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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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SAHS EVENTS

SUNDAY, Dec. 8th -- 1:00-4:00 PM

**-- Annual Christmas Party
at Warren Todd's Home**

This year's **Salem Area Historical Society's Christmas Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 1 PM to 4 PM.**

Our host this year is Warren Todd. His home is at 8985 North Territorial Road on the Northwest corner of Weed Road. Warren's home is the historic Weed House, a great example of Greek Revival Architecture. 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!

THURSDAY, January 2nd -- 2:00 PM

**--- Plymouth Whalers Hockey
At Compuware Area**

SAHS will be the hosting the 50/50 at this Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game. Tickets are now available for the SAHS fundraiser and are \$10 for a SAHS Member and \$12 for non-SAHS member. Tickets would make a good Christmas present. Also, SAHS needs volunteers to sell the 50/50 tickets during the first two periods of the game. If you would like to attend, please either use the form on Page 6 or contact Terry at 248-486-0669. If you would like to assist in selling the hockey tickets and/or the 50/50 tickets, please contact Terry.

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Budget Meeting
At Salem Township Hall**

SAHS Annual Budget Membership Meeting to discuss budgets, 2014 projects and 2014 SAHS elections with a presentation by Russell Dore titled **Henry Ford: His Life and Times**. Automotive writer Russell Doré, president of Northville-based Doré Productions will bring to life the man many consider to be the father of the automotive company. In addition to Ford's success in the automotive industry, the presentation will highlight the lesser-known aspects of his life.

**Admission: Free for SAHS Members
\$2 for non-SAHS Members**

SATURDAY, February 8th -- 6 PM

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

The SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction will include the 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](http://www.sahshistory.org). All are welcome to join us. Bring a group and encourage others to attend.

WEDNESDAY, March 26th -- 6:00 PM

**--- Annual Election & Potluck Dinner
At Salem Township Hall**

SAHS Annual Election & Potluck Dinner will be followed by a presentation from Donald Faber titled "The Boy Governor: Stevens T. Mason and the Birth of Michigan Politics."

Message from the SAHS President

Time sure has a way of continually moving on. I am already completing my seventh year as the Salem Area Historical Society's President. We continue to make progress on our mission of preserving the past for the future. This year of 2013 saw a lot of accomplishments for our Society. All of these are only possible by the talents and efforts of our membership.

It might be too numerous to list all of the 2013 accomplishments and I might forget to mention some of them, but I would like to at least list the major accomplishments of the SAHS for 2013.

1. The establishment of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District by the passing of the LHD Ordinance by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2013 has to be the most important of all of them. This was a great SAHS volunteer effort that lasted over two years. Our Vice President was the driving force for this project. Without Marcia's enthusiasm and drive, this may have never occurred. She rallied the members and sought out the volunteers who became the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee. This committee worked diligently to produce the Study Report that documented the historical significance and current state of our property. This Study Report was the basis for the approval of the district. This designation will be an additional protection in our effort to preserve these buildings. The Society is indebted to the members of Study Committee and thanks them for all of their efforts. They are Jean Bemish, Cynthia Christensen, Terry Cwik, Sue DiMilia, Helen Gierman, Jane Griffith, Melissa Milton-Pung, Marie Turppa and Marcia Van Fossen.

2. The Jarvis Stone School Front Room Renovation Project will be completed with the installation of the cabinets and countertops in December. This was another multi-year project that started in 2008 and had many volunteers, who logged more than 420 hours on the project. These volunteer efforts have turned the front addition of the School into a beautiful and useable area. A special thank you goes to Jim DiMilia who was key to getting it completed. The SAHS Board would also like to thank all of the following volunteers for their efforts on this project: Mike Brautigan, Terry Cwik, Diane Cwik, Jim DiMilia, Karl Gierman, Jeff Kugel, Ron McGinnis, Gregg Packard and Wayne Wallazy.

3. The completion of Dickerson Barn Project with the issuing of the Certificate of Occupancy by Salem Township on August 26th. This effort was started in 1999 and the volunteers who helped complete this are indeed too numerous to list. However, I must mention at least these three, who were instrumental in accomplishing this: Meroë

Allen Kaericher, Don Riddering and Gilbert Terry. Without their efforts, the Dickerson Barn would not have been saved and relocated to the SAHS property.

4. The continuation of our major annual fund raising events: Dinner/Auction, Yard Sale, Art & Craft Fair and Barn Dance.

5. The continuation of the presentations at the SAHS meetings. Way to go, Marcia!

6. The four Open Houses at the Jarvis Stone School.

7. The All-classes South Salem Stone School Reunion.

As one can see, 2013 was quite a successful year!

With that, I look forward to continuing our efforts of preserving the past for the future with new projects for 2014. The two new major efforts for 2014 are the documenting of the SAHS archives and the obtaining a State of Michigan Historic Marker for the South Salem Stone School.

The first has already begun with the volunteering of three to help in this effort. Gilbert Terry, the Chairman of the Historical Archive Committee, will lead this effort. If you would like to join Karl Williams and Nancy Kiernan, who have already volunteered to assist, please contact Gilbert or me. The initial effort will be to establish a regular meeting time of a couple of hours per month. Next will be to gather and review the methods available to document the archives. This will include contacting other local Historical Societies in order to assess their process and its applicability for our use. After a process is selected, documented and tested, the regular meeting hours will be used to go through all of the SAHS archives and follow the newly established process. I encourage you to consider volunteering a few hours a month for this project that will greatly benefit our efforts in preserving the past for the future.

The second one is somewhat a continuation of the Local Historic Project in that it adds another Historic Recognition for the school. The State of Michigan Historic Marker will use the LHD Study Report as its starting point.

Our 2013 Annual SAHS Memberships end on March 31, 2014. 2014 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

6th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair

On Saturday, **August 24th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's 6th 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. The newest aspect of the fair was expanded to two live demonstrations. The first was spinning wool into yarn by Susan Bloom and the second was beer brewing by South Lyon Area Brewers (SLAB). The Salem Historic Ale brewed by SLAB was later sold at the Witch's Hat Brewing Company. In addition, there was food and drinks as well as baked goods from our bake sale available to purchase throughout the day. Four special baskets were raffled off. This event netted just over \$1,100 for the Salem Area Historic Society's general fund.

Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance on Friday, September 6th featured the playing and dance calling of the Picks and Sticks.



It once again kicked off the Fall Season in Salem. Attendance was 117 with all ages represented from pre-teen to senior citizens.

This is our society's largest community event and thanks go to all the members who volunteered to help make this event another success.

Our special THANKS go to our Barn Dance Major Sponsors, who were **Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, The Store in Salem, All-American Storage and Three Cedar's Farm.**



Jarvis Stone School Open Houses

The Jarvis Stone School Open Houses concluded with the last of four on Sept. 8th with 10 guests. The total guest count for the four (6/9, 7/14, 8/11 & 9/8) was 50. The volunteer hosts were Marlene Donoghue, Terry Cwik, Marcia Van Fossen, Gilbert Terry, Lynn Kneisel and Nancy Kiernan. These open houses will be scheduled again for 2014. If you would like to be a host, please contact one of the SAHS Board members.

South Salem Stone School Reunion

SAHS hosted an all-classes South Salem Stone School Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 15th at the Jarvis Stone School. Attendees represented classes from 1939 to the last class of 1967.

Halloween Science Fun Day

Along with Anchors Unlimited Science Fun, Inc., SAHS co-sponsored Halloween Science Fun Days on Oct. 18th and 19th. Lisa Johnson was the organizer and leader for this event that was for children from 2 to 12 years of age.

October Meeting

On Wednesday, **Oct. 23rd**, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with a presentation by Larry Ledbetter of Michigan Seamless Tube. He gave a great overview of the South Lyon seamless tube and pipe manufacturing facility since its start in 1927 that include insight into the people who owned and operated the facility. Larry brought pictures, scrap books and products to enhance his talk.

Local Upcoming Events

Salem Community Events

The free Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 7, 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 are for children 1-12 years of age and who must be in attendance to receive one.

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

On Dec. 7th from 9 AM to 3 PM, the Dexter Area Historical Society will host a Christmas/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 42nd 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. 23.

<http://www.meadowbrookhall.org/visit/holidaywalk>

Northville Historical Society

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas at Mill Race Village on Sunday, December 8th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Hear holiday music floating through the Village during the "Christmas in the Village". Tour historical buildings decorated for the season.

Wixom Historical Society

Wixom Wire Museum, Wixom Road at Maple Road, will host a Wassail Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 4 PM to 7 PM. (248) 624-4557

Christmas at the Mansion (Dexter)

Come to the GORDON HALL EXPRESS at Gordon Hall on Saturday or Sunday, December 7 & 8, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Displays by the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club, visits with Santa and refreshments. For more info, call 734-426-4961.

Milford Historical Society

"Santa Paws" pet pictures with Santa on Dec. 7th and 15th (11 AM - 4 PM) at historic Pettibone Creek Hyfro Power Station. Call 248-684-0468 for more information or go to

<https://www.facebook.com/VCSMilford/events>

Saline Area Historical Society

1930's Christmas on the Farm will be on Dec. 14th (Noon - 5 PM) and 15th (1- 4 PM) at Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI.

Call 734-944-0442 for more information or go to <http://salinehistory.org>

Waterloo Area Historical Society

Victorian Christmas on the Farm will be on Dec. 7th (10 AM - 5 PM) and 15th (Noon- 5PM) at Realy Farm House, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd. Grass Lake, MI.

Call 517-596-2254 for more information or go to www.waterloofarm.museum.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 at 213 S. Division St. in Ann Arbor will be decorated with a traditional tree and other trimmings. Christmas cookies will be served. This will be Saturdays and Sundays on December 7, 8, 14, 15, from 1 - 4 PM. Admission free, donations welcome. Call 734-994-4898 for information or go to www.kempfhousmuseum.org

The Henry Ford (Dearborn)

Experience Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village on December 6-8, 13-15, 19-23 and 26-28 from 6:30 to 10 PM. 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!

www.thehenryford.org/events/holidayNights.aspx

SAHS 2014 Elections

Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its annual elections as per its By-Laws during the first quarter of 2014. 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 22nd 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 8th 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 8th meeting. The 2014 election will be held during our March 26th 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 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 a member or Chairperson 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

The last of the items for Phase III, the last of the phases is scheduled to be completed on December 18th. That task is the installation of the cabinets and counter top along the south interior wall.



Jarvis Stone School

In October, the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission inspected our Jarvis Stone School and documented its condition as a part of its annual Local Historic District Audit. This report stated "entire property is well kept and the school was in great repair."

Dickerson Barn Update

Ken Brock has built and installed the small wood ramps for the transition from the dirt ramp to the barn floor. On August 26th, Salem Township issued SAHS the Certificate of Occupancy for the Dickerson Barn. The next step for the Dickerson Barn is to develop a plan that SAHS can implement that will make the barn an exhibit center explaining the farming community that existed in Salem during the 19th century. If you would like to lead or participate in this planning effort, please contact Terry Cwik at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.



Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

of Hockey Tickets (1/2/14 @ 2PM) _____ @ \$10 each = _____

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of Dinner Tickets (2/8/14 @ 6PM) _____ @ \$30 each = _____

of Dinner Tickets (2/8/14 @ 6PM) _____ @ \$35 each = _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2014.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2015. 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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