential for Troy and Southeast Michigan."

In December David Zuza resigned from the Board to join the Village staff as the new Fund Development Director.

From Executive Director Loraine Campbell



January 1 is always a clean slate. Before us are 365 days that will be filled with scientific advancements, works of art, literature, and music. Men and women will distinguish themselves through acts of courage and compassion. Nations will make war and negotiate peace. Regions will experience natural disasters and find the resilience to rebuild. Every year becomes a timeline of human actions that transform what might be into history. And because historians have a penchant for remembering significant anniversaries, I started 2014 by looking back in time.

Two hundred fifty years ago James Hargreaves, an English weaver and carpenter invented the Spinning Jenny. His simple device built in 1764 allowed several cotton threads to be spun simultaneously. It was the first of many advancements in the textile industry that heralded the industrial revolution.

Fifty years later in September 1814, Francis Scott Key and Colonel John Stuart Skinner boarded the British vessel HMS Tonnant to negotiate prisoner releases. They were detained overnight while the British attacked Baltimore. At dawn Key saw that the American Flag still flew over Fort McHenry and recounted the event in a poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry", and fit the verse to "To Anacreon in Heaven." In 1916 Woodrow Wilson declared this song, known as "The Star-Spangled Banner," America's national anthem.

From 1861 to 1865 the U.S. was embroiled in its Civil War. Between November 15 and December 21, 1864, General William Sherman marched his troops from Atlanta to Savannah, and destroyed every factory, railroad, and bridge they encountered. Their path of destruction was 60 miles wide and 300 miles long. One month earlier, 60,000 people died in a cyclone that devastated Calcutta.

Half a century later, Henry Ford stunned American industrialists on January 14, 1914 when he raised his factory worker's daily wage from \$2.34 to \$5.00. Ford theorized that by increasing wages he would reduce employee turnover, retain skilled labor, and increase productivity. He also realized that his workforce would increase company profits. They could now afford to buy the cars that they built.

Finally, just fifty years ago the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. Their imprint on the 20th century was remarkable and enduring. May each of us make a positive and lasting contribution to our community in 2014.



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Children (6-12): \$3
Children (Under 6): Free
Monday - Friday: 10 am - 3 pm

SEASONAL PROGRAMS:

An in-depth look at what's happening

Scouts Second Saturdays

January 11: Brownie Try-It: Listening to the Past. Also welcome: *Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts*
Scavenger hunt for stories behind and clues within our historic buildings. Trace changes in Oakland County maps, and learn about section lines and mile roads. Finally, try out some old fashioned recess or parlor games. Leave with follow-up activities for local cemeteries in Troy, Royal Oak, or Warren.

February 8: America is Special!

Experience historic homes and learn about three famous Americans from the 1800s to 1915. Discover state symbols hidden in our buildings. Conclude with a ceremonial flag-raising by uniformed adults. For scouts 6-10.



March 29 (Fifth Saturday): Excitement from the Past...

Why do we say things like 'canoe,' 'raccoon' and 'Michigan?' What does it mean to have 'a one-track mind' or 'an axe to grind?' Find out with clues hidden in our buildings! Hear exciting stories and see old and interesting letters. Discover history in the community and develop a respect for the past. For Bear Cub Scouts and Brownies.

April 12: Letterboxing!

Kids 7-12 create their own ink stamp, then follow clues to leave their mark for others to see. Find hidden 'letterboxes' in the Village, it's geocaching, Victorian style! While you're here, visit our Print Shop for more images from the past.

Program runs from 10 am - 12 pm.
Price: \$8/person, one scout leader free.
Advance registration required, space is limited.



Cheddar's Corner

Hi, it's me, Cheddar the Village Mouse! I've been busy sharing stories, crafts and treats with my friends at Preschool Story Hour one Wednesday of each month. I also have my very own newsletter and Facebook page now! I hope to see you soon...\$5 for adults, \$3 for children, \$11 for one adult and three to five children. Advance registration required. 10:30 - 11:30 am.

January 8: Cars and Carriages

February 5: Groundhogs and Woodchucks

March 5: Up in the Air

April 2: Baby Animals



SEASONAL PROGRAMS: *An in-depth look at what's happening*

Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. Presentations begin in Old Troy Church at 2 pm. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer.

Price: \$7 per person (includes Village admission). Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series. No refunds or exchanges.

January 30: Annie Sullivan Speaks

Join veteran educator and award-winning actress Collette Cullen for a historical and philosophical overview of America's most famous teacher/student duo. As Annie Sullivan, Cullen narrates Annie's impoverished early life, the obstacles she overcame and her vision for Helen Keller.

February 27: Early Days of Radio in Michigan

From the mid 1920s to the 1950s, some of the best radio programs originated from Detroit, Chicago and New York City. Al and Dave Eicher will share the history of the first commercial radio stations and the programs of that era, including old photographs and soundtracks.

March 27: Buttons-A Window on History

Artifacts are primary sources, giving us a glimpse into life long ago. Join Sheri DeCew, a member of the Blue Water Buttoneers and Michigan and National Button Societies, and discover the popular styles of Troy from 1827-1921. If you're a collector, bring your buttons and stay after the program for show-and-tell!

April 24: Women on the Oregon Trail

Imagine leaving your home to travel across the country on foot, living on the road in the most primitive of conditions. Shirley Weinreich brings artifacts and journals from real women who made the perilous journey on the Oregon Trail. Explore topics including cooking, clothing, child care, hygiene and romance.

Village Talks

January 8: Toastmasters!

Now serving members across over 120 countries, Toastmasters International helps over 292,000 people improve their understanding of public speaking. Join Toastmaster Caleb Bellow as he takes us behind the history and tradition of this public speaking group.

February 12: Celebrate African-American History

Noted African-American History professor DeWitt Dykes will help us honor the unique contributions of African-Americans to the region, and highlight the accomplishments of Detroit-area figures over the years.

March 12: Detroit's Magnificent Movie Palaces

Detroit was once home to majestic theatres that surrounded Grand Circus Park, and were designed by world renowned architects. Join Michael Hauser as he explores these palaces. Browse through photos and theater artifacts and sample several DVDs.

April 9: Once Upon a Button

Throughout history, books have provided joy and comfort for people of all ages, expanded their world and transported them to faraway places. Join Sheri DeCew for a presentation that pairs buttons with the classic books, nursery rhymes, and fables they represent.

April 30: Bonus Talk-Remembering September 11

Chuck Roberts returns to give his presentation on the events of 9/11. Learn why the World Trade Center attacks were more successful than others that day, watch the story of personal watercraft evacuations from Manhattan, and hear what Troy firefighters encountered during the relief efforts.

Price: \$5 at the door; \$3 for Troy Historical Society members. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Artisan Arts & Button Hunts

Cheddar's Springtime Button Hunt

Saturday, April 26, 11 am - 12 pm

Join Cheddar the Village Mouse in a hunt for buttons in the Village! Read a story together, enjoy a snack following the hunt, play games and make a button box to take home. Bring your picnic lunch and eat on the Village Green.

\$5/adult, \$4/child. For ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult. Register in advance, as space is limited.



NEW: Artisan Arts

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, January 17, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
(lunchtime 12 pm - 1 pm)

Paint your own snow scenes and Valentine's Day cards with watercolors! Plein Air Artist Pete Snodgrass will demonstrate methods and techniques to help you create beautiful pieces to take home. Work from provided photos or bring your own. No experience necessary.

Price: \$25/person, plus cost of supplies; ages 18 and up only. Advance registration required.

Artisan Arts: Youth Watercolor Workshop

Saturday, February 1, 10 am - 12 pm

Students will create two watercolor paintings, including a snowy, tree-filled scene and a heartfelt Valentine's mixed-media design. Plein Air Artist Megan Swoyer Garbinski will teach you to blend watercolors with everyday household items such as crayons, candles, salt, coins and more to create captivating paintings. All levels are welcome. Please wear an old top or apron to cover clothing.

Price: \$25/person, includes supplies; ages 8-18. Advance registration required.



AROUND THE VILLAGE:

Volunteers and Pioneers

VILLAGE SPOTLIGHT



Cindy Stewart, Director of Community Affairs for the City of Troy has been a valuable asset to the community for many years. She is also a passionate and dedicated friend of the Troy Historic Village. Cindy has contributed 12 years of volunteer service, two years as a member of THS Board of Trustees, and was a member of the 2013 Strategic Planning Committee. On November 6, 2013, Leadership Troy presented Cindy with the "Troy Distinguished Citizen" Award for 2013.

Leadership Troy President Jim Cyrulewski commented "The nominee (must) contribute to the Troy community above and beyond that which is required in their employment; demonstrate character, commitment and/or leadership qualities; receive no monetary or in-kind compensation for volunteer activities; actively participate in community or civic organizations, school and/ or faith community and exemplify

professional accomplishments and contribute to the economic well-being and quality of life in Troy.

Cindy Stewart certainly meets all the criteria." When asked about the award, Ms. Stewart commented, "I was so honored to have been chosen as Troy's Distinguished Citizen for 2013. The City of Troy is truly blessed to have so many amazing people who give back to this community each and every day. Our community's volunteers donate so much time and talent to make this a very special place to live. I'm in love with the idea that ordinary people can do extraordinary things once they start believing they can. And thanks to Troy's dedicated volunteers, we are a very strong and loving community and I am so proud to serve."

The Troy Historic Village congratulates Cindy Stewart and thanks her for all her efforts in the Village and in Troy.

A BIT OF HISTORY

"No other stove has ever equaled the Round Oak in burning any kind of fuel, both wood or coal, with economy, success and satisfaction to the user." So stated a company catalog in the early 1900's. Founded in Dowagiac, MI in 1871, the Round Oak Stove Company reigned supreme for over 50 years because of its state-of-the-art cylinder heating stoves. Founder, P.D. Beckwith built his first stove in the late 1860's to heat his own floundering business, but soon had stove orders from the Michigan Central Railroad.

At its peak, Round Oak employed over twenty percent of Dowagiac's residents, sponsored a semi-professional baseball team, and competed with dozens of other stove manufacturers. Beginning in 1898, the stoves were marked with "The Estate of P. D. Beckwith"; a practice that became common following Beckwith's death in

1899 when the company passed to his son-in-law, Fred E. Lee. It thrived until the onset of the Great Depression; then declined, relying on government commissions during World War II. The end of the war also signaled the end of the company. The last stove was produced in 1946 and the factory was sold to an automobile parts manufacturer.

Collectors still prize the superbly crafted Round Oak stoves as antiques and as functional heaters, which still warm family homes. While the Round Oak Stove Co. is gone and the theatre built in Beckwith's honor was razed in 1966, the company's legacy is preserved at the Dowagiac Area History Museum, which houses the largest collection of Round Oak Stoves available for public viewing. You can also see our own Round Oak stove in the Village General Store!

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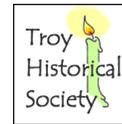
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