

Oakland Heritage News

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The Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) Newsletter

Archives Project gets started!

The OTHS Archives Committee has organized and gotten started on a major goal of the Society, *Establish an Archive Collection and System*. Addressing the Society's growing collection of documents, artifacts and photographs has leaped to the forefront of our attention! After two very successful exhibits since 2008, many more important donations have surfaced and been added to Society files. With the commitment of the whole Board, the Committee has set up the Archive Room in the CLF Main House, purchased hardware with archival software and supplies to professionally organize and assess everything we have now!

Watch for more information!

Donations...YES,

Save your *Oakland Township* family heirlooms, documents, photographs, artifacts, ephemera and donate them to OTHS!

We are interested!!!

Whatever defines the Township.

Call *Diana Borrusch* at 248-693-8660, or email dianaoths74@comcast.net.



*Paint Creek United Methodist Church
c. 1855
4420 Collins Road*

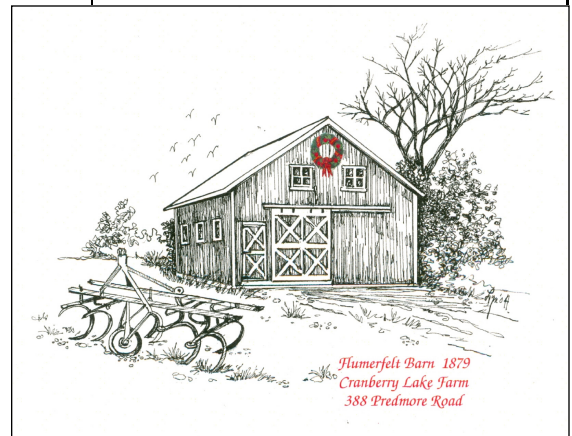
Paint Creek United Methodist Church on Collins Road in historic Goodison, built in 1855, has been in continuous use/service ever since.

Our new holiday cards include this image by Rochester Hills artist Lyn Sieffert.

Holiday Cards added this season!

New holiday cards added this season feature Paint Creek United Methodist Church in Goodison and the 1879 Flumerfelt Barn at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District. Lyn Sieffert created the artwork for these Oakland Township cards. Priced at \$1.25 each with a matching envelope. We have more new cards for sale too. Contact us at othsmember@comcast.net

Join us Wednesday December 5 as we celebrate the season with **Antique Holiday Decorations** and memorabilia featured by you! Bring your antique and favorite holiday decorations to enjoy with the audience! A holiday sing-along with bells and piano accompaniment by the Bourez' is planned with our traditional holiday table of hors d'oeuvres. We do it up right! Wear your holiday attire and bring your favorite holiday snack too. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30pm. Paint Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in historic Goodison. *Featured above.* (forward to page 2.)



*Flumerfelt Barn 1879
Cranberry Lake Farm
388 Predmore Road*

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What's Happening!

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Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District..... news

The Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is located at 384 W. Predmore Road is just west of Rochester Road and is 16 acres of the township's Cranberry Lake Park.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Historic District Commissioners are finalizing an agreement with the Board of Trustees on managing the CLF Historic District. OTHS will continue to run their office and museum at the Caretaker House. OTHS also has set up OTHS Archives in the Main House on the second floor.

OTHs also is working on a project to restore a wooden kiosk which will post Society event information and tell the story of the farm. A location is being determined with the HDC and OTHS involved.

The Society continues to use the Main House and the 1879 Barn venues for our membership programs this season and into the future. Watch our program schedule to check the membership meeting locations.

Enjoy this premier heritage site with all its attractions, both natural and historic.

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* for its importance to our local history and has a Michigan Historical Marker onsite as well.

Cranberry Lake Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, but events open the buildings for the *full experience*.

It's our History.....

Updated and new OTHS Note Cards for Sale

Our devoted artist Lyn Sieffert has created some additions to our note card line that offer more of the township's historic resources!

You are familiar with the unique Paint Creek Church, Paint Creek Market, Cranberry Lake Farm, and Paint Creek Cider Mill cards. *Now add Baldwin School and more Goodison sites with a total of 16 scenes now available.*

Send a note and promote Oakland Township historic resources at the same time!

\$1.25 each with matching envelope. Shipping by mail extra. Order by emailing your detailed request to othsmember@comcast.net or call Sue Fox at 248-693-9646. *Thank you!*

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Our next membership meeting in 2013 is set for Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

The Millerites and the Second Coming, a Presentation by Maureen Thalmann at Cranberry Lake Farm Main House.

See page 4 for more meeting schedule information.

Visit our website or call 248-693-8660 also for more information.

See you there!
Enjoy the Holiday season!

Presidential Volunteer Service Award awarded to Colleen Barkham and JoAnn Kelly Bourez

Judge Lisa Asadoorian of the 52-3 District Court surprised two OTHS board members at the Oakland Township Board of Trustee meeting on September 25. JoAnn Kelly Bourez and Colleen Barkham were honored with President's Volunteer Service Awards for their countless hours of volunteerism at the local and county levels. Judge Asadoorian explained the President's award program established in 2003 and the four levels of service recognized. The highest level,

attained by both Bourez and Barkham, honors over 4,000 hours of volunteerism in a lifetime and includes a commemorative pin, a personalized certificate and a letter signed by President Barack Obama.

Oakland Township Supervisor Joan Fogler also helped present the awards before the Board meeting commenced. Judge Asadoorian, board members and the audience applauded and congratulated the two awardees. Congratulations!

Society News and Information.....



Our Society...

At the September 2012 board meeting,

We set the following short goals;

- Establish OTHS Archives, storage and system.
- Increase membership.
- Establish professional promotion of OTHS.
- Establish a 5 Year Strategic Plan.
- Amend the budget to support these objectives.

We set the following long term goals;

- Publish 3-4 new books on OT history.
- Establish an OTHS presence in Goodison.
- Goodison Plan, sponsor a project related to Goodison.
- Establish CLF support for public use.
- Establish an endowment. Decide the purpose.

Help us reach our goals!

CMU student collects artifacts



Anthony Kowalchick, OTHS member and CMU freshman this year, loves to collect artifacts he unearths locally. This collection comes from Oakland Township properties with the owners' permission. On display at the OTHS Museum at CLF.

Walter Poplawski

1922—2012

WWII veteran

Walt was a friend of preserving Oakland history and a lifelong township resident.

Leadership, but do we need You!!!

Board of Directors: 2012-2013

Co-Presidents: Colleen Barkham, Janine Saputo

Vice-President: JoAnn Kelly Bourez

Treasurer: Bill Kroger

Recording Secretary: Sue Fox

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Phillips

Board Members:

Tom Asmus

OTHS Membership....Join Us!

Monthly Membership Meetings are the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Meetings are the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Please complete this form and mail with payment for dues made to: OTHS,

Oakland Township Historical Society, 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363 Information at 248-651-xxx, www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Annual Dues: Individual-\$18.00, Family-.\$25.00, Patron-\$50.00, Business-\$100.

Note: Dues cover the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30.

Looking for Oakland Township History?

Want to know more about Oakland Township's history here in northern Oakland county? Our Archives are growing covering many locations and families in our Township history.

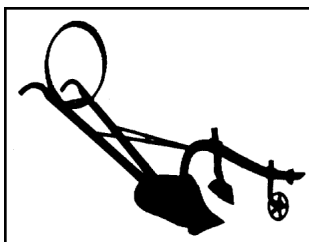
Our book ***Heritage in Oakland Township*** is for sale for \$5.00 at our events. It covers the historic homes around the township and includes a driving tour map to help find them. There are some real treasures!

The Society also offers historic site **note cards** with building drawings by local artist Lyn Sieffert! Priced at \$1.25 each, matching envelope ***A Footpath through Goodison History***. Updated and packed with detail, the booklet has a map locating 10 important sites in historic Goodison with beautiful illustrations by local artist Lyn Sieffert, and graphics layout by Libby Dwyer! \$1.00 per copy.

Barn on the Move DVD. The story of our Flumerfelt 1879 barn. Priced at \$10. Available at our events!

Support OTHS!

Email us if you wish to receive this newsletter by email!
Save time and expense!



Share this
newsletter with a
friend!

Programs and Events, *make a note of them.*

Dec. 12/5/12	Holiday decorations and ornaments featured by you! Christmas Sing Along. Holiday buffet table. Bring holiday snacks to pass.	Membership meeting Paint Creek United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, Goodison. 6:30 p.m.
Jan./Feb.	<i>Happy New Year 2013!</i>	No membership meetings.
March 3/6/2013	<i>The Millerites and the Second Coming</i> , Presentation. Maureen Thalmann,	Membership meeting CLF Main House, 384 W. Predmore. 7:00 p.m.
April 4/3/2013	<i>Michigan in the Civil War</i> , movie Al and Dave Eicher, with popcorn!	Membership Meeting CLF Main House, 384 W. Predmore 7:00 p.m.
May 5/1/2013	<i>Chestnut Hollow</i> , walking tour Vintage collections in unique country setting.	Bruce Township, Macomb County. 2:00p.m. Dinner out after.
June 6/6/2013	<i>CLF Remembered</i> , Annual meeting, elections, Potluck dinner.	CLF 1879 Barn, 384 W. Predmore 6:00 p.m.

Join us!

Donations accepted.

Rochester School closings for weather force rescheduling.
Membership meeting are free and open to the public.

Mission Statement: OTHS is dedicated to gathering, interpreting and preserving the history of Oakland Township.
It's your memory, it's our history, it's worth preserving!

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Oakland, Michigan 48363