

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 15-16 The Milford Home Tour—11 Am until 5 PM both days

Sept 16 the Tractor Show—see back page

Sept 20 General Membership meeting, see below

Oct 18 General Membership Meeting, see below

Nov 3 Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House

Dec 3 Museum Closes for the winter

General Meeting Programs—

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



October 18th - General Membership Meeting -
Polar Express Steam Engine— Pere Marquette 1225

Nov 15—General Membership Meeting—
Antiques Roadshow with Sue Grifor

From Our President, *John Robinson*

Hello esteemed members -

We are in a time of seasonal transition from Summer to Fall and of transitions within the Historical Society and the Museum. Sue Bullard wrote the following piece in response to the major transition at the museum.

At the July Board of Directors meeting we were sad to receive the news from Elaine Hunter that she would be stepping down from her position at the museum. As some of you may know, Elaine and her husband Don, recently sold their home in Milford and have down sized to a condominium in West Bloomfield. This will also mean that Elaine and Don will be able to spend some well-deserved time with their family and traveling the globe.

Elaine, from the Board of Directors to our volunteers we wish you all the best. We will miss seeing you each week at the museum and we appreciate all the time you spent at the museum. Thank you from the bottom of our heart. We wish you lots of joyous time with your family and your future travel plans. Be sure to stop in and visit with us!

(Ed—We all will miss Elaine at the Museum. We wish her well in her retirement. Elaine and her husband Don plan to travel extensively and are in Russia as this newsletter goes to press.)

The final preparations for this years Milford Home Tour are underway. We have six wonderful historic Milford Village homes on the tour this year, along with the Museum and the Log Cabin. The homes are 800 E. Commerce Rd, Which was built



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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 -

By Sue Bullard

September brings new changes at the museum. As we wish Elaine well in her future endeavors, we will begin a new chapter at the museum. At this time, the Board of Directors has appointed Sue Gumpfer as the Chair of the Museum Council. The Museum Council

Committee will oversee the operations of the museum until a new Museum Director has been appointed.

During Milford Memories the front lawn was turned into an Old Coots Advice station. Table and Chairs were set up and visitors to Milford Memories were welcome to come by and "set a spell". Our guests stopped by and enjoyed sharing stories of their family and their memories of Milford. A note to remember for the next Milford Memories is to turn the sprinkler system off, although the sprinklers coming on was refreshing during the summer heat!

From now until the Museum closes, there will be a Train display. Some of the items are from our own Milford depot and some have been donated to the Historical Society. Some of the items on display are: a board from the depot dated 1901 with graffiti, books that were found in the walls of the depot describing what was on the train. These books are dated 1912 and were from the Pere Marquette Rail Road. Also on display is a timber from the depot with wooden pegs, this is a good example of 19th century carpentry. And don't forget to see the door from the depot that is displayed on the front porch. We have a committee in place to come up with a permanent display location for the depot door.



If you haven't been to the Museum in a while, we encourage one and all to stop by and take a tour. We have a group of wonderful students that are earning a scholarship working at the museum, they give great tours. One of the most common things we hear is that our visitors have passed by the museum and never thought of coming in. Once they have, they are amazed by some of the items on display! The museum is open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. Remember the museum is always free to visit.

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by Phillip F. Wells in 1869 just west of the home his brother D. Webster Wells built. Both brothers ran the Wells Brothers Foundry, which they took over from their father.



540 Union Street, which was built in 1883 for Mrs. Catherine Gallagher as a rental investment. Mrs. Gallagher came to Milford from Ireland in the 1850's with her children and lived one house south of this property while owning several other properties in town.

405 Hickory, Built in 1872 for Ansley A. Arms, this home is an excellent example of the Victorian Gothic style popular during that era. A steeply pitched cross gable on the north wing and a bay window on the south are typical of the style.



324 East Street This beautiful, originally clapboard-sided house was built in 1902 by R. Swann at the request of owner Charles E. Lovejoy, who set it up as a rental property. R. Swann, was a talented carpenter and home builder who built, repaired, and updated many homes in the Milford and Highland area.

702 E. Huron—On October 28, 1871 Frederick Wieland purchased four lots from Elizur Ruggles for \$500 and then built a small framed home on one of the lots. It was moved from lot 72 to its current location (corner lot 70) and a two-story addition that faces Huron St was added., in 1898.



335 S. Houghton For 91 years (1905 - 1996) this property helped produce various types of honey for owners who were almost as industrious as the bees. It all began with Frank R. Osborne and his wife Lulu who started their Apiary business (collection of beehives) on three of the four lots that make

up this property you see today.

Get the rest of the story on each house by visiting the Milford Home Tour on September 15 & 16.

Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House



Gather family and friends and plan on joining us for our annual Fall tea at the Mary Jackson House.

Guests will enjoy a lovely tea filled with fall colors and scrumptious bites. The date of this year's tea will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

Guests will be able to choose to attend either the 11 am to 1 pm sitting or the 2 pm to 4 pm sitting.

Fall was always a favorite time of the year of Mary Jackson. She did her best to arrange her schedule so she could spend Thanksgiving at her childhood home. Often times bringing some of her friends from the West coast. Tickets for the Fall Tea are \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Milford Historical Museum, 124 E. Commerce Street beginning Home Tour Weekend. Beginning September 19th tickets can be purchased at Acorn Farms located at 367 N. Main Street and Main Street Art located at 432 N. Main Street.

Proceeds from the tea will go directly towards the upkeep and preservation of the home built in 1873. The tea will feature a variety of sandwiches, savories, and scones with jam and an assortment of deserts. Guest will also enjoy a fashion show of vintage clothing modeled by local High School Students.

The Fall Tea provides an opportunity for guests to enjoy the home Mary Jackson loved so much. It also provides a great opportunity for young and old alike to enjoy some wonderful food and warm conversation. Seating is limited, advance ticket purchase is recommended. For more information, please visit our web site at www.milfordhistory.org or our email address - milfordhistory@hotmail.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page.

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Ticket Information for Home Tour

Tickets for the 41st annual Home Tour are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors, 65 and over. Advance tickets can be purchased at the following Milford locations:

Acorn Farm, 367 N. Main Street

Main Street Art, 432 N. Main Street

Your Nesting Place, 105 W. Huron Street

Milford Historical Museum, 124 E. Commerce Street

During the Home Tour, tickets are available at the museum as well as each home site.

Tour Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16, 2016

The Tractor Show

On Sunday of Home Tour Weekend local farmer and tractor enthusiast Bill Crawford hosts a Tractor Show out at the Huron Valley State Bank parking lot near the corner of GM Road and S, Milford Rd. The Show is open Sunday from 11:00 AM in the morning until about 5 PM in the afternoon.



The Tractor Show is an informal gathering of local tractor enthusiasts who display both antique and working tractors and who often also display other farming equipment. Young children in particular seem to really like seeing the tractors up close.

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

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