Celebrating History & Michigan Log Cabin Day

Saturday and Sunday
June 29-30, 2019

Tour the newly renovated barn with interactive exhibits and displays, The Donley Log Cabin, School Section School, Columbus Depot, and Museum

See museum quality vintage tractors

Watch logs sawn into lumber on an antique saw mill 11:00 and 2:00

Take a horse drawn buggy/hay ride

Shingle Mill: Custom cutting and branding cedar shingles

Experience many hands-on activities & games

Historic Demonstrations

Children’s Petting Farm---feed, touch and learn about farm animals

Fun for the Whole Family

Food Available during the Festival

The Historic Village
36045 Park St. Richmond, MI

10:00-4:00 Daily
RAIN OR SHINE
7th Annual Historic Tea:
All of the tables were set with great care. The linens were freshly ironed; the silver, polished, and the china patterns were showcased in impressive tablescapes. As the precious and fragile items were unpacked, the talk naturally turned to happy memories of grandmothers, aunts, friends, sisters, and mothers who cherished the same ritual of setting the perfect table. Our Tea was truly lovely.

RAHGS recognizes and thanks the following hostesses for their time and their creativity. This event would not happen without these generous women. Table themes are listed after the hostess’ name.

- Allen, Emily: Springtime in Michigan
- Candace White: The Duke’s Delight
- Bertolini, Jacqueline: Hop into Spring
- Borkowski, Louise: The Great Outdoors
- Card, Rachel: Love of Lavender
- DeWolf-Ott, Joyce: Mermaid’s Delight
- Dudgeon, Sue: Some Bunny Loves You
- Foster, Susan: Farmhouse Kitchen
- Gibson, Dianne: Cherish Yesterday
- Haws, Sharlene: Mom’s Flower Garden
- Hay, Terri: Please Don’t Eat the Daisies
- Jakubiak, Sue: Golden Oportuni-TEA
- Kammer, Julianne: In the Garden
- Kaslik, Jessica: Sleuthing Clues with Nancy Drew
- Kiel, Sue: Old Germany
- Lippman, Carol: I Heard It Through the Grapevine
- Little, Marguerite: A Walk in the Woods
- Lynch, Monique: Lavender and Lace
- Phillips, Marsha: Marsha’s Music Mani
- Rowley, Christine: Take Time for Tea
- Rowley, Heather: A Rose Garden
- Schweihoffer, M: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
- Skelly, Julie: Violets Are Blue
- Ward, Charlotte: Flock of Chickens
- Weinert, Sue: Temple Blossom Tea
- Welser, M/Cole, T: Bunny Hop
- Wylin, Kasey: Aprons Galore
- Yelencich, Penny: Spooky Victorian Tea

For their commitment to making the Tea better every year, I thank the committee members: Susan Foster, Sue Jakubiak, Marsha Phillips, Louise Borkowski, Dianne Gibson, Marguerite Little, Mary Shepherd-Logan. As usual, an awesome job, ladies.

Weiner Roast:
Not to sit idle while the women were having tea, the men of RAHGS had their own grand time at the Village with a Weiner Roast, comradery, and a program. Al Collins brought in his extensive pipe collection for all to admire. This event gains in popularity every year, and rumor has it that they just might hold their own “hat contest” next year!

And Finally:
Our calendar is quite full for the next two months with the School Visits, the new museum display opening, the Wills Sainte Claire Automobile program, the Donley family reunion, and the Heritage Festival/Log Cabin Day. And of course, the Donley cabin restoration project begins in early May. Stop in and see what we are up to. It’s happening at the Historic Village!
Historic Tea,
March 16, 2019

Save the Date
Cemetery Walk in Planning Stages

Our Cemetery Walk is returning for a 3rd year and we are busy preparing another interesting and educational experience for everyone. While the list of those who will be portrayed is being finalized, we have a date! Mark your calendar…October 12 and join us for a walk back in history.

Raising the Roof and Planning for a Horse Shed

Long Term Planning Committee Update

The LTP Committee currently has two exciting projects going on at the Village.

The Donley Log Cabin will soon be getting a new roof and rafter system to replace the scorched wood from the arson fire in the 90s. Also 2 logs will be replaced on top of the east wall, new period windows, doors and other cabin maintenance will be done.

Additionally, architectural plans have been drawn and budget estimates received for the proposed Horse Shed that will sit west of the Barn. That information will now go to the grant writer who is working with the RAHGS Foundation.
The pansies have been planted in the 2 big pots at the Village, and the daffodils, tulips, crocus, and scilla are coming up and blooming! Spring is definitely one of my favorite seasons because everything comes to life and starts growing and blooming! If you haven’t already, please drive by and see how pretty the pansy pots look!

We have cut back the perennials and are in the process of cleaning out the beds. If you purchased any of the Village seed packets and started them inside, they should be growing by now but do not plant them outside until after May 15th. The beds have been fertilized and the forsythia bushes are blooming, and that always means that it is time to put the first treatment of fertilizer on your lawn.

On April 25th, the student council kids from the Richmond Middle School will come out and help with the clean up of the beds. We will be having them help with bagging all of the debris and dead leaves. They also help with cleaning the buildings, and we really appreciate all of their help.

Just a reminder that now is the time to:

- Prune any obvious winter damage on evergreens
- Prune apple trees
- Remove any weeds that sprouted last fall
- Start fertilizing your lawn
- Re-seed bare areas of lawn
- Cut back perennials
- Prune roses
- Prune summer & fall blooming clematis
- Spring flowering shrubs shouldn’t be pruned until AFTER they bloom

Have fun Spring Cleaning!
Marsha

Recent Acquisitions
by Dianne Gibson

Single Tree for pulling hay up in barn: David Tyson
Various Tools: J. Harrison
British WII and post WWII can openers: R. Weinert
Sears and Roebuck Christmas 1946 catalogue: Ken Simmons
“Muskets, Crowns, and Liberty” Doug Rasmussen
Wood brace from Eberhardt’s porch: Carrie Dittman
**Welcome New Members!**

**RAHGS 2019 Calendar of Events**

- **May 6-10:** Armada Fifth Grade visit
- **May 13-16:** Richmond Fifth Grade visit
- **May 17:** “Wills Automobile” program
- **May 18:** New museum exhibit opens
- **May 20:** Richmond 2nd Grade Village Tour
- **June 22:** Donley Family Visit
- **June 29-30:** Heritage Festival
- **June 30:** Log Cabin Day
- **July 27:** “Into the Village” Garden Walk
- **Sept. 6-8:** Good Old Days in the Historic Village
- **Oct. 12:** Cemetery Walk
- **Nov. 8:** “Storytelling with Photographs” program
- **Dec. 6:** “A Holiday Evening in the Village”

**Recent Brick Orders**

- Garden Grove Park in memory of Janet Allen
- Linda Corby in honor of Fiona Schroeder
- Linda Corby in memory of Jaxson Robert LaGrois
- Linda Corby in memory of Pastor Bob Corby
- Mary Ellen Shepherd-Logan in honor of Samantha Jade Sitko
- Garden Grove Estates in memory of Gary Gardier
- Joe and Tece Donley in honor of: Joe and Tece Donley Families
- Dan, Cathy, Elizabeth, Katie Donley
- Mark, Diane, Sarah, Gavin Donley
- James Donley, Robin Eaton
- Kate, Dave, Brian, Melissa Johnston
- Maria, Scott, Conor, Catherine Delany
- Great Grandchildren
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- David and Penny Yelencich: Richmond
- Samantha Jade Sitko: Newborn daughter of Ashley and Jeff Sitko.

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Those Who Serve the Richmond Area

New Museum Display Up and Ready for Saturday May 18 Opening

The Richmond EMS, the Richmond Police Department, The Richmond Volunteer Fire Department, the Richmond VFW, and Good Old Days Festival Committee are busy setting up the next display at the RAHGS museum.

Each of those local organizations has a cabinet where they will showcase memorabilia from their collections. It has been fun to have these fine people with us during the Thursday morning work bees as they bring in their artifacts and antiques.

Norm Gibson had the idea for this display which will be a competition among those participating. Beginning at the grand opening of the display on Saturday May 18th, and running through Good Old Days, the public will vote for the best display. It costs $1 to place one vote. Naturally, you may vote more than once. The donation will be shared equally with the organization and with RAHGS. Everyone wins!

During the grand opening the EMS will be checking blood pressure, the police will be offering to fingerprint ID children, and the fire department will have the old fire engine on display. The Historic Barn will also be open for visitors.

We will see you at the Village on Saturday May 18th from 1-4 pm to vote for your favorite display.

Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society acknowledges the following local businesses who generously sponsored recent events.

Thank you!
Please Join Us On A Road Trip!

RAHGS is hosting a very special and exciting event!

When: Friday
May 17, 2019
7:00 PM

Where: The Wills Sainte Claire Automobile Museum
2408 Wills St.
Marysville, MI

What will I see and do there?

In addition to the presentation, you will see the largest collection of Wills autos anywhere in the world! Currently there are 10 Wills cars on display, from a 1922 Coupe to a 1926 7-Passenger Sedan to a 1926 Wills Roadster. You will see several autos in original condition and some restored. PLUS many more auto artifacts!

Don’t forget to mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Back by popular demand are authors Alan and Lynn Naldrett who will present a lively, informative, and often humorous presentation on the life and times of C.Harold Wills (the mechanical genius behind Henry Ford) and the Wills Sainte Claire Automobile, made in Marysville from 1921-1926.

Michigan has many fine automobile museums and this one is a real gem right in our backyard!

For more information contact Mary Ellen 586-808-2953
Our mission statement:

- To share with others the legacy left to us by our forefathers, the migrants from the East and the immigrants from Europe, who with foresight and conviction built a better future for themselves and their children, and for the generations that followed.
- To honor and remember those who cleared the land, grew the crops, educated the young, and to pay homage to those who fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for something they believed in.
- To encourage our community leaders to preserve the few historical buildings remaining today.
- To provide assistance to those who turn to us for help in finding their roots.

The general membership meetings/programs, which are open to the public, are held throughout the year. The Historic Village is open during Winter Festival, on Log Cabin Day, during Good Old Days, Thursday morning work bees, special events, and by special appointment. Watch the newsletter, the website, and Facebook for dates, times, and program information.