

The Milford Historian

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 and Milford Township.

“One Hundred Years of Fashion”

By Mary Ellen Busch

From the beginning, mothers have told their children not to leave the house wearing inappropriate attire. They knew that in making a first impression our clothing says a lot about us before we say a single word; that what is worn communicates as much as it covers and protects us.



Clothing styles have gradually changed over time. They have evolved from being highly restrictive, uncomfortable and modest...to being oversize, baggy and, sometimes, immodest. But one common thread remains the same, what we wear reflects who we are.

At our May 17th General Meeting we will meet **Mary Ellen Busch** who will share with us how fashion has changed over the last 100 years. Ms. Busch is a member of the Detroit Historical Society. She is also a member of the Detroit Historical Museum and Guild where she has experienced firsthand the Society’s clothing collection. This extensive collection has been recognized as one of the finest in the area and has been used many times for research by stage and movie production companies.

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From Your President...

We survived the cold winter weather and May is finally here. Every time I think of that last sentence I remember the story my grandfather would tell about how it snowed one Memorial Day. But I’m quickly putting that memory out of my head and thinking positively...the warm weather *is* here to stay!

May has always been a favorite time for me. As a child, it meant that I could go outside and play. As I grew older, it meant that I could help at home with the spring chores. One of my fondest memories is of Memorial Day and the week before. For most people, the Memorial Day weekend marked the unofficial start of summer, but for me it meant spending time with the family. Each year in May, my Mom and Aunt Bernice would spend an entire day at Oak Grove Cemetery cleaning the graves of our family members and then planting flowers. They would describe what “Decoration Day” was like in the past and how the parade would begin in town and proceed to the Oak Grove Cemetery. After the parade, the community would gather near the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Civil War monument for a ceremony honoring the men and woman of Milford who fought for our freedom in all wars.

Today, I look forward to the Memorial Day ceremony in Central Park. Listening to the speeches, watching the wreaths being placed at the monument, and experiencing the chilling playing of taps with a band member answering from across the Huron River, is very emotional for me. The Milford American Legion Post organizes this and several other activities in the community to honor our veterans. We are very fortunate to have this group in of our community and I wish they would receive more acknowledgement for their fine efforts. Each year their goal is to recognize every veteran in our area. From organizing the Memorial Day parade to placing flags on fallen soldiers’ graves, they deserve praise for their dedication and hard work.

This year, Memorial Day will take on a new significance for my family. My nephew joined the Marines last year is now serving overseas. This is a sacrifice many American families are enduring. I pray for the safe return of my nephew and our entire military force. And I hope everyone will pause a moment on May 28th to thank these brave heroes and remember those fallen soldiers that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Remember, Milford ’s Memorial Day parade is on May 28th, 11:00 am, beginning at the American Legion Post, 510 W. Commerce. It will then proceed down Main Street to Central Park where a ceremony will take place honoring our veterans. ‘Hope to see you there!

Sue Bullard, President

Due to a scheduling conflict, our meeting will be moved to the Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Road.





























































**May General Meeting
& Potluck Dinner**

**Thursday, May 17, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

**Milford Lutheran Church
620 General Motors Road**

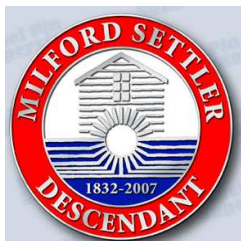
<u>A-G</u>	<u>H-R</u>	<u>S-Z</u>
Hot Side Dish	Salad	Dessert

Everyone: Table service & beverage (coffee provided)

175th Anniversary Celebration

“The Right Place at the Right Time”

- Are you a descendant of a Milford Founding Family?
- The Milford Historical Society would like to recognize you.
- Join us as an Honored Guest at our “The Right Place at the Right Time” 175th Celebration at the 4th of July Parade.
- Please contact the Milford Historical Society at 248-685-7308 or milfordhistory@yahoo.com for more information.



As reported in the last Milford Historian, Bob and Betty Crawford have designed a beautiful commemorative pin to help celebrate the 175th anniversary of Milford Township. If you are a direct descent and are interested in purchasing a pin, they may be purchased at the museum. The cost of the pin will be \$5.00 and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Milford Historical Society.

Klancy's Restaurant June Fund-Raiser

Save your receipts!

Klancy's, the well-known restaurant at the corner of Main and Canal Streets in downtown Milford, has generously agreed to share 10% of all meals purchased by Society members during the month of June with the Milford Historical Society (excludes tax and tip). Both the food and service at Klancy's are outstanding. They offer meal specials every day and a 10% discount for those over 60 years old. So think Klancy's whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner...or all three! **Remember to save your receipts and turn them in at the museum by July 7, 2007.**



Granny's Attic Sale

2007

Send us your treasures

With spring house cleaning just around the corner, we remind you that Granny's Attic is a great place to donate your unwanted items. Although the Granny's Attic Sale itself won't be until July, we'll happily take your treasures now and store them until then. Importantly, remember that your Historical Society receives the proceeds from the sale and you receive a deduction on your 2007 income taxes. For donation information, please contact David Chase a 248-421-3637.



Museum Reopened for 2007

The museum opened on May 2nd and the hours for this year are as follows: Wednesday and Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm. New evening hours will be on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month the museum will be open from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Museum Happenings

Preparing for our May 2nd opening, we have been cleaning, accessioning and filing at the museum. Many members committed their time to help. First, a big **Thank you** to Jeff Spoor, Ned Watson, Bill Crawford, Sue Gumper and Sue Bullard for fire-proofing the log cabin inside the Museum. This was a requirement the Milford Fire Department identified in their yearly audit. To comply, we hauled everything out of the cabin, sprayed flame retardant on all the logs and wood and let it dry completely. Mary Lou and Marlene accessioned many items from the log cabin that hadn't been recorded.



Then the crew of Sue Gumper, Sue Bullard, Judy Waara, Brook Qualman, Michelle Hier and Lisa White put the cabin back together. For the Museum's annual spring-cleaning our appreciation goes out to Brook Qualman, Sue Gumper, Sue Bullard, Judy Waara, Michelle and Will Young, Jan Henry, Catherine Heykoop, Michele Hier and Lisa White for a great job of cleaning ceilings, walls, wall hangings, washing woodwork and windows and dusting many, many items. It's a lot of hard work but we have fun too. Also needed was repair work to the museum office/computer room. Our thanks go to Brion and Judy Waara and Carlos for cleaning, dry walling and painting the room.

We are continually seeking docents for the museum. Two students were interviewed who appear to be good candidates. Most needed are members to just be at the museum when it is open – especially on Wednesdays in June before school lets out, and after school resumes in September. If Wednesday isn't a good day for you, we also need help on Saturday afternoons. It's only a 3-hour commitment and it can be an enjoyable experience. You can bring along reading material for the time between visitors. Something interesting is always happening at the museum. Please call Marlene Gomez at the museum to help out.

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In appreciation for their generous and ongoing contributions, all Society members are encouraged to support our two Platinum Home Tour Sponsors:

- *The Milford Times* (3rd year sponsor)
- *Tige Reader and the RE/MAX Team* (3rd year sponsor)

**Milford Michigan
The Right Place at the Right Time!
Celebrating 175 Years**

July 4th

Kick Off

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 4th of July Parade



Featuring
Descendants of our
Founding Families



Central Park Celebration

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fun, Food and Entertainment



Listen to the Dodworth Saxhorn Band!
They will create fun and excitement
performing music using original instruments
from the 1800's. Join in as they use drama,
poetry, dance, and audience participation to
bring America's musical past to life

See Camelot Farm's award
winning Clydesdales and
take a ride around Milford



Milford was and is The Right Place at the Right Time!
Come and enjoy some Old Fashion Family Fun sponsored by the Milford
Historical Society, Community Churches and Local Businesses as we
Celebrate Milford's past and future.

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WHAT'S HOT

General Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Milford Lutheran Church
620 General Motors Rd

DON'T MISS OUT!

Upcoming 2007 Events

- May 17...**General Meeting and Program:
"One Hundred Years of Fashion"
- June.....** Fundraiser at Klancy's: entire month of June
- July 4.....**Fourth of July Parade & 175th Anniversary "The Right Place at the Right Time" Celebration
- July 13....**Granny's Attic Sale (Museum & 14 lawn)
- July 22.....**MHS Annual Picnic: 2 pm at the Rheaume's

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