



Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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2016 Upcoming SAHS Schedule

- Sunday, December 4, 1 PM to 4 PM, **SAHS Christmas Party** at Sue and Mike’s home
SAHS Members only event. SAHS Memberships will be accepted at this event. Sue Bejin and Mike Geary will be hosting. Their address, the Renwick House, is 6340 Curtis Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Their driveway is on the east side of Curtis Road north of North Territorial Road. 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.

2017 SAHS Schedule

- Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 PM **SAHS Potluck Dinner** at Salem Township Hall
This meeting is SAHS's annual Potluck Dinner followed by an audience participation game of Salem:Jeopardy. Please bring a dish to pass, your own plates and flatware and your drink.
- Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Salem Township Hall
A SAHS Business agenda and a talk titled “Lewis Family History” by Margaret Green, a member of Salem’s Lewis Family.
- Saturday, April 8, 6:00 PM, **SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction** at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center – Classic Fox Log Cabin Club House
Cost is \$35 per SAHS Member and \$40 per non-SAHS Member, if purchased prior to March 10th. After that date, it will be \$37 and \$42, respectively. 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 8.

So Long Ago

89 Years ago - SALEM

The following is from the Friday, December 30, 1927 edition of *The Plymouth Mail*.

The wedding of Charles Lewis and May Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shoebridge, was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowers at Salem on Christmas Day, the officiating minister being Rev. A. J. Parker, of Salem Federated church. The happy couple were the recipients of many gifts, on Monday they left for their home in Detroit, accompanied by the well wishes of many friends.

Miss Francis is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents and friends at Marlette.

The school Christmas exercises held in the town hall last Thursday evening were well attended, the fall being filled. The exercises were composed of talent from Miss Anderson’s and Mr. Phillips’ rooms, with Mrs. Ivan Speary, pianist. The songs by the school choir, the duet by Mrs. Spears and Mr. Phillips, the Christmas plays, recitations and dialogues were all pleasing to the large audience. The Christmas tree and the hall were all very handsomely decorated. Santa Claus arrived laden with presents, just in time to help with the distribution of gifts.

Message from the SAHS President

The Christmas Season is upon us and the Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its Annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 4th. This will be my tenth SAHS Christmas Party as your president. I am grateful that you have allowed me to hold this position for so long. It has been my pleasure to serve with many other good volunteers. Marcia Van Fossen has been Vice President for all of my ten years. Others who have served you on the SAHS Board of Directors include Sue DiMilia, Kim Whiteside, Marlene Donoghue, Jane Griffith, Pat Hatala, Helen Gierman, Mike Brautigan, Cindy Brautigan, Cayce Kelly, Gilbert Terry and Don Riddering. I thank all of them and you, our members, for making my time as SAHS President fun and productive. Some of the major SAHS accomplishments during that time are: Raising the Dickerson Barn, Renovating the front room of the Salem South Stone School, Establishing the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District, Creating the Murals, Establishing the Lifetime Membership Fund and the SAHS Reserve Fund, Holding Annual Dinner/Auctions, Barn Dances, Arts & Craft Fairs and Yard Sales, Holding Six to Eight General Membership Meetings with presentations every year and Reestablishing the publication of *The Spirit of Salem* newsletter.

Our 2018 SAHS Election process will officially start in January. The SAHS Board hopes that you will consider nominating yourself for one of the five Board positions and the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Each of these positions is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

SAHS's next Annual Dinner / Auction will be on April 8th at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. If you would like to help with soliciting donations from local and national business, please contact me or send an email to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com. Tickets this year will offer a \$2 discount if purchased prior to March 10th. Please use the form on Page 9 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.

This issue continues the series started last year of excerpts from SAHS Publications. See Page 9. 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 is continuing 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 work sessions will be on Fridays from 9 AM to Noon at the Jarvis Stone School. Please join Jane Griffith, Karl Williams, Marcia Van Fossen, Abby Jaske 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

Terry Cwik

2017 Meeting Schedule for Salem Area Historical Society

- January 25, Wednesday, 6:00 PM,
Salem Township Hall, Business Meeting and Salem:Jeopardy
- February 22, Wednesday, 7:30 PM,
Salem Township Hall, Lewis Family History Presentation
- April 8, Saturday, 6:00 PM,
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center – Classic Log Cabin, Annual Dinner / Auction
- April 26, Wednesday, 7:30 PM,
Jarvis Stone School, Rosie the Riveter Presentation
- May 24, Wednesday, 7:30 PM,
Jarvis Stone School, Walter Chrysler Presentation
- June 28, Wednesday, 7:00 PM,
Jarvis Stone School, History of Rug Making Presentation
- September 27, Wednesday, 7:30 PM,
Jarvis Stone School, Butterflies of SE Michigan Presentation
- October 25, Wednesday, 7:30 PM,
Jarvis Stone School, Barn Preservation Matters Presentation
- December 3, Sunday, 1 PM,
Annual Christmas Party

2017 Excursion Schedule for Salem Area Historical Society

- Blanchard House in Ionia (May)
- Steam Railroading Institute's Museum and Curwood Castle in Owosso (July or August)
- Salem Township Historic Tour (October)

SAHS 2017 Elections

Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its annual elections as per its By-Laws during the first quarter of 2017. 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 25th 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 22nd 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 22nd meeting. The 2017 election will be held during our April 8th 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. To assist you in deciding to nominate yourself for one of the offices, your current board has created the following descriptions of the positions.

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Title: Salem Area Historical Society President

By-Law Duties: The President shall have executive supervision over the activities of the society and shall appoint committee chairpersons and delegates not otherwise provided for in the By-Laws. The length of term is one year. As a member of the Board of Directors shall perform the following duties of the board:

- Conduct all routine affairs of the society
- Recommend actions on questions of policy
- Perform other functions as assigned to it
- Maintain the corporate status
- Conduct at least two Board of Directors meetings a year
- Appoint Historical, Program, Membership, Nomination, Audit and Other Committees.

Additional Duties: The following duties shall be performed by the President or delegated by him:

- Create agendas for all Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings.
- Attend and lead all Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings.
- Create an annual budget and review it with Board of Directors.
- Approval all society expenditures.
- Maintain a signature or co-signature on all society financial accounts.
- File all regulatory government forms.

- Direct the society in fundraising
- Direct the society’s presence on the Internet (Web Page and Facebook)
- Direct maintenance or disposition of society’s physical property

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the President:

- Proficient in email, excel databases and word documents.
- Comfortable with public speaking and leadership
- Knowledgeable in financial matters

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Title: Salem Area Historical Society Vice President

By-Law Duties: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence, incapacity or resignation of the President. The length of term is one year. The Vice President shall also serve as Program Committee coordinator.

- Program Committee—is responsible for arranging suitable programs, setting time, place and date of meeting.
- This also includes publicizing the programs prior to their presentation.

Additional Duties: The following duties shall be performed or delegated by the Vice President:

- Attend Board of Directors Meetings (2-3 per year).
- Attend General Membership Meetings.
- Review the annual budget with the Board of Directors.

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the Vice President:

- Proficient in email communication and word documents.
 - Comfortable with public speaking and leadership
 - Willingness to work with others to arrange programs prior to the last meeting of the current year
 - Willingness to communicate with others outside of the organization
 - Willingness to assume other duties that are assigned or are needed to promote the SAHS or projects
 - Maintain publicity list
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Title: Salem Area Historical Society Secretary

By-Law Duties: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the society, maintain a list of members and render all annual reports. The length of term is one year.

Additional Duties: Time involved is approximately 1 hour / month not including meeting times and special fundraising events. The following duties shall be performed or delegated by the Secretary:

- Attend Board of Directors Meetings (2-3 per year).
- Attend General Membership Meetings.
- Maintain the Secretarial Records of the Society

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the Secretary:

- Proficient in email communication and word documents.
- Proficient in note taking and meeting minute recording
- Willingness to assume other duties that are assigned or are needed to promote the SAHS or projects

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Title: Salem Area Historical Society Treasurer

By-Law Duties: The Treasurer shall be responsible for safekeeping of SAHS funds, maintaining adequate financial records, using a reliable banking company for SAHS funds with a checking account, dispersing monies with SAHS check signed by both the treasurer and the president, create an annual report, which will be subject to an annual audit. The length of term is one year.

Additional Duties: Time involved is approximately 2 hours / month not including meeting times, special fundraising events, and annual audit. The following duties shall be performed or delegated by the Secretary:

- Attend Board of Directors Meetings (2-3 per year).
- Attend General Membership Meetings and collect non-member admissions.
- Maintain the Treasury Records of the Society

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer:

- Proficient in email, excel databases and word documents.
- Knowledgeable in financial matters.
- Able to deposit funds and pay bills in a timely manner.
- Willingness to assume other duties that are assigned or are needed to promote the SAHS or projects.

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Title: Salem Area Historical Society Officer At Large

By-Law Duties: The Officer At Large shall have a length of term of one year.

Additional Duties: The following duties shall be performed or delegated by the Officer at Large:

- Attend Board of Directors Meetings (2-3 per year).
- Attend General Membership Meetings.

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the Officer at Large:

- Proficient in email communication and word documents.
 - Willingness to assume other duties that are assigned or are needed to promote the SAHS or projects
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Title: Salem Area Historical Society Nominating Committee Chairperson

By-Law Duties: The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall lead the committee responsible for making nominations for officers of the Society.

Additional Duties: The following duties shall be performed or delegated by the Nominating Committee Chairperson:

- Attending the January meeting to kick off the nominating process
- Accepting self-nominating Candidate Nominations
- Having name and contact information included in publicity requesting Candidate Nominations
- Attending the February Meeting to:
 1. Call for nominations from the floor
 2. Close nominations
 3. Compile nominations and announce them

Requirements: Member of the Salem Area Historical Society

Desired Skills: The following skills are desired in order to fulfill the duties of the Nominating Committee Chairperson:

- Proficient in email communication.
 - Willingness to work with others.
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Salem Area Historical Society

PRESENTS

Annual Dinner & Auction

ON **SATURDAY, April 8th -- 6:00 PM**

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

Cost if purchased prior to March 10th:

\$40.00 per person or \$35.00 per SAHS Member

Cost if purchased after March 10th:

\$42.00 per person or \$37.00 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 Dickerson 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 _____ **@ \$42 each =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$40 each =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$37 each =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$35 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 our ticket online using PayPal.

Excerpt from SAHS Publication

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: Brookville (Lapham's Corners)

By: Don Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. IV-A 1989

The first recorded history of Township 1 South Range 7 East (later Salem Township) we find in the survey notes of Joseph Wampler written by him during the first survey of the Township in the fall of 1815. In an entry dated November 25, 1815 he established between Sections 23 and 26, that is, Brookville Road from Weed Road to Gotfredson Road, the heart of what later would become Brookville or Lapham's Corners. He established a corner where a "hickory 16 inches in diameter bears north 12° west 11 links and an ivory 5 inches south 18 ½° west 3 links. Timber beech, sugar ash, oak and undergrowth spice, prickly ash." ... we can assume that this eyewitness account of Joseph Wampler describes the situation in the part of our township where the first settlement developed.

When the surveys of land was completed, the Surveyor General (in this case Edward Tiffin in Cincinnati) forwarded these surveys to Washington. The President of The United States then declared the lands open for sale. ... the first purchasers apparently arrived in 1825, Rufus Thayer, Jr. along Napier Road being the first listed purchaser in the township. Brookville was not far behind. Royal Wheelock, Jr. arrived in 1825; and Elkanah Pratt and Joseph Lapham in 1826 according to the U.S. Government Lands Patents. By the early 1830's the land in and around Brookville Road had been sold.

This corner of the township may have been relatively accessible by a road authorized on November 4, 1829 by the Territorial Government "commencing at or near the inn of Timothy S. Sheldon, in the Township of Plymouth, in the County of Wayne, thence west on the most direct route through the Village of Ann Arbor" eventually to the mouth of the St. Joseph River at Lake Michigan. ...

Mitchell's map of Michigan was printed by S. Augustus Mitchell in Philadelphia in 1835 for use by travelers and immigrants to the Michigan Territory. This map shows a road running to Dexter along what we might now call North Territorial Road. ... North Territorial Road probably came originally out of Plymouth along the section line between Sections 24 and 25, then along Brookville Road. We know from records of the Lapham Cemetery Association that one reason for the location of the cemetery was to change the route of North Territorial Road, about ¼ mile further south to avoid following Brookville Road. ...

... Brookville, along this road, became the first settlement in our township. ...

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

SAHS Annual Dinner/ Auction

On Saturday, **April 2th** in the Classic Log Cabin Clubhouse at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 65 supporters of SAHS attended the Dinner/Auction and purchased 132 auction items. As has been the case for the past 10 years, this was once again the largest fund raiser for the SAHS with a net of over \$5,150.

SAHS April Meeting

On Wednesday, **April 27th**, at the Jarvis Stone School, SAHS held a membership meeting with a presentation on Beauty of Native Plants by Drew Lathin, the General Manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes.

Flea Market and Yard Sale

On Saturday, **May 21st**, 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 \$375 for its general operating fund.

SAHS May Meeting

On Wednesday, **May 25th**, at the Jarvis Stone School during the SAHS Membership meeting, Dr. Allen Kurta, EMU Professor of Biology and the Curator of the T. L. Hankinson Vertebrate Museum, presented "Bats". Dr Kurta identified the bats that live in our area/state and the issues that their population is facing. The 19 attendees are many questions which Dr. Kurta answered.

SAHS Trip-Nankin Mills Interpretive Center

On Wednesday, **June 1st**, six Salem Area Historical Society members traveled to and toured the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and concluded the trip with lunch at Buddy's Pizza. The tour included a video of an interview of Warren Todd on his time as a Ford employee.

Trip to Applewood Estate

On Friday, **August 5th**, ten SAHS members and guests took a trip to tour the Applewood Estate in Flint and enjoyed a lunch at Blackstone's. All enjoyed a tour of the home and grounds of C.S. and Ruth Mott.

Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance on Friday, **September 9th**, 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 Major Sponsors, who were: **Salem Tool, AA Anchor Bolt, Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, All-American Storage and The Three Cedars Farm.**

September Meeting

On Wednesday, **September 28th**, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with question / Answer session on Salem History.

October Meeting

On Wednesday, **October 26th**, after a general membership meeting, sixteen attendees listened to "The Argus Story" presentation by Cheryl A. Chidester, the Curator of the Argus in Ann Arbor.

Local Upcoming Events

Salem Community Events Association

The free Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 3, at The Salem Hills Golf Club (8810 Six Mile Road). Santa will arrive at 1:15 PM. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Enjoy crafts and games. Stockings will be handed out to attending children of ages 1-12. Contact the Salem Post Office (248) 380-7017 for more information.

Brighton Area Historical Society

Christmas 2016 at Lyon School
Bring the children to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon School on Sunday, December 11th, from 1 to 4 PM. For more info, go to <http://brightonareahistorical.com>

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum and Gordon Hall

The Christmas At The Mansion program will begin on Friday, December 2 including the Christmas Village display. The Friday night event will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 with hearty hors d'oeuvres, spirits and desserts served. The cost will be \$50 per person. Contact Ina Germain at 734-395-4106 for additional information.

And then on Saturday, December 3rd, Santa Claus will be visiting and children will be making their own gingerbread houses to take home. The Saturday hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and will include a \$5.00 donation fee.

Gordon Hall will also be open on December 10, 18, 27 and 28 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to view the Christmas Village display. All of the rooms in Gordon Hall will be decorated.

The Christmas Tea at Gordon Hall will be a perfect way to begin the holidays in the

decorated Gordon Hall. A light lunch with tea sandwiches and desserts will be served with your tea. Tea times will be 1 and 4 pm on Sunday, December 4th. Please call Ina Germain at 395-4106 for your \$25 ticket. Only 50 tickets will be sold per seating so reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

<http://www.dexterhistory.org/>

Meadowbrook Hall

Join them as they celebrate the 45th 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. 22. Plan on spending approximately 1.5 hours to tour the Hall, Knole Cottage and Danny's Cabin.

<http://www.meadowbrookhall.org/visit/holidaywalk>

Northville Historical Society

Yuletide Tea on December 10th, Saturday: 10-12 & 1-3 at Mill Race Village.

<http://www.millracenorthville.org>

Plymouth Historical Society

The "Yuletide at the White House" special exhibit runs through Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. This holiday display is inspired by the traditions of the past presidents, the first ladies and their families.

Simply Dickens Christmas Carols Show for the seventh year, on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets to the show are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members in advance; tickets are \$20 at the door.

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 2017. SAHS Annual Memberships will last until March 31, 2018. 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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