

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18—General membership meeting at MUMC. Pot Luck starts at 6:30 with a short meeting to follow. Program should start around 7:30.

Pot luck assignments— A—F— Main dishes, G—Q—Side/Salad Dishes, R—Z— Desserts

Full set of programs for 2018

The first meeting of the new year will be at Milford United Methodist Church on Atlantic Street on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 PM with our annual **Unique, Ugly and Unusual** meeting. Bring an antique or unusual item, doohickey or thingamabob to share, show off or have us guess what it is. This Meeting is always fun and informative.

The 2018 Calendar for Programs:

January 18th and the Unusual	Unique, Ugly
March 15th	War Dogs
April 19th	Tom Neff
May 17th and Mrs. Lincoln (Not Pam Dawson) Milford Library	Mr. Lincoln
July 19th Annual Picnic at Mary Jackson House	Annual Picnic
Sept 20th Potato chips	Better Made
October 18th Steam Engine	Polar Express
November 15th	TBA

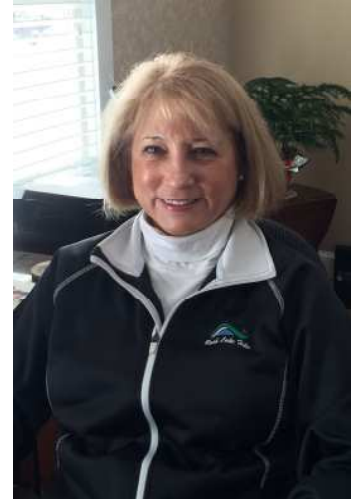
We are still looking for someone to take over from Sandi Muirhead as our Programs Chairperson. You do not have to be a Board Member to Chair this committee. Call Rena Valentine if you are interested in planning programs and procuring guest speakers for the programs

From Our President, *Rena Valentine*

From Your President, Rena Valentine

I hope each one of you had a wonderful Christmas this year! By the time you get this newsletter, New Year's Eve and day will have passed. I hope everyone enjoyed it and managed to stay warm since this cold front has blown in!

Well, the museum has officially closed for the season. We had a very successful year again and much was accomplished. There is much more to do this winter, so if you have time to help, please give our Museum Director, Elaine Hunter a call. She can be reached by calling the museum at 248-685-7308. See her Museum Report on Page 2 to get an idea of all of the ways that you can help.



Our Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House was a huge success again. We had a sold-out crowd and people are asking about the Spring Tea already. Our theme was patriotic since the tea fell on Veteran's Day. The tables were set with red, white, and blue and our male models wore uni-

forms from the past wars and the female models wore nurse's uniforms and other vintage clothing.

At the Board Meeting following our next General Membership meeting in January, the Board will be electing new leaders for the various officer positions. So that means, I will have served my two-year limited position as President. I have enjoyed serving in this position and am grateful for the opportunity to do so. Thank you so much!

Happy New Year!

***Our Mission Statement:** We are organized exclusively for educational purposes. We bring together people who are interested in history, especially the history of the village of Milford & Milford Township.*

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Museum Director's Report -

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2018 brings peace and prosperity to all.

2017 was a good year at the museum, attendance during the summer months was up above last year. We had approximately 40 visitors each day of Milford Memories, thanks to our wonderful

student volunteers who were dressed in period costume and attracted lots of attention. Instead of hearing "I have lived here forever and never been in" we heard "my friends told me-you have to stop in-it is a great little museum." Such positive response lets me know we are headed in the right direction spreading pride and interest in the Village of Milford history.

Though the many dedicated volunteers were unable to save the train depot – I am pleased to relay that the freight door and many of the wall boards, all of which have dated graffiti on them, have been saved. The developer, general contractor and demolition group were all instrumental in saving those things. Plans are in the works for a display centered around those items and the many pictures the museum has.

Plans for 2018 are still in the development stages. Hopefully, some of the activity ideas for children that have been proposed by many will take place.



There are still some cosmetic changes that need to be done to "freshen" the look of the rooms and displays. The back log of items to be cataloged into the records and stored properly is slowly dwindling thanks to the concerted efforts of a new volunteer. I won't embarrass her by naming her – yet! But her experience and organizational skills are already evident.

To accomplish any of these things takes a commitment to keeping the Historical Society and its Museum an active, relevant part of the community. Playing an active part in the group and at the museum are essential to the continued efforts of preserving Milford's history. The donation we need most is time. If everyone does a little – a lot can be accomplished. Here is the Wish List for 2018. Anyone who is willing to help can contact Museum Director, Elaine M. Hunter at 248 529-3393, donr4619@gmail.com or leave a message at the museum number 248 685-7308. Thank you in advance for being generous with your time.

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WISH LIST 2018



Painting prep/painting – the upstairs hallway ceiling and walls are in desperate need.

Spring – weeding of the flower beds and trimming of the bushes

Dedicated help with maintenance of the flowers and yard throughout the summer months-once a week or as needed

Sanding/painting of the back porch

Painting of any bare wood around the exterior

Help to box items as they are cataloged for storage in acid free tissue and boxes

Help scan pictures to preserve them digitally

Actively recruit new members of the society



Manning a booth at the Farmers Market-to be a presence at a community event

Participate in any parade held in Milford-to present an obvious/constant presence in the community

Plan/organize a children’s event

Help staff a public event at the museum as they are planned

Someone willing to take on the Historical Society treasurer position

The list is long but again, if everyone does a little a lot can get done.

Two sayings we should perhaps adopt---many hands make light work---you don’t have to be a relic to join. The museum is currently closed for the winter, which is when we do much of the “work”. Don’t be shy, give me a call.

On behalf of myself and all the current museum volunteers we look forward to working with you for a successful 2018.

Elaine M. Hunter, Museum Director (volunteer)

It’s that time again; January marks our official start to our membership drive. Please take the time and fill out the membership envelopes that will be arriving in your mail soon. Your involvement to our Historical



Society means so much to us. By paying your annual membership dues, you allow us to continue to offer a scholarship program to local students; provide interesting programs during our General Membership Meetings and most

importantly, it allows us to continue our mission of preserving the history of our community.

While you are filling out your membership envelope, please make sure we have your correct information. Are you receiving our emails? Do you prefer receiving your newsletter thru regular mail or email? Are you interested in volunteering? By confirming your information on the membership envelope it will ensure you receive upcoming information on the Historical Society.

The Historical Society began in 1973 by a group of individuals like you that was interested in preserving the history of our community. Since then we have been privileged to have a membership that is dedicated to our community. So on behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our General Membership meetings and upcoming events in 2018!

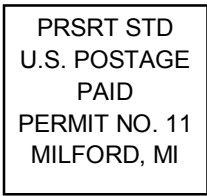
Chair Caning Class offered

Chair canning classes will begin Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the MaryJackson House, 648 Canal St. To meet once a week for six weeks.



A day and night class will be available on the same day. Suggested times are 2:00 pm and & 7:00 pm.

To reserve you spot or for more information call Linda Dagenhardt at 248-807-1204



Thank You

Our latest Tea/Fundraiser in November at the Mary Jackson House was a complete success. Tickets were sold out within two weeks of going on sale. Our Fall Tea fell on Veterans Day and the theme was celebrating our Patriotism. The china and floral arrangements were Red, White and Blue. Vintage posters of World War II were hung on the walls. Our Fashion show featured young men in Military Uniforms and young ladies in the clothing of that era. A good time was had by all!

A very special Thank you to our group that helped plan, prepare food and help out the day during the tea.

Nathanial Anderson, Judy Busick, Joyce Clark, Cindy Dagenhardt, Linda Dagenhardt, Duane Freitag, Maria Giananndia, Sue Gumper, Sharon Hubbard, Aidan Jachim, Amara Jachim, Jordan Jachim, Nancy Lang, Grace Lupinski, Jenni Lupinski, Sharon Mancini, Chloe Reno, Rena Valentine, Carolyn Werner and Sydney White Also a big Thank you to The Village Florist for their donation of the Center Pieces and Acorn Farm and Main Street Art for Selling Tickets.

The Spring Tea will be on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Tickets will go on sale on March 3, 2018 and will be available at Acorn Farm and Main Street Art.

Please enroll me/us as a member (s) of the Milford Historical Society:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail to: Milford Historical Society, 124 East Commerce, Milford MI 48381

Phone: 248-685-7308

Annual Member Dues:			
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Senior	\$10	Lifetime	\$250
Individual	\$15	Small Business	\$50
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