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UPCOMING EVENTS

You are cordially invited...

**TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PICNIC AT
MILFORD'S CENTRAL PARK**

**ON SUNDAY JULY 18, 2010
BEGINNING AT 2PM**

Bring a dish to pass based on the
first letter of your last name:

A-F: Dessert
G-Q: Main Dish
R-Z: Salad

Please bring your own table
service, beverage, lawn chairs

GRANNY'S ATTIC SALE

July 16 - 17 at the Museum
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
To donate items, call
Duane Freitag

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Privy Digging
Thursday Sept 9th, 6:30 PM
Milford United Methodist Church

2010 HOME TOUR

Sept 18 - 19
To feature your home on the tour,
contact Sue Bullard or Sue
Gumpper

From Your President, Norm Werner

By the time you read this some of our summer events will already be history – the June Tea at the Mary Jackson house, which was another success and the Independence Day Parade, as well as the Granny's Attic sale at the museum. The annual summer picnic is upon us next, followed by our major event of the year – the Home Tour in September. We will also be participating in Milford Memories with a table to pass out Historical Society literature, assuming that we can get some volunteers to man the table during that event.



We are in need of more volunteers to help with all events and to take more active roles in the Society itself. We have a core group of board members and volunteers who seem to be called upon to work almost every event and we need more members to join them in supporting the activities of the MHS. We still needed a house or two for the Home Tour when I wrote this article, so let Sue Gumpper or Sue Bullard know if you'd like to have your house on this year's tour (or future tour).

Speaking of needs, we need to replace the furnace at the Mary Jackson house. So if anyone knows of someone who would like to donate a furnace, that would be appreciated – even better if you also know of someone to install it gratis. We are also looking into painting the museum this year. The building is badly in need of paint and some wood repair. We have decided to hold off another year on the wood repairs; but, the paint just can't wait. We have bids for the job and will be getting a contract for that soon. Donations would be greatly appreciated for that too.

I have been attending Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon meetings for the last few months and I'm encouraging local businesses to join and to support the activities of the MHS. After all, we're all trying to promote Milford as a great place to live and work. If you know any local business people, please encourage them to take out business memberships with the MHS.

If you have friends or neighbors that you've wanted to invite to an MHS meeting, the annual picnic would be a great time to do that. Have them bring a dish to pass and join the fun in Central Park. With the playground right at hand it could be a great family outing for younger families too. Remember to remind them that "they don't have to be a relic to join" the Milford Historical Society. I'll see you there.

Milford Historical Society



would like to welcome
our newest members

KEVIN & JANIE CRAINE

Thank you for joining
and
WELCOME



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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Historical Society Annual Picnic is Sunday July 18th!

It's that time of the year for summer fun! The annual picnic will be Sunday, July 18th at Milford's Central Park. Do not worry about the weather; we have reserved the entire pavilion, so we will have plenty of seating and shelter from the weather. For this year's picnic, we are staying close to home and it will be a family-friendly event with activities for everyone. Besides the playscape located in the park, we will have games, face painting and entertainment for kids of all ages.

So pack your picnic basket, throw a lawn chair in the car, and join us for an enjoyable afternoon in Central Park. Bring your own table service, beverage and a big dish to pass based on the first letter of your last name as shown on the front page. Feel free to invite a guest. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. You do NOT have to be a member to enjoy an afternoon with people who enjoy history.

MHS 34th Home Tour

Mark September 18th and 19th on your calendar and join us for another terrific Home Tour! The 2010 Home Tour will feature five beautiful area homes and visits to the Log Cabin, Powerhouse and MSH Museum. This year we are planning a special treat at the Mary Jackson home. Mary would have turned 100 this year so we are planning birthday surprises.

Be sure and check out the September Newsletter for specific information on the five homes and watch for the "See Me in September" signs during Milford Memories for a sneak preview. Need a sneak peek? Drive or walk down E. Liberty and check out the homes at 214 and 410.

Need more to do? The Log Cabin in South Side Park will be open and feature activities for the young and young at heart. Tour the Power House to view the renovations and hear about possible future uses. The museum will be open and features a display of Main Street and Neighboring Businesses Memorabilia. 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. We also hope to include the always popular "Privy Dig."

The tour runs from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm both days. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for seniors and will be available before September 18th at Main Street Art (432 N. Main), Acorn Farm (367 N. Main), Your Nesting Place (322 N. Main) and the Milford Historical Museum (124 E. Commerce, open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1 to 4 pm).

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

A peek into the past



Milford Historical Society Director, MaryLou Gharrity's childhood home was **YE OLDE HOTEL** on Main Street. MaryLou's family owned the hotel — she lived there from 1935 – 1948.

YE OLDE HOTEL was located in what is now the parking lot next to **Your Nesting Place**. A small portion of the hotel still exists as the **Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe**.

Museum News



Now that summer is here and school is out, we've had a steady flow of visitors through the museum. Country Oaks elementary 2nd graders came in on June 2 and June 9 with 27 kids in each group (four groups altogether). A big thank you to **Duane Freitag** and **Lee Johnson** for helping out with those tours, along with our student docents **Hannah Gasvoda** and **Stefanie Thorpe**. Duane has been busy in the basement getting ready for the Granny's Attic

sale. He has installed some shelving which will be a big help. We do have two new Milford High School students: **Jenni Lubinski** and **Nate Anderson**. They will be seniors next year so we'll only have them for a short time. But they are hard workers and have cleared out a lot of the weeds at the museum. Jenni especially loves to give museum tours and she does an excellent job! **Larry Green** has also been coming in most Wednesdays to help out with whatever needs to be done.

We will have to say good-bye to three of our students who are off to college this fall. **Catherine Heykoop** will be going to Ferris State, **Hannah Gasvoda** is off to Grand Valley State and **Stefanie Thorpe** will be going to Central Michigan. We wish them all the best of luck.

We want to thank **Joseph Deinek** for repairing two of our wooden chairs that were badly broken. One was the chair the deer broke when he came into the museum through the window back in November. Joseph did a wonderful job and really reinforced them both. Also, thank you to his wife **Diane** who picked them up and delivered them back to us. We really appreciate the help people give us at the museum.

A Very Successful Mary Jackson Spring Tea Party

Recently, the Milford Historical Society hosted another successful fundraiser at The Mary Jackson House. With any type of an event, volunteers put a lot of time and energy into preparing for the day. A big thank you goes out to **Joyce Clark**, **Fiona Hammock** and **Cindy Kometh** for planning a wonderful afternoon for our guests to enjoy.

A special thank you to the following individuals and local businesses that contributed to the tea party: **Sharon Mancini**, **Sue Gumper**, **Acorn Farms**, **Abby Park**, **Klancy's of Milford**, **Main Street Art**, **The Milford Times** and the **Village Florist**. We truly appreciate your continued support of the Mary Jackson House and the Historical Society.

This spring's tea party featured tables beautifully decorated with a springtime theme. Thank you to **Marge Sawruk**, **Judy Waara**, **Lee Johnson**, **Duane Freitag** and **Klancy's of Milford** for adding a special touch to our day. And to the volunteers that worked during both tea parties— thank you to **Mary Lou Gharrity**, **Sue Gumper**, **Joyce Clark**, **Nancy Lang**, **Britney Corthan** and **Bonnie Sanders**. We couldn't have done it without your hard work.

The theme for this year's fashion show featured wedding dresses throughout the years. Thank you to **Judy Nelson**, **Bonnie Sanders** and **Mallory Smith** for loaning dresses to the Historical Society allowing us to provide a variety that dated from 1903 to 2008. Wearing those beautiful gowns were **Stefanie Thorpe**, **Elsie Hubal**, **Hanna Lynch**, **Jeni Lubinski**, **Lauren Nixon**, **Alex Mackalski**, **Melissa Arrowsmith** and **Mikaela Bullard**. Thanks to each of you for modeling the dresses.

Finally thank you to everyone that came out and supported the Mary Jackson House. Because of the generosity of so many people we were able to donate one hundred percent of the ticket price to the preservation of the Mary Jackson House.

A special thanks...Goes to **Andy Lynch**—for volunteering to mow the grass at the Mary Jackson House...**very much appreciated.**

BEST of LUCK



Catherine Heykoop



Stefanie Thorpe



Hannah Gasvoda

LANDMARK BUILDINGS COMMAND ATTENTION

Walk by the Pettibone Creek Hydroelectric Station in Milford and you'll find a new beautifully-designed interpretive sign which was produced by the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

MotorCities is an affiliate of the National Park Service and this organization is dedicated to preserving, interpreting and promoting the automotive and labor heritage of Michigan.

In addition to the Powerhouse sign, another sign has been installed at the carburetor factory site on North Milford Road on the east side of the upper mill pond. These signs were produced in consultation with the Milford Historical Society and paid for by MotorCities.

Take a stroll, take a look, because as the signs says, "YOU AUTO KNOW."



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