GET A FREE HISTORIC FRAMED PHOTO.

Make A $125 Donation To The Historic Barn Project And Receive A Historic Richmond Picture Framed In Wood From The Old Barn.

We are making picture frames using the original siding from the barn that we are restoring. We will be giving numbered framed historic photos to anyone who makes a $125 donation or more to The Historic Barn Project Fund.

You may choose from a variety of historic photos in the RAHGS Collection. When the barn is finished it will be one of the subjects for these framed photos. The photo above was taken from the Gierk block looking toward the Glenwood Hotel (Now the Cook Hotel). To the left of the hotel is a barn. We believe this is the barn that was donated and that we are restoring.

Please make your tax-deductible donation to the Richmond Historic Barn Project. Make checks payable to RAHGS with “Barn Project” in the memo line.

Mail to: Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society, 36045 Park Street, PO Box 68, Richmond, MI 48062

Thank you for your continued support.
About that Historical Society of Michigan...

The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM), the state’s oldest cultural organization, helps connect Michigan’s past to students, educators, historical organizations, and the public through educational programs, conferences, publications, awards, workshops, referral services, networking opportunities, and support for local history organizations like RAHGS.

Established in June 1828, HSM is a member supported educational 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which receives no support for operations from any level of government.

But besides all of that, one of the coolest aspects of HSM is that it offers bus tours to historic sites around Michigan and to out of state areas. THAT is what I want to tell you about here.

At the beginning of May, Tom and I participated in the “Founding of America” tour which included stops in Washington D.C., Jamestown, Williamsburg, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier, and Gettysburg. The group left on a bus from Lansing, but we joined them in Ann Arbor. That first day was a long drive through Ohio and Pennsylvania, but after that, the days were filled with sightseeing and tours.

There were many history buffs on board, naturally, and it was fun getting to know different perspectives on events from our past. The guide Bob Myers and his assistant, Amy Wagenaar, entertained and delighted us with facts and notations from America’s history.

It was fun, and I recommend these tours for our RAHGS members. It is a great way to travel: all meals and lodging and entrance fees are included in the price, no waiting inlines for tickets or hotel check ins, a smooth ride in a comfortable bus with friendly people, no searching directions or parking spaces. You can do as much or as little walking as suits you.

Upcoming trips include Lincoln Land, Lighthouses on Lake Huron, and a Maine Color Tour.

If you are interested in more information call me, contact the HSM website, or contact Bob the tour guide at Robert Myers, Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events, Historical Society of Michigan, Phone: (517) 324-1828, Email: myers@hsmichigan.org Web: www.hsmichigan.org.

Christine
Recent Brick Orders

Sherry Gavin in memory of Karen Edwards
Lawrence Venuk in memory of Venuk Family
Kathy Scott Kahn in memory of Rosemary Scott
Claire Zoma in honor of Richard Weinert
Debbie Rhein in honor of Rhein Family

Donations

MARTHA DONLEY ROBB
ARMADA SCHOOLS
RICHMOND SCHOOLS
AMAZON SMILE
KROGER REWARDS
WIEGAND NURSERY,
SOIL FOR THE GARDENS

2nd Annual Cemetery Walk

Saturday, October 13, 2018
City of Richmond Cemetery
1:00-3:00:
Scheduled every ½ hour
$15.00
(age 5 and under free)
Tickets available every Thursday, 9:00-noon at the village or contact Dianne Gibson at 586-727-7755.

The life and times of the following people will be portrayed:
Mabel Fuller- The Fuller House
Albert Lindke and Rena Fanning
Sarah Lutes, daughter of Charles Lutes
Simon Heath and wife Annis
Cyrel S. Hicks
If you have any memories or stories to share about any of these people, please email them to Mary Ellen at mlogan5477@sbcglobal.net.

Recent Acquisitions

Martin Borkowski:
glass oil jars, oil can, car jacks, hemp rope, Harpoon
hay lift, pulleys

Marilyn Schade:
RHS scrapbooks (50s-60s), RHS school pins

Richmond DPW:
Lathrop Elm plaque
Wind up alarm clock,
foot measure from Gierks Shoe Store,
ruler Measure from Richmond Supply and C.W. Beier,
corn husker, Blade sharpener,
razor sharpener, Co-op playing cards

Joe Zimmey:
wood plane

Pattie Papuga:
3D slides of last steam engine to go through Richmond,
Fuller parade

Carolyn Pryor:
2 matchbooks: Scott Burke for Sherriff,
Macomb County Bank

Doug Bennett:
Majestic Theatre posters

WANTED:

Tent (with sides) for the “Stuff Sale”
During Good Old Days: Sept. 5-9
Preferably 20 x 30 feet

If you know where we can rent one or if you can help defray the cost, please let me know.
Call Christine at: 810.392.0261
Many thanks in advance!
Order A New Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society Long Sleeve T-Shirt!

$20 PER SHIRT
$25 if shipping is required. S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL Sizes.
Orders Due by July 30, 2018. Shirts available by Good Old Days.

RAHGS T-Shirt Order Form
$20 per shirt. $25 if shipping is required. S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL Sizes.
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Thank you, Carol Lippman, for bringing this program to RAHGS. Everyone had so much fun making the wagon train dolls, and the history of doll making was enlightening. Let’s repeat this class!

Doll Making Class Kicks Off Summertime at the Village

Into the Village
Village walkways will transport you back in time and guide you around the vibrant gardens and into the historic buildings. Docents will share the unique history of each structure as you enjoy a cool beverage and sweet treat.

10:00 until noon on Saturday, July 28, 2018

Our Historic Village; Its Past, Present and Future
By Ken Simmons

This year, the 200th anniversary of Macomb County, has already been an exciting one for RAHGS. The barn which was once owned by the Priestap Lumber Company has been rebuilt and is in the process of being completely restored. We have 2 people writing applications for grants to obtain funds for the future expansion of the Village and we have been receiving some special gifts. In July, the membership will be receiving an invitation to a special event that will be held at noon on Saturday, August 18th at the Community Center on Festival Drive in Richmond. Ken and Sue Simmons will be our hosts for the event. Sue Simmons, former owner and chef at the Richmond Hotel, and who has been doing the funeral lunches at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church for the past 30 years, will be serving a delicious lunch. Ken Simmons graduated with honors from the University of Michigan where he majored in history. He is also a local attorney, business owner, and a member of the Foundation Board. He will give a short and selective oral history of our area. Who lived here before the Europeans arrived? Where did the area names come from? How did the area develop? What is the significance of the buildings in Richmond’s Historic Village? These questions and others will all be answered as part of his talk. We will also tell you about the plans we have for the future of the Historic Village and ways in which you can be supportive. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentation. Seating will be limited to 90 seats. If you want to experience the excitement of our future that has so thrilled the Board of Directors, plan to make your reservations as soon as your invitation arrives in the mail.
RAHGS Prepares for Good Old Days

The popular “Stuff Sale” will be held once again during Good Old Days. Items can be dropped off at the village on Thursday mornings (or by appointment) beginning August 16th. It would be most helpful if the items are marked with prices. Please do not bring clothing, appliances, televisions, etc. The sale will be on Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9:00-5:00 and on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 11:00-5:00.

And of course, our Strawberry Shortcake Social will be open on Friday from 3:00 until dusk; Saturday and Sunday hours are noon until dusk.

This year, especially with the addition of the barn to our Village, we will need many more docents than in previous years. All of the buildings will be open for visitors during the same time as the shortcake sale.

And yes, we will have the chrysanthemums for sale. Be sure you buy yours early so you will have your choice from the colorful selection.

Ask what you can do for your Historical Society! We have places for everyone. If you like to sort through other people’s cast offs while playing “store”, call Susan Foster (586.419.6156) to volunteer at the stuff sale. If playing "restaurant" is your thing, call Mary Ellen (586.808.2953) to help with making shortcakes. To act as a docent showing visitors our historic buildings and collections, let Christine know you are available (586.727.7773).

The Society needs the help of all of our members during this busy time.

Remember: we ARE the good, old, days! It’s what we do all year long!

RICHMOND SECOND GRADE VISIT TO VILLAGE: PICTURES TELL THE STORY

Wednesday, May 30th, 2018

Dear Historian,

Thank you for letting us come. I liked the log cabin. I think it is cool because a whole family would live inside in one big room! It is kind of sad to live in that log cabin!

Sincerely,

Kathle Salzberg

Dear Historian,

Thank you so much for taking us to the train depot. Old school house and the log cabin was so much fun. My friends and I at the old schoolhouse wanted to write there and the lady let us sit in the desks and it made very cool.

Sincerely,

Elaine Vespe
We have been busy cleaning the beds and planting at the Village. Last week we finally got through all of the beds! It is a lot of work! Special heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped in the gardens!

There is a new perennial bed in front of the Liberty Bell bed (by the brick pavers). It might look a little bare this year because it is the first year for these perennials. The rule for perennials is: The first year it sleeps, the second year it creeps, and the third year it leaps!

Under the weeping cherry tree I have added Nepeta (Catmint). If any of you travel on 696 and see the purple plants that bloom on the side of the road, that is what it is. It is blooming right now. In the June publication “Michigan Gardener” they have a great article about this plant. The variety I have planted is “Walkers Low”. This is a great plant and is deer and rabbit resistant. (For those of you who need plants that the deer won’t eat).

It became popular in New York City where it was planted in pocket gardens and green spaces throughout the city. It has aromatic leaves and the rats don’t like it. The rats abandoned their nests and moved on to another spot! It blooms from early spring to late summer, especially if you give it a healthy cutback or shearing after flowering.

I hope you have a successful, productive, gardening summer!

Happy Gardening!
Marsha

Barn Project Update

By Norm Gibson

A lot of progress been made on the barn in the last couple of weeks. The roof was finally finished. Support posts for the loft were installed. All of the glass windows that were made earlier this year were installed along with some of the vent windows.

The main loft door was cut in and the hay lift was made operational. The hay lift is used to raise and lower the door to the loft as well as lifting hay into the loft. The hay lift may be one of the most interesting demonstrations at the village.

There are still several things that need to be finished, chief among them is painting the barn. We are planning on painting the outside of the barn using volunteers. If this is something you can do please let us know.
Our mission statement:

- To share with others the legacy left 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 building 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 Cain 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.

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