SAHS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 26th -- 6:00 PM
-- Annual Election/Dinner
at Salem Township Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd -- 7:30 PM
-- Methods and Resources for Genealogy Research
at Jarvis Stone School

WEDNESDAY, May 28th -- 7:30 PM
-- Beatrix Potter
at Jarvis Stone School

SATURDAY, June 7th -- 10:15 AM
-- Flag Day Parade
at Salem Elementary

Join us at our Annual Election/Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, March 26th. Bring a dish to share along with a plate, cup and utensils for yourself. Following dinner, we will have our annual election and a business meeting. The agenda is:

1. Potluck Dinner
2. Election
3. SAHS Committee Structure and Roster
4. 2007 SAHS Financial Statement
5. 2008 SAHS Budget
6. SAHS Membership Status
7. SAHS 2008 Meeting Schedule and Topics
8. Next Steps for the Dickerson Barn
9. Improvements for Jarvis Stone School
10. Scout Projects
11. Summer Activities
12. New Business

The SAHS Board encourages all members to attend this meeting to voice their opinions on the direction to be pursued by SAHS for the coming year.

Message from the SAHS President

With this March meeting, I will complete my first year as President of Salem Area Historical Society. I would like to thank my fellow SAHS Board members for their efforts and support throughout my first year. Three of us are up for re-election and two, Donn and Cindy, are leaving a legacy for their successors to follow. The size and awareness of SAHS seems to be growing. This was evident by attendance, number of donors and the fund raising results of our annual Dinner/Auction in February. See the article on Page 2 for details. Special thanks to all of those who helped make this event a success!

It is the SAHS Board’s desire to publish the Spirit of Salem three or four times a year. If you would like to write an article to be published, please send it to me via email at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com or U.S. mail to the SAHS PO Box listed at the top of this page.

With this issue of the Spirit of Salem, I am starting a series of articles, Cartography. The intention is give you information about our past through the maps of the past with one map in each issue. The first set will be maps of the State of Michigan. This first article is on Page 3.

Many of you have renewed your SAHS Memberships for 2008. For those who have not yet done so, a Membership Application is on Page 6. Please consider following the example of our first Lifetime Members, Marge and Jerry Skelly. Last year, we had 63 paid memberships (Individual, Family and Seniors). We would like all of our members to renew for 2008 and recruit more members. If we all tried to recruit one new member and only 20% of us succeeded, we would have 75 members.

For those of us who search the internet, we now have an opportunity to raise funds for the Salem Area Historical Society with each and every internet search. There is no cost to you to use this search engine. Money is donated by the advertisers. I have been using it for two months and am very please with the results. See Page 5 for details.

See you at the Annual Election/Dinner Meeting.

Terry Cwik
Recap of Recent SAHS Events

2007 SAHS Christmas Party
The last event to be held in 2007 was our Annual Christmas Party. Due to the graciousness of Sue Bejin and Mike Gaery, a wonderful and well-attended event was held in their home, the historic Renwick House on Curtis Road north of North Territorial Road. SAHS honored Margaret DiPonio and Norma Schmeman for their many years of support.

2008 SAHS January Meeting
After a short business meeting, the 20 attendees were treated to a presentation by SAHS member, Gilbert Terry on Early Salem Farming. Gilbert was encouraged to document this research by creating a new SAHS publication on the subject.

2008 SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction
Salem Area Historical Society held its annual DINNER/AUCTION on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Fox Hill Golf Course Clubhouse. There were 81 attendees who reviewed a fine photo presentation by Gilbert Terry of the Dickerson Barn Restoration Project. They also enjoyed a wonderful buffet banquet, which was followed by a short business meeting. The election slate of offices for 2008 was presented and accepted. This was followed by a presentation to Don Riddering for his designation as the Salem Area Historical Society President Emeritus. Marge and Jerry Skelly were given their SAHS Membership Cards as the first ever SAHS Lifetime Members. Marcia Van Fossen and Elwood London were also given SAHS Membership Cards as Lifetime Members. The auction was the last agenda item. The auction committee did a great job in gathering the donations. We had 96 Auction Items from over 50 donors. Please support our sponsors who are listed on Page 4 as well as on our Website at www.sahshistory.org. It was a lively auction with lots of participation. This was our most successful Dinner/Auction in terms of attendance and fund raising. When adding up the funds generated from the banquet, auction, 50/50 and donations, we raised over $3,500. Thanks to all who helped make this Salem Area Historical Society event such a success!!!!

2008 SAHS Plymouth Whaler Hockey Night
SAHS participated in its first Plymouth Whalers Hockey Night on Friday, February 22nd. We sold 12 tickets and sponsored the Chuck-A-Puck. Diane Cwik and Helen Gierman sold the pucks up though the first two periods. The SAHS netted $213! GREAT JOB!!! THANK YOU! It was an exciting Game. The Whalers were leading the entire game until the last 5 minutes when they fell behind 5-6. The Whalers pulled their goalie with a minute to play and SCOOOOOOOOOOORED with 24.3 seconds remaining to tie it at 6-6. There was no scoring in the overtime period (5 minutes). In the shoot-out, the Whalers won 2-0 for a Whalers 7-6 victory.
CARTOGRAPHY - car·to·gra·phy ˌkahr-tog-rə-fē -noun the production of maps, including construction of projections, design, compilation, drafting, and reproduction.

Author: Lucas, Fielding Jr.  
Date: 1823  
Publisher: Baltimore: Fielding Lucas Jr.  
Type: Atlas Map  
Obj Height cm: 24  
Obj Width cm: 31  
Scale 1: 4,435,200

Engraver or Printer: Welch, B.T.  
Pub Note: The first edition, first state of Lucas' best general atlas and the finest general atlas produced in the U.S. at that time. The quality of the engraving (most of the U.S. maps were engraved by B.T. Welch, others by Young & Delker, J.V.N. Throop, Cone & Freeman, and Kneass) is superb, the detail is very fine, and the coloring is delicate and elegant. While the same Lucas drawn base maps were used in this atlas and the 1822 American Atlas by Carey and Lea (and thereby created strained relations between him and Carey and Lea), the maps in this Lucas Atlas are far superior in quality - Welch reengraved many of the maps for Lucas that Young & Delker had engraved for Carey and Lea. It is interesting to note that the Carey and Lea maps are usually earlier states of the Lucas maps. Many maps are derived from the earlier Lucas Atlas of 1815-17 which copied the Oddy Atlas maps for the non U.S. state maps. Some copies have solid color. Half leather with marbled paper covered boards, thick outline color, title on spine - "Lucas's Cabinet Atlas."  
Cwik’s Note: This map was published two years before the first land sale in Salem and 14 years before Michigan became a state. The Territory of Michigan in 1823 included not only all of the current State of Michigan but also all of current Wisconsin and the eastern and northern part of Minnesota as well as the northern part of Ohio. The shapes of Lakes Michigan and Huron are not as we know them today. The thumb and northeast portion of the lower peninsula of Michigan is significantly different than we know them today. The border between the United States of American and Canada is very similar to today’s border with the minor exception that today the border is a series of straight lines instead of the smooth curves used in this 1823 map.
Donors to the SAHS 2008 Dinner/Auction

Please support the businesses that were the donors to the Salem Area Historical Society’s 2008 Dinner/Auction. Without their generosity we would not have been able to generate the funds that we did during the Auction. The following is a list of those business donors:

- AA Agri Center
- Alma Smith
- Anthony's Gourmet Pizza
- Baseball Hall of Fame
- Bennigan's
- Big Boy Restaurant
- Bo-Kaye's Flowers
- Buddy's Pizzeria / Restaurant
- College Football Hall of Fame
- Detroit Lions
- Detroit Red Wings
- Detroit Tigers
- Disney World
- Dixboro General Store
- Downing Farms Golf Course
- Entertainment Express
- Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center
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- Jerusalem Garden
- Karl's Cabin
- Mater Gardener JoAnn Heyl
- McFarland Power Equipment
- Nassau Grille & Bar
- No Thai
- Pacific Rim by Kana
- People's Food Coop AA
- Photographer Pat Hatala of Salem Township
- Plymouth Whalers Hockey Club
- Precision HVAC LLC
- Prints Old and Rare
- Random Games
- Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame
- Rock Shoppe
- Roosroast Coffee (Rossroast.com)
- Rosseta Manufacturing
- Ruby Tuesday's
- Salem Hills Golf Club
- Showcase Cinemas
- SPK Floors
- The Bobberdown Grill
- The Henry Ford
- Tim Walberg
- Tios Mexican Restaurant
- Veolia Environmental Services
- Whole Foods
- Zilli Therapeutic Bodywork

Donors to the SAHS Dickerson Barn Project

Salem Area Historical Society’s Board thanks the following for their donations to the Dickerson Barn Restoration Fundraising Effort. SAHS spent over $40,000 in 2007 to raise the barn. There is still work to be done (painting, door installation, flooring and windows). If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can do so by using the “Donation” line on the Membership Form on Page 6.

- Alive
- Anon
- Aprill Agency
- D. Ascher
- The Aznavorians
- Wm. Baxter
- The Bejin-Gearys
- Belsey Family
- Jean Bemish
- J. Bennett
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- Elaine Braun
- Brautigan Family
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- The D'Agostinis
- The Derons
- Margaret DiPonio
- The Donoghues
- Dul Foundation
- Edith's Market
- The Giernans
- Gusta Family
- Hardey Families
- S. Harrington
- Haywood Family
- Indoor Comfort
- London/Van Fossen
- Edith & Bob Luedtke
- Michael Kaericher
- Kangas Family
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- Keith Klassen
- Leland Family
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- Carol Packard
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- Fred Reinhart
- The Riddersings
- Salem Tool Company
- Say Cheese
- The Shepherds
- Dennis & Sunyong Siegner
- Marge & Jerry Skelly
- South Lyon Historical Soc.
- Gilbert Terry
- Tina Theeke
- David Trent
- Paul Uherek
- Robert Uherek
- Marsha Van Fossen
- T. Van Fossen
- Velma Lewis Ward
- Norma West
- Yo Pro
Internet Fund Raiser for SAHS

You can now earn money for Salem Area Historical Society with each and every internet search through on-line purchases. There is no cost to you. Money is donated by the advertisers. This is accomplished through GoodSearch.com, a new Yahoo-powered search engine. SAHS will receive $0.01 for every search that you do if you select Salem Area Historical Society as your charity. You can easily add GoodSearch.com to your internet browser toolbar from www.GoodSearch.com. Enter SAHS as your charity once and it will remember it for your future searches. It’s easy. It looks like the following in the Internet Explorer Browser:

GoodSearch.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to charity. Hundreds of great stores including Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, ebay, Macy’s and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop.com and every time that you place an order, you could be supporting SAHS. Please go to www.GoodShop.com to do your online shopping.

The Conant Farm

There has been an effort under way for several years to designate the Conant Farm as a local historic district. A study committee has been formed and it has studied the farm, published a report and has recommended that the farm be designated a local historic district. This 52-page report can be found at the SAHS Website: www.sahshistory.org. This historic designation has been approved, recommended or received favorably by:

- The Conant Farm Historic District Study Committee
- The Washtenaw County Historic District Committee
- The Salem Township Board

The Conant Farm is located at 5683 and 5671 Napier Road. The property consists of 70 acres of gently rolling fields and forested land. The historic farmstead is situated along the eastern end of the property. The buildings are grouped as an elongated cluster on a small rise that runs parallel to the road. At the northern end of the cluster are the Conant farmhouse, a log cabin, and an older outhouse. Near the center of the cluster are the Bowers-Walker farmhouse, brooder house, gazebo, milk house, garage and potting shed. South of these are a chicken coop, corn crib, silo and a large gambrel-roofed barn.

The Conant farmhouse is a one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled structure, which resembles a New England style saltbox in profile.

The Bowers-Walker farm house is a 1 ½ story, side gable structure with a full-width 1 ½ story rear addition including dormers. The original structure is on a fieldstone foundation and the addition on a poured concrete foundation.

The greenhouse/potting shed is a rectangular structure with an asymmetric gable roof. A Dutch door is located in the west gable end and a small window is in the east gable end. The chicken coop is a one-story, vernacular structure with a rectangular foundation and a gable roof.

The barn is the largest structure on the property (70’x33’). It is a timber frame structure with a gambrel roof.
SAHS Membership Application

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society
Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________
Phone: ___________________ email ID: __________________________________________

Membership Fee: _____________ Membership Type:
+ Donation: _____________ $10 per Senior ___ $15 per Individual ___
Amount Enclosed: _____________ $25 per Family ___
$25 per Family ___ $50 per Business/Organization ___ and
New Member_____ or Member Since _______ $300 Lifetime Membership per Couple ___