



Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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2016 Upcoming SAHS Schedule

- 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 3.

- 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. Clean out your attic, your garage, your house! It’s time to sell your unwanted treasures. 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. New larger spaces this year! 15’ x 15’ spaces are \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members. Applications are available on Page 4 and the SAHS’s website ([SAHS Yard Sale](#)). Donations of items, to be sold by SAHS at this fund raising event, will be accepted at the Jarvis Stone School on Sat. May 14th from 10:00 to 11:30 am and Wed. May 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of this event, please contact Sue DiMilia at SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

- 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.

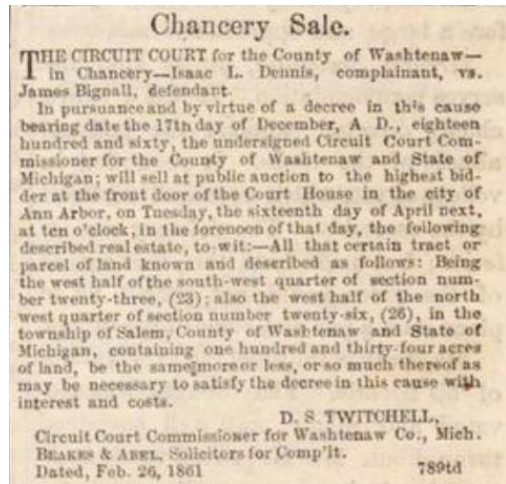
- Saturday, June 4, 10 AM to 1 PM, **SAHS in Salem Flag Day Parade** at Salem Hamlet
[Meet in the Salem Elementary School Parking Lot to lineup for the Parade.](#) Salem Area Historical Society will have a table at this event and will be selling popcorn. Several members will be needed to help Kim Whiteside staff the table, if you would like to join her, please contact Terry at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

So Long Ago

165 Years ago

In 1851, the farm animal population was 509 horses in Salem Township.

155 Years Ago



120 Years Ago

A shadow social was held Monday evening (2/24/1896) at Wm. Giseudorfer’s in Salem for the benefit of the Lutheran Church.

Message from the SAHS President

Salem Area Historical Society has started 2016 with its Pot-Luck Dinner and two presentations. SAHS presents six programs per year and Marcia Van Fossen has been doing a great job as the Programs Committee Chair for many years. She has lined up more interesting topics for this year and is now in the process of securing speakers for 2017.

SAHS's next event is the Annual Dinner / Auction on April 2nd at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. The Fund Raising Committee has secured donations from local and national business including Grand Hotel, Disney World, Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, The Henry Ford, Meadowbrook Hall, Williamston Theatre, Purple Rose Theatre, Station 885, Plymouth ROC, Lyon Grill, Pinz Bowling Center, Tasty Bakery, Aubree's, A & E Diamond Jewelers, Diane's Doll House and many more. Now, we need to sell tickets to this event. Please use the form on Page 3 or on the [SAHS Website](#) to purchase your tickets. Please ask family members, friends and neighbors to attend as well and fill up a table of eight.

Our 2016 SAHS Election process will conclude at the Dinner / Auction. The nominations closed at the February meeting and there is a nominee for each position. I want to THANK Pat Hatala for her service and support over the years to the Salem Area Historical Society especially for her efforts as Secretary and Board Member At-Large from 2009 to 2016. She has been a big help to me personally as well the society. THANKS, Pat. She plans to continue to participate and enjoy the SAHS for many more years from her new Saline home.

This issue continues the series started last year of excerpts from SAHS Publications. See Page 5. 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.

The Archival Project has started in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University. Currently, we are sorting through the society's records and grouping them into specific categories. All are welcome to assist us in this effort. The next work sessions will be on Thursday, March 17th, and Friday, March 25th, from 9 AM to Noon at the Jarvis Stone School. Please join Jane Griffith, Karl Williams and me because more minds and hands will make the task quicker and more fun. To keep informed about upcoming work sessions, please send a note to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

I hope to see you at the upcoming SAHS Dinner / Auction.

HAPPY EASTER!!

Terry Cwik



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 (Pre-paid): \$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

You can use the form above or go to the [SAHS Website's Dinner / Auction Page](#) and purchase your ticket online using PayPal.

4th Annual SAHS Flea Market / Yard Sale Application
Saturday, May 21, 2016 - 9 AM to 2 PM
7991 North Territorial Road, Plymouth 48170 - Salem Twp.
(Northwest corner of North Territorial & Curtis Roads)

SAHS Member Fee: \$10 per 15' x 15' space
Non-Member Fee: \$15 per 15' x 15' 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 13, 2016.
Sorry, no refunds, unless SAHS cancels the event.

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:** _____

Fee: _____ **1 space / \$15 (\$10 members) x** _____ **# of spaces =** _____ **(total)**

Check #: _____

Would you like us to contact you by email regarding other SAHS events?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you have any questions, please contact
SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com or
visit the Salem Area Historical Society
website www.sahshistory.org for sale and
membership applications.



Excerpt from SAHS Publication

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: Early Surveys in Salem

By: Don Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. III 1988

The mile roads in this part of Michigan should run east-west following the subdivision lines of the standard township, six miles by six miles square, with the base line on Eight Mile Road... Then why does Six Mile Road have so many curves from Salem Road west to Pontiac Trail? Or why does Salem Road change directions at Five Mile Road instead of running north-south as it should? These are supposed to be the north-south, east-west roads which would delineate equal sections of land in Salem Township. Are sections 19 through 24 really smaller than sections 13 through 18? Did the early settlers who bought a quarter section of land from the U.S. Government in section 21 receive less land than those who bought a quarter section in section 16? In reality, they actually had received fewer acres than they paid for at \$1.25 per acre, and they were angry with the situation, opening an interesting chapter in the history of Salem Township which lasted until 1850 and took place in the halls of our nation's capitol under several presidents.

The original survey of Township 1 South, Range 7 East (Salem Township) was made by Joseph Wampler, Deputy Surveyor of Tuscarawas County in Ohio. On August 7, 1815 a contract was signed by Edward Tiffin, Surveyor General in Cincinnati, and Joseph Wampler, Deputy Surveyor, "to establish corners for quarter sections in townships no. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the 7th Range and townships no. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the 8th Range East of the Principle Meridian and South of the Base Line in the Michigan Territory." This was a contract, then, for a total of 10 townships. ...

Between August 7, 1815 and February 7, 1816, then, Joseph Wampler supposedly surveyed Salem Township along with the other 9 townships. This was one of the earliest surveys in Michigan because the contract for a survey of portions of "a base line (8 Mile Road) from a point above Detroit due west to the Indian Boundary" and "a true meridian line from Fort Defiance due North" was signed in April 1815.

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Instead of the standard township of 6 miles by 6 miles, his original survey of Salem Township shows ... sections of 9/10 of a mile along the western edge. That 1/10 of a mile shortage was all taken from the west half of those sections. ...

By 1840 the problem of proper location and lot size had become acute. ... It is a story of ten years of political maneuvering as documented in official papers of the Senate of The United States. ...

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

December Meeting

SAHS 2015 Christmas Party

The Salem Area Historical Society 2015 Events concluded on **December 6th** with its Annual Membership Christmas Party. This event attended by twenty-two members was graciously hosted by Marcia and Woody and was the wonderful social event to close out a very successful 2015 year for SAHS. The honoree for 2015 was Lee Holland. It was a great



afternoon of friendship shared in a Christmas atmosphere with lot of food.



Trip to Governor Warner Museum

On Wednesday, **December 9th**, ten SAHS members took a trip to tour the Governor Warner Mansion and Museum in Farmington

and enjoyed an afternoon meal at John Cowley and Sons Bar and Grille.



January Meeting

On Wednesday, **January 27th** at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS's annual business meeting with a Pot-Luck Dinner was attended by 14 members. Discussions included the SAHS 2015 Financial statement including income and expenses and the 2016 SAHS Budget. This was followed with a presentation on Henry Ford's Village Industries in Southeastern Michigan by Terry Cwik.

February Meeting

On Wednesday, **February 24th**, the SAHS's members' meeting was held at the Salem Township Hall and included a presentation by Deborah Meadows about Washtenaw County's role in The Underground Railroad.

Local Upcoming Events

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center

GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY on SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016, 1:00 – 2:30 PM -- Learn about some of the many Native cultures that are our First Nations and call the Great Lakes home, explore the knowledge they have used to live with the land, and learn how historic events impacted their cultures. It is an important part of our local history that we should all understand.

FIRST SETTLEMENT FAMILIES OF NANKIN TOWNSHIP: THE SWIFTS AND OSBANDS on SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016, 1:00 – 2:30 PM – Local settlers Marcus Swift and William Osband brought their families to wilds of Michigan in 1825, settling in the Nankin Mills area. They became prominent figures in the formation of early Nankin Township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes. Their lives are a fascinating story of perseverance in the face of many hardships, as well as an inspiration.

Ypsilanti Historical Society

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES – 7 p.m.
Museum Archives - 220 N. Huron St.
• March 4 – Dirigible, 1931 (1 hr 40 min)
Jack Holt, Fay Wray, Ralph Graves
• March 11 – The Bowery, 1933 (1hr 32 min)
Wallace Beery, George Raft, Jackie Cooper
• March 18 – The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, 1948 (2 hr 6 min)
Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston, Tim Holt

Kempf House Museum

312 S. Division St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-994-4898 www.kempfhousemuseum.org
Wednesdays, Noon - 1:00 P.M. Admission Free

- March 9 - SARAH MULLERSMAN of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology tells of new exhibits at the Museum.
- March 16 - PAUL TINKERHESS, local Water Hill resident, has helped initiate a plan for his neighborhood to cooperate on snow removal
- March 23 - SARAH SESAGE of Michigan's Dept. of Environmental Quality will tell us about invasive species in our water, one of which she herself recently discovered.
- March 30 - DAVID ZINN, an Ann Arbor artist, talks of his unusual and treasured art work on the streets of our city.

Green Oak Township Historical Society

Join them on Sunday, March 6th at 1:00 PM for a Potluck Luncheon when Susan Nenadic will present: Murder, Mayhem and Mischief: Crime in 19th Century Washtenaw County. To be held at 10789 Silver Lake Road (South Lyon 48178)

Northville Historical Society

Lecture Series at Mill Race Park – 7:00-9:00 pm
• March 30 - Lewis and Clark Expedition
• April 27 - Women's Suffrage: Michigan Women in the Chautauqua Community
• May 25 - Sand Dunes, Sawdust & Ship Wrecks: Stories from the Sunset Shore

Plymouth Historical Society

• Ghosts of Plymouth Walk
Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Ghosts of Plymouth" walk, Saturday, April 23. Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves, such as Eleanor Kellogg; Calvin Crosby, Civil War soldier, and civilian shopkeeper; and Carrie Nation--a radical member of the temperance movement who visited southeast Michigan. More info at: <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/>

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

SAHS Annual Memberships 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 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. Another option is to join using the form on our Website or via PayPal where a credit card can be used: [SAHS Membership Page](#)

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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