



# Spirit of Salem

A Publication of the **Salem Area Historical Society**

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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## SAHS EVENTS

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> -- 6:30 PM**  
--- SAHS Antique Show and Tell  
at Jarvis Stone School

The South Salem Stone School Antique Show and Tell Evening will start with a presentation by Bruce, the appraiser from Knightsbridge in Northville, about antiques; what is happening today, what is hot, what has changed, etc. After his presentation, Bruce has agreed to appraise one item per family so that all will be able to hear his appraisal and ask questions.

This is a SAHS Members-only event and we will be providing some hors d'oeuvres, munchies, wine, coffee and tea to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

The SAHS Board is hoping that this will be a fun time, but it will take members to make it so. Attendance is limited and is on a “first reserved” basis. Therefore, you need to reserve your spot by via email ([Salem\\_AREA\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_AREA_HS@yahoo.com)) or by phone 248-486-0669 (Terry).

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 3 PM**  
-- Open House  
at Jarvis Stone School

Host volunteers are still needed. If you would like to be one of the two hosts for this event, please contact Terry by email ([Salem\\_AREA\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_AREA_HS@yahoo.com)) or by phone 248-486-0669.

**Admission: Free**

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM**  
--- Trip to Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Museum  
meet at Jarvis Stone School

SAHS will be making a trip to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, which, features the Chevrolet Corvair, Hudson, Tucker, and Kaiser-Frazer stories with cars and displays. Hosting the National

Hudson Museum, the Hudson story is told in a fully preserved 1930s dealership. Displays include Motor State which held patents on power convertible tops, the Ford Motor Company Generator Plant, and local car dealerships. As a thriving commercial and manufacturing hub, Ypsilanti had a significant influence on these pioneering companies and the men who built them.

If there is enough interest, we might meet at 11:00 AM and have a lunch in Ypsilanti.

**Admission: \$5 per person**

**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 AM to 4 PM**  
-- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SAHS Arts & Crafts Country Fair  
at Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District  
Artists and Crafters can buy a space to sell your items. 10' x 10' spaces are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Applications are available on the Salem Area Historical Society's website ([www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org)) and on Page 3.

**FRIDAY, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00-10:00 PM**

-- Annual Barn Dance  
at Three Cedars Farm

**Admission - \$3 per SAHS Member**

**\$5 per non-SAHS Member**

Volunteers are need for this event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Terry by email ([Salem\\_AREA\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_AREA_HS@yahoo.com)).

**Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 3 PM**

-- Open House  
at Jarvis Stone School

Host volunteers are still needed. If you would like to be one of the two hosts for this event, please contact Terry by email ([Salem\\_AREA\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_AREA_HS@yahoo.com)) or by phone 248-486-0669.

**Admission: Free**

## **Message from the SAHS President**

Salem Area Historical Society has held and will be holding some unique events. We will have three trips this year. The first trip (Hamburg Historical Museum and Tea Room) was held in June (see Past Events on Page 5); the second trip (Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum) will be in August (see SAHS Events on Page 1); the third trip (Governor Warner Mansion in Farmington) will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015. Also, there will be a members-only Antique Show and Tell with free appraisals in July (see Page 1). Your SAHS Board hopes you can join us in these supplemental events and enjoy the social aspect of your SAHS Membership.

The SAHS Board would like to thank Lori Copland, a new SAHS Member, for volunteering to lead the Arts & Craft Fair Committee for this summer. We are now accepting applications from Artists and Crafters for this Saturday, August 22, event (See Page 3 for the application).

This issue starts a new series of excerpts from SAHS Publications (see below). 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 Page 4.

I would like to send our thanks to Sharon Bell and her Ultra Unlimited Services, Inc. workers for their great landscaping maintenance of our Local Historic District. They have for 5 years offered their services to us for FREE. Unfortunately, she was not able to continue that fine gesture this year and we have another company for 2015. 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

## **Excerpt from SAHS Publication**

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: The Railroad Comes to Salem

By: Donald Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. I 1988

Railroads were essential for opening the Michigan Territory to development. Without railroads the interior of the state would not flourish. The paths through the woods, swamps and stumps could not support the rush to settle and develop the new territory. And so in 1836 the first railroad west of the Alleghenies was built to run from Port Lawrence near Toledo to the Kalamazoo River, although it never got further than Adrian. This track with a wooden striker spiked to the ties was completed before an engine ever arrived, and farmers were permitted to drive their wagons along the tracks. To understand just how early in the railroad history this was, we must remember that the first train to run between Chicago and Toledo was in 1852; between Toledo and Cleveland in 1853 and finally in 1854 between Cleveland and Buffalo.

Private financing built the Erie and Kalamazoo, ...

Progress of railroad development, nevertheless, was slow. For example, The Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Co., one of the original grantees of land in 1857, completed only twenty-seven miles between Lansing and Owosso in a four year period. ... But this period of land grants stimulated much public interest in fixing the locations of railroads. Property values could soar with the presence of a railroad.

As the support from the National Government gradually declined, we begin to find measures for local aid in railroads, subject to legislative action, although there were prohibitions in the Constitution of Michigan. Just the sheer number (24) of special Acts of the Legislature shows the general popular support for measures supporting railroads. But there were also voices of protest, the loudest of which came from Salem Township.

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

Salem Area Historical Society's 2015 Arts and Craft Country Fair Committee will be led by Lori Copland. The date is Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over the last 7 years through the efforts of many volunteers especially Marcia Van Fossen, JoAnn Heyl, Pat Hatala, Jane Griffith and Sue DiMilia, this event has become the second largest fundraiser for SAHS. Also, key to its success has been your support as attendees and buyers. Please reserve this date on your calendars.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SAHS Arts & Crafts Country Fair Application

**Saturday, August 22, 2015 - 10 AM to 4 PM**

7991 North Territorial Road, Plymouth 48170 - Salem Twp.

(Northwest corner of North Territorial & Curtis Roads)

SAHS Member Fee: \$20.00 per 10' x 10' space or 2 spaces for \$35

Non-Member Fee: \$25.00 per 10' x 10' space or 2 spaces for \$40

**Non - Members: Pay by 7/25 and the fee is \$22 per space or 2 for \$35**

Space sizes are approximate. There is no electricity.

Please bring your own tables, chairs, tents, or space coverings.

Home businesses are welcome to join us.

**Please no garage sale items.**

**Applications due by August 8, 2015. Sorry, no refunds.**

Please make checks payable to: **Salem Area Historical Society**

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

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

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

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

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

**Type of product being sold (i.e. jewelry, food, knitted items, etc.):**

Member Fee:     \_\_\_ 2 spaces / \$35     \_\_\_ 1 space / \$20

Non-Member Fee:     \_\_\_ 2 spaces / \$40     \_\_\_ 1 space / \$25

Early Bird Fee:     \_\_\_ 2 spaces / \$35     \_\_\_ 1 space / \$22 **DUE BY 7/25/15**

Tent / Canopy:     \_\_\_ Yes     \_\_\_ No

We work with other craft fairs in the area.

May we share your email with them? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact  
Lori at (248) 446-3007 or  
[SAHS.CountryFair@gmail.com](mailto:SAHS.CountryFair@gmail.com) or  
visit the Salem Area Historical Society  
website [www.sahshistory.org](http://www.sahshistory.org) for craft fair  
and membership applications.



**Salem Area Historical Society Publications**

**Historical Monographs**

Qty.	Price	=	Cost	
	\$4.00	=		I The Railroad Comes To Salem
	\$4.00	=		II Salem Township's Other Railroad
	\$4.00	=		III Early Surveys in Salem
	\$4.00	=		IV-A Brookville (Lapham's Corners)
	\$4.00	=		IV-B Brookville (Early Families and Historic Houses)
	\$4.00	=		V The Vanishing Barns of Salem Township
	\$4.00	=		VI The Salem Farmers Club (1896 to Present)
	\$4.00	=		VII The Great Salem Train Wreck (July 20, 1907)
	\$4.00	=		VIII Salem Walker Church and Cemetery
	\$4.00	=		IX Salem Union School (History and Memories)
	\$5.00	=		X Salem, A Hot-Bed of Abolitionists (1840-1847)
	\$5.00	=		XI Family Memories of the Underground Railroad
	\$5.00	=		XII A History of The South Salem Stone School
	\$5.00	=		XIII Greek Revival Architecture in Salem Township
	\$45.00	=		All 14 Historical Monographs (\$60 Value)

**Other Publications**

	\$8.00	=		Salem Cook Book (368 Pages with Historical Pictures)
	\$10.00	=		History of Salem Township
	\$10.00	=		Portfolio of Historical Maps of Salem Township
	\$25.00	=		Above 3 Publications (\$28 Value)
	\$85.00	=		All 17 Publications (\$88 Value)

Shipping and Handling

TOTAL

Make Check Payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

Mail to:  
Salem Area Historical Society  
P.O. Box 75011  
Salem, MI 48175

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Recap of Recent SAHS Events

### **SAHS February Meeting**

On Wednesday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS held a membership meeting with a presentation on Woodmere Cemetery by Gail Hershenzon, author of Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery and Michigan Memorial Park. Gail's presentation enjoyed by the 17 in attendance took 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.

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### **SAHS Annual Dinner/ Auction**

On Saturday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Classic Log Cabin Clubhouse at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 50 supporters of SAHS attended the Dinner/Auction and purchased 82 auction items. As has been the case for the past 9 years, this was once again the largest fund raiser for the SAHS with a net of over \$3,750.



For more photos, visit us on Facebook (Search for Salem Area Historical Society).

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### **SAHS April Meeting**

On Wednesday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Jarvis Stone School, SAHS held a membership meeting with a presentation on Beekeeping by Mike Nardelli, the Vice President of the Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers (A2B2). Mike explained how to start a hive and gave the 27 in attendance some great insight into being a beekeeper.

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### **Flea Market and Yard Sale**

On Saturday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, the Salem Area Historical Society's Flea Market and Yard Sale was held on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone. This event had flea market tables and yard sale items. The vendors experienced a steady flow of customers and SAHS netted \$567 for its general operating fund.

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### **SAHS May Meeting**

On Wednesday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>**, at the Jarvis Stone School during the SAHS Membership meeting, Robert Kegerreis, the owner of and producer at CHCP Productions, presented "Lights along the Passageways: Michigan Lighthouses". Robert is a producer of a documentary film of the same title. The Great Copper Rush of 1840 began the urgent building of Lighthouses along the Great Lakes shoreline. Robert's talk featured many of Michigan's historic Lighthouses.

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### **SAHS Trip to Hamburg Historical Museum**

On Thursday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, seven Salem Area Historical Society members traveled to and toured the Hamburg Historical Museum and Tea Room and concluded the trip with cookies and tea. For photos, visit us on Facebook (Search for Salem Area Historical Society).

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## Local Upcoming Events

### **Brighton Area Historical Society**

Photo Memories of Brighton's Burroughs Farms

When: July - August

Where: CoBach, 202 W. Main St.

[www.brightonareahistorical.com](http://www.brightonareahistorical.com)

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### **Waterloo Area Historical Society**

Antique Tractor, Truck and Farm Equipment Show

When: August 8<sup>th</sup> (9-5) and 9<sup>th</sup> (12-5)

Admission is \$3

<http://waterloofarmmuseum.org/>

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

Open House with Guided Tour

July 18<sup>th</sup> (Noon – 5 PM)

Visit 1853 Greek Revival home of German-American musicians Reuben and Pauline Kempf. See Victorian period furnishings, including an 1877 Steinway piano, the first concert grand in Ann Arbor. Admission free, donations appreciated. Kempf House Museum, 312 S. Division St., Ann Arbor. 734-994-4898.

[www.kempfhousemuseum.org](http://www.kempfhousemuseum.org)

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### **Plymouth Historical Museum**

The Fair That Changed America

When: Now thru November 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1 to 4 PM

Where: 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth

Admission: \$5 – 18 and older

\$2 – 6-17 years old

This exhibit is about Chicago's 1893 World's Fair.

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**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

**Renewing Annual SAHS Members:**

Kathy & Michael Aznavorian  
Ann Wheeler Barlage  
Mike Geary & Sue Bejin  
Sharon Bell  
Jean Bemish  
Elaine Braun  
Michael & Cindy Brautigan  
Mert & 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 & Cayce Kelly  
Tom & Nancy & Lisa Johnson  
Nancy Kiernan  
Ken & Lynn Kneisel  
Audrea Kuhfeldt  
Jo & Davis Lau  
William & Wilhelmina Lawson  
Laura Obarzanek  
Jim & Nancy Quigly  
Ferman Rohraff  
Ellen Schroeder  
Doug & Toni Shepherd  
David Staebler

Tina & Herman Theeke  
Warren Todd  
Debbie Van Fossen  
Tillie Van Sickle  
Kim Whiteside  
Karl Williams  
Regina Zapinski

**New Annual SAHS Members in 2015:**

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

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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