

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 10–11 Granny’s Attic Sale—9 Am until 4 Pm both days on the front lawn of the Museum

July 16—Annual Picnic at Camp Dearborn—6:30 PM—See the article below

Sept 17 General Membership Meeting—6:30 PM at the United Methodist Church

Sept 19-20—Home Tour—See the article inside for details.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Annual Picnic at Camp Dearborn—



Our Picnic
Thursday July
16th at 6:30
p.m. this year
will be at
Camp Dear-

born at 1700 General Motors Rd. in Milford. If you are a Milford Senior you can get in free with I.D. If not the fee will be \$5.00 a car. After leaving the toll booth go 15 MILES PER HOUR to the Canteen on right. Turn right on Riley St. and follow the road to the shaded picnic area before beach. I will have a sign at Riley St and one on the back of my van saying MHS Picnic Here.

Now if it is raining you can text, call or email me to find out if Picnic is being moved to the United Methodist Church under the covered entrance.

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From Your President, Norm Werner



It’s been a busy spring and start to summer. The renovation work on the Museum took longer than planned and delayed the opening of the Museum; however, the Grand Re-Opening, when it did happen proved to be very successful. Huge kudos to Linda Dagenhardt for all of her hard work (and that of every family member that she could rope into it with her) on the renovation itself (see her article inside). Kudos also to Elaine Hunter, Rena Valentine, Jared Crouse, Sue Gumper, Nancy Degenfelder and others who worked diligently cleaning the construction dust away and setting up the new displays to get the place ready to open.

It’s been pretty hectic at the Museum since opening day, as we scrambled to get new student docents trained and new adult docents recruited and trained and implement our new schedule of being open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to all of that, the Milford Historical Society is responsible for organizing and running the annual Milford 4th of July Parade. Last year’s parade was the last one that Russ and Kathy Rheaum agreed to manage. Fortunately Russ stuck around to advise us as needed on this year’s parade (and, of course to get a donut on parade day). Board member Richard Harrison and I agreed to manage the parade for this year. Rich did a great job and we managed to pull off a pretty good parade again this year, with 47 entries marching/riding in the parade. Thanks to Rich for all of his hard work. Thanks also to Brook Qualman and Rena Valentine for carrying our banner at the head of the parade. Of special note this year was the designation of our own Mary Lou Gharrity to be the Parade Grand Marshall. Mary Lou was driven down Main Street in a Convertible by Jay Qualman as part of the Milford Historical Society group at the head of the parade.



Next up for use is the Granny’s Attic Sale on July 10-11 on the front lawn of the Museum. Duane Freitag has lots of good stuff for the sale this year; but, as always, we need help during the sale and for the tear-down on Saturday afternoon. Call Duane at 248-408-5147 or just show up and work either day. The sale runs from 9 AM until 4 PM both days.

The annual picnic is also coming up on July 16th at 6:30 p.m. This year it will be at Camp Dearborn. See Sandy’s article on upcoming programs for the details. I really hope that more members show up than has been the case for the last few picnics. This is not a Board Of Directors picnic, it is for all members of the Milford Historical Society.

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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Renovations at the Museum



Be sure and visit the Museum, there have been some changes.

I love doing renovations, at least for the first week, then I find out what I've gotten myself into. The display room ceiling tiles were removed and then

lathe strip that lowered the ceiling height and held the tiles were torn out. This revealed 3 - 6" X 10" beams. These beams would have been cut in Milford at Rugles' / Armstrongs' Saw Mill. The ceiling joists are full-cut rough 2" X 10" s, of various widths. The ceiling is 4'-5" higher on the south wall of the room compared to the north wall.

Recessed LED lighting was installed to protect the displays from UV damage, cut electricity costs and provide flexible illumination in viewing areas. It seemed like there was always a beam or joist where we wanted to install a recessed fixture. A drop ceiling fixture was installed for a center table task light, task lighting added at the sales counter and general lighting that was added are also LED and everything is switched separately. It's so bright now you need to use the dimmers.

Drywall was installed on the ceiling (it isn't level) and the bottom edge of the beams left exposed. The ceiling raised and painted white really lightens up the area. The paneling on the bottom half of the walls was reattached in several areas and had the indented strips filled with plaster, sanded, primed and wallpapered. The upper half of the walls were dry walled and taped to accommodate the new ceiling height, a million nail holes and dings were filled, sanded, primed and painted.

Woodwork and doors were sanded, holes filled, sanded again, primed, caulked and painted and still look old but with a new coat of paint. New trim pieces were made for the northeast window. The entry wall was skim coated, sanded, primed and painted. Woodwork was filled, caulked and painted for a fresh new look.

The kitchen ceiling upstairs had the old plaster removed and new drywall installed. Taped and plastered in the dark of day so that it looks like an old ceiling but it won't fall down.

The display room floor was cleaned of old and new paint, washed and waxed for a nice shiny look. The decorating committee selected a neutral color palate for the paint and wall paper that works perfectly for displaying items on the walls.

A special thanks goes to Jared Clouse, Brooke Qualman, Chris and Brad Acker and Tam Tressler for all their help. Thanks also go to Robert Huff for fixing the air conditioning. I think it was worth the effort, hope you will too.

Linda Dagenhardt

Hot dogs and condiments will be provided by the Board members. You should bring sunscreen, bug spray, drinks, place settings and chairs (optional). Since it is a picnic, instead of our regular assignments please bring picnic food that will go well with our hot dogs. A—F— Side Dish, G—Q - Salads, R—Z— Desserts

Jared Clouse will talk about 15 minutes on the past and present of Camp Dearborn and I will add my favorite memories growing up there.

Did I mention to wear something picnicky? Brook I count on you for this.



Our Sept. 17th Thursday 6:30 p. m. Potluck Meeting will have Speaker Steve Stanford. Steve is affiliated with many Henry Ford events and Societies. His topic will be Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. We have Henry Ford geeks in our MHS who should enjoy the evening - me included.

Any questions? Call me—Sandi Muirhead—248-310-4286

Our May Meeting with Rosy the Riveter was very riveting!! Enjoyed listening to the letters of the real Rosies who helped support our troops over seas. Thank you all who attended.



I've noticed the last few years that attendance has been dwindling at our General Meetings. I know it can't be the famous Potluck. Is it the day, time or Speaker that is the problem? If you have any suggestions please contact me at 248-310-4286. Text or call or email Travelermom@comcast.net,

Help Wanted—Adult Docents

History Buffs-Adults with a love of history wanted on Wednesday, Saturday & Sundays, to give tours of your Museum

Duty would be from 1 PM to 4 PM No experience needed. All rooms are scripted, you just need a desire to help and to share. If interested, please call Nancy Degenfelder @ 248-909-9091 For further information.

Museum closes in December for the Season until May of 2016

MHS 39th Home Tour

Mark September 19th and 20th on your calendar and join us for another terrific Home Tour! The 2015 Home Tour will feature beautiful area homes and the Masonic Temple. The newly updated and refurbished MSH Museum, South Park Log Cabin and the Sunday Tractor Show will offer unique experiences that depict Milford's history.

Be sure and check the "See Me In September" signs during the Fourth of July Parade, Milford Sidewalk Sales and Milford Memories. Or for a sneak peek, drive or walk by 115 Summit, 515 E. Commerce, 234 First, and 212 Union.

At this time we are still seeking a fifth home so be on the lookout for another "See Me in September" sign. While we are waiting to hear from several home owners who are considering putting their homes on the tour this year, we would love to hear from home owners who would like to be on the tour this year or be added to the future home list. Please call Sue Gumpper at 248-685-2691 if you are interested or have questions.

Each of this year's tour sites provide excellent examples of how historic homes and buildings can be preserved and renovated to provide comfortable living or practical uses in the 21st century. Need more to do? The Log Cabin in South Side Park will be open and feature activities for the young and young at heart. The museum will be open and features

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a refreshing new look and a permanent Post Office display. On Sunday step back in history and visit the Tractor Show located in the Huron Valley State Bank parking lot at 130 South Milford Road, the Car Show on Main Street and the Duck Race in Central Park.

The tour begins at 11:00 am and goes to 5:00 pm both days. Home Tour tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for sen-

iors. The tickets will be available before September 20th at Main Street Art (432 N. Main), Acorn Farm (367 N. Main), Your Nesting Place (322 N. Main) Milford Township Offices, and the Milford Historical Museum (124 E. Commerce, open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.).

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us! Better yet, call Sue Gumpfer (685-2691) or the museum (685-7308) and volunteer to help during the tour.

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