

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4—Independence Day Parade in downtown Milford

July 13-14—Granny's Attic Sale at the Museum

July 19—First Annual Milford Historical Society Golf Outing—See back page for details on how to sign up .

July 22—Annual Picnic—See below for details

### July 22nd Annual Picnic - 2 PM

Join us at the Mary Jackson House, 648 Canal St., Milford for our summer picnic. MHS provides: Tables & Chairs, Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water.



YOU provide: plate & silverware, a dish to pass and one white-elfant per person in a brown bag for the Auction. Also bring some dollar bills and change to bid for the treasures. One secret treasure (not a white elephant) will be auctioned in a brown bag



### Sept 20th General Membership—Better Made Potato chips

Come listen to the story of this Detroit icon and their potato chips. See memorabilia and collectables from Better Made's history. The meeting will start at 6:30 with a potluck dinner (I'll bet there will be some Better

Made Chips there). Meeting to be held at the Milford United Methodist Church at 1200 Atlantic St.

Pot luck Assignments—Pot luck assignments— A—F— Sides and Salads, G—Q—Desserts, R—Z— Main Dishes

## From Our President, John Robinson

Hello esteemed members!

We are approaching midsummer with a year full of activities. Many of your fellow members are hard at work at the Milford Historical museum .

On July 4, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Milford Parade, which is sponsored by us, will step off at 11 am sharp. This is a wonderful parade organized by Norm and Rich, a GREAT JOB!



On July 13-14, Granny's attic sale is coming once again. Duane has been helping organize this for many years, thank you!

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the first Historical Society Golf Outing will be held. If you are a golfer, you do not want to miss this! Please reference the attached flyer for this outing. Time is getting short so call the telephone numbers on the flyer and reserve a spot. Rena and Norm have done a great job of leading this effort.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Historical Society picnic will be held. The picnic will held at the Mary Jackson house at 2 PM. Hope to see you there! Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a dish to pass.

One very important birthday to remember, Winnie Crawford just turned 100 years old, HAPPY BIRTHDAY WINNIE!

Linda Dagenhardt is holding open the Power House during the nights of the AMP music theater. I have been told that over 100 people have been coming there every Thursday, great job Linda!

Everyone is working hard and by no means do I want to leave anyone out. Sue, Elaine, Jackie and all of our volunteers, what a great job!

Our organization is only as good as its membership, and we have great membership! If you have any questions, concerns or something you would like to see, please contact one of the board members.

Best Regards,

John Robinson,

***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.*

### 2018 Schedule of Events

**July 4th - Independence Day Parade**

**July 13th & 14th - Granny's Attic Sale @ the Museum**

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### Museum Director's Report -

by Elaine M. Hunter, Director

Summer is finally here. A little strange though, 90 for a few days and then 60 for a few. But, that's Michigan for you -don't like the weather wait a day and it will change.

July brings parades, picnics, barbeques, swimming, sun burns, stary nights and chasing lightening bugs. It also brings merchandise sales of many varieties. There's clearance. discount, mark-down, Christmas in July and Granny's Attic.

Now, the museum is having a sale, that would be GRANNY'S ATTIC on Friday, July 13th and Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 to 4:00 both days. Come peruse the wonderful treasures offered this year. We take cash or check but sorry no credit cards. We'll even help you load your car. Items go fast so stop by early.



We don't call our sale Christmas in July, but that got us thinking that perhaps we should display some of our vintage Christmas treasures that have been tucked away since we are not open at Christmas time. So I would ask all of you "HAVE YOU SEEN OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ?" If not, stop in and get in the present buying mood. If you have, stop in anyway and have another look, you just might see something you haven't seen before or find a great present to buy for someone special. We have lots to offer.



Our costume collection is getting a little out of control-so we do plan to sell some of the excess. No date has been set yet, but a notice will be put up at the museum when it has been decided upon.

We hope to have a really exciting new display ready for September. Just have to get everyone to agree on a plan. We'll keep you posted in the news letter.

A new idea has been introduced to the Museum Committee--having a small store within the museum. We would of course carry all of the many books and pictures we currently have, However, we would also have vintage/antique items that we have duplicates of or have no relevance to Milford history. Funds from the sale of any items would be used to purchase items relevant to Milford history that we do not have or items unique to our time period focus. The committee would like some input from the general membership on this idea. Please email me at donr4619@gmail.com if you would like to express an opinion-either pro or con.

We need adult docents to staff Wednesdays starting about August 15th. Band, football and various other activities start about then and our student docents will not be available then. If you are one who has done it before and would like to do it

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again, please be in touch. If you would like to give it a try, let me reassure you that you will not be there on your own-- someone with experience will be there with you to show you the ropes. It's fun and you meet some really interesting people.

Our collections are getting more organized and stored properly thanks to the efforts of Jackie Svenson, our collections manager and the dedicated committee she has formed to help with this task. Most visitors don't see or realize how much work it takes to sort and decide which items to keep and which ones to pass on to other organizations.

Word of mouth is spreading the news about our little gem of a museum right in the middle of downtown. Stop in, take a tour and spread the word, as the community grows remind the new residents that our history is important. Encourage them to join the historical society--remember "You don't have to be a relic to be a member."



### Home Tour 2018

This year the home tour will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September again. The dates are 9-15 & 9-16. The hours will be from 11-5 each of those days. Please bring your friends and family, as we have 6 beautiful venues. Our homes are at: 702 E. Huron (1871—pictured above); 405 Hickory (1871); 540 Union St. (1883); 324 East St. (1902); 800 E. Commerce (1869); and 335 S. Houghton (Home Sweet Tree).

There will also be the annual Milford Car Show and The Tractor Show on Sunday 9/16 from noon to 5, which is always a 'hit'. Also, our log cabin will be available to see on both days at the South Side Park with early days displays and cooking a favorite dinner on open fire.

The tickets this year will be \$20 per person; \$15 seniors (65 and older); and children 12 and under free.

Please call Rena Valentine, Home Tour Chairperson at 248-514-9124 if you are able to be a docent (tour guide) for a 3 hour shift either day.

**July 19th - Golf Outing**

**July 22nd - Picnic at the Mary Jackson House**

**September 2nd - Hurray, It's Back to School Time @ the Museum**

**September 15th & 16th - Annual Home Tour**

**September 20th - General Membership Meeting - Better Made Potato Chips**

**October 18th - General Membership Meeting - Polar Express Steam Engine**

**December 2nd - Museum Closes for Season**

**November - Fall Tea - date TBD**

**November 15th - General Membership Meeting—Antique Road Show, with Sue Grifor**

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### The Collection Committee

When our fearless newsletter editor reminded me that it was time for another article I drew a blank. He then made several suggestions, so here goes.

The Milford Historical Museum has a group of wonderful people who have formed a committee to take responsibility for the artifacts and archives at the Museum. This committee meets monthly to consider whether the items offered to the Museum should be included in the permanent collection.



Our decisions are based on the Mission Statement of the Historical Society. Is the item relevant to the history of Milford and Milford Township? Is it a duplicate of something already in the collection? If it isn't from Milford or Milford Township does it represent something that would have been used or influenced Milford residents? Our meetings are full of lively conversation and learning opportunities as we consider each item offered to us.

We have many wonderful artifacts in our collection, but in this space I'd like to mention our archive area. We have a small library of published works written by Milford residents, or about the history of Michigan, Oakland County and Milford.

Do you want to know the history of your historic Milford home? We have files on most of the homes.

We have files of old photos of people, places and events from Milford's past, as well as genealogy information of Milford families. We also have files of information on significant places and events in Milford's past.

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### The First Annual Milford Historical Society Golf Outing

There is still time to register your foursome for the first annual Milford Historical Society Golf Outing on July 19. The outing will be held at the Mystic Creek golf course in Camp Dearborn. Golf is \$100 per player which gets you 18 holes of golf, with a cart, a light breakfast, lunch at the turn and a chicken dinner after

the round. There will be prizes awarded for low team net, closest to the pin (men and women) and longest drive (also men and women's prizes).

There are also sponsorship opportunities still available for sponsoring a hole—\$150 for the tee and \$100 for the flag pin or \$200 for both—as well as for long drive, and closest to the pin for men and women and others. See the flyer available on our Web site at [www.milfordhistory.org](http://www.milfordhistory.org). Call Norm Werner at 248-763-2497 or Rena Valentine at 248-514-9124 for details or information on how to sign up or become a sponsor.

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

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Senior	\$10	Lifetime	\$250
Individual	\$20	Small Business	\$50
Corporation	\$250+		

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