



**Quilt
Appraisals
Are Back!**



Due to popular request, the Flat Rock Historical Society will be open for two days over the weekend of Saturday, March 7th & Sunday, March 8th. There will be over 200 quilts on display in the Mungers Store & Smith Hotel. Velia Lauerman will be at the Smith Hotel providing written appraisals

for \$10/quilt. If you have a quilt you are willing to loan the Society for the display, please contact Cindy Fesko. You are invited to sit in on the appraisals and learn more about quilts in general.





Wednesday, February 11th 2015

General Meeting 6:30 pm

Speaker will be Flat Rock's new Police Chief, John Leacher. He will speak about protecting yourself and your property.

Sunday, February 8th 2015

Valentine's Day Exhibit

Open House 1-4 pm

An appraisal fair at the Hotel, courtesy of Norm Sauer of Monroe.

Saturday, March 7th and

Sunday 8th 2015

Quilt Appraisals (National Quilt Month)

1-4 pm both Saturday and Sunday

Sunday, April 12th 2015

Spring Bird Extravaganza 1-4 pm

Nathan, from Masserants will discuss how attract birds to your yard.

Saturday, April 18th 2015

Tea

Sunday, May 3rd 2015

Annual Flea Market

We can always use help, but if you could volunteer a few hours, please let one of the board members know. Speedway will be handling our parking this year. We will have our Country Store and two additional booths to sell donated items. Any extra items you would like to sell are welcome. More information after the April Meeting.

Congratulations!
Elected FRHS Officers for 2015

President:

Cindy Fesko

Vice-President:

Robin Gillis

Treasurer:

Carol Klingel

Recording Secretary:

Don Fesko

Corresponding Secretary:

Gertie Younglove

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Dawn Bartok, Lila Fedorkovitz,
Pat Simeck, Judi McNair, Sally Carter
& Phyllis Dasher

Committee Leaders:

Local History - Lila Fedokovitz
Membership - Kathy Fisk
Public Relations - Lesley Harkai



Annual Dues

Remember, membership dues are due for the 2015 membership year. Kathy Fisk is the membership chairperson and is collecting them. This year we will also be accepting Paypal! More information to come on this. You can mail them to the P.O. box or bring them to one of the open houses.

Membership dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families, \$25 for Business Memberships, and Lifetime Memberships are \$100.

REMINDERS

Work Sessions

We continue to need help during our work sessions at the Museum on Wednesdays starting at 1:00 pm. Please contact Cindy if you can help. Remember, volunteers are necessary to keep our Society running.

Pictorial History of Flat Rock

The Arcadia published book of Flat Rock is still available for \$22 at City Hall, the Public Library and from the Historical Society when the Museum or Hotel is open. It makes a wonderful Christmas present. They are also available by calling Carol Klingel (782-9365) for a copy or to have one mailed (\$3.00 charge).

Email Delivery

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send a note to Lesley Harkai at archives@frdigitalhistory.com. It'll save the society postage and you'll get it sooner.

Open House

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

Langs-Wagar House Update

We are now awaiting bids for the restoration of the woodwork trim, doors and window in the house. The floors have been painted and the antique lights hung. The furniture has been moved from the POD back into the house and covered.



We would like to thank Donna Neese, who has moved to Singapore, for her contributions to the Historical Society, especially her donations to the Hotel.

Thank you to Mary (Grier) Fredericks for the last rights kit, Chrissy doll, yo-yo quilt, and clock.

Thank you to Joy (Grier) Redli Scheiwe for home-made door prizes.

Thank you to Robin Gillis for door prizes.

Thank you to Mary Dale Dickerson for a Michigan song book.

Thank you to Hilda Merchant for a 20's child dress and sewing supplies.

Thank you to Bill and Sandy Bisson for the monetary donation.

Thank you to Ron Klingel for removing the snow around the historical buildings.

Thank you to Chuck Vreeland for the Guardian Newspapers.

New Businesses in Old Buildings

The buildings of the former Heier Lumber Company are being renovated and will house a branch of the Calder's Dairy Farm. The former Pizza Hut at Vreeland and Telegraph will soon be a Mexican Restaurant. The previous site of Dick Lutz/Larkins Ford Dealership, later a laundromat, is being remodeled for a used car dealership.

February Appraisal Fair & Open House

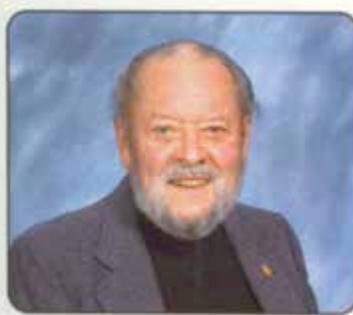
On Sunday, February 8th, Norm Sauer from Sauer's Furniture and Antiques will be available at the Historic Flat Rock Hotel to appraise items that are brought in for \$5 per item. Limit of two items per person please..

At the Munger Store, Valentines from 1860 until 1960 will be on display. Supplies will be available for kids to make their own old fashioned valentines, so bring the family!.



The Proud Doctors

by: Lila Fedokovitz



Russel Proud

Dr. Harvey Proud first came to Flat Rock from Canada in 1925. Born in 1896 he was a pilot in the 160th Bruce Canadian Battalion. His leg had to be amputated after a bomb run accident

and because there was not much rehabilitation in WWI, he made his own prosthesis and was considered an expert for amputees.

In 1954 Dr. Harvey Proud had a heart attack. His nephew Dr. Russel Proud from Tara, Ontario offered to come and help out for six months. Dr. Russel had enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1944 to fight Nazi tyranny. He flew thirty-three missions in Germany and North Africa in the four months he served. Because of his Uncle's health Russel Proud stayed in Flat Rock. When Dr. Harvey Proud died in 1965 at the age of 69, Dr. Russel ran the practice until his retirement.



Russel Proud, 1947
Eight Centuries, Royal Canadian Air Force

Dr. Russel Proud was born in 1922 and died in 2014 at the age of 92. He was active in the community in both the Kiwanis and Methodist Church and served as Sports Physician for the school district. Doc Proud gave 60 years of his life to Flat Rock community.

Before his death Dr. Proud wrote a booklet about his life and we hope to have it up on our web site soon.