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Oakland County, Michigan

Oakland Township Remembered...

*Ed Noble's
photograph collection*

Gift prints for sale!

Give 'Oakland Township'
for the holidays this year!

The 53 photographs on exhibit at the Paint Creek Mill now, can make great gifts this coming holiday season! Prints are available in three sizes, matted for framing or framed and ready to give! Order by December 5! Check our website at www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org!



CLF Main House on the Holiday Tour!

Downtown Historic Lapeer—a trip!

The Society had a court date recently... at the historic Courthouse in Lapeer to be exact... at 11am Saturday November 9. The Lapeer County Historical Society (LC HS) hosted 20 people on our trip to downtown Lapeer on a fall day to see what other Societies work to preserve. Lapeer county, due north, has several historic downtowns, each with historic societies and a county organization as well with a downtown museum. Lapeer is the county seat of Lapeer County.

The 1846 Courthouse was actually the first stop on the tour of downtown locations including an art gallery, historic Theatre, two restaurants and shopping. And there is more to see on a return trip!

Bill Rykhus, LC HS president, greeted the group along with the Lapeer DDA Executive Director and proceeded to explain the extraordinary towering courthouse with many architectural features and a long history of use continuing to this day. Three judges occasionally use the upstairs courtroom for proceedings during the year. The first floor, fully restored to the 1850s, depicts early years of justice here while the second floor courtroom retains it's

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Cranberry Lake Farm showcased on Tour

The Oakland Township Historical District Commission (HDC) and the Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) worked with Gretchen Drader, our professional decorator to showcase the Farm for the Friends of the Library Holiday Homes Tour on Sunday November 17.

The fundraising event of the Friends for the library drew hundreds of tour goers who visited five homes in the area all decorated for the holidays in grand style. CLF was decorated under the direction of Gretchen who was inspired by all natural flowers, plants, pinecones and the fruits of the township fields and gardens. The Society and members contributed antiques of the period including furniture, rugs, table top displays, toys, their piano and victrola for the elaborate Victorian holiday setting. The house never looked so good!

Docents from the Society, HDC and the township guided visitors thru the Main House rooms, over the exterior grounds to the Carriage Barn and onto the *Christmas Boutique* in the farmstead's 1879 Flumerfelt Barn. A wonderful Holiday event for sure!

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Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District..... news

The 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.

Our 1879 Flumerfelt Barn was a *Christmas Boutique* of items for sale as part of the Holiday Homes Tour on Sunday November 17th this year. A surprise attraction, the barn hosted 10 vendors of all things Christmas gift-giving including our own gift shop booth operated by Sue Fox.

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.

Look for the outdoor holiday decorations!

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.

OTHS SINCERELY thanks.....

Gretchen Drader of Drader Interiors

Tom Asmus
Barbara Barber
Dave Borrusch
Diana Borrusch
Diane Bennett
Diane Hnatio
Jane Hoyle
Sue Fox
Bill Kroger
Jean Kroger
Heidi Paterson
David Phillips
Jeanne Phillips
Chuck Saputo
Gerald Schuchard
Bruce Webster
Becky Weger
Christina Wolf....

for the volunteer work for the Holiday Homes Tour 11/17/2013.

If we have inadvertently missed anyone, we are sorry.

—Colleen Barkham and Janine Saputo, Co-Presidents, OTHS

Lapeer tour...

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original wood work, furniture, stenciling and official atmosphere. Cases involving mental health practices were tried and decided here. Michigan governor John Rich started out here. Next the group visited Gallery 194, and the historic 1941 Pix Theater across the street. This is the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer now and offers art on display, a gift shop, wonderful art deco theatre lobby and a 250-seat performing arts hall. The center is used year round and is as much loved in the community as the impressive Courthouse.

We had lunch at two local restaurants and enjoyed the afternoon in this historic downtown.

The following week we learned that a fire broke out in the city block area next to the Pix Theatre and Gallery but both buildings sustained little permanent damage thankfully.

The LC HS also runs a downtown museum in a former historic insurance building well worth your time to visit. The Civil War contributions of the Lapeer area are showcased there through next year. The current display includes Civil War arms, ammunition, military equipment, uniforms and the family stories and photographs. The Museum is open Wednesday and Saturday 10–2pm.

Thank you to Lapeer!



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.

Contact Colleen Barkham or Janine Saputo at
THSBarkham@hotmail.com or
jlsaputo@comcast.net

Thank you to the volunteers for the *Oakland Township Remembered* Ed Noble exhibit. Another success this year!

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

Civil War Commemoration Continues

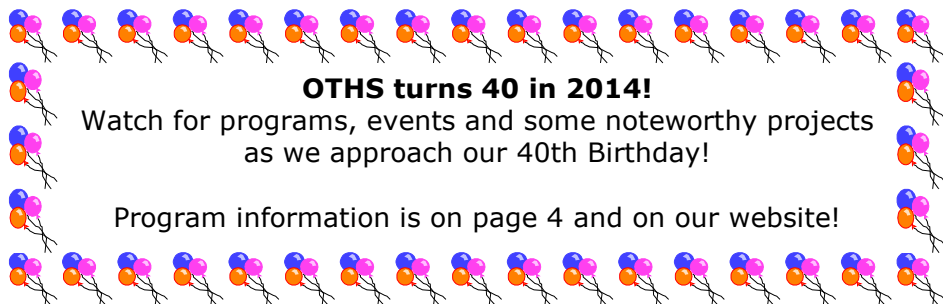
Today as we write this, we commemorate the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address at Gettysburg Cemetery... We all know it from school. Four score and seven years ago...

The country continues to commemorate the Civil War in our history and we too continue to learn more about this great conflict.

RAHS - Thursday December 5 at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Patrick McKay will speak on The Civil War in Michigan. We know Patrick as a dynamic speaker well versed on our local history. Mark your calendars.

OTHS is planning a program as well in spring 2014 around the book The Fourth Michigan Infantry in the Civil War by Martin N. Bertera and Kim Crawford. We have some ties to the military unit in the past. Watch for more information.

Do you have Civil war memorabilia of artifacts or photographs to share? Please contact us. Watch for more information!



OTHS turns 40 in 2014!

Watch for programs, events and some noteworthy projects as we approach our 40th Birthday!

Program information is on page 4 and on our website!

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 will be 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

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 dianaonths74@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, Cards for the holidays! Buy at our events! Remember our Holiday cards for your greetings this season. Order soon by calling Sue Fox at 248-693-9646.

Give *Oakland Township* this year!

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

Save time and expense!

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

Wed.
12/4

Christmastide at Cranberry Lake Farm
You must RSVP due to limited space.

Enjoy CLF decorated for the season. 7pm—9pm
Bring an hors d'oeuvres.

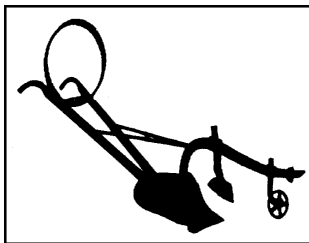
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year 2014!

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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