

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16—General membership meeting at the Methodist Church at 1600 Atlantic Ave. Starts at 6:30 with a pot luck dinner. See pot luck assignments below

Potluck Assignments—Pot luck assignments— A—F— Salads & sides, G—Q— Main dishes, R—Z— Desserts

2019 Milford Historical Society Programs



May 16 - Victorian Mourning Customs and Jewelry - Pat Burgess will share her collection of jewelry and customs

July 21 - Picnic at the Mary Jackson House 2 P.M.—Chicken, Hotdogs, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Plates & Silverware, Napkins and Entertainment will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and anything else you need.

September 19 - 100th Anniversary of the Ernest F Oldenburg American Legion Post 216

History of Post 216 and their service to the community - Bonnie Welbaum

October 17 - Facts and Fantasy of Halloween

!! Prize for the best costume!!

November 21 - Holiday Entertainment

From Our President, *John Robinson*

To our esteemed members;

Can you believe it! It is May already and things are in full swing! The museum will be opening soon for the 2019 season.

In April, on behalf of the entire Milford Historical Society, a plaque was presented to the Village of Milford recognizing their 150th Anniversary! Representing the Milford Historical Society was John Robinson, Norm Werner, Linda Dagenhardt, Jackie Swenson and Sue Bullard.

Also recognizing the Village Anniversary was Congresswoman Haley Stevens, State Senator Jim Runestad, and Oakland County representatives Phil Weipert and Dan Hunter.

See the back page for a short piece on the 2019 Independence Day Parade. We need volunteers to help with that and encourage local groups and organizations to be in the parade.

We are in urgent need of help on our Home Tour! This is our largest event of the summer and I am sure everyone is very familiar with it. We need Docents, volunteers and even a Chair Person! Sue Gumpfer has 'temporarily' taken the chair but is looking for assistance (THANK YOU SUE!) If you can assist, please contact Sue.

There are several Historical Society board positions open and the search for a museum director continues. If you are interested, please contact any MHS Board member.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting. If there is something you would like to see, or change, please let us know. You can talk to any one of us, send a note to the museum or whatever method you like. I have met several folks at various places, maybe even just for a cup of coffee. It is always good to communicate in any way we can. We are only as good as our membership.

As always, guests are welcome at all general membership meetings. Remind them to bring a plate and a drink! We will attempt to pass our bylaw changes at every meeting. It has been awhile since the changes were sent but you can find reference to them or a copy on our website—www.milfordhistory.org.

My very best to each of you!

John Robinson

President, 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*

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The Museum Report—

Written by Sue Gumper

Opening Postponed Until May 18th

The museum committee wants everything to be perfect for our 2019 opening so we are postponing the opening one week to make that happen. As reported last month, the committee has been working very hard to create informative displays that focus on three important anniversaries.

First, The Village of Milford was chartered 150 years ago. We think you will enjoy our pictorial display of the Village's beginning and progress.

Second, we honor the 100th anniversary of the WWI Armistice by focusing on the duties Milford residents accepted and carried out during WWI. Whether on the home front or the battle field, you will see we can take pride in the actions of Milford citizens.

Our final display celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Earnest F. Oldenburg American Legion Post in Milford. You will learn how this organization has provided support and fellowship to our returning troops and how they give back to our community.

We certainly hope you will find time to visit the museum during 2019. Learning Milford's history will provide many reasons to take pride in our community.

Speaking of taking pride, we could use your help. Do you enjoy history and learning? Do you take pleasure in making new acquaintances? Would you like a chance to give back to our community? Can you give three hours a month to the museum? We need volunteers to guide our visitors through the museum and share pieces of Milford history.

We are currently creating new scripts and a training session to help volunteers feel comfortable in their role of museum docent. If this sounds interesting or you have questions, please contact Sue Gumper at 284-685-2691 or leave a message at the museum 248-685-7308. Please consider helping us. We know you will find it rewarding.

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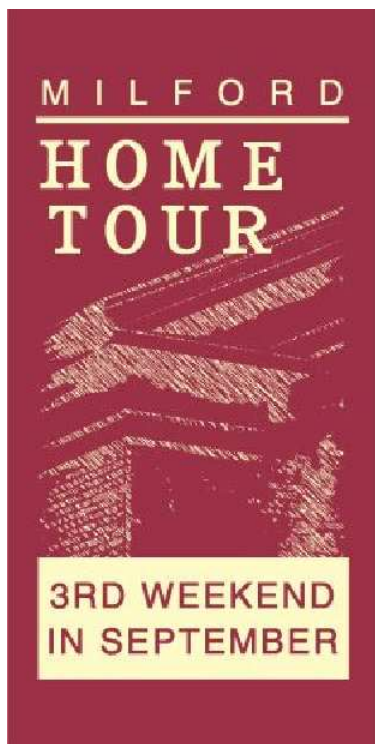
Congratulations to our Class of 2019 Student Docents

The MHS Board would like to congratulate and thank the following student docents as they graduate and move on to their next exciting life experience. We wish Chris Antrim, Karen Braun, Jenna Carlisle, Lauren Doyle, Amara Jachim, Callie Reno and Dayna Rupert success and happiness as they each begin their college experience. We will miss them and hope they visit the museum often to let us know how they are doing.

Student Docent Scholarships

With so many student docents graduating this year we are in need of new participants. Do you have a high school age daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, neighbor or friend who is interested in history, enjoys sharing information and demonstrates responsible behavior?

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MHS 43rd Home Tour News

Mark your calendars! September 21st and 22nd are not that far away.

May is the month that the Home Tour committee gears up for another fun and challenging year.

The Home Tour is the Milford Historical Society's major fundraiser. It enables us to maintain the museum, sponsor the 4th of July parade, offer student docent scholarships, preserve Milford's history and much more.

If you would be interested in joining our committee, please contact Sue Gumpper for information about the tasks the committee must tackle to accomplish a successful home tour.

The search for this year's homes is underway. With this in mind the Home Tour committee is seeking homes in the Village so that the tour will be easy to walk. If you have a vintage home and would be interested in putting it on the Home Tour please contact Sue Gumpper.

Sue also keeps a list of interested home owners for future years and would be very happy to add your name and address to the list. If you have questions about having your home on the tour or would like to join the Home Tour Committee, please contact Sue at 248-685-2691 or s.gump@frontier.com.

Also, contact Sue if you would like to be a docent on this year's home tour.

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The Milford Historical Society offers a limited number of scholarships to students who are willing to commit to working as museum docents, helping with Historical Society projects and assisting with museum maintenance. Students must participate in docent training and volunteer a minimum of 30 hours to qualify for the minimum scholarship of \$300.00. A student can earn up to a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

If you know a high school student, please let them know about our Docent Scholarship program and encourage them to call Sue Gumpper (248-685-2691) for more information or to learn how to apply.

Spring Tea Thanks

Our Recent Spring Tea was held on Saturday April 28th and was a great success. Guests enjoyed good food, good company and a great fashion show. There are so many people that work hard to make this day a success.



I am forever grateful to everyone that helps organize, plan and work the day of the tea. I know how much time and effort goes into the tea, just know that I am forever grateful for your commitment to giving our guest the best experience possible.

My faithful committee/workers are: Joyce Clark, Britney Cothran, Linda Dagenhardt, Maria Granandrea, Marlene Gomez, Susan Gumpper, Sharon Hubbard, Jordan Jachim, Nancy Lang, Grace Lupinski, Sharon Mancini, and Carolyn Werner. I am so grateful for all your support.

Our Spring tea always features a fashion show of wedding gowns. This past year we had a donation of 56 wedding dresses and 55 veils. Our generous donor was Carol Lewis of Carl Lewis Spa in Birmingham. This year our models got to pick their own a gown and veil to wear. They did a great job and looked stunning. Our models were Armara Jachim, Shania Parks, Chloe Reno, Callie Reno, Ruthie Rusnac and Paige Saulle. Thank you ladies, you all looked beautiful in your wedding attire.

Each table was set with lovely china. Thank you to Betty Bullard, Sue Bullard, Joyce Clark, Susan Gumpper, Sheila Shuler, Sharon Mancini, and Marge Sawruk making the tables look so special. And finally, special thanks to Acorn Farm and Main Street Art for selling tickets. Village Florist for donating the beautiful flowers on each table.

Planning is underway for the Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson house on Saturday, November 16th. Pictures from the Spring Tea are posted on the Mary Jackson Historic Home Facebook Page. Stay tuned for ticket information

Mary Jackson Home



The last six months have been very busy at the Mary Jackson House. As you know, workers removed the wall paper from the Parlour and Dining Room earlier this year.

We were very lucky that the walls under the wall paper were in good shape. There were some spots that required touch ups to the walls, but overall the two rooms were in good condition. Then a fresh coat of paint went up on the ceiling and wood trim before volunteers hung the new wall paper.

If you have visited the house, you will know that the wall paper in the parlor was different from the rest of the house. This paper was selected by Mary and the Mary Jackson Committee wanted to find a pattern that came as close to the paper as possible. After searching through many wall paper books we were unable to find anything close to what was on the walls. Special thanks to a gen-

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erous financial donation to the Mary Jackson House, we were able to have the paper for the parlor duplicated. We were successful in finding a paper that is almost identical to the wall paper used in the rest of the downstairs.

A special thank you to Linda Dagenhardt who worked hard getting the rooms ready for the wall paper. Along with Linda, special thanks Jackie Swenson and Jeanette Caswell for helping hang wall paper. Thanks to Sue Gumper, Judy and Brion Waara for helping getting the house back together before the Spring Tea.

Phase One is completed. Next Winter we will begin Phase Two that will focus on replacing the wall paper in living room and the stair way and hopefully replacing the carpet on the first floor.

Sign up for the 4th of July Parade

The 2019 Independence Day Parade participant application and the Parade rules are now available on the Historical Societies web site—www.milfordhistory.org.

This year the theme of the 4th of July Parade celebrates the 150 year anniversary of the founding of the Village of Milford. We are encouraging groups and organizations to enter floats in the parade with that theme and there will be a best float judging before the parade steps off. There will be a prize of Chamber Bucks for the best float.

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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