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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18—Annual Picnic—see article inside—note that this is a Thursday event!

August—No meeting in August

Sept. 19 - General Membership Meeting - Speaker - Michael Schragg Marshall Post Office Museum

September 21-22—The Milford Home Tour—See article inside

November 16 - Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House

Nov. 21 - General Membership Meeting - Speaker - George Sluder - Indian Re-enactor and National Known Quill Master

December 18 - Museum Closes



### Granny's Attic Sale

The annual Granny's Attic Sale will be held on the front lawn and porch of the museum on July 12 & 13 this year. Duane Frietag has collected some nice pieces from various estate sales and we've had some great donations to the sale by members. There will be glassware, china, some furniture and lots of interesting items on sale.

Sale hours are 9 am until 4 pm both days. Duane can use some help breaking the sale down and putting things away at the end of the sale.

### From Your President, Carol Watkins



Summer...Fourth of July, picnics, enjoying the great outdoors. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. The Fourth of July parade was wonderful. Thank you to Russ and Kathy for once again organizing and overseeing all that goes into the parade. Great work! Our little Historical Society entry was fun – Bill Crawford's tractor, Sharon Mancini's truck and Rena Valentine with her granddaughters in full costume. Added to that were some of our students – Kelly, Jack and Jordyn, helping with the banners. Thank you everyone!

Granny's Attic is coming – mark your calendars for this coming weekend.

Home Tour meetings are underway. We have five wonderful homes, seasoned House Captains and entertainment already underway for this year – September 21 and 22, along with the Sunday Tractor Show on the 22nd. Our homes range from 1852 to the 20th century this year. Volunteer to be a docent and get your attendance tickets for compensation.

At the museum, the Past Perfect software is humming along. With Bonnie Walworth at the helm and several new volunteers, all the accessions are up-to-date and many of the photos are being digitized. Great strides are being made in this area.

We have another group of volunteers who are looking at the gardening at all sites. Meeting this Thursday, we have three master gardeners who have expressed interest, and several others who will share their ideas to update the museum gardens, and work with the DDA for future plans. You are welcome to join us, or send in ideas.

The windows at the museum are moving along. Milford Glass has volunteered to fix the four broken panes in the inside windows at no cost to the museum. UV protective film has been added to most of the south, east and west windows, and for added protection UV shades have been added to those windows as well, replacing the green shades. The film provides 97% blockage of the UV rays and the shades block 98% of the UV rays. The storm windows are being worked on – several delays have occurred, but they will be in place soon.

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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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## PROGRAMS by Sandi Muirhead

Last month's Program on Railroad Depots with Ron Campbell was one of my favorites. He showed what can be done to preserve city and town railroad depots and how they can once again not only be beautiful but a landmark in their community. His book can be purchased at the Museum and \$2.00 MHS gets in return.

This year our Milford Historical Society Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday July 18th 2013. This will be a Potluck. The Picnic begins at 6:30.

Our Hosts will be Brad and Lynn Hawthorne. Their property at 203 Cumberland Trail and West Maple in Milford Township is a perfect place for us to gather.

Guests will enjoy listening to the babbling waterfall, walking their stone paths in the woods or just sitting and admiring all the beautiful landscaping.

When they moved to their new home nine years ago the woods came right up to their house. Everything was

cut down and removed and replanted with new trees, shrubs and bushes. Hawthornes love for our winged friends is shown with many bird feeders and houses.

The Hawthornes will provide plates, napkins and silverware. Guests are to bring a dish to share and drinks. I will provide ice.

Their home is at the corner of West Maple and Cumberland Trail. Please park in their parking area off West Maple.

We hope to see you all there and Sue Bullard has graciously said she will send out e-mail reminders the week before the meetings from now on. Again thank you Sue.

Questions: Contact Sandi Muirhead at travelermom@comcast.net or 248-310-4286.

## The Milford Historical Society's 37<sup>th</sup> Home Tour

Mark September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar and join us for another terrific Home Tour! The 2013 Home Tour will feature five beautiful area homes, and visits to the Log Cabin, Powerhouse, MSH Museum and the Sunday Tractor Show. There will also be a special Civil War Memorial Program MHS 37<sup>th</sup> Home Tour

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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 Milford Area Civil War 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 and the Car Show on Main Street.

The tour begins at 11:00 am and goes 5:00 pm both days. Home Tour tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for seniors. The tickets will be available before September 21<sup>st</sup> 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 p.m.).

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

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## Museum Report

By Marlene Gomez

We've had a busy summer so far at the museum, with school tours from Country Oaks Elementary and also Oak Valley Middle Schools. Thank you so much Duane Freitag, Lee Johnson, Jordyn Pair and Jack Prey for helping out with these tours.

We have also had quite a few visitors come in this summer. Jared Clouse who is a Highland historian is trying to start a history on Clyde, MI where he grew up. Jack Baker (long-time Milford resident) came in to talk to him about growing up in Clyde and they shared some history and photos. If anyone out there has any information or photos of the old Clyde, Jared would be interested. You can contact the museum for that.



We want to thank Craig Baker for doing a lot of work around the museum including trimming all the bushes and planting the beautiful flowers

around the museum sign. We also want to thank Sue Grifor (master gardner) for making the beautiful flower pots on the porch. Carol Watkins worked very hard on cleaning out the old herb garden and there are plans to redo that garden – thanks Carol !!!

We have two student docents going off to college in the Fall. Alex Golich started at the museum in June of 2012. Alex was on the ski team all through high school at Milford. He has been a big help to all of us, especially Duane. Alex has helped



him haul items for Granny's Attic Sale and he is also very good on the computer. He is going to Northwood University in the Fall to study entrepreneurship.



Jack Prey started at the museum in June of 2011. He also graduated from Milford High School and was very involved in the performing arts. Jack has been a

lot of fun at the museum. He enjoys getting dressed up and giving tours, especially to groups. He also has helped Duane out with Granny's Attic sale and many other events. Jack will be attending DePaul University in Chicago in the Fall and wants to study political science.

The student docent program provides a very important resource to the museum as well as giving the student docents great exposure to history in general and the history of Milford in particular. Many of our student docents earn scholarships from the Historical Society by working in the museum, helping with tours and helping with some of the computer work. If you know of a high school student entering their Junior year who might be interested in being a docent at the museum have them come in and talk to Marlene Gomez about the program and the requirements.

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We are thinking of an online store with Milford Historical Society shirt, hats, tote bags and more. The Board is looking at possible logos for the MHS and would have the new logo and our name available to be added to the wearing apparel and bags. Want to help? Call me.

A big thanks to Ron Campbell for his presentation on Train stations at our last "extra" general meeting. The meeting was very inspirational and the thought of obtaining the Milford Train Station and restoring it to its past glory, then adding a train museum and perhaps a community center for the town is an intriguing idea. Anyone want to work on this? I can think of several helpers.

Also – our Powerhouse engineering group is going forward with trying to make the water once again flow from the lake to the powerhouse. The engineers have measured and platted, tested the flume, and mapped the routes and equipment. With the addition of some money – they can do a feasibility study to get the water flowing. Should that be successful, the next steps would be adding generators and making water-powered electricity in Milford. The Board is also working to add the markers, children's tiles and pavers to the new amphitheater landscaping. It will be a beautiful area to listen to the concerts.

Your support and help are always appreciated.

Carol

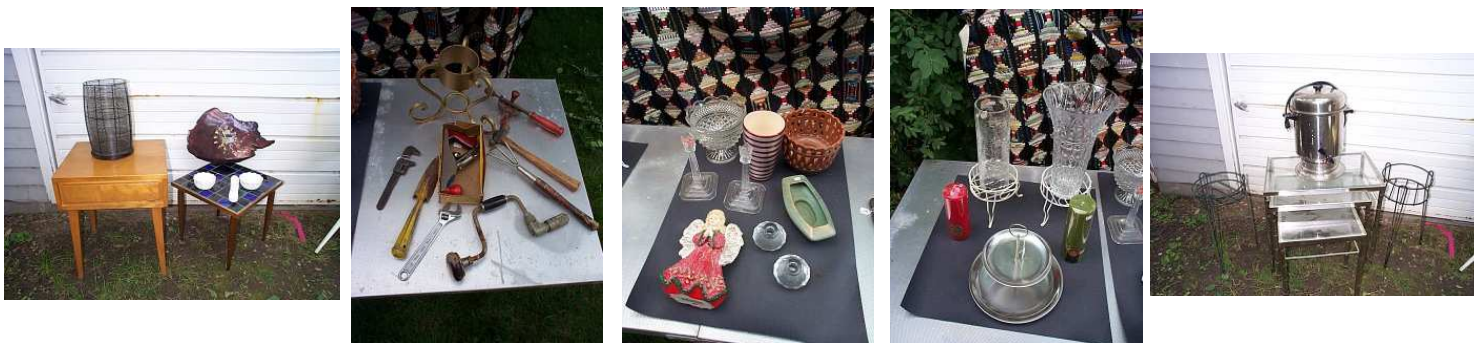
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Here's a sneak peek at some of the items that will be on sale at the Granny's Attic Sale



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