



Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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SAHS EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 7th -- 1:00-4:00 PM
-- Annual Christmas Party
at Jarvis Stone School

This year's **Salem Area Historical Society's Christmas Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 1 PM to 4 PM.**

This year, we are returning to our earlier practice of having the Christmas Party at the Jarvis Stone School (aka South Salem Stone School). 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. Membership applications and renewals will be accepted at the event. Come and kickoff the Christmas Season by sharing the Christmas Spirit with your fellow members.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wednesday, January 28th -- 7:30 PM
-- Membership Business / Budget Meeting & an
Underground Railroad DVD Presentation
at Salem Township Hall

SAHS Annual Budget Membership Meeting to discuss 2014 financial results, 2015 budgets, 2015 projects and 2015 SAHS election nominations. After the business discussions, there will be a viewing of a DVD about the Underground Railroad.

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

Wednesday, February 25th -- 7:30 PM
--- Membership Meeting &
Woodmere Cemetery Presentation
at Salem Township Hall

There will be a general membership meeting in February for the first time in many years due to the change to March for the SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction. The membership meeting will include the closing of the nominations for 2015-16 SAHS officers. Gail Hershenzon's presentation on the Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit will take a look at those found in these bucolic grounds from movers and shakers of Detroit to glimpses of the ordinary citizens who have lived and died through extraordinary circumstances. Gail published a book on the subject in 2009 and will have it available at the meeting.

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

Saturday, March 28th -- 6 PM
-- Annual Dinner / Auction
at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center

Note the new month for the SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction. The venue for this event will once again be the Fox Hills Classic Log Cabin Clubhouse. 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. As is our custom, 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 \$38 per person or \$33 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.

SAHS EVENTS (continued)

Wednesday, April 22nd -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Meeting &
Beekeeping Presentation
at Jarvis Stone School**

SAHS Membership Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Mike Nardelli on "Beekeeping." Mike, who lives in Salem, has become a beekeeper and is an owner of his own Honey harvesting and sales business, Nardelli Apiaries, and is a member of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers' Association.

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

Wednesday, May 27th -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Meeting &
Michigan Lighthouses Presentation
at Jarvis Stone School**

SAHS Membership Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Robert Kegerreis titled "Lights along the Passageways" This is a Michigan Travelogue documentary about Michigan Lighthouses and the Great Copper Rush of 1840 which began the urgent building of Lighthouses along the Great Lakes shoreline featuring 30 of Michigan's historic Lighthouses and the beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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

Saturday, June 6th -- 10:30 AM

**--- Salem Flag Day Parade Participation
at Salem Elementary**

Once again, SAHS will march in the annual Salem Flag Day Parade. All are welcome to join us to march in the parade by meeting us by 10:30 AM in the Salem Elementary parking lot.

Admission: Free

Sunday, July 12th -- 1 to 3 PM

**--- Open House
at Jarvis Stone School**

Admission: Free

Summer 2015 Event

**--- TBD
at Jarvis Stone School Grounds**

Friday, September 11th -- 7 to 10 PM

**--- SAHS Annual Barn Dance
at Three Cedars Farm**

SAHS hopes to once again host the Barn Dance that kicks off the Fall Season in Salem. That has been a great community event with hundreds attending each year. It is a fun family friendly event.

**Admission: \$3 for SAHS Members
\$5 for non-SAHS Members**

Sunday, September 13th -- 1 to 3 PM

**--- Open House
at Jarvis Stone School**

Admission: Free

Wednesday, September 23rd -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Meeting &
Billy Durant Presentation
at Jarvis Stone School**

SAHS Membership Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Russell Doré on "Billy Durant: Founder of General Motors." We explore the life of this somewhat unknown icon of American industry. Learn about how this high school dropout became worth millions and yet died penniless. This presentation covers his successful life before entering the automobile industry, his creation of General Motors, his exit from the company and his attempts to begin again. The strengths and weaknesses of his personality, his family life, and his contributions to American industry are all discussed.

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

Wednesday, October 28th -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Meeting &
Crazy Line Survey of Salem Presentation
at Jarvis Stone School**

SAHS Membership Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Greg Ash on "The Crazy Line Survey of Salem."

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

Sunday, Dec. 6th -- 1:00-4:00 PM

**-- Annual Christmas Party
at TBD**

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

SAHS Christmas Party

On Sunday, **December 8th**, Warren Todd hosted Twenty-eight SAHS Members, which included much good food, wine tasting, conversations and caroling. The 2013 SAHS Honoree was Jean Bemish.

SAHS Business Meeting

On Wednesday, **January 22nd** at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS held its annual business meeting. Discussions included the SAHS 2013 Financial statement including income and expenses and the 2014 SAHS Budget. This was followed with a presentation by Russell Doré on "Henry Ford: Life & Times".

SAHS Annual Dinner/ Auction

On Saturday, **February 8th** in the Classic Log Cabin Clubhouse at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 52 supporters of SAHS attended the Dinner/Auction. As has been the case for the past 8 years, this was once again the largest fund raiser for the SAHS with a net of over \$3,900.

SAHS Election/Pot-Luck Dinner Meeting

On Wednesday, **March 26th** at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS shared Put-Luck Dinner and held its annual election with the results of a re-election for all five of the 2013-4 SAHS officers for a 2014-5 term. This was followed by a talk on "The Boy Governor: Stevens T. Mason and the Birth of Michigan Politics" by the Donald Faber.

April Meeting

On Wednesday, **April 23rd** at the Jarvis Stone School, after a short business meeting, there was a talk on Murray Lake by the Fishbeck's.

May Meeting

On Wednesday, **May 28th** at the Salem Township Hall after a short business meeting, Kathy Aznavorian gave a presentation on the History of Fox Hills, including the 40th Anniversary of Ownership by her family.

Salem Flag Day Parade

On Saturday, **June 7th**, SAHS marched in the Salem Flag Day Parade.

Science Fun Day

On Saturday, **July 19th**, at the Jarvis Stone School, SAHS co-hosted a Science Fun Day for children from 4 to 12 years of age with Anchors Unlimited Science Fun, Inc.

7th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair

On Saturday, **August 23rd**, 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. Also during the fair, there were Beer and Wine Tasting and an Appraisal Event. 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 \$1,200 for the Salem Area Historic Society's general fund.

Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance on Friday, **September 5th**, featured the playing and dance calling of the Picks and Sticks. Our special THANKS go to our Barn Dance Major Sponsors, who were **Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, All-American Storage and Three Cedar's Farm.**

Jarvis Stone School Open Houses

Two Jarvis Stone School Open Houses were held on **July 13th** and **September 14th**. The open houses will be scheduled again for 2015. If you would like to be a host, please contact one of the SAHS Board members.

Halloween Science Fun Day

Along with Anchors Unlimited Science Fun, Inc., SAHS co-sponsored a Halloween Science Fun Day on Saturday, **October 25th**. Lisa Johnson was the organizer and leader for this event that was attended by 15 children from 4 to 12 years of age.

October Meeting

On Wednesday, **Oct. 22nd**, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with a presentation by Regina Zapinski on Native American Indians in Michigan.

Local Upcoming Events

Salem Community Events

The free Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 6, 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. 6th from 9 AM to 3 PM, the Dexter Area Historical Society will host a Christmas/Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 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 43rd 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 Children's Christmas Workshop December 6, Saturday: 10-12 & 1-3 at Mill Race Village. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old-fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas list. Enrollment is \$20 per child.

Wixom Historical Society

Wixom Wire Museum, Wixom Road at Maple Road, will host a Wassail Open House on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 2 PM to 7 PM. (248) 624-3950

Christmas at the Mansion (Dexter)

Come to the GORDON HALL EXPRESS at Gordon Hall on Saturday on Saturday, December 6th, from 10 AM to 5 PM. For more info, call 734-426-4767.

Brighton Area Historical Society

On December 14th from 1 to 4 PM, Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be at Lyon School on Buno Road. The 1885 one-room school will be decorated with an early 1890's theme. Meet Santa, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. For more information, go to www.BrightonAreaHistorical.com

Saline Area Historical Society

1930's Christmas on the Farm will be on Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th from 11 AM to 3 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. 6th (10 AM - 5 PM) and 7th (Noon - 4 PM) at Realy Farm House, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd. Grass Lake, MI. Admission: \$5. For more information, go to www.waterloofarmmuseum.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 6, 7, 13, 14, from 1 - 4 PM. Admission free, donations welcome. Call 734-994-4898 for information or go to www.kempfhousemuseum.org

The Henry Ford (Dearborn)

Experience Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village on December 5-7, 12-14, 18-23 and 26-27 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 2015 Elections

Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its annual elections as per its By-Laws during the first quarter of 2015. 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 28st 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 25th 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 25th meeting. The 2015 election will be held during our March 28th 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 Membership

SAHS Lifetime Members:

Ascher, David & Kimberly
Cwik, Terry & Diane
Griffith, Mark & Jane
Klassen, Keith
Kruse, Billy
Murray, Jim
Skelly, Jerry & Marge
Uherek, Paul J.
Van Fossen, Marcia & London, Elwood

SAHS Annual Memberships:

Aznavorian, Kathy & Michael
Bejin, Sue & Geary, Mike
Bell, Sharon
Bemish, Jean
Braun, Elaine
Brautigam, Michael & Cindy
Brown, Marcella
DeGrazia, Claudia
Delancey, Merton & Ann
DiMilia, Jim & Sue
DiPonio, Margaret
Donaldson, Doc
Donoghue, Mia
Donoghue, Wally & Marlene
Doré, Russell
Drogs, Linus
Faber, Donald
Gierman, Karl & Helen
Hatala, Pat

Heyl, JoAnn & Bob
Howery, Terry & McGhee, Annette
Humecky, Morgan & Sherry
Johnson, Tom & Nancy & Lisa
Kelly, Cayce & Tom
Kiernan, Nancy
Kneisel, Ken & Lynn
Kuhfeldt, Audrea
Lau, Jo & David
Lawson, William & Wilhelmina
MacGregor, Debra & Posthuma, Richard
McCarthy, George & June Lee
Moebis, Barbara & Son Lawrence
Obarzanek, Laura
Petroskey, Larry & Sandy
Quigly, Jim & Nancy
Rohraff, Ferman A.
Schroeder, Ellen
Shepherd, Doug & Toni
Smith, Dan
Staebler, David
Stewart, Todd & Susan Caumartin
Theeke, Tina & Herman
Todd, Warren
Van Fossen, Debbie
Van Sickle, Tillie
Ward, Joyce
Whiteside, Kim
Williams, Karl
Zapinski, Regina

Message from the SAHS President

Another calendar year is about complete. I am already completing my eighth year as the Salem Area Historical Society's President. We continue to make progress on our mission of preserving the past for the future. All of these are only possible by the talents and efforts of our membership.

The SAHS events of 2014 are described elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to continuing our efforts of preserving the past for the future through our 2015 meetings, which are detailed on Pages 1 and 2, and projects. The two major efforts for 2015 are the documenting of the SAHS archives and the obtaining a State of Michigan Historic Marker for the South Salem Stone School.

If you would like to volunteer to help in documenting the SAHS archives, please contact me at SalemArea_HS@Yahoo.com. 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. You can contact me (SalemArea_HS@Yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering for this project.

Our 2014 Annual SAHS Membership ends on March 31, 2015. 2015 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. You can now also renew and donate online using the "Subscribe" and "Donate" buttons on our Website (www.SAHSHistory.org).

Also, the SAHS Election process for 2015 is about to begin, you are strongly encouraged to consider nominating yourself for one of the five positions.

Please follow the SAHS on our Website and *like* us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salem-Area-Historical-Society/124128277610297>).

I hope to see you at the upcoming SAHS events.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Terry Cwik

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

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

of Dinner Tickets (3/28/15 @ 6PM) _____ @ \$33 each = _____

of Dinner Tickets (3/28/15 @ 6PM) _____ @ \$38 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 2015.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2016. 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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