



# Oakland Heritage News

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Oakland County, Michigan

We hear by email from our CMU college student member Anthony Kowalchick...

*I am taking a class up here at CMU called the History of Michigan. My choice for the class project is on Oakland Township. I am creating a big data base on our township families who lived here from 1825 to 1896. My sources are the land grants. A report copy will be offered to the Society when I have it completed. I would like to tell you about it at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday June 4. The May Society meeting coincides with my final*



*exam week so I may not be able to attend then, but June ...put me on your agenda.*

*Anthony Kowalchick, CMU*

Of course, we will have Anthony tell us about his CMU project at our meeting.. So mark your calendars! The Flumerfelt Family members will be there too!

## Michigan in the Civil War, who served...

Our program for April 2, 7pm will be about Michigan in the Civil War. We have two Michigan authors, Kim Crawford and Martin Bertera, who will share their research and collected stories about the importance of Michigan's contribution to the Civil War. They have written a wonderful book titled **The 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry in the Civil War.**

We will hear more about the Michigan soldier and how these local infantries were organized. We also expect a number of Civil War artifacts to be on display.

***Do you have any Civil War related artifacts, photographs, memorabilia you wish to share for one evening in April? We do have some interesting artifacts lined up already but would like to add to this display.***

***Please contact Colleen Barkham as soon as you can to plan the display. 248-652-0712 or thsbarkham@hotmail.com***

**Note Location: Paint Creek Cider Mill on Orion Road in Goodison, Oakland Twp. Plenty of parking, lighting. Refreshments. Free and open to the public.**

### **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 year. Yes we are testing recipes! Lyn Sieffert has graciously offered her talents to tie each tasty item to her art related to Oakland Township historic sites.

**Can you help test recipes? We need you!**

**Call Diana Borrusch at 248-693-8660**

**Or email DianaOTHS74@comcast.net**

*Watch for more news soon!*

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## Cranberry Lake Farm News.... 2014

**T**he Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is located at 384 W. Predmore Road just west of Rochester Road and is 16 acres of the township's Cranberry Lake Park.

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

Would your group like a tour? A small fee per person will include a guided tour of the main buildings and chance to walk the grounds and see our collections of township history. We have much to show you!

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....*

Watch for more events and programs at Cranberry Lake Farm in 2014. Tours for groups can be arranged. Contact OTHS at 248-693-8660.



## Oakland Township Remembered Exhibit to travel— Rochester's PCCA is next!

PCCA in Rochester is the third stop for *Oakland Township Remembered*, our Edward R. Noble photograph exhibit so popular last fall in Goodison. OPC hosted it in February and March and we received some wonderful comments from viewers.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday April 12 and enjoy these remarkable photographs of our township. Visit the **Paint Creek Center of the Arts** that day in downtown Rochester for a local cultural experience that is unique and exciting. Our Exhibit is on display at this renowned local gallery with docents and prints for sale!

Prints are also available from OTHS by contacting Diane Bennett at 248-651-7991, [threefootmb@yahoo.com](mailto:threefootmb@yahoo.com)  
—Ed Noble Exhibit Committee  
[www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org)

## Greater Rochester Heritage Days 2014 Our Famous Plant and Garden Sale

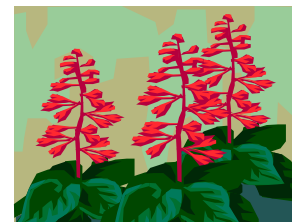


Nice new logo for this Rochester traditional event set for Sat. May 24 and Sun. May 25 in Rochester Municipal Park, near downtown Rochester.

OTHS plans on our annual plant and garden sale at the Greater Rochester Heritage Days this year in late May. Be sure to visit our tent and purchase from our wide variety of perennials, garden plants, garden art, books and more.... We add to our offerings every year!

Don't plant until you shop our selections! We have great deals and great plants!

Proceeds benefit Society program and projects! Donations of plants (in containers), call Jeanne Phillips at 248-651-2940.





# Society News and Information.....

## Our Society

Our Society is in need of a *program chairperson!* We have loads of ideas for some great programs in the near future and need a person to take the lead to organize and plan these presentations and trips. It's fun, interesting with new people and places to investigate related to our history!

We also need *membership committee members* to grow our Society membership, help keep the records and help prepare mailings of our information and newsletters.

We also have a board vacancy right now...

Contact Colleen Barkham or Janine Saputo at [THSBarkham@hotmail.com](mailto:THSBarkham@hotmail.com) or [jlsaputo@comcast.net](mailto:jlsaputo@comcast.net)

Join us as we start to celebrate our 40th year!

## Society Membership... Spring is a time to grow!

***OTHS board members are anxious to grow our Society this year and ask your help.***  
***We are kicking off a membership campaign this year with a contest with a great first prize given to anyone who brings in the most new members by the September program set for 9/3. A memento gift will also be given to the new dues-paying members.***  
***No rules, just ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to join us preserving and enjoying the history Oakland Township. Dues are below.***  
***We would love more enthusiastic people to help us keep your history alive.. Society programs, events, trips and committee work have made it quite an exploration of our township and lots of fun too. We are known for our professional exhibits, gatherings, trips like Detroit Fort Wayne and support of Cranberry Lake Farm. See how many people you can sign up for OTHS!***

**OTHS turns 40 in 2014!**  
 Question;  
 Who were the original founding members of OTHS in 1974?  
 Correctly answer this question and win a prize!  
 If more than one correct answer... a drawing will determine the winner!

*Not open to board members, current or former.*  
**Happy Birthday OTHS!**

## Leadership, but do we need You!!!

**Board of Directors: 2013–2014**  
*Co-Presidents:* Colleen Barkham, Janine Saputo  
*Vice-President:* Diana Borrusch  
*Treasurer:* Sue Fox  
*Recording Secretary:* Sue Fox  
 Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Phillips  
**Board Members:**  
 Tom Asmus, Diane Bennett  
 Dave Phillips, and Christina Wolf  
 OTHS established in 1974.  
*In 2014 OTHS is 40 years old.*

## 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 248-693-8660, [www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number (s): \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you have Oakland Township History?

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](mailto:dianaoths74@comcast.net).

Our Archive Project continues to gather, organize and assess township heritage collections donated by you!

**We thank you!**

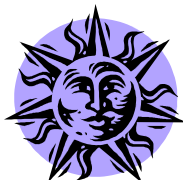
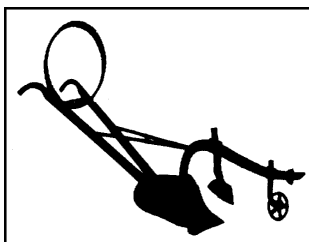
**Barn on the Move** DVD. The story of our 1879 Flumerfelt barn, restored. \$10. Buy it at our events!

**OTHS Note cards**, Send Oakland Township when you celebrate news! We have a variety of township structures and scenes drawn by Lyn Sieffert, local artist.

**Oakland Township Remembered** prints of photographs by Edward R. Noble.

Email us if you wish to receive this newsletter by email!

**Save time and expense!**



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

### **Hurry Spring!**

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| Wed. April 2 | Michigan's 4 Infantry in the Civil War, <i>the story...</i> | Kim Crawford and Martin N. Bertera Authors. Paint Creek Cider Mill, 7pm. |
| Wed. May 7   | Ice House sites and archeology                              | Dr. Richard Stamps of OU will present. 7:00 pm. CLF.                     |

### Sat. May 17 **Possible Day Trip**

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| Wed. June 4 | <b>Annual meeting, elections, OTHS Birthday Celebration</b> | CLF 1879 Barn |
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## Join us!

**CLF, MAIN HOUSE**, is *Cranberry Lake Farm Main House and 1879 barn* at 384 W. Predmore Road, 1/2 mile west of Rochester Road in northern Oakland Township, northern Oakland County, Michigan. Michigan Historical Marker site. Plenty of free parking.

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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with a friend!  
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