

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19—General Membership meeting, see below.

September 21-22 The 43 annual Milford Home Tour. The tour starts at 11 AM each day,. See the article on page 3 for more details.

2019 Milford Historical Society upcoming meetings and programs

September 19 - General Membership meeting at the Milford United Methodist Church at 1200 Atlantic St. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM with a pot luck dinner – see below for assignments.

Potluck Assignments—Pot luck assignments— A—F— Main Dish G—Q—Salads and sides, R—Z— Desserts

The program will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Ernest F Oldenburg American Legion Post 216. Post historian Bonnie Welbaum will share stories and pictures that cover the history of Post 216 and their service to the community.



The program will also feature fascinating information shared by Mike Grobbel, President of the Polar Bear Memorial Association,

about the Polar Bears—a WWI American Expeditionary force with several Milford members that fought the Bolsheviks in Russia, well past the Armistice that ended the war..

October 17 - General membership meeting at the Milford United Methodist Church. Program—Facts and Fantasy of Halloween—prize for best costume.

November 21 - General Membership Meeting - Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner. The board of directors will supply the turkeys. Members bring the side dishes and desserts.

The program that evening is Holliday Music presented by Musician and Educator, Jennifer Ginther.

From Our President, John Robinson

To our esteemed members;

First, I would like to welcome our new Museum Director, Tami Averill. A lot of you know Tami, as a long-time Milford resident and active supporter of the Home Tour and the Log Cabin. Tami will be splitting her duties between our museum and another. We are looking forward to working with Tami and I'm sure that we will benefit from her vast experience.

As many of you know, our Home Tour will be here soon. I want to give a BIG thanks to Sue Gumper for organizing and leading the entire effort. Of course, Sue could not do this alone, so another big thanks for all of those who have volunteered in assisting. Be sure to thank the people and businesses that have supported the Historical Society by being sponsors and supporters of the Home Tour.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting. If there is something you would like to see, or change, please let us know. You can talk to any one of us, send a note to the museum or whatever method you like. I have met several folks at various places, maybe even just for a cup off coffee. It is always good to communicate in any way we can. We are only as good as our membership.

As always, guests are welcome at all general membership meetings. Remind them to bring a plate and a drink! We will attempt to pass our bylaw changes at every meeting. It has been awhile since the changes were sent but you can find reference to them in this newsletter or a copy on our website.

On a personal note, most of you know I went through a personal tragedy with the loss of a greatly loved one this month. I want to thank everyone for your personal thoughts, kind words and prayers.

My very best to each of you!

John Robinson, President, Milford Historical Society

Take a walk through history down Main St - Commerce to Huron.

The Milford Historical Society will have large copies of pictures from its collection of historic Milford photos displayed in store windows and other sites on the street. These are photos showing original buildings, trains, businesses and views of our town to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the incorporation of the Village of Milford - 1869-2019.

Visit the Milford Historical Museum to see more pictures and copies of the original documents that made Milford a Village, as well as a picture of the first Village Council.

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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Museum Notes—

Written by Sue Bullard

With the additional of our new volunteers, the museum is now open on Saturdays. So the museum is back to being open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays. Museum hours are 1pm to 4pm.

Thank you to our newest docents to the museum. The Board of Directors are so thankful for your volunteering your time to work at the museum. There is always room for more volunteers. If you or some-

one you know wants to help out, we could use a few more helpers. Please contact Sue Bullard at milfordhistory@hotmail.com

Welcome to our new museum docents

Recently we had trained new docents to work at the museum. So please stop by and say hello to our new volunteers. As we have said in the past, our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization, without them we wouldn't be able to open the doors of our museum.

Our new student docents

Keilani Hess, Maddie King, Casey Meadows, Morgan Sprader, Anabele Williamson

Our new Adults volunteers

Dawn Brindley, Sarah Carter, Sarah Cuddeback, Cheyenne Curran, Sarah Farnar, Kathy Kearney, Stacie Morrison, Kim Swejkoski

I know it looks like we have enough volunteers to "man the museum" but we could use a few more. Our students are now back to school, so we need volunteers on Wednesday. And now that we are open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday we could use a few more helpers. If you are interested please contact Sue Bullard at milfordhistory@hotmail.com.

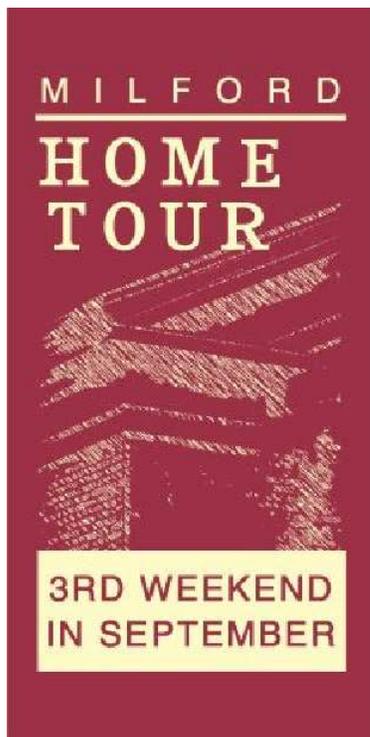
The Museum Displays—Written by Jackie Swenson, Collections Manager

As I have been thinking about what to write for this edition of the Historical Society Newsletter, I thought about all I learned researching for the displays for this year. World War I was horrific, but also brought a lot of changes to our society. World War I was the first time "propaganda" was effectively used to involve the American population in the war effort.



Posters, designed to catch the eye and deliver a message in a single glance, were displayed in public places from coast to coast. With a talented workforce of American artists, posters became a powerful tool. These pieces of wartime propaganda reminded Americans why they were fighting. Posters helped recruit young soldiers and promoted wartime drives such as the Liberty Loans. While rationing wasn't officially implemented in World War I, family gardens and food conservation was highly encouraged.

I also found posters encouraging everyone at home to knit - OUR SOLDIERS NEED SOCKS. I found patterns for sweaters, scarves, mittens, socks, vests and hats. In the magazine, PIECEWORK, I found a pattern for wool socks. This pattern is true to the original pattern with only one correction in stitch count and some updated terms for consistency with contemporary knitting instructions. I have a pair in process and have copies of the pattern at the Museum if anyone wants to make a pair. I have been taking my in process socks with me when I expect to sit in a waiting room and have engaged in some very interesting conversations.



MHS 43rd Annual Home Tour

Come One, Come All to the MHS 43rd Home Tour

“Historic Preservation Meets Modern Living” is the perfect description for the five beautiful homes we have on the tour this year. They are located in the village and provide an interesting view of home development in the area.

So please be sure to join us on September 21st and 22nd for another terrific Home Tour! For a sneak peek look for the “See Me in September” signs or drive past 319 E. Commerce, 804 E. Liberty, 904 Atlantic, 804 Atlantic and 532 W. Hu-

ron. There will be entertainment at various houses and the barbershop quartet will once again be strolling and singing at the houses.

Need more to do? The Log Cabin in South Side Park will be open and feature activities for the young and young at heart. The museum will be open and features three displays that focus on the roles of Milford citizens in Village Government, World War I and the American Legion.



On Sunday be sure to visit the antique Tractor Show located in the Huron Valley State Bank parking lot at 130 South Milford Road. The tractor show kicks off at 10 AM and features both working and antique tractors and farm equipment.

On Sunday the Milford Business Association presents the the 35th annual Milford Car Show on Main Street. Over 400 cars of all types are expected to enter this year’s Car Show. The show runs from 8 Am until 3 PM.



The tour begins at 11:00 am and goes 5:00 pm both days. Home Tour tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for seniors (65). The tickets will be available before September 21st at Main Street Art (432 N. Main), Acorn Farm (367 N. Main), Your Nesting Place (322 N. Main) and the Milford Historical Museum (124 E. Commerce).

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us!

Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House

This year marks our 10 year anniversary of hosting tea parties at the Mary Jackson House.



The date of this year’s Fall tea will be on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Two tea settings will be offered, the first from 11am to 1pm and the second from 2pm to 4pm.

Guests will spend an enjoyable afternoon tasting savories, sandwiches and scones made by members of the Historical Society. Tea will of course be served but we will have a warm apple cider to put those in the mood for the fall season.

A fashion show will also be included with the tea. Models will show dresses from the Historical Society collection.

Tickets for the Fall Tea are \$25.00. A limited amount of tickets will be on sale during Home Tour weekend at the museum only. The remainder of tickets will go on sale Tuesday, September 24th at Acorn Farms located at 367 N. Main Street and Main Street Art located at 432 N. Main Street.

Fall was always Mary’s favorite season. She often brought her Hollywood friends to Milford to celebrate her birthday and Thanksgiving. Seating is limited for this popular event, so reserve your space now.

For more information, please call 248-685-7308 or visit 222.milfordhistory.org or visit our Facebook page.

Welcome New Members

A special welcome to our new members:

- Patrick and Cheyenne Curran
- Paul and Mia Dreslinski
- Stephen Kataia

We are so pleased that you joined our Society and look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event.



Welcome our new Museum Director

What a pleasure it is to welcome Tami Averill as our new Museum Director. You may recognize Tami's name. Tami is a lifelong resident of Milford Tami graduated from Milford High School and earned her degree in History and Preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

Tami is coming full circle, while attending high school Tami was a docent at our museum and for over 10 years during Home Tour she could be found working at the Log Cabin in the South Side Park demon-

strating Pioneer life in Milford.

Tami comes with an impressive background that includes working at Troy Museum and Historic Village as the Education Coordinator, working as an Interpreter at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village as well as working as the Curator of Education at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

We are all very excited to welcome Tami and we invite you to stop by the museum and say hi to her.

Please enroll

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail to: Milford Historical Society, 124 East Commerce, Milford MI 48381

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