**Early American Doll Making Class**

School Section Schoolhouse  
**Thursday June 21, 2018**  
10:00 AM –Noon

Throughout history the most popular doll has been the rag doll, which is made with scrap fabric, left-over lace, string, and yarn. The dolls faces are either painted, embroidered, or just left plain so the imagination of the owner can easily supply the lifelike attributes.

The dolls played a major role in a young child's life, and in addition to providing something to play with, they were also used to help young girls learn sewing skills.

RAHGS is offering you an opportunity to learn about the history of dolls, and to make a rag doll of your own to take home with you. Member Carol Lippman will tell the story of dolls at a workshop in June. A sampling of the following old-timedolls will be on display: corn cob doll, colonial spoon doll, handkerchief doll, yarn doll, Revolutionary War Knot doll, and a church doll.

Children and adults are welcome to attend. Participants will make and take a wagon train doll which is made with fabric scraps and yarn. All doll parts and clothes are tied, the sweetness and simplicity making these dolls a treasure to keep or to give.

Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Cost is $10.00. Sign up at the Village on a Thursday morning, or call 586.727.7773.

Macomb County Passport Program stamp available for this event.
RAHGS and Mt. Clemens Genealogy Group Work Together to Preserve Richmond Methodist Church Records

With the help of the Macomb County Genealogy Group, specifically Ann Falkner and Dianne Sinning, the early records of the First United Methodist Church of Richmond are being filmed with a hover camera. When the filming is completed, the images will be transcribed into an Excel sheet. As the oldest church in Richmond, the records are important to genealogists and those who are seeking information about births, baptisms, transfers, marriages, and deaths. These tattered and fragile records books (pictured left) eventually will be stored in archival boxes in the church, but soon all of the records will be available to the public at the Mt. Clemens Library Genealogy Room, the Methodist Church, and at the Historical Society Museum. This has been a rewarding project that will make a difference in our community!

Elected Officials Breakfast:
Hosted by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the breakfast this year (organized by RAHGS members Keith Rengert and Ken Simmons) had a historic theme. Ken presented the history of Richmond as well as the surrounding townships. We set up the diorama (miniature replica) of the Historic Village, and we talked with the guests (approximately 200 elected Macomb County officials) about the exciting things going on at RAHGS. At the end of the event, we handed out stamped Macomb County passports to those who were interested in this program which promotes the historical sites in the county. All in all, it was great outreach for the Society. Thank you, Mary Ellen and Doug Logan, for representing RAHGS with Tom and me.

6th Annual Historic Tea
The 6th Annual Historic Tea is behind us now, but the report is that we sold more tickets, generated more money, and had more fun than ever. So many positive comments were made as the women entered the beautiful room, and we continue to hear enthusiastic feedback around town. The venue was changed this year to accommodate more guests, and that move proved to work out very well for us. We have already begun working on the next Tea which will be on March 16, 2019 at Golden Hawk Golf Course. So, save that date for sure! In the meantime, please enjoy the pictures on the collage page of this newsletter.

Cemetery Walk Coming in October
Plans for the Cemetery Walk are now underway. Saturday October 13th, 2018 is the date, and tickets will be available at Log Cabin Day at the end of June, and throughout the summer and early fall.

Happy May Day!

Christine
Recent Brick Orders By Chris Hensch

- Felicia’s Card Club in memory of Louis Cady
- Patrick Flower for Flower Family
- Clayton Fryer for Fryer Family
- Garden Grove Estates for Richard W. Collins
- Garden Grove Estates for Helen M. Doll
- Richmond Good Old Days for Marie Alta Rund
- RAHGS in memory of Paul McConnell
- Debbi Williams for Williams Family

Donations
THERVIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
SALLY BOHS
AMAZON SMILE
DAVID AND SUSAN FOSTER
KROGER REWARDS
PENTZIEN FAMILY
FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
ROSE SCHROEDER
ALLYN WEINERT
JOHN AND MICHELE DONLEY

Welcome!

New Members:
- Dave Villeme, Richmond, MI
- Allyn Weinert, Traverse City, MI
- Doug Porrett, Emmett, MI

Acquisitions Update
By Dianne Gibson

The society continues to receive new items from people interested in preserving the history of Richmond. We are excited to see all the wonderful memories and are working hard to be able to share them with the community.

We are developing a new system to identify each item and the donor. When we receive an item, we are tagging it with the name of the item, date received, and the donor’s name. The item is then assigned an identification number with the donor’s initials. That information is put into a database.

Our ultimate goal is to have this readily available to anyone who wishes to come to the museum and search for a particular item. Our dream is to have a computer available for visitors to use to search the database.

Recent Acquisitions

**Martin Borkowski:**
- 4 glass oil jars
- 10 oil cans
- 9 old car jacks
- 75 feet of hemp rope
- Harpoon hay lift
- 2 pulleys

**Marilyn Schade:**
- 6 RHS scrapbooks (50s and 60s)
- 11 school pins

**Richmond DPW:**
- Lathrop Elm plaque
One of the winter restoration projects this year was to restore a pedal grinder. It was in bad shape. We had to fix a crack in the grinding stone, replace all four legs, make a new seat, and rebuild all the bearings.

Mike Buckert and Weldon Fealko checking the alignment of parts on the grinder. We still have painting and a final assembly before we can take it to the village.

One of the challenges on this project was to cast two new brackets.
This photo shows Norm pouring zinc into a sand mold.

The dark parts are original to the grinder. The wood parts are handmade patterns, made by Mike Buckert, that are the reverse images of the original parts. The silver parts are the finish castings that need holes drilled in them.

In the last newsletter we showed progress on the bob sled. Since then we discovered that this sled is a Parker Plow product. We are currently waiting on wood from the saw mill for this project. Hope to have it finished in time for the next newsletter.

LOG CABIN DAY AT HISTORIC VILLAGE!

June 24, 2018
Noon - 3 PM

Explore Living History

The Historic Village
36045 Park Street · Richmond
Barn Project Update
By Norm Gibson

This is the east end of the barn. Since our last newsletter the main doors have been done and secured. Both small loft doors located above the main doors are installed. A small loft window that was made by the winter projects crew was installed. It was amazing to see how much light it let into the loft.

Steps to the loft were installed. Hand rails still need to be made.

The track for the hay lift was put up, and our hay lift is in place. As soon as the large door on the west end is finished, and additional pulleys placed, we will have an operational hay lift. This will make for a great demonstration to show our visitors.

Alan Naldrett Shares History of the Automobile
By Mary Ellen Shepherd-Logan

The Lost Car Companies of Detroit have not been forgotten or lost to author, Alan Naldrett, who delivered a memorable account of some of the more than 200 companies that at one time existed and shaped the automobile in America. Taking the audience back in time, Naldrett chronicled the history of the automobile and shared interesting, fascinating, and humorous stories of inventors and builders whose passion was the automobile. The first steam powered auto was built by a Jesuit missionary living in China in 1678. From there the automobile, as it came to be called, made its mark in France, England, Germany and the United States.

Closer to home, in 1884-1885, on the streets of Memphis, Michigan, John Clagg and his son drove their automobile, named the Thing, around town. It was a four-seater powered by single cylinder steam engine with a tubular boiler carried in the rear.

Mr. Naldrett’s stories were many and his knowledge of the “lost” companies was fascinating. Those in attendance stayed late to talk cars and get signed copies of Alan’s book. The Society is hoping to have Alan return in 2019 with another evening of car talk.
The daffodils are blooming. The hyacinths behind the shed, and the tulips in front of the shed and schoolhouse are getting ready to bloom. The beautiful blue scilla along the boxwood path is in full bloom, while the crocus in front of the train depot are almost done blooming! I see that our bunny chewed a few of the crocus down.

Spring is officially here even though our weather has been awful!! Spring clean-up with the school kids was April 26th. We kept them busy raking out all of the flower beds and bagging all of the leaves. We are very thankful for their help.

I have a “Planting Your Spring Garden “ list that I saw years ago. Recently it was brought to my attention again and I would like to share it with you. The author is unknown.

For The Garden of Your Daily Living:

Plant Three Rows of Peas:
1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:
1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:
1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnips:
1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude our Garden we must have Thyme:
1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely with Patience and cultivate with Love. There is much Fruit in your Garden because you Reap what you Sow!

Happy Gardening!

Marsha
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.