

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 15 & 16—The 2012 HOME TOUR!** We still need volunteers. See the story inside and decide how you can help with Home Tour.

**Sept 16—Tractor Show** - Tractors of all vintages and sizes at the Parking Lot of the Huron Valley State Bank near the corner of Milford Rd and GM Road.

**Sept 20—General Membership Meeting** at Milford Methodist Church—Pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm See the article on Mentioning Unmentionables for program details.

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

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

*REMEMBER TO ALSO BRING YOUR OWN PLATES, SILVERWARE, AND DRINKS*

*ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED*

**November 17th - Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House** - Tea, goodies and a fashion show. See the article inside.

**November 21st** - General Membership meeting at the Milford United Methodist Church at 1200 Atlantic in Milford. Program being planned based upon a book that former MHS Board member Bill Schimmel had begun on the life of local Indian Chief Tipsico.

## From Your President, Carol Watkins

How quickly the summer goes by. This summer we were invited by the Chamber of Commerce to participate in Milford Memories. Duane Freitag had just been to two estate sales, so we decided to have a Granny's Garage Sale, along with museum tours and a tent with an exhibit from the museum.



Well, the heavy rains prevented the tent from being raised, and a lack of volunteers prevented tours being available on that Sunday. We did make money on the sale. There were many people who stopped by. Many from out of town who grew up here and were returning for a visit, others who had never seen the museum and were delighted to have the time to stop in. It was a shame to turn them away from lack of volunteers.

Please try to volunteer for at least one event each year – even making the phone calls, or keeping the records is helpful. With three properties and signage throughout Milford, there is more than enough work for everyone.

The Board added the Milford Memories event, and is planning several other events, because we had the large expense of reprinting our signature book “Ten Minutes Ahead of the Rest of the World” this year, plus some damage to repair at both the museum and Mary Jackson House. Aging properties require more and more maintenance, and maintenance requires more and more money. Please consider working on your favorite event each year, or helping at the museum. Some current projects are:

- Prep for Home Tour and clean up – signage, tents, booties the week before and after.
- Victorian Lingerie exhibit at Home Tour – prepare display and handouts...clean up
- Home Tour docents, both at the houses and the museum, September 15 and 16
- Heritage Tour docents – at the museum on September 19
- Mary Jackson House Fall Tea – house must be cleaned before and after. Tables and chairs put up, prepared, kitchen prepped, clean up. Advertising, pamphlets prepared.
- MUSEUM – need motion detector light installed on back porch.
- Mary Jackson House – need bathroom floor tiled upstairs.
- Christmas at the Museum – decorators, clean up.

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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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(8th year)

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(1st year)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Member Dues:

Student	\$5
Senior	\$10
Individual	\$15
Family	\$25
Lifetime	\$250
Small Business	\$50
Corporation	\$250+

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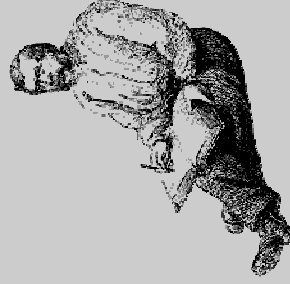
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(From Your President—Continued from Page 1)

- eBay monitor – we want to put some items on eBay – but need 1) someone to watch and respond to daily emails and 2) someone to handle the shipping of items in a timely manner.
- And we really, really need computer entry people to help digitize the photos and papers that are stored at the museum.

The Board of Directors appointed Barb Callaghan as a new Board member at the last meeting. Barb is a newer member of the Milford Historical Society, but has already agreed to be a House Captain this year in the Home Tour. Her energy and enthusiasm are a great addition to the board. Welcome, Barb!

### Home Tour 2012

As you read this newsletter the 2012 Milford Home Tour is only a week away. This is the 36th annual Home Tour, which is of itself quite an accomplishment. We could still use volunteer help for this year, so please call Sue Gumper, Sue Bullard or Judy Warra and volunteer. Help is needed at the houses and at the Museum.

We have more sponsorship support for this year's Home Tour than ever before. The Platinum, Gold and Silver level sponsors are named on the back page. Please thank our sponsors as you patronize their businesses. Also please notice the sponsor and supporter "shingles" that are hanging below most of the Home Tour banners that are displayed around the Village. These are all individuals and businesses that have contributed to support the Home Tour and the Milford Historical Society. The Home Tour supporters are listed below:

Tige Reader—RE/MAX	Wildcat Properties	U of M Kellogg Eye Center
Your Nesting Place	Huron Valley State Bank	2 Mom's & a Mop
The Digital Document Store	The Milford Laundry	Mark Khoury—State Farm
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### Milford Historical Society to take part in Oakland County Heritage meeting

The Historical Society will take part in a prestigious event this month. The Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services organization is holding its 15th annual Heritage Conference in Milford this year. The event, September 19th, will be held at the Milford Presbyterian Church. During the event the MHS will help conduct a tour of the Milford Historic District and of the historic downtown area.

The theme of this year's event is "Place Making" and Milford was chosen because it has become a "place to go" in Oakland County; due, in part, to our preservation and integration of Milford's historic downtown buildings and surrounding historic neighborhoods. See our Web site for more on this important conference.

### 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.

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 actor 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](http://www.milfordhistory.org) or visit our Facebook page.

### MUSEUM NEWS

Submitted by Marlene Gomez, Assistant Director

We have had a busy July and August at the museum with many visitors coming in. We were open during Milford Memories all weekend for the first time. We had a smaller Granny's Antique Sale during this time.

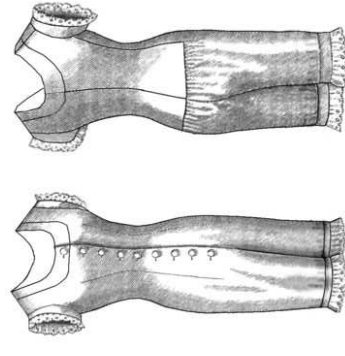
Many people did want to tour the museum on Friday and Saturday, but we did close the museum for tours on Sunday because we didn't have enough volunteers to help.

Lakeside Fire Equipment Co. came in to inspect the fire extinguishers on August 8th. We are probably going to have to replace some of the fire extinguishers because they are so old. We are getting prices on that now. The Milford Fire Department came in the following week to do their annual inspection.

We have two new student docents that started this summer. Jordyn Parr is a sophomore and is home-schooled, and Alex Golich is a senior at Milford High School.

We also want to thank Hunter Barnes for helping out on Wednesdays in July and August. Hunter is an 8th grader at Muir Middle School. He is a Civil War Re-enactor with Dakota Starr and he loves talking about history, especially the Civil War.

We will be getting the museum cleaned in early September to get ready for Homes Tour on Sept. 15 & 16th. If anyone wants to help out with that, or help at the museum during Homes Tour, please let Marlene know.



### Mentioning Unmentionables - the September General Membership Meeting Program

- Sandi Muirhead, Program Director

The Milford Historical Society meeting Sept 20th at the First Methodist Church on Atlantic St. is going "Undercover" so to speak.

Kim Parr is the Director of the Macomb Historical Society and Crocker House Museum in Mount Clemens. She will be addressing (not undressing) "Mentioning Unmentionables" - The History Of Undergarments. She also teaches museum studies at U of D and was the living coordinator at Greenfield Village (love that place) for nine years.

Wearing period clothes while performing daily chores, she developed an appreciation for domestic history. Many questions were to be answered such as how do they make their back ends look so big or did they wear a corset while pregnant?

Our speaker will address questions and review 18th and 19th century underclothing with a dressing demonstration (close your eyes fellas) from the Middle Ages to WWI. Kim's power point will demonstrate in what order a lady would dress and why undergarments changed.

Pot Luck starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass (see front page for dish assignments) and place settings and drink. Remember to keep yourself and dishes discretely covered. (just kidding). Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of "Undie" stories.