



Welcome Back

Fall is on its way and I look forward to the changing season and the beautiful colors! I also look forward to our OTHS programs and seeing many of you participating! The OTHS board has been busy all summer helping out at Cranberry Lake Farm events and preparing for a busy fall.

To kick-off the Labor Day weekend, we are joining the HDC to help **Paint our Flumerfelt Barn** at CLF. This is a joint volunteer activity! Our annual September **Picnic Potluck** at the Flumerfelt barn will include a program and display of the community quilt squares. September will be a busy month as we set up our booth for **Arts & Apples** and two weeks after that **Goodison Good Tyme**. October is field trip month and we have a day planned at **Harsen's Island**. Also in October, the Rochester Hills Van Hoosen Museum is home base for the Society for the Preservation of **Old Mills Conference**. We encourage you to participate in the conference and to volunteer to help at the conference. In November we are again sponsoring our **Antique Appraisal Day** at the Rochester Community House and in December we will start your holiday festivities with our **Program at the Paint Creek UMC** in Goodison.

One thing I continue to think about as we prepare for our programs/events is the need for volunteers. We currently have a six member board and a few former board members who basically do everything for OTHS. WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THIS NON-PROFIT HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL! Positions still open include Recording Secretary, Program Chairperson and Director. See the program schedule for volunteer opportunities.

For details on all these programs and events, see the schedule on page 3 or check out our website at www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org. We will be updating the website each month.

Colleen Barkham, OTHS President



40th Anniversary

Oakland Township Historical Society is celebrating their 40th year as a non-profit volunteer organization. To celebrate this milestone, the Society created and placed a barn quilt on the west end of the historic Flumerfelt Barn, built in 1879. The barn quilt design was created by OTHS member and expert quilter Mary Asmus. "The Cranberry Lake quilt is an original wreath design joining four stylized cranberry branches." The large 8 feet by 8 feet wood board was built, painted and mounted by Society members.

To continue the celebration, the HDC sponsored a mini barn quilt activity. Community residents were encouraged to design and paint their own mini quilt. Forty seven mini quilt squares were on display at the Music in the Meadows at Cranberry Lake Historic District in July. We will have them out again at our September 3 picnic, so don't miss this next opportunity to see them!



Society News and Information.....



CLF News



OTHS has been blessed with an abundance of acquisitions/donations that add to our museum collection. In May we purchased a Clarence Kremer tall clock at an estate sale. Through the generous donations of the OTHS board and our members, we were able to pay for this purchase without touching our general fund! Thank-you to our amazing members! The clock is now in the Main House dining room.

Also in May we received an unusual donation that filled a display gap at CLF. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Rice donated his collection of dairy farm items. CLF had a large dairy barn years ago and all was lost to a fire. This special donation is now showcased in the Spring House which was originally used to keep milk cans cold. Now we just need a cow (kidding)!

Another generous donor, Pat Lazar, donated a number of items including two beautiful Eastlake Victorian chairs which are now in the Main House at CLF.

See the schedule of events on page 3 for opportunities to visit Cranberry Lake Farm and view our new acquisitions.

We continue to look for items that tell the history of Oakland Township. If you have documents, photographs and other artifacts that you would like to donate, please contact Diana Borrusch at 248-693-8660 or email dianaoths74@comcast.net.

Archives

The Archive Room is coming along wonderfully and will be open by appointment when we are finished with cataloging and shelving everything. We've had the help of a terrific intern who has really sped up this process by cataloging to PC software. She has been priceless to have on our team. We continue to receive donations and welcome more. Original documents important to our Township history can be copied for our records. There is more to do and you can help! We meet on Wednesday afternoons and volunteers are welcome.



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*Oakland Township
Historical Society
Intern Mia Swanton*



Last Memorial weekend we had another successful weekend event! Thanks to our co-chairs Diana Borrusch and Jeanne Phillips and all those who donated plants, sale items, and worked hard at this event! Your donations and help were really appreciated. Special thanks to Jeanne who coordinates and successfully runs our plant sale every year. We are happy to report that our profits this year were **\$1,311!**

It's the Berries!

Watch for our new cookbook featuring cranberry related recipes for just about every course on your dinner table! Led by Diana Borrusch, Sue Fox and graphic artist Lyn Sieffert, the cookbook committee is working on this new publication due out this Fall. Lyn Sieffert has graciously offered her talents to tie each tasty item to her art related to Oakland Township historic sites. **It's the Berries will be sold for only \$10.00 and will make a great gift!**

Recipe

OTHS Schedule of Events

September 3

Picnic/potluck at Flumerfelt Barn-
Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District.
Bring a dish to pass and join us for our meeting and program.
Program: LaVere Webster- Tall Case Clocks Evolution into Banjo Clocks
Quilt squares will be on display!
Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

September 6 & 7

Arts & Apples- We will have a booth at the corner of University and Pine.
We need volunteers to work a short shift.
Call Sue Fox- 248-693-9646
Event times: Sat. 9:00 am- 7:30 pm
Sun. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

September 13

Square Dance at CLF- Sponsored by HDC. The OTHS will be supplying free ice cream (anonymous donor).
Contact phone: 248-608-6807
Event time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

September 20

Goodison Good Tyme at Bear Creek Nature Park- 740 W Snell Rd.
OTHS sets up our booth at this OT Parks and Rec event. This is a great day for family fun! Bob Mantel is bringing his 1926 REO fire truck for family photos! Join us!
Event time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

October 11

Field trip to Harsen's Island- We will car pool to visit the Harsen's Island Historical Society Museum.
Lunch is planned at the School House Grill. More details to follow.
Call Colleen at 248-652-0712 to RSVP.

October 23-25

SPOOM Conference- The Society for the Preservation of Old Mills is holding their national conference in Rochester! The RH Van Hoosen Museum is home base for this event.
Volunteers needed!
An email will be sent to members about volunteer opportunities.

November 2

Antique Appraisal Day- at the Rochester Community House
Volunteers needed!
Call Colleen at 248-652-0712
Event time: Noon to 4:00 pm

November 5

Movie night at CLF- Join us for popcorn and a movie at the main house at CLF.
PBS movie: A Farm Story with Jerry Apps
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



December 3

Holiday program and party- at the Paint Creek UMC in Goodison
Program: Carroll Cook will tell us the story of postcards and how they have become costly collectables.
Holiday singing to follow!
Bring an appetizer for the shared buffet.
Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

OTHS Board of Directors and Members: 2014-2015

President: Colleen Barkham
Vice-President: Diana Borrusch
Treasurer: Sue Fox
Recording Secretary: Open
Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Phillips
Program Chairperson and Director: Open
Board Members:
Tom Asmus, Barb Barber, Dave Phillips

June Annual Meeting

If you missed the June 4th, 2014 annual meeting you missed our 40th year celebration kick-off! We started the evening with tours in the main house to show our new purchase, the Clarence Kremer grandfather clock. Our program started with a special recognition for founding member, Jeanne Phillips. Imagine 40 years of dedication to OTHS! We also recognized Mary Asmus who designed the quilt barn pattern on the Flumerfelt Barn and the volunteers who helped build and paint the barn quilt. We held elections for board officers and the following were elected: Colleen Barkham, President; Sue Fox, Treasurer; Tom Asmus, David Phillips and Barb Barber, Directors. We thanked our retiring board members: Janine Saputo, Co-President; Diane Bennett and Christina Wolf, Directors. Our program was a short presentation by Anthony Kowalchick about his research of land ownership in Oakland Township. Anthony shared a timeline of land ownership and has left OTHS a copy for their archive. And no celebration is complete without cake and we had plenty! Thank-you to all who work so hard for OTHS!!

OTHS Membership News

Our membership drive is ongoing and you can still give your neighbor or friend a membership as a gift for ½ off price for a year. We will have a very nice prize of a Blue Bird House made by Dr. Tom Barkham and the book 'Blue Birds' by Wm. and Lillian Stokes as a gift for the person who can enroll the most new members. If you know anyone who enjoys history and would like to share their talents with our group, please encourage them to join. It's also dues renewal time and we hope you will continue to support OTHS with your dues and donations. Your participation is greatly encouraged, and with your help, we hope to be here in another 40 years.

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 248-693-8660, 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.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (s): _____ Email: _____

Rochester School closings for weather force rescheduling.
 Membership meetings 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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