

FLAT ROCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 337 March, 2014
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General Member Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be at the Hotel on Wednesday, April 9th, from 6:30 to 8 pm. A short meeting will review the Flea Market. At 7:00 Tom Scott from Monroe Bank & Trust will speak on "Keep it Safe".

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Our 79th Flat Rock Historical Society Flea Market will be held this May 4th at the Speedway. As always we need your help.

We have a volunteer, Kathy Fisk, to manage the Country Store during the Flea Market; please call Robin or Cindy if you can help sell baked goods that day. If you don't call by April 25th, expect a phone call asking for your help or baked goods. We often run out of baked goods, so we should get more to sell. We depend on you. Bring your baked goods for the Country Store to Cindy or Lila.



The same group that we had last fall will be helping with vendor and customer parking, but we need members to supervise and help out too. Contact Don Fesko if you can help with parking. Volunteers from the Boy Scouts will be watching the gate. We have a group to help with cleanup in the afternoon and afterwards; contact Lila if you can chip in. If you are going to visit the Flea Market on Sunday, please consider stopping at the Historical Society's Country Store and asking how you can help. Checking for vendor problems or directing people to the

Country Store and lavatories as you tour the market would be helpful.

Pasta Fund Raiser



We are raising money for the Langs-Wagar House restoration.

We are excited to sell "Fun Pasta" because there is a large selection of products, fun shapes for everyone. "Online sales" earn even more profit for our group! But we need your help getting the word out...

Please forward this email:

<http://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/flat-rock-historical-society> and post on FACEBOOK encouraging all of your out-of-town family and friends to order. With each online order placed on our group's web page, 40% of the sale (excluding a flat shipping rate of \$6.95) will go back to our group. If you live in the area, to avoid shipping charges, send your order and check to our P.O. box 337 or bring it to the general meeting and we will combine orders and send it in. You will be contacted when the order comes in. Our fundraiser (online orders only!!!) will end on 04/30/2014. So spread the word - and thank you so much for supporting our effort! If you have any questions, contact Olga Nichols 734-307-9797

Adult Ghost Hunts

The dates have been set. There will be 3 public Adult Ghost Hunts hosted by the Motor City Ghost Hunters at the Flat Rock Historical Village. The dates are July 12, September 20, and October 24. This is a fund raising event and the Motor City Ghost Hunters are donating their time and expertise in order to assure participants will have a great time while helping the Historical Society.

Each event will be limited to 40 participants and

start at 7:30p.m. sharp. The price for each ticket will be \$40 and will be available for sale through Eventbrite very shortly. We have a limited amount of tickets being sold by the Society; please contact Lila or Carol K.

There will be 4 buildings open for investigation during the adult ghost walk. For more details check: motorcityghosthunters.com/

We need volunteers to help during the ghost walk. Please contact Lila if you are willing to help.

March's Open House

The quilt exhibit and appraisals was terrifically successful. We had over 150 visitors come during the cold weather. Publicity, including articles in the Monroe Evening News and News Herald, contributed greatly.

Volunteer Needed

We need volunteers to help at the Museum, the Hotel, the Local History Room or the Flea Market.

Upcoming Events and Exhibits

We have changing exhibits every month. The Museum is open the second Sunday (usually) of every month from 1 to 4 pm. And we always need volunteers to act as hosts.

Wednesday, Apr. 9: General Meeting at 6:30

Sunday, Apr. 13: the Museum and Hotel will be open from 1 to 4. The theme is Easter and a Postcard Trip around the World.



Thursday, April 24: is a Historical Society Fundraiser at the Flat Rock Big Boy. Come and join us for dinner between 5 and 9 pm while we advertise the upcoming Flea Market. We need volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets and pass out flyers. We need diners. Encourage your friends and family to enjoy good fellowship and food.

Sunday, May 4: Flea Market

Sunday, May 11: Banks & Aprons

Sunday, June 8: Toys and Matchstick structures

Sunday, July 13: Weddings

Sunday, Aug. 10: Coleman Lanterns

Thank you

Wendy, from Fifth Third Bank for her presentation on protecting your identity

Velia Laurmann for doing quilt appraisals and educating visitors about quilts at March's open house

Ralph Olsen for helping

Mary Dale Dickerson for being Velia's scribe

The quilt owners who loaned us their treasures for the open house.

All the loyal docents who enable us to have these open houses

Olga Nichols for taking on the pasta fund raiser

Ann Honaker for elves and books

Roch Younglove for repairing a cast iron bird bank

Faye Meszaros for 2 vintage wedding dresses.

Ruth Vack for vintage wedding and prom dresses

Gerald and Janice Mittlestat for monetary donation

Jack Bartok, Ron Klingel, Max (Olga's son),

Simon Ren, Richard Ren, and Don Fesko for

waiting tables at the tea and Ralph Olsen for playing the piano as well as waiting

Patricia Ann Jones estate for doll dresser & fainting couch, fashion plate, door stop, reproduction Victorian pictures, and doll & fashion books, and for loaning us antique & vintage clothes for the April open house.

E-mail Delivery

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Dues

If you haven't paid this years dues, please send a check or bring it to the general meeting.

Thank you.

Garage Sale May 16, 17 & 18

We are sponsoring a garage sale for the Society at Robin's house at 25063 Hunter Lane. We need your sellable items. You can bring them to Robin's or Cindy's prior to the garage sale. We are not accepting TV's, computers,

monitors, typewriters, phones, VCRs, VHS tapes, Bowling Balls, large furniture, winter clothes, text books, romance novels, or encyclopedias. Please contact Robin (789-9436) for more information.

Local History Room

We regret to report the death on Feb. 24, 2014 of Harold Thomas Wyman. "Tom" was born on Sept. 11, 1937 in South Rockwood to John and Pearl (Root) Wyman and was a descendant of the Vreeland Family. A friend of Winnie Hamilton, he had a great interest in seeing her collection become the basis of the Local History Room. A life member of the Historical Society, Tom had a fantastic memory and love of our area and history. He was a regular fixture on Wed. and Sat. helping in our Local History Room and will be greatly missed.

Demolition of "Beauty School"

Dr. Hiram Wm. Lobdell (1826-1884) was a physician and druggist in Flat Rock in the mid 1800's. On April 8, 1881 the Wyandotte Newspaper announced "Dr. H. W. Lobdell's new building on Huron street, is receiving it's last coat of paint and will be ready for occupancy in a short time. The lower stories will be used for a drug store by (his son) Dr. John H. Lobdell (1860-1931) and the hall above it is expected will be occupied by the Masonic fraternity." The building sat on the SE corner of East Huron River and Church Street. In the 1940's it was occupied by the Reeve's family and TVs and appliances were sold. In 1948 Claribel Higgins, who was a nurse for the Lobdell's bought the building. In the 1950's and early 60's it was McUmber's pharmacy. It then became Dawn's Gift Shop, then Dawn's Beauty College - managed by Claribel's daughter Dawn and her husband Robert Bennett. The last occupant was Coleman's Academy of Beaute' owned by Virginia and James Coleman. We have no records of the Masons ever using the upstairs. There were four apartments upstairs above the beauty schools. After years of neglect and being abandoned the building was torn down earlier this month.

Lila

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