



# Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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## SAHS EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> -- 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.  
**Suggested Donation of \$2 for non-SAHS Members**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 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**

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9 AM to 2 PM**  
--- SAHS Flea Market & Yard Sale

**at Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District**  
This will be a community wide yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. You can buy a space to sell your items. Or you can donate items to SAHS with all proceeds from their sale going to SAHS General Fund. 10' x 10' spaces are \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members. Applications are available on the Salem Area Historical Society's website ([www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org)).

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> -- 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**

## **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 28<sup>st</sup> meeting, we appointed Helen Gierman as the Chairperson of the nominating committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact here or one of the current officers of the society. Prior to our February 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 2015 election will be held during our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. A nominee need not be present to be elected.

There is at least one opening for a new member to the Board. Would you consider and be willing to nominate yourself for SAHS Secretary or Member-At-Large?

The term of Office is from the March 2015 SAHS Meeting until the 2016 SAHS March Meeting.

The duties of the SAHS Secretary are:

1. Retain and Maintain the SAHS Secretary Records (currently a couple of binders).
2. Record the minutes of SAHS Board Meetings and place them into the SAHS Secretary Records.
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4. Record and maintain other SAHS records as required and place them into the SAHS Secretary Records (Usually only a few items per year).
5. If unable to attend a SAHS Board Meeting or a SAHS Meeting, authorize someone else to record the minutes.
6. Attend as many as possible SAHS Board Meetings (usually there are two and no more than three per year).
7. Attend as many as possible SAHS Meetings (usually there are seven or eight per year).
8. Propose resolutions to the SAHS Board.
9. Vote on resolutions by the SAHS Board.
10. Communicate with the other SAHS Board Members via email, phone and in person.
11. Honestly represent the SAHS when speaking on behalf of the SAHS.

The duties of the SAHS Member-At-Large are:

1. Attend as many as possible SAHS Board Meetings (usually there are two and no more than three per year).
2. Attend as many as possible SAHS Meetings (usually there are seven or eight per year).
3. Propose resolutions to the SAHS Board.
4. Vote on resolutions by the SAHS Board.
5. Communicate with the other SAHS Board Members via email, phone and in person.
6. Honestly represent the SAHS when speaking on behalf of the SAHS.

## **SAHS Arts and Craft Country Fair**

Salem Area Historical Society is in need of volunteers to lead and support the 2015 Arts and Craft Country Fair. The tentative date is Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since this has been held for the last 7 years, there are processes and forms available to guide one in organizing and holding the fair. The tasks include updating the forms and flyers, contacting past participants, tracking the applications and setting up the grounds for the Fair. Without commitments from enough volunteers by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, this event will be dropped from the SAHS 2015 schedule. If you would like to lead the Arts and Craft Country Fair committee or be a member of it, please contact Terry Cwik ([Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com)) or Sue DiMilia ([SAHS.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SAHS.Treasurer@gmail.com)).

## The Rider House



**Landmark:** The Rider House

**Location:** Parking Lot of Salem Township Hall on Six Mile Road in Salem Hamlet of Salem Township

**Why Landmark:** This is a restored home of the Rider Family, which was one of the original families of Salem Township. Caption Ira Rider came to Salem in 1830 and served as postmaster, assessor, supervisor and State Representative. Ira, the son, operated a sawmill. Fred, the grandson, built the house.

**Photo by:** Terry Cwik

## Salem Bible Church



**Landmark:** Salem Bible Church

**Location:** 9481 Six Mile Road Salem Hamlet of Salem Township on the Northeast corner of Six Mile and Salem Roads

**Why Landmark:** This building is one of the original buildings of the Salem Hamlet, which grew in size when the Salem Train Depot opened. It was been continuously used by a church congregation since it was built.

**Photo by:** Terry Cwik

## The Store



**Landmark:** The Store

**Location:** Six Mile Road in Salem Hamlet of Salem Township. On the Northwest corner of Six Mile and Salem Roads and Dickerson Road

**Why Landmark:** This building is one of the original buildings of the Salem Hamlet and is the only business structure still in use from this olden time. Mr. Albert F. Van Atta opened a General Store in it in 1876. The floor above the store was used for club meetings, parties, plays and dances. The store has been in continuous serve to the hamlet. It even housed the Salem Post Office.

**Photo by:** Terry Cwik

## Salem Walker Church



**Landmark:** Salem Walker Church

A Greek Revival Architecture Church Built in 1864 by the Methodist Episcopal Church

**Location:** Salem Township - Southeast corner of Angle Road and Tower Road

**Why Landmark:** The Salem Walker Church is a Greek Revival Architecture Church built in 1864 that is on the Michigan State Register of Historic Place, site #S630.

**Photo by:** Terry Cwik

## Recap of Recent SAHS Events

### **SAHS Christmas Party**

On Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, Salem Area Historical Society hosted its annual Christmas Party at the Jarvis Stone School (South Salem Stone School) hosted Twenty-one SAHS Members attended and enjoyed some good food, conversations and Christmas music. The 2014 SAHS Honoree was Gilbert Terry.

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### **SAHS Business Meeting**

On Wednesday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS held its annual business meeting. Discussions included the SAHS 2014 Financial statement including income and expenses and the 2015 SAHS Budget. This was followed with a DVD presentation of "The Underground Railroad: The William Still Story".

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## Local Upcoming Events

### **Holly Historical Society**

A Victorian Tea

When: Sat April 18 2015

The Holly Historical Society and the Holly Dickens Festival present "A Victorian Tea." Actresses portraying Holly women from the past will entertain guests. Seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Hadley House Museum located at 306 S. Saginaw Street. Advance tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, call (248) 634-7135.

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

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### **Plymouth Historical Museum**

When: Wed., Friday, Saturday, & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.  
Admission is free for members of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and \$5 for non-members. Currently there are four exhibits: Lincoln; Plymouth Timeline; Main Street; Creative Hands - Busy Hands (thru June 14<sup>th</sup>)

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## **Kempff House Museum (Ann Arbor)**

Noon Lectures - Wednesdays, Noon to 1:00 P.M.

Admission \$2.00 (members \$1.00)

- **March 11 *Training the Next Generation of Museum Leaders* by Carla Sinopoli**, Director, U M Museum Studies Program. Carla will discuss contemporary museum issues, how they relate to the many kinds of museums, and how the UM prepares its students for museum leadership.
- **March 18 *Greek Revival in America: Tracing Its Architectural Roots to Ancient Athens* by Ilene & Norman Tyler**, Architects & Historic Preservationists. Ilene and Norm researched the historic Robert S. Wilson House, where they live, by traveling to New York State, London, and Athens, and discovered the roots of the Greek Revival style. Their book will be available for purchase.
- **March 25 *Breakfast at St. Andrew's, Serving Ann Arbor Daily since 1982* by Morgan Battle**, Breakfast Program Dir., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Morgan will outline the free breakfast program that for 32 years has daily served well over one hundred hungry Ann Arbor people.

Call 734-994-4898 for information or go to [www.kempffhousemuseum.org](http://www.kempffhousemuseum.org)

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### **The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**

Women Who Motor

When: Now thru Sat December 31 2015

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House present "Women Who Motor." Visitors will see how automobiles changed the cultural roles of women, and how women changed the automotive industry. This exhibit features vintage advertisements, film clips, and artifacts, such as Clara Ford's driver's permit and duster. There are also historic vehicles on display such as Helen (Mrs. Henry) Joy's 1914 Detroit Electric and Eleanor Ford's custom-made 1952 Lincoln Town Car. The exhibit is open during regular hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue-Sun. For more information, call (313) 884-4222 or visit [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org).

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## Message from the SAHS President

The cold and snow of a Michigan Winter has Salem in its grip, but SAHS has delayed its Annual Dinner / Auction to Spring, Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is our largest annual fundraiser. Please support it by attending and encouraging others to attend. You can use Page 6 to request your ticket or email me at [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com).

SAHS is looking for volunteers to support its efforts. Opportunities include: being a Board Member; leading the Arts & Craft Country Fair; helping with the Flea Market & Yard Sale; leading the Dickerson Barn Historical Farming project; helping archive the SAHS artifacts/documents; providing refreshments for upcoming meetings; help clean the Stone School; help SAHS acquire a State of Michigan Historical Marker; write articles for the *Spirit of Salem*. If you would like more information about any of these or want to volunteer, please contact me at [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com).

I would like to send the thanks of all hope appreciate the beauty of our Local Historic District to Sharon Bell and her Ultra Unlimited Services, Inc. workers for their great landscaping maintenance. They have for year after year offered their services to us for FREE. I encourage you to consider Ultra Unlimited Services, Inc. at 248-347-0399 for all of your landscaping needs.

I hope to see you at the upcoming SAHS events.

Terry Cwik

# SAHS Annual Dinner and Auction

ON **SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup> -- 6:00 PM**

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

**Cost (Pre-paid): \$38.00 per person  
or \$33.00 per SAHS Member**

*Includes: Multi-Course 2-Meat 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 go to support SAHS.

## 3rd Annual SAHS Flea Market / Yard Sale Application

**Saturday, May 23, 2015 - 9 AM to 3 PM**

**7991 North Territorial Road, Plymouth 48170 - Salem Twp.**

**(Northwest corner of North Territorial & Curtis Roads)**

SAHS Member Fee: \$8 per 10' x 10' space

Non-Member Fee: \$13 per 10' x 10' space

Space sizes are approximate. You need to bring your own tables and chairs. There is no electricity. Set up time 8:15 – 9:00 AM. **Applications due by May 16, 2015. Sorry, no refunds.**

**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 = \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Yard Sale Fee: \$8 or \$13 (non-members)/space X \_\_\_\_\_ # of spaces = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Contacts: [www.sahshistory.org](http://www.sahshistory.org), [Salem Area HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem Area HS@yahoo.com)**

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](http://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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