

UPCOMING EVENTS

May General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 17 @ 6:30 PM
 Christ Lutheran Church in the school basement at 720 General Motors Rd., Milford, Mi. 48381

Program: Michigan Back Roads, A Road Trip Show by Ron Rademacher Potluck Dinner.

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

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

ALSO, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE, BEVERAGE, AND A FRIEND. (COFFEE PROVIDED)

Museum Open House May 19 from 1 pm to 4 pm . Exhibits, live entertainment, and lots of children's activities

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS:

All Thursday meetings are held at the Milford United Methodist Church except for the May 17th meeting.

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM
Brief Business Meeting at 7:15 PM followed by the following programs for 2012:

- Thursday May 17th
 Program: Michigan Back Roads- A Road Trip Show by Ron Rademacher
- Sunday, July 22nd
 Picnic & Pot Luck at the Old School House owned by Don & Elaine Hunter
- Thursday, September 20th
 Program: Mentioning Unmentionables by Kim Crocke
- November 'TBD'
 Program: War of 1823 by Bill Schimmel

From Your President, Carol Watkins

Spring has come early, and the museum opened its doors for visitors on May 2nd, all cleaned and ready to go. Thank you to the volunteers who come and clean, polish, refresh everything every year. We had more volunteers this year than in the past and all of us are grateful for your hard work.

A big thanks to Norm Werner who removed the rotting wood from the front sign for the museum and painted the posts. Norm was also instrumental in getting the sidewalks repaired at the museum. Way to go, Norm!

The computer network is set up and working. The museum now has Internet and we have put our museum on the web. Welcome to our new volunteer, Susan Vert. Susan and Bonnie Waiworth have been hard at work devising a system, and entering data and photos into the computer system. The photos will have a "computer watermark" on them, and if you see one you wish to copy, let us know and we can help you. Bonnie also did a lot of extra work helping set up the network and moving files to the server drive. Thank you, Bonnie!

The Spring Tea at the Mary Jackson House was a lot of fun, and profitable! The fashion show featured wedding attire from 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1960 and 1980, complete with bouquets, veils and beautiful brides. The food was wonderful. We have so many requests from attendees for the recipes, we have started collecting the recipes and compiling a cookbook or set of recipes for sale. This will be available at the museum and for sale at the Christmas Walk and Craft Sale. Anyone who wants to help with this project, see me, please.



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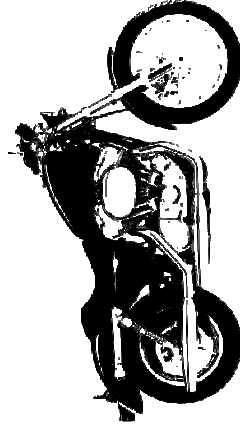
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We have **decided to offer this newsletter in two formats** – 1) by email sent directly to your email with copies on our website) and 2) by regular mail (as you receive it now). Postage and printing have gone up and it will allow us to use the money for other projects, such as broken windows, docent scholarships, etc. The choice is yours. If you sign up for emailed newsletters, we can also send your reminder for annual dues and "FLASH" reports about upcoming events and opportunities. If your email address is in our database, we will send an email to you to respond to. (Check your junk mail box). Once you respond back, you will automatically start receiving newsletters, dues announcements, and FLASH news reports from milfordhistory.org. If your email address is NOT in our database, and you want to use the email option, please send your contact information to info@milfordhistory.org and you will be added to the database. If you do not use email, or prefer to have a hard copy of the newsletters and correspondence, you do not have to do anything. We will continue to print a few newsletters and send them to those of you who wish it. However, FLASH news reports will not be available in this format. Thank you for considering this change, I think you will find it more informative and save a few trees from paper waste.

We have begun raffle ticket sales. The prize is a beautiful custom Harley Davidson, with Civil War motifs painted on the fenders. There are only 3000 tickets at only \$20 apiece. MHS representatives will be at several biker events during May and June to sell the tickets. This is only a 2 month raffle. On June 30th, the winning ticket will be drawn at the museum at 2 PM. Contact Sue Bullard for more information.

Has it been a while since you have been to the museum? Bring your friends to the Museum Open House on May 19th. There will be exhibits, live entertainment and fun for all. See Sue Bullard for more details. Plans are getting underway for the Fourth of July Parade. This will be the tenth year for Russ and Kathy Rheume planning the parade. If you own your business, work in the area, know anyone who works in the area, encourage them to submit a "float", decorated vehicle, marching band... this is a great way for them to participate in the community and get free advertising as well. The event is recorded and recordings given to participants for display. Contact Russ or Kathy for more details.

Have a wonderful Spring!



From your Program Director, Sandi Muirlead

Michigan Back Roads:

Gas up the car and pack the suitcases! Our May 17th Speaker Ron Rademacher will be here to get us in the "Pure Michigan" mood. Ron is a author of three books about out of the way places and small towns in our Great Lakes state. He manages two sites about Michigan and produces a free monthly web magazine.

He **DOES** know his Michigan.

His presentation includes color photos, both educational and entertaining. (Q & A and chat time will follow).

Come and hear about our lesser-known towns, festivals, unique shops, great food, and the people who call Michigan their home sweet home. Do I hear Road Trip anyone?

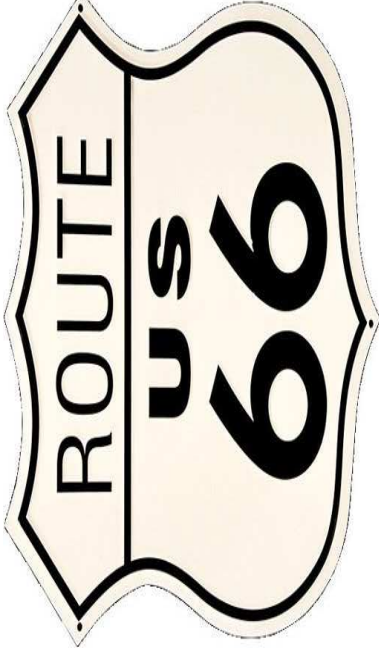
Websites to explore on your own without leaving your comfy chair:

www.michiganbackroads.com, www.upnorthmichigan.com and his web magazine:

www.travelinmichigan.com. Pack your Pot Luck with your favorite Michigan recipes bring your questions to ask Ron and we will see you on Thursday May 17th, 6:30 Michigan time.

Got to go and get my suitcase out of the attic!

Happy Trails to You.....



Prizes....

Since our program this month is on Michigan, prizes will go to those who wear a tee shirt, jacket, sweatshirt, etc. from Michigan. The prize will go to the person who wears something the farthest away from Milford. Also, if you would like to bring a Michigan made product or bake something all 'Michigan', a prize will go to one of you by asking Michigan questions.

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.