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SAHS EVENTS

SUNDAY, Dec. 2th -- 1:00-4:00 PM

-- Annual Christmas Party
at Terry & Diane's Home

This year's **Salem Area Historical Society's Christmas Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 2, 2012 from 1 PM to 4 PM.**

Our hosts this year are Diane and Terry Cwik. Their home is at 8721 Wellington. Wellington intersects Currie Road just north of Five Mile Road and our home is the first home west of Currie Road. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. As has been our society's past practice, please bring a dish or treat to share with members.

If you can attend, please RSVP via a return email or a phone call (248) 486-0669. Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WEDNESDAY, January 23rd -- 7:30 PM

--- Membership Budget Meeting
At Salem Township Hall

SAHS Annual Budget Membership Meeting to discuss budgets, 2013 projects and 2013 SAHS elections with a viewing of the 30-minute documentary "Michigan at War: The Struggle for the Old Northwest 1812-1815". This is the story of Michigan's role in the War of 1812 as told through reenactments, interviews, photographs and artwork. This will be followed by a viewing of a 48-minute DVD on Tiger Stadium history titled "Stranded at The Corner". This video includes photographs and video from the opening of Navin Field to the last Tiger game at Tiger Stadium.

SATURDAY, February 9th – 6 PM

-- Annual Dinner / Auction
at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center

The SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction will include an improved 2-meat buffet dinner with coffee and tea and a cash bar. There will be both a silent auction prior to and during the dinner and a live auction after the buffet dinner. Once again, there will be numerous auction items from restaurants, local service companies, sports memorabilia, historic items and entertainment venues. All tickets will be prepaid and are either \$35 per person or \$30 per SAHS Member. There is a ticket request form on Page 6 or at SAHS Website. All are welcome to join us. Bring a group and encourage others to attend.

Message from the SAHS President

Time sure has a way of continually moving on. I am already completing my sixth year as SAHS President. We continue to make progress on our mission of preserving the past for the future. One of the recent accomplishments towards our mission was the completion of "[The Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District Study Committee Report](#)". A great SAHS volunteer effort made this report possible. I encourage you to read this report and attend the upcoming public meeting on it. Time and Date is yet to be determined.

A lot of SAHS volunteer efforts have turned the front addition of the School into a beautiful and useable area. It was great to see our largest regular meeting crowd use it in October. Also, the Fall Color Train Ride was a nice way for SAHS members to relax and socialize.

Our 2012 Annual SAHS Memberships end on March 31, 2013. 2013 Annual Memberships are now being accepted. Please see our membership renewal form on Page 6. Use it to renew and to recruit new members to SAHS.

I hope to see you at the upcoming SAHS events.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Terry Cwik

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

April Meeting

On Wednesday, **April 25th**, SAHS held a short SAHS Business meeting followed by a presentation titled "Traveling MI - Historical Routes" by Ron Rademacher. The screen presentation took us out Michigan US 12; starting in the Irish Hills, to Frankfort, then back across the state to Harrisville, with many unusual stops and information along the way. It was an enjoyable 60 minute talk and video show that was well received by the 19 in attendance.

Flea Market and Yard Sale

On Saturday, **May 9th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's Flea Market and Yard Sale was held on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone School at North Territorial and Curtis Roads. This event had flea market tables and yard sale items. The vendors experienced a steady flow of customers.

May Meeting

On Wednesday, **May 23rd**, the SAHS General Membership meeting started with a short Business agenda and was followed by a presentation titled "War of 1812" by John Gibney. It was a talk on the Michigan experiences and the personalities involved in the area battles. It was enjoyed by the 20+ in attendance.

Salem Flag Day Parade

SAHS marched in the annual Salem Flag Day Parade on **June 9th** and member Warren Todd raised the American Flag at the Salem Veterans Park



Dedication Ceremony alongside SAHS member,



Wayne Wallazy, who led the effort to rededicate the park to honor our veterans.

5th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair

On Saturday, **August 18th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's 5th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair was held on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone School at North Territorial and Curtis Roads. This event featured arts & craft vendors across a broad spectrum of skills. A new aspect of the fair was live demonstrations. In addition, there was food and drinks as well as baked goods from our bake sale available to purchase throughout the day. Several special baskets were raffled off.

October Meeting

On Wednesday, **Oct. 24th**, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with a presentation by Pete Poulos, of Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar and a son of owners Karl & Sophie Poulos. He gave an interesting presentation that went back in time to describe the beginning of the restaurant in 1945 as Rusceak's Rustic Tavern and its history including what has happened after his family purchased the restaurant in 1982. There was plenty of audience participation including Marge Skelly, the daughter of the original owners. It was enjoyed by SAHS largest regular meeting audience of 39.

Fall Color Tour Train Ride

On Thursday, **October 25th**, the Salem Area Historical Society went on a Fall Color Tour aboard the Southern Michigan Railroad train for a two hour ride. This was followed by dinner at JR's Hometown Grill & Pub. The group totaled 18 and enjoyed the sunny and warm fall afternoon.

Local Upcoming Events

Salem Community Events

The free Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 8 from 1PM until 3PM at Salem Hills Golf Course 8810 Six Mile Road in Salem Township. Santa will only be there from 1:15 PM until 2 PM. BRING THE CHILDREN OUT FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN WITH SANTA. THERE WILL BE SNACKS, STOCKINGS, AND LOTS OF FUN. Stockings for children 1-12 years of age and must be in attendance to receive one.

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

On Dec. 1st from 9am to 3 pm, the Dexter Area Historical Society will host a Holiday Bazaar at the Dexter Area Museum. Call 734-426-2519 for more information or go to www.dextermuseum.org

Meadowbrook Hall

Join them as they celebrate the 41th annual Holiday Walk at this Great Estate all aglow with historic and holiday treasures. Reservations are not required and tickets may be purchased at the door. All tours are self-guided. Daily from 11:00am - 5:00pm (last admittance is at 4:00pm) until Dec. 22. December 17, 18, 19 & 20 from 11:00am - 9:00pm (last admittance is at 8:00pm).
<http://www.meadowbrookhall.org/visit/holidaywalk>

Northville Historical Society

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas at Mill Race Village on Sunday, December 9th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Hear holiday music floating through the Village during the "Christmas in the Village". Buildings will be open with Docents on hand to share the building's history and you can watch crafters demonstrate their skills.

Wixom Historical Society

Wixom Wire Museum, Wixom Road at Maple Road, will host a Wassail Open House on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 1 PM to 5 PM. (248) 624-4557

Museum on Main Street (Ann Arbor)

Rest in Peace: The Washtenaw Way of Death
Visitors will experience what a home funeral would look like in the late 1900s to the early 20th century. You won't want to miss seeing some of these rare and unusual artifacts first-hand. Local funeral home histories are included and a display that will have you looking at final resting places in a whole new way. The exhibit is open from Noon to 4 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

Milford Historical Society

The Milford Historical Museum is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 - 4 PM, with guided tours available. The museum is open through December 19th. Call 248-684-1948 for more information or go to www.milfordhistory.org

Kempf House Museum (Ann Arbor)

Come and see how a German-American family celebrates Christmas in the early 1900's. The Kempf House Museum on Division in Ann Arbor will be decorated with a traditional tree and other trimmings, and Christmas cookies will be served. Guided house tours will enrich your experience. This will be Saturdays and Sundays on December 1, 2, 8, 9, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Admission free, donations welcome. Call 734-994-4898 for information or go to www.kempfhousemuseum.org

The Henry Ford (Dearborn)

Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village
December 1, 7-8, 14-16, 18-23 and 26-27 from 6:30pm to 10pm.
America's Premier Holiday Celebration
Step into a Christmas card from the past. Don't miss the most popular holiday event in the area, complete with candle-lit paths, live entertainment, costumed presenters, horse-drawn wagon and Model T rides, delightful holiday shops, Santa and live reindeer, ice skating, a spectacular fireworks display and more. It's America's premier holiday celebration! Members of The Henry Ford receive discount admission and an exclusive opportunity to purchase tickets in advance.
www.thehenryford.org/events/holidayNights.aspx

SAHS 2013 Elections

Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its annual elections as per its By-Laws during the first quarter of 2013. Articles IV, V and VI address this process. As has been done in the past, we will follow the process as specified in our By-Laws. At the SAHS January 23rd meeting, we will appoint a nominating committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact one of the current officers of the society. Prior to our February 9th meeting, members who would like to nominate themselves to be a nominee for office should contact either the nominating committee or a current officer. All nominations must be self-nominating and all are accepted. A member need not be present at the February meeting to be a nominee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the February 9th meeting. The 2013 election will be held during our March 27th meeting. A nominee need not be present to be elected.

The current SAHS Board encourages all members to participate in this election process by being a member of the nominating committee, by being a nominee for an office and by voting.

SAHS Publicity

It is important to publicize the Salem Area Historical Society's events. SAHS uses fliers as one method of advertising our programs. Are you looking for a way that you can help SAHS? You can participate by helping to distribute these (usually) monthly fliers to a few places. Prior to each event, SAHS will email you a flier that will need to be copied and taken to the places that you select. SAHS has used the following places, but if you want to add another place feel free to add it to the list and return it to Marcia Van Fossen @ vanfosse62@aol.com. It is that easy and will be so appreciated by your Board. Currently fliers are being placed in the following businesses or municipal buildings:

Salem Township Hall: Taken
Salem Post Office: Taken
Salem Vet Clinic: Taken
The "Store" in the Hamlet: Taken
The Corner Store on 7 Mile and Pontiac Trail: Open
The Country Store: Taken
Rock Shop: Taken

Edith's Market: Taken
BoKays: Taken
Salem/South Lyon District Library: Open
Plymouth Historical Society: Open
Plymouth Library: Taken
Kroger's on Pontiac Trail: Open
South Lyon Historical Society: Taken
Green Oak Historical Society: Taken
Lyon Township Historical Society: Taken
South Lyon Herald: Taken
The Courant: Taken
Metro Times Calendar: Taken
WAAM Radio: Taken
The Green Sheets: Taken
ACO on Pontiac Trail: Open
Bush's on Pontiac Trail: Open
Northville Crossing: Open
Northville Shopping Center: Taken
Plymouth Catholic Church: Taken
United Methodist Church, South Lyon: Taken
Washtenaw County Historical Consortium: Taken
Homeowners' Association:

Thank you so much in advance for helping SAHS promotes these upcoming presentations.

SAHS Organization

The Salem Area Historical Society's Board is looking for Society Members to volunteer to be Committee Chairperson or member. The following is a list of current SAHS Committees:

- Nominating
- Membership
- Program
- Fund Raising
- Financial/Audit
- Historical Archive
- Refreshments
- Jarvis-Stone School
- Dickerson Barn
- Flea Market and Yard Sale
- Art & Craft Country Fair

If you want to be any of these, please contact a current Board Member or send an email to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Jarvis Stone School Front Room Renovation Project Update

Phase I (Roof & Windows) and Phase II (Floor, Walls & Ceiling) are complete. The walls have been built, the electrical installed, the drywall hung, taped, mudded and painted and the waterless compositing toilet installed. All Building Permit Inspections have all been passed. There are only a few minor finish trim items to be done along with cabinet installation.

Jarvis Stone School Maintenance

In August, the following maintenance and improvements were completed:

1. Stained the green shed
2. Replace broken glass in one school window
3. Repair frame of one school window
4. Painted exterior of school windows
5. Repaired and painted school fascia
6. Replace and painted school's front door trim
7. Painted school's front door
8. Repaired cracks on front concrete slab
9. Repaired masonry of school's front addition
10. Painted exterior of school's front addition
11. Caulked interior joints to fieldstone
12. Removed school's rear ceiling duct
13. Covered and painted above rear door

Dickerson Barn Update

Next step is the building and installing of the small wood ramps for the transition from the dirt ramp to the barn floor. This will be done by Ken Brock.

Local Historical District Designation

As has been discussed at several SAHS Business Meetings, the SAHS Board began the process to acquire a Washtenaw County Local Historic District designation for the SAHS property including the Jarvis Stone School and the Dickenson Barn. The first step in the process was to request the Salem Township Board of Trustees to pass a resolution to determine the validity of the designation. At the Salem Board of Trustees Meeting on June 14, 2011, the Board unanimously passed (7-0) the "Resolution to Authorize Washtenaw County through the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission to conduct a historic district study of the Jarvis Stone School property in Salem Township for possible local historic district designation". The Washtenaw County Historic District Commission (WCHDC)

approved the Salem Township request to establish the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee on September 8, 2011. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee at its October 19, 2011 meeting.

Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee is composed of the following:

- **Jean Bemish**
- **Cynthia Christensen, staff to the WCHDC**
- **Terry Cwik**
- **Sue DiMilia**
- **Helen Gierman**
- **Jane Griffith**
- **Melissa Milton-Pung, staff to the WCHDC**
- **Nancy Snyder, WCHDC Chair**
- **Marie Turppa**
- **Marcia Van Fossen**

The committee completed the draft version of "The Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District Study Committee Report" and presented it to the Washtenaw County Historic District Committee at their Nov. 1 Meeting. The WCHDC reviewed the report and recommended that the draft be accepted and that a public hearing be held to review it.

At the 11/13/2012 Salem Township Board meeting, Marcia Van Fossen brought forth a resolution that was seconded by Wayne Wallazy in support of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District that would have the township Supervisor send a letter to the WCHDC indicating the STB's support of the approval of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. During the Public Comment section of the agenda, Melissa Milton-Pung introduced the report and Terry Cwik requested a positive vote by the STB. After a short discussion, which only contained positive comments about the report, the study committee, the SAHS and the property, a roll call vote was taken and the resolution was approved 7-0.

THANK YOU Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District Study Committee. It was a great team effort to do the research and pull this report together.

[View the Report at www.sahshistory.org](http://www.sahshistory.org).

The next step in the process is to hold a Public Hearing.

SAHS Annual Dinner and Auction

on SATURDAY, February 9th -- 6:00 PM
at Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Club House

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$35 per person =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$30 per SAHS Member =** _____

Total = _____

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2013.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2014. Consider becoming a SAHS Lifetime Member. Your Lifetime Membership will help bring stability to our organization. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible.

You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society.

You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this form to your family and friends. Additional forms can also be printed from our Website:
www.sahshistory.org

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: _____

+ Donation: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Membership Type:

\$10 per Senior ___ \$15 per Individual ___

\$25 per Family ___

\$50 per Business/Organization ___ and

\$300 Lifetime Membership per Couple ___

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