

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting—Nov 15
 - see story inside for details

Fall Tea—Nov 17—at the Mary Jackson House—see article inside for details.

Decorate Museum for the Holidays—Nov 17—see Museum Report inside for details.

Annual Milford Christmas Parade—Nov 24

Museum Closes for the winter—Dec 19

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From Your President, Carol Watkins

Thank you all for the support during 2012. Our fund-raising efforts have provided sufficient funds to maintain the museum for another year. Your attendance at events, your volunteer work and your donations are all much appreciated.



The Board has developed a Strategic Plan and enlisted the aid of several members to focus on the following projects in the coming months:

- **Research** – Nancy Dagenfelder and Kathy Huff, as well as Linda Dagenhardt have offered their expertise to build our information files on the historical homes in Milford.
- **IT** – our new Associate IT Director, Bonnie Walworth, is in charge of building our files in the PastPerfect museum software we own. The goal is a searchable database with our photos, homes and files accessible by computer.
- **Student Interns** – we are enriching our training program for our student interns to provide usable skills for their future in the areas of research, database building and presentation.
- **Powerhouse** – The Rotary Club, DDA, and Village authorities continue to improve our Central Park and the Historical Society is actively participating by working with the community to finish the garden projects at the Powerhouse and enhance the display items, such as a display about Albert Kahn and one about Henry Ford. In addition, we will be working with the Village to activate the powerhouse to provide hydroelectric power for the area. Remember the Power house can be rented for events.
- **Publications** – a NEW BOOK will be organized in an Almanac format to celebrate life in Milford from 1900-2000. All contributions, and stories are welcome. Tell us what you remember about “Piketown”, Babytown”, Little Egypt:, soda fountain dates, dancing at the hotel... During this time we also hope to update our publications and publish some walking tours in the area.
- **Website** – We have affiliated with Ancestry.com, and are in the process of becoming a Family Search Center for the genealogists in the group. We have also joined MissionFish for those of you who shop or sell on eBay, you can add the MHS as your favorite non-profit and we will receive donations as you sell or buy. You can also use PayPal to send donations from the MissionFish sign in, even if you do not have a PayPal account. All of these “buttons” are on the website, as are some new links to materials to help with restoration and Preservation of your properties.

Meetings – it has been decided to add some additional events for the membership. We will have some presentations/discussions on Genealogy, Ghost Hunting

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.

General Membership meeting - November 15th - the general membership meeting at the Milford Methodist Church in November will honor the memory of our local Indian historian and MHS Board of Director, Bill Schimmel. Bill worked on and off over 10 years authoring the book about the life of Chief Tipsico. Joyce Clark collaborated with Bill as Editor on the final version of the book, and will present a Powerpoint presentation.

The evening begins with a pot luck dinner at 6:30, followed by a short meeting and then the program. For the pot luck meal bring your own table setting and drinks. This is the Thanksgiving meeting where the turkey (and a ham, this year) is provided by the MHS Board members, so members should bring a dish to pass based upon the first letter of your last name according to the schedule below.

Those who would have normally brought a main dish (meat) should focus on side dishes that go with turkey or ham. Dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy and veggies like green beans.

Last Name Begins with - You should bring -

- A thru F - Side Dish
- G thru Q - Salad
- R thru Z - Dessert

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and we are preparing a seminar and workshops on restoration and preservation projects for those of you with historical buildings.

Anything you would like to participate in or help with, just let us know. You can email us at info@milfordhistory.org, milfordhistory@yahoo.com, or just call the museum.

Board Changes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Judy Waara and Fiona Hammock who have left the Board. Both these ladies spent many years with us and participated in all events in leadership roles. Barb Callaghan has also decided not to join the board. Thank you for your participation, ladies! We also welcome Jim Crane to our Board. Jim is joining us to help with the new book and the Powerhouse project. This still leaves vacancies on the Board. If you are interested in serving on the MHS Board, please call Carol Watkins.

Recognition Program

The MHS Board is busy designing a volunteer recognition program. As you recall, we have an account with DoGoodGetRewards.com. Members can log their time specific to various events. For those without computer access, time spent can be logged at the museum or Mary Jackson House. By November of next year we plan to hold a Recognition Banquet and honor those who share their time with us. In addition, the DoGoodGetRewards.com site offers rewards as well. There is no cost to use the website.

New Book of Milford's History

It has been over thirty years since members of the Milford Historical Society created our signature book "Ten Minutes Ahead of the Rest of the World". We are in the process of reprinting copies for the Christmas season (Makes a great gift).

We are also starting collection of materials for a NEW BOOK. This book will cover the 20th Century in Milford – from 1900 to 2000, in an Almanac format. Categories will include: Families of Milford, Businesses, Growth and Depressions, Government, Police and Firefighters, Contributors, Events, Home and building restorations, the Builders, Churches and more.

We need YOU, all of you, to start going through your memory boxes and old photos. We will collect by decades, starting with the 1950s at our membership meetings.

We ask that you submit COPIES of your photos, in digital form, if possible, Copies of souvenirs, such as prom booklets, church bulletins, jelly jar labels (from the Milford Jelly factory), posters of events, home restoration projects, any item you think demonstrates the life of Milford Village and Township, in the last century. Please label each with the contributors' name/s and identifying information about the object.

We are very pleased to have the help of Linda Dagenhardt and our two new Researchers in the museum, Kathy Huff and Nancy Dagenfelder, who will help categorize, and authenticate all materials, as well as maintain the files as we build our book.

Should you wish to contribute a monetary donation to the publishing of this endeavor, there is a separate fund being developed for the funds necessary to properly prepare and publish. All donations will be acknowledged in the book.

2012 Fall Tea - At the Mary Jackson House

The Milford Historical Society will once again host a Fall tea at the childhood home of Mary Jackson—648 Canal St in Milford. The date of this year's fall tea will be Saturday, November 17, 2012.

The late Ms. Jackson was born and raised in Milford and went on to become a featured actress in both stage and television. Her most recognizable role was as Miss Emily Baldwin in the 1970's television show, *The Walton's*.

Loving Milford as much as she did, she always returned to Milford at least twice a year.

Two tea settings will be offered, the first from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Each guest will enjoy savories and sandwiches, scones, and assorted desserts along with tea, coffee or punch. A fashion show will take place as well.

Tickets for the Fall Tea are \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Milford Historical Museum, 124 E. Commerce St beginning home tour weekend. Beginning September 17th, tickets can be purchased at Acorn Farms, Main Street Art and at the Milford Township Office. Seating is limited for this popular event, so reserve your space now. For more detailed information, please call (248) 685-7308 or visit www.milfordhistory.org or visit our Facebook page.



MUSEUM NEWS

We have slowed down a little at the museum now that the weather is getting colder. We had two Cub Scout groups come in for tours on Oct. 17 and Oct. 27. One group was fulfilling a requirement to visit a museum and the other group wanted to learn how people "used to live." They are always a lot of fun and very lively.

Lakewood Elementary second grade students will be coming in on Friday, Nov. 2nd with three classes of 25 each. One of their teachers, (Beth Lesko), prepares them really well and they always write thank-you notes with pictures they draw of their favorite parts of the museum. They also usually make a donation.

We did get our new fire extinguishers installed in Oct. We normally would decorate the museum for Christmas on Sat. Nov. 17th, but that is the same day as the Mary Jackson Tea, so we have to pick another Saturday.

As far as we know right now, the museum will close for the winter after Wed. Dec. 19th. I want to especially thank Larry Green, Kathy Hodson, Barb Hertz and Sandi Muirhead for coming in one Wednesday each month to help out. It is really appreciated! And I want to thank Mary Lou, Duane Freitag and Lee Johnson for helping out with special group tours. We couldn't do it without you!

Submitted by Marlene Gomez



2012 Home Tour Report

The annual Home Tour provides the funding for the operation and upkeep of the Milford Historical Museum and other projects sponsored by the Historical Society including student docent scholarships, microfilming of the Milford Times, the Mary Jackson house and the Fourth of July parade. This is why we greatly appreciate everyone who volunteers their time and expertise to the Home Tour.

This year's Home Tour was successful. We sold approximately 400 tickets and offered complimentary tickets to 150 docents and sponsors. The profit from ticket sales equaled \$5,500.00. Our Home Tour Sponsorship Program totaled \$5,048.00 after expenses. The 2012 Home Tour raised a total of \$10,548.00. This will certainly go a long way in helping us maintain and operate the museum and supporting the Society's many projects.

Thank You Volunteers—The Milford Historical Society Home Tour requires a large team of dedicated volunteers to be successful. Co-chairs Sue Bullard and Sue Gumper send out a big thank you to all of our volunteers. We know you worked hard and hope you had fun.

This year, Danielle and Pat DeLonge, Chris and Jim Eldridge, Michele Flowers, Deidre and Ferril McCarthy, and Shawn Sitar shared their beautiful historic homes with over 500 curious visitors. The homeowners were partnered with six house captains; Barb Callaghan, Fiona Hammock, Bonnie Lynch, Susan Smith, Rena Valentine and Judy Waara who worked diligently to make sure the tours were informative and moved smoothly. We also had MHS members leading tours and/or activities at the South Park log cabin, powerhouse, museum, and tractor show. Many thanks go out to Tami Averill, Bill Crawford, Mary Lou Gharrity, Marlene Gomez, Rich Harrison, Don Sleek and our student docents. The tour could not go on without your help. We must thank Acorn Farms, Main Street Art and Your Nesting Place for their ongoing assistance with tickets sales and providing support. This year's home tour featured demonstrations by local basket weavers, knitters, lace makers and musicians. We thank them for sharing their expertise. We also want to thank Bill Heatley, Nic Meyer, John Miller and Brian Miska for returning as our 2012 Privy Diggers.

The tour could not happen without our largest group of volunteers, the home tour docents. About 120 community members donated 3 or more hours to welcome our visitors and guide them through the homes. They help to make the tour an informative, fun experience.

