

# The Milford Historian

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MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16 - Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House 11 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 4 PM. Tickets for the Fall Tea are \$25.00 and can be purchased at The Acorn Farms, Main Street Art, Milford Township Office or at the Milford Historical Museum

November 21—Final General Membership Meeting of 2013. Thanksgiving Potluck—turkey and main dishes to be supplied by MHS Board members. Others should bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Dec 18—Museum closes for the winter

### Final Program of the year for 2013

Our Thursday, November 21st meeting will be at the Methodist Church at 6:30 pm. This is our favorite Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.

Our guest speaker will be retired Post Master Michael Schragg speaking on antique postal memorabilia. Mike is curator of the postal museum in Marshall that he started in 1988.

Mike brings a trailer full of antique postal items for us to learn about and I think you will truly enjoy this talk.

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I want to thank everyone who came out to see the M C Ghosthunters at the Milford Library. We had a crowd of about 60 people. I wonder if there are any new paranormal believers? Talk of having a Ghost Walk in Milford with the Motor City Ghosthunters is in the works.

### Milford Historical Society Programs for 2014

Well it's almost the end of 2013 and in a few months I will be working on Programs for 2015 (really??). A few of the 2013 Programs that stick out in my mind are: The Purple Gang, Railroad Depots and the MC Ghosthunters. I hope you will enjoy the 2014 Programs as well.

Here are the Programs scheduled for the upcoming

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### From Your President, Carol Watkins

Thanks to all of you for a successful season. From the Spring Tea, through the Fourth of July Parade, Granny's Attic Sale, Milford Memories, a wonderful Home Tour and our upcoming Autumn Tea...as volunteers you have been outstanding!

The Milford Historical Society has added extra meetings this year, appeared at new events, helped with events in Highland, and added new technology (QR aps) to the Home Tour. At the same time, our computer crew has been archiving accessions and photos at a fast pace and several improvements at the museum are now in place – namely the storm windows and rebuilt handicapped entrance plus back deck. New shelving and storage are in the museum. The museum staff has been very busy organizing and cleaning out rooms, basements and the Mary Jackson garage.

New people have joined the Society – and you are all most welcome – and new people are helping with events and maintenance – note the gardens at the museum, and researchers for events and historical signs. Our students are a joy, as are their parents and friends, many of whom also help out with events and the museum. We wish the best to students who have graduated and look forward to the promising young people who have joined us recently.

I am especially grateful for the solid, hard-working core of volunteers who are always there for an event, a meeting, a project, advice and support.

Thank you all and enjoy the holiday season to come!



### If you have the time...The Historical Society needs:

- Two book organizers – to take materials collected for two books, organize and start editing process.
- A Volunteer Organizer – someone to call, schedule and thank volunteers for events – all of which can be done from home.
- A Student Mentor – helping guide, organize instructions, teach students
- Grant writer – to search for, organize and write grants
- Museum exhibit planner/ organizer – someone to plan and put together museum exhibits and exhibits for other events on a regular basis.
- We need a computer hardware / software volunteer who will install printers, BIOS, software, and troubleshoot the system.

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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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2014 year: All Programs are on the third Thursday of the month.

January 16th (Potluck) The Unusual, The Unique and The Ugly. Bring your favorite family heirloom, collectible or great garage sale find and show it off. Tell us a little about it and maybe win a prize for it.

March 20th (Potluck) Mrs. Lincoln (alias Pam Dawson). Meet Mrs. Lincoln and hear her story while in the White House.



April 17th (No Potluck) MaryLou and Main Street.. Our own MaryLou will tell her great stories about Main Street, Milford.

May 15th (Potluck) Annick Hewarth will return and tell about the iconic CCC. Her book tells the stories from the men who worked those jobs.

July 17th (Potluck) Powerhouse Picnic Potluck (say that three times real fast). A tour will be included with this historic building.



Sept. 18th (Potluck) The Chelsea Jiffy Mix Story complete with free recipe books. (I have one and really is fun to use.)

Oct. 16th (Milford Library, No Potluck) Phyllis Barkey will speak on the famous downtown J. L. Hudson Building. She will bring with her a display case full of J. L. Hudson memorabilia and we are asking for everyone to bring their favorite cherished item from Hudson's. Mine is a tin tea canister. Phyllis' book about the downtown Hudson's eateries is in the works.

Nov. 20th. (Fall Potluck) Milford's own Joe Salvia will be telling his war and military stories after eating a delicious turkey dinner. Joe works tirelessly every year to make the Memorial Day Parade a success in Milford



If you have any suggestions for Speakers contact me at 248-310-4286 or email me at travelermom@comcast.net. - Sandi Muirhead

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- New Board Member in February.

### Or one-time-only projects:

- Stretch and tighten carpet in front hall of museum.
- Touch up paint trim and wall in museum.
- Rope caulk windows in museum and Mary Jackson house for winter
- Install insulation materials on doors at museum and Mary Jackson House for winter (door gaskets, bottom threshold).
- Clean carpets in Mary Jackson house.
- Paint and finish bathroom floor in MJ House.



### Things to donate:

- Dress forms for period costumes
- Personal collections for exhibits (these will be returned).
- Green energy light bulbs for museum and MJ House – variety of tubes and light fixtures.



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## Powerhouse Event

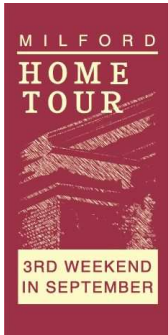
The annual "Santa Paws" pet pictures with Santa will be held again this year at the historic Petti-bone Creek Hydro Power Station (the Powerhouse) on Dec 7th and Dec 15 from 11 AM until 4 PM both days.

Veterinary Care Specialists sponsors the event with a donation of dog or cat food and/or cash. The photo with Santa is taken and immediately turned into a Christmas Card with a CD to print more at home.

The past years have been a total success with many pounds of food and cash which is donated to Community Sharing Pets. Call Peter Barnes, owner of VCS, for more accurate information office 248-684-0468 cell 248-310-0213. Bring dog or cat food or money to donate for your pet's picture.



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Home Tour 2013 was a Success!



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; Renee & Dennis Craig, Claudia & Kevin Frush, Kim & Tom Mladis, Tom Pope & Beverly Smith, and Rena & Caleb Valentine shared their beautiful historic homes with over 700 curious visitors. The homeowners were partnered with five house captains; Bonnie Lynch, Brook Qualman, 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 Oak Grove Cemetery, 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.

Behind the scenes Home Tour Committee members and supporters took charge of volunteer procurement, publicity, entertainment, hospitality, signage, finance, historic research, setup and sponsorships. We greatly appreciate Holly Brandt, Jared Clouse, Nancy Dagenfelder, Linda Dagenhardt, Danielle DeLonge, Carolyn Graves, Kathy Huff, John Keeber, Nancy Lang, Leon Shuler, Shelia Shuler, Adam Strange, Chris Smith, Bryon Waara, Judy Waara, Carol Watkins, and Norm Werner. This small but very dedicated group of people was committed to making the 2013 home tour a success.

We must thank Acorn Farms, Main Street Art and Your Nesting Place for their ongoing assistance with ticket sales and providing support. We also want to thank Tony Panepucci, Nic Meyer, John Miller and Bill DePeel for returning as our 2013 Privy Diggers. This year we also welcomed Kate Morgan who documented this year's privy dig.

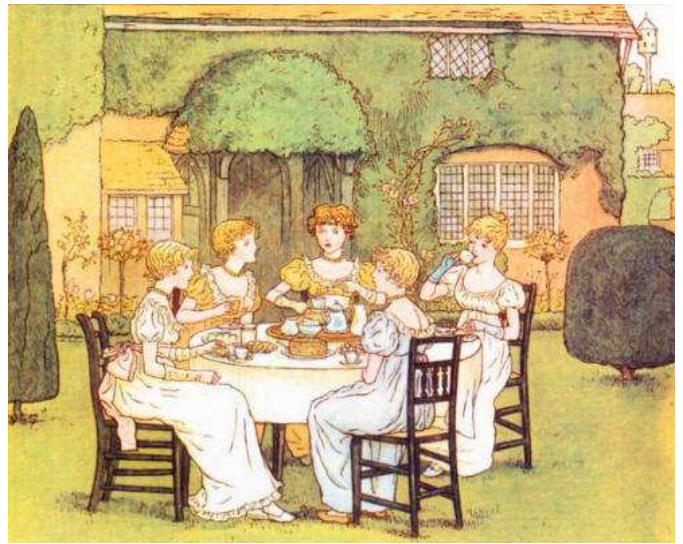
The tour could not happen without our largest group of volunteers, the home tour docents. About 120 community members donated 3 or more hours to welcome our visitors and guide them through the homes. They help to make the tour an informative, fun experience.

We would like to thank all the businesses and organizations who participated in our Sponsorship Program. Please refer to our Sponsorship article to see who helped out the Historical Society and consider giving them your business.

Lastly, we thank all of our home tour visitors. We hope you enjoyed the tour and the Milford community. We hope you will return in 2014 and bring a friend.

### 2013 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



### Fall Tea—Nov 16

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, The Milford Historical Society will be hosting a Fall Tea fundraiser to benefit the Mary Jackson House and will be held at the childhood home of Mary Jackson. Guest can choose from two seating's— 11 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 4 PM.

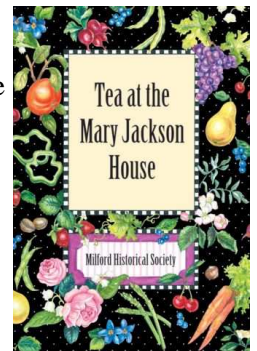
Each guest will enjoy savories and sandwiches, scones with lemon curd, jam or cream, assorted desserts and tea, coffee and punch. A fashion show will take place during each tea.

Tickets for the Fall tea are \$25.00 and can be purchased at The Acorn Farms (367 N. Main St), Main Street Art (432 N. Main St), Milford Township Office (1100 Atlantic Street) or at the Milford Historical Museum (124 E. Commerce St.) beginning Home Tour Weekend. All proceeds will go directly to the preservation of the Mary Jackson House.

For more information, please call 248-685-7308 or email – [milfordhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:milfordhistory@hotmail.com) or visit the Historical Society web site at [www.milfordhistory.org](http://www.milfordhistory.org)

On sale at the Fall Tea will be the cook book **Tea at the Mary Jackson House**,

which contains the recipes for the various goodies served at the Teas, both sweet and savory. Books are \$15 apiece and are designed to be updated by adding pages as the ladies of the Historical Society add new recipes to future Tea menus.



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expertise to the Home Tour.

This year's Home Tour was successful. We sold approximately 570 tickets and offered complimentary tickets to 150 docents and sponsors. The net profit from ticket sales equaled \$6,770.00. Our Home Tour Sponsorship Program totaled \$6,550.00 after expenses. The 2013 Home Tour raised a total of \$13,320.00. This will certainly go a long way in helping us maintain and operate the museum and supporting the Society's many projects.

## Thanks to our Home Tour Sponsors

The Milford Historical Society once again received the support of several sponsors for the Home Tour. The Milford Times was our Platinum Level Sponsor again this year. At the Gold Level were The Milford DDA and Veterinary Care Specialists & VCS Pets First. At the Silver Level we welcomed first time sponsors M. J. Whelan Construction and State Senator Mike Kowall and State Representative Eileen Kowall. At the new Bronze Level we welcomed the support of the Blue Grill, Anytime Fitness and the Huron Valley State Bank. We encourage our members to say thanks to these local businesses and individuals for their support

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

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Phone: 248-685-7308 Be sure to visit us on the web:

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Senior	\$10	Lifetime	\$250
Individual	\$15	Small Business	\$50
Corporation	\$250+		