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"Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow"

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2015 SAHS Schedule

- Sunday, December 6, 1 PM to 4 PM, **SAHS Christmas Party** at Marcia and Woody's home
SAHS Members only event. As has been our society's past practice, please bring a dish or treat to share with members. Come and kickoff the Christmas Season by sharing the Christmas Spirit with your fellow members.
- Wednesday, December 9, 12:30 PM **SAHS Trip to Governor Warner Mansion**
Contact Salem_area_HS@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.

2016 SAHS Schedule

- Wednesday, January 27, 6:00 PM **SAHS Potluck Dinner** at Salem Township Hall
This meeting is SAHS's annual Potluck Dinner followed by a presentation on Henry Ford's Village Industries. Please bring a dish to pass, your own plates and flatware and your drink.
- Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Salem Township Hall
A SAHS Business agenda and a talk titled "Underground Railroad in Washtenaw County" by Deborah Meadows.
- Saturday, April 2, 6:00 PM, **SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction** at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center – Classic Fox Log Cabin Club House
Cost is \$33 per SAHS Member and \$38 per non-SAHS Member and all are invited. This will include a multi-course buffet dinner, a silent auction and a live auction. Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, national attractions, historical items and restaurant gift certificates. See Ticket Request Form on Page 11.
- Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School
A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation titled "Beauty of Native Plants" by Drew Lathin.

- Saturday, May 21, 9 AM to 2 PM, **SAHS Flea Market & Yard Sale** at Jarvis Stone School Grounds
This will be a community type yard sale featuring flea market and resale items.
- Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School
A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation titled "Bats" by DR. Allen Kurta.
- Saturday, June 4, 10 AM to 1 PM, **SAHS in Salem Flag Day Parade** at Salem Hamlet
Meet in the Salem Elementary School Parking Lot to lineup for the Parade.
- Saturday, August 20, 10 AM to 4 PM, **SAHS Arts & Craft Fair** at Jarvis Stone School Grounds
This is for artists, antique sellers and crafters. There will be various craft or country themed demonstrations, for example, soap or lotion making. Spaces will be discounted to SAHS Members.
- Friday, September 9, 7 PM to 10 PM, **SAHS Annual Barn Dance** at Three Cedars Farm
Kicking off the Fall season is our annual barn dance. Admission will be discounted for SAHS Members.
- Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School
A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation of "Finding Your Ancestors in Historical Newspapers" by Sarah Hatter.
- Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School
A short SAHS Business agenda and a presentation of "The Argus Story" by Cheryl Chidester.
- Sunday, December 4, 1 PM to 4 PM, **SAHS Christmas Party** at a To Be Determined Location
SAHS Members only event.

Message from the SAHS President

2015 has been a busy year for the Salem Area Historical Society. In addition to our usual meetings, open houses and events, we have added one-day trips. The first trip (Hamburg Historical Museum and Tea Room) was held in June; the second trip (Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum) was held in October; the third trip (Governor Warner Mansion in Farmington) will be on December 9th (See Page 5). A good time was had by all during the first two trips and the third should be no exception. I encourage you to join us for the tour of the mansion which will be decorated for Christmas. Also, there was a members-only Antique Show and Tell with free appraisals in July. Your SAHS Board hopes that you enjoyed this expanded schedule and the social aspect of your SAHS Membership.

Salem Area Historical Society was also the recipient of two unique donations this year. The first was a generous donation from Lee Holland of Northville who wanted to honor his friend Don Riddering, a founding member of SAHS and a long-serving President of SAHS, in a mural. This resulted in a nine-month effort that concluded in two mural dedication ceremonies; one for the South Salem Stone School Mural and one for the Dickerson Barn Mural (See Page 3). The second was a donation to support a student internship at SAHS. I have begun the process of establishing this internship through the Eastern Michigan University Historic Preservation Program. The student will be working part-time at the Jarvis Stone School and has four major assignments; 1.) Records / Artifacts Review and Cataloguing, 2.) Research and Exhibit Creation for Salem Farming, 3.) Michigan Historic Marker for South Salem Stone School and 4.) SAHS Docent Activity and Training. We received and reviewed three applications and held interviews. A student was selected and will be starting in December. See Page 8 for more on this student internship project.

This issue continues the new series started in the previous issue of excerpts from SAHS Publications. See Page 6. These excerpts will show some of the expert research and writing that is contained in the fourteen SAHS Historical Monographs, which can be purchased using the Publications Order Form on our Website.

Our January meeting will start the 2016 SAHS Election process. Please consider nominating yourself for one of the offices of the SAHS. For more information on this, please contact me.

I hope to see you at the upcoming SAHS Christmas Party and our trip to the Governor Warner Mansion.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Terry Cwik

Salem Area Historical Murals

On Sunday, September 13th, the Salem Area Historical Society, owners of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District, held the South Salem Stone School Mural Dedication, which was well attended by family members of Don Riddering and Irene Lyke, past students and SAHS Members. Thanks to Lee Holland for the donation to SAHS that made the Mural possible and to Gregg Bugala, the Muralist, for the creative effort that resulted in this beautiful mural. The mural honors the school's 110 years (1857-1967) of continuous education to the community, Irene Lyke, who was instrumental in transferring ownership of the school to SAHS, and Don Riddering, who lead the school's restoration effort.



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THANKSGIVING DAY Quiz by Dr. JimMcConnell

1. Where was the first Thanksgiving? (Is this a trick question?)
2. Who were the Pilgrims?
3. How many passengers were on the Mayflower when it left Plymouth, England? _____ How many crew members? _____
4. How many days did the journey across the Atlantic Ocean take? _____
5. Where did the Mayflower first land? _____
On what date did the Mayflower sail to Plymouth? _____
6. What is the Mayflower Compact? _____ How many men signed it? _____
Why is it important in the History of US _____
7. Name the first Indian to visit Plymouth. _____
How had he already learned to speak English? _____
Name the Indian who was most helpful to the colonists. _____
Who was the tribe's chief? _____
8. What did they eat at the "First" Thanksgiving in Plymouth?
9. Who urged the creation of a national Thanksgiving holiday? _____
Which President issued the first national proclamation? _____ When? _____

ANSWERS

1. 1554-French Huguenots, near present-day Jacksonville, FL;
April, 1598-the Don Juan de Onate Expedition near El Paso, TX
1565-Spanish settlers at St. Augustine, FL
1607-English colonists in Popham, Maine
1610-English settlers in Jamestown, VA
1619-English settlers at the Berkeley Hundred, in VA
1621-a 'harvest' celebration at Plimoth Plantation
1623-1st known Thanksgiving observance at Plymouth
2. The Pilgrims were Separatists from the Church of England who went to Holland in 1608 and then, in 1620, returned briefly to England before beginning their journey to the New World.
3. 102 and 26-30
4. 66 days
5. Cape Cod, near present day Provincetown -- December 16, 1620
6. An agreement to make just and equal laws for the general good of the colony -- 41 men --
1st time in U.S. history that a group of citizens had established their own kind of government
7. Samoset -- From visiting English fishermen -- Squanto -- Chief Massasoit, of the Wampanoag
8. Wild geese, duck, lobster, eels, clams, oysters, deer, corn, popcorn, honey, carrots, cucumbers, turnips, onions, radishes, beets, cabbages, berries, fruits
9. Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of "Godey's Ladies Book" -- Abraham Lincoln in 1863

Salem Area Historical Society is going to **Governor Warner Mansion & Museum**

On **WEDNESDAY, December 9th -- 12:30 PM**

Meet At **Jarvis Stone School** (7991 North Territorial Road)

COST: \$3 per person (lunch is optional and will be extra)

Meet at 12:30 PM and go to the Museum with an optional lunch afterwards.



The Governor Warner Museum in Farmington is a Victorian Italianate structure built in 1867 by P. D. Warner, the Governor's father, and is furnished in late Victorian style. Sitting on almost three acres, the house is surrounded by gardens. The mansion will be decorated for the Christmas Season.

The Governor Warner Museum and Gardens were accepted by the City of Farmington on December 23, 1980 . The Governor's grandchildren, Susan Slocum Klingbeil and William Wanton Slocum, Jr.,

gave the property to the city designing it be used for a Historical Museum. Since that time, the gardens have been planted and maintained by volunteers.

Edessa Warner Slocum, daughter of the Governor, was the last family member to occupy the mansion. She was a charter member of Farmington Garden Club, and an avid gardener. The existing Perennial Garden as well as many other trees and plants were planted by her.

Contact Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com or call Terry (248) 486-0669 to reserve your spot.

Excerpt from SAHS Publication

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: Salem Township's Other Railroad 1881-1891

By: Karl Gierman

Date: Historical Monograph No. 11 1988

On the Washtenaw County map of 1874, you will find that the intersection of Five Mile Road and Pontiac Trail is labeled "Peebles (Pebble) Corners." That village in 1874 included a post office, school, general store, church and cemetery, a thriving agricultural center worth having a railroad service to market. The change in name to "Worden" was brought about because the train station was built around 1881 on the E. S. Worden farm, west of the intersection.

The present owners (*in 1988*) of the property confirm that their barns were probably part of the railroad shed. One barn blew down three or four years ago (*1984-5*), and someone came to take pictures because he knew that the barn has been part of the railroad shed. The other barn, still standing (*1988*), has a black and white bracket, which held the railroad signal.

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In 1877, a businessman-politician from Toledo, Ohio started construction of the Ann Arbor Railroad. The Ann Arbor Railroad eventually extended from Toledo, through Ann Arbor, to Owosso, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Cadillac, and to the port city of Frankfort in 1889. The completed main line was 291 miles long.

Mr. James M. Ashley, founder and chairman of The Ann Arbor Railroad Co., originally planned to construct a railroad from Toledo, through Ann Arbor, terminating at Pontiac. The Ann Arbor Railroad fundraising prospectus of 1881 said that the railroad was already moving freight between Toledo and Ann Arbor, and outlined plans to extend the track from Leland (and Worden) to South Lyon, then north through Wixom to Pontiac. The line was completed from Ann Arbor to South Lyon in late August 1881.

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The Ann Arbor Railroad owners must have changed their construction plans soon after the track to South Lyon was completed, because they never completed the section to Wixom and Pontiac. Instead, they sold the incomplete South Lyon to Pontiac railroad right-of-way in 1882.

The South Lyon spur of the Ann Arbor Railroad was apparently never profitable.

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

Appraisal Evening

We had a great evening on Wednesday, **July 8th**, at the SAHS Show and Tell. Bruce from Knightsbridge Antique Mall gave an entertaining talk and insightful appraisals of objects brought by the members (20 attended). The food and wine was a great starter for the meeting. A VERY Big Thanks for Marcia for leading this effort and for Jane for helping!

8th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair

On Saturday, **August 22th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's 8th Annual Arts and Craft Country Fair was held on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone School. This event featured arts & craft vendors across a broad spectrum of skills. Also, 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 \$750 for the Salem Area Historic Society's general fund.

Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance on Friday, **September 11th**, featured the playing and dance calling of the Picks and Sticks. Our special THANKS to Gary and his staff at Three Cedars Farm for hosting this charitable and family fun event. Also, thanks to our other Major Sponsors, who were **Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, All-American Storage and The Store in Salem.**

Jarvis Stone School Mural Dedication

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September Meeting

On Wednesday, **September 23rd**, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with a presentation by Russell Doré on Billy Durant.

Trip to Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

On Wednesday, **October 14th**, SAHS took a trip to tour the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and enjoyed a lunch across the street at The Sidetrack Grill.

October Meeting

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relocated the barn to SAHS’s property in 2007-8. The panels depict the Salem Train Depot, the Salem Hotel, the Salem churches, the Salem schools and the Dickerson Barn. This was followed by a celebration of Warren Todd’s 90th Birthday, a short SAHS business meeting and a presentation by Greg Ash on The Crazy Line Survey of Salem Township.

SAHS teams up with Eastern Michigan University

SAHS has received a generous donation to fund a Graduate Student Internship with Eastern Michigan University through their Historic Preservation Department. The SAHS Board has completed its student review process and has selected Rachel Ellenson. She completed her Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree at Indiana University – Bloomington. Rachel will begin in December organizing, cataloguing and scanning the SAHS archives and artifacts on Fridays at the Jarvis Stone School. The Records / Artifacts Review and Cataloguing will be composed of the following main tasks:

- Review the records and artifacts of the SAHS
- Organize and catalog the records and artifacts of the SAHS
- Scan or photograph the records and artifacts of the SAHS
- Make the records and artifacts of the SAHS available online and/or at a kiosk

The SAHS archives are in great need of organization and cataloguing. It has been a desire of the SAHS Board to accomplish this for over six years. Past total volunteer attempts have not been successful. This Student Internship Foundation will allow us to accomplish this task in a reasonable amount of time. Volunteers are still needed to work with Rachel. So, we are looking for volunteers to assist her in this effort. No experience is needed. **If you can be there for a few hours on one or more Fridays, please contact Terry at 248-486-0669.** The goal is to make progress while learning and having fun.

Also, SAHS is starting a fundraising campaign to enhance the initial donation. Additional funds will help support this project’s other three objectives; Research and Exhibit Creation of Salem Farming for the Dickerson Barn, Michigan Historic Marker for South Salem Stone School and SAHS Docent Activity and Training. **Please use the form below for making a tax deductible donation in support of this project.**

SAHS – EMU Internship Foundation

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone: _____ **Donation:** _____

Local Upcoming Events

Salem Community Events

The free Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 5. Santa will be there. Contact the Salem Township Office (248-349-1690) for more information.

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

On Dec. 5th 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. For more information go to www.dextermuseum.org

On Saturday, December 5, 9 am to 5 pm at Gordon Hall (8341 Island Lake Road, Dexter, MI 48130): "Vintage Toys and Magical Memories" – A large collection of Vintage Toys will be on display on the main floor. A selection of Vintage Crafts will be available for all ages to make on the second floor of the mansion. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the children. Suggested donation: Adults \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$1.00. Questions: Contact Beverly Hill, 734-426-4767.

Sunday, December 6, 1pm & 4pm: "If Teapots Could Talk" – A Christmas Tea featuring tea, a light lunch, a tour of the vintage toy exhibits and a tour of Gordon Hall. Tea times: 1 pm and 4 pm, \$25.00 per person. Reservations (required): Contact Ina Germain, 734-395-4106.

Meadowbrook Hall

Join them as they celebrate the 44th 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 5, 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. 5th from 4 PM to 7 PM. (248) 624-3950

Christmas 2015 at Lyon School (Brighton Area Historical Society)

Bring the children to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon School on Sunday, December 13th, from 1 to 4 PM. For more info, go to <http://brightonareahistorical.com>

2015-6 Salem Area Membership

The Salem Area Historical Society achieved its highest number of memberships since at least 2007 with 64 memberships. SAHS has several levels of membership which include Lifetime, Individual, Family, Senior and Business. Thanks to all who are part of this current year's membership roster. For those who are not lifetime members please use the SAHS Membership Form on Page 12 to renew your SAHS Membership for 2016-7.

Previous SAHS Lifetime Members:

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

New SAHS Lifetime Members in 2015:

Lee and Sharon Holland

Renewing Annual SAHS Members:

Kathy & Michael Aznavorian
Ann Wheeler Barlage
Mike Geary & Sue Bejin
Sharon Bell
Jean Bemish
Elaine Braun
Michael & Cindy Brautigan
Claudia DeGrazia
Merton & Ann Delancey
Jim & Sue DiMilia
Margaret DiPonio
Wally & Marlene Donoghue
Russell Doré
Linus Drogs
Karl & Helen Gierman
Pat Hatala
JoAnn & Bob Heyl
Morgan & Sherry Humecky
Tom & Nancy & Lisa Johnson
Nancy Kiernan
Ken & Lynn Kneisel

Audrea Kuhfeldt
Jo & Davis Lau
William & Wilhelmina Lawson
Debra MacGregor and Richard Posthuma
George & June Lee McCarthy
Barbara and Lawrence Moebs
Laura Obarzanek
Jim & Nancy Quigly
Ferman Rohraff
Doug & Toni Shepherd
David Staebler
Tina & Herman Theeke
Warren Todd
Debbie Van Fossen
Tillie Van Sickle
Joyce Ward
Kim Whiteside
Gary & Sherry Whittaker
Karl Williams
Regina Zapinski

New Annual SAHS Members in 2015:

Marcella Brown
Rick Cassidy
Loretta & Joe Ciccarella
Lori Copland
Hershenzon, Gail
Janice Lyke Huff
Robert Kegerreis
Charla Kurtz
James Michalek
Steve Roberts
Jake Sweetland
Cynthia & Bob Truman
Tom Verron

Salem Area Historical Society PRESENTS

Annual Dinner and Auction

ON **SATURDAY, April 2nd -- 6:00 PM**

AT **Fox Hill's Classic Log Cabin Club House**

Cost: \$38.00 per person or \$33.00 per SAHS Member

Includes: Multi-Course Buffet Dinner with Silent and Live Auctions

Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, sports memorabilia, historical items and restaurant gift certificates.

All Proceeds will be used to maintain the Jarvis-Stone School and the Barn.

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 _____ **@ \$38 each =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$33 each =** _____

Contacts: www.sahshistory.org, [Salem Area HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com), Terry at 248-486-0669

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2016.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year’s membership will last until March 31, 2017. Consider becoming a SAHS Lifetime Member. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible. You can also use this from 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. Another option is to join using the form on the home page of 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: _____	Membership Type:
+ Donation: _____	\$10 per Senior ____ \$15 per Individual ____
Amount Enclosed: _____	\$25 per Family ____
	\$50 per Business/Organization ____ and
	\$300 Lifetime Membership per Couple ____

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