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Oakland Township Remembered...

Ed Noble's photograph collection

The Society is pleased to announce our third Heritage Series Exhibit this fall, **Oakland Township Remembered..**

It all started with those few extraordinary black and white photographs of scenery at the township hall and in the Paint Creek Cider Mill second floor offices. You may have noticed them or heard of Ed Noble a former resident. A hint, Ed loves all things automotive and is an award-winning Oakland Press photojournalist.

Late last year Ed met with OTHS and offered to donate his entire collection of photographs of the township to the Society. We not only accepted this wonderful gift of our township captured in time, but immediately started planning to share it with everyone. With our prior Society exhibit experience we knew just what to do. Our generous donors are making it possible to host this Exhibit at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Gallery. We will be turning up the gallery lights this October!

Yes, we are accepting donations for the Exhibit and for our Archive Project to protect them into the future! 248-652-0712 for more information.



Westman Cobblestone Barns
Main dairy barn, calf barn



A Barn Birthday Celebration!

Westman Farm barns turn 100!

Art Westman knew he had special barns when he bought the farmstead on Orion Road at the curve. The cobblestone work on both barns was unique and showed true craftsmanship skill. And the two barns still stand proudly 100 years old.

Westman Farm invites Society members at their first program of the season to celebrate in true birthday style.

Barn and garden tours will start the festivities at 4pm on Saturday September 7. Then join the Westmans for a farm dinner and birthday cake celebration. Members will hear more about the Westman farm and the farm market operation run by the family. The Society also will

present annual awards for noteworthy contributions to our township heritage in a short program.

Plan to attend!

Dress for outdoor walking on a working farm.

Be sure to RSVP to insure our preparations!!!

*Call with your name and confirm attendance by September 5!
248-652-0712.*

2151 Orion Road,
Westman Farm Produce
enter off Orion Road.

Parking at the
farm market stand.

*Bring a folding chair
without arms if you can.*

Thank you to Art Westman!

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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.

CLF Remembered June 5 annual meeting program speakers Richard and Theresa Dalton, Dave and Bonnie Mackley, Barbara Peth, and Lee and Barbara Thompson, surprised the Society members with some information, remembrances and new photographs of the farm during the 1960–1980s, a time we have little record of.

The Society had a very busy summer supporting events at the Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District.

PRC *Music in the Meadows* concert in June was an extraordinary summer evening enjoying music and refreshments on the Main House lawn. OTHS served ice cream and helped with the event preparations. Tours of the buildings were offered to the record crowd.

HDC held two *Square Dance* events at the 1879 Flumerfelt

barn again this summer to great success. Society members supported the events again.

HDC's event *Down on the Farm* on August 3 showcased the Cranberry Lake Farm agricultural heritage with tools, livestock, games and displays about township farm life.

In June, HDC also hosted a *BSA three-day camp* with historic building tours conducted by Society members. It was a new use for the park grounds and the Scouts enjoyed it very much.

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.....*

Flumerfelts visit the 1879 Flumerfelt Barn!



When John H. Flumerfelt built our much-loved 1879 Flumerfelt Barn and signed the walls, he had no idea his descendents would trace their hand on it over 100 years later.

OTHS met with family descendents of John H. Flumerfelt at the Flumerfelt barn on August 12 at Cranberry Lake Farm. Janice Patterson (from California) *right*, is a great-granddaughter to John and Jackie Patterson (from Ontario) *left*, is a sister-in-law to John's daughter Gertrude (Janice's grandmother). They were thrilled to not only see the barn fully restored and in use but also see John's handiwork on the inside walls. Another cousin who has genealogy information was unable to drive from the west side of the state. But we know they plan another visit to see us again soon!

It was a pleasure to host the family members in their family barn.. And it all added to our history of this important structure.

Colleen Barkham, OTHS



Three day scout camp at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District.
— Diana Borrusch

Society News and Information.....



Our Society elections

June 5, 2013 annual meeting elections resulted in Diana Borrusch as our Vice President and Fred Rosvold voted in as our new Treasurer. Jeanne Phillips also was elected to return as Corresponding Secretary. Be sure to thank them for serving in their positions.

We are looking for a Program Chairperson to schedule presentations at our membership meetings. Contact us!

Thank you to Dave Phillips as our Nominating Committee leader who ran the election during the annual meeting.

The board took July off after a very busy fiscal year but returned in August for CLF events and meetings to carry business into the new season starting in September.

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

Program information is on page 4

OTHS Fundraiser

Plant Sale grows our funds for Society programs/ projects

That Plant Sale at the Rochester Heritage Festival on Memorial Day weekend was a huge success this year....

Our Society's well known and getting-famous plant sale at the Greater Rochester Heritage Day Memorial weekend event resulted in quite a jump in funds for the Society - \$1,650.! Business was constant and the wide variety of flowers, perennials, bushes and decorative plants sold quickly.

Special thanks to Jeanne Phillips who efficiently runs the fund-raising event, our annual plant sale! It an effort to gather, containerize and haul our 'products' to the display site in the Park, but are they beautiful to see!

Thanks also to our plant donors, workers, sales area support, Heritage Area craft demonstrators and those who made items for the Society to offer for sale!

OTHS Dues for 2013—2014!

Membership dues start July 1 2013.

Make sure you have renewed!

The Society annual dues remain the same amount for this fiscal year.

Consider adding a donation to continue our preservation efforts, education and projects!

Leadership, but do we need You!!!

Board of Directors: 2013—2014

Co-Presidents: Colleen Barkham,
Janine Saputo

Vice-President: Diana Borrusch

Treasurer: Fred Rosvold

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!

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

Sat. 9/7	<i>A Barn Birthday Celebration!</i>	Westman Farms 2151 Orion Road, Oakland RSVP by 9/5. 248-693-8660
Sat. 9/14	<i>Goodison Good Tymes</i>	Parks and Rec. Comm. Bear Creek Park, Goodison, Oakland
Sat. 10/5	<i>Oakland Township Remembered</i> Exhibit Opens to the public	OTHS Heritage Series Paint Creek Cider Mill Goodison, Oakland

Join us!

Donations accepted.

CLF MAIN HOUSE, is *Cranberry Lake Farm Main House and 1879 barn* at 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland. On Predmore Road, just one quarter mile west of Rochester Road in northern Oakland Township, northern Oakland County, Michigan. Michigan Historical Marker site.

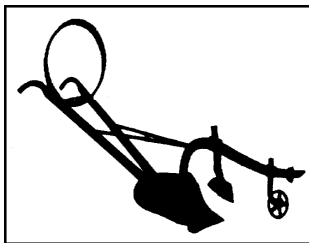
Rochester School closings for weather force rescheduling.
Membership meeting are free and open to the public.

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

Save time and expense!

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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