



Spirit of Salem

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SAHS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 25th -- 6:00 PM

-- Annual Election/Dinner
at Salem Township Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd -- 7:30 PM

-- “School House Poets”
by Carol Packard & Debra MacGregor
at Jarvis-Stone School

WEDNESDAY, May 27th -- 7:30 PM

-- “Benefits of Historic Preservation”
by Melissa Milton-Pung
at Jarvis-Stone School

SATURDAY, June 6th -- 10:30 PM

-- Salem Flag Day Parade
at Salem Elementary

Join us at our Annual Election/Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, March 25th. Bring a dish to share along with a plate, cup and utensils for yourself. Following dinner, we will have our annual election and a business meeting. The agenda is:

1. Potluck Dinner
2. Annual Election
3. 2008 SAHS Events Recap
4. SAHS Membership & Committees Status
5. Dinner / Auction Status
6. Treasurer’s Report - 2008 Financial Status
7. Treasurer’s Report – Current Status
8. 2009 SAHS Budget
9. Improvements for Jarvis Stone School
10. Status of Dickerson Barn
11. 2009 SAHS Meeting Schedule and Topics
12. Scout Projects
13. Volunteer Opportunities
14. New Business

The SAHS Board encourages all members to attend this meeting to voice their opinions on the direction to be pursued by SAHS for the coming year.

Message from the SAHS President

SAHS has held four events of which two were fund raising events since the last *Spirit of Salem*. See Page 2 for details of these events. The SAHS Board thanks all those members who organized and helped with these events. An extra special thank you goes to Marcia Van Fossen for her successful efforts in obtaining donations for our auction. We have more volunteer opportunities for this year. See Page 5 for details.

This issue of the *Spirit of Salem* contains the fifth article in a series of articles, Cartography. The series gives you information about our past through the maps of the past with one map in each issue. This is the fifth map in the series on the State of Michigan. See Page 3.

Our 2008 Annual SAHS Memberships end on March 31, 2009. We would like all of our non-Lifetime members to renew for 2009 and recruit more members. Please see our membership renewal form on Page 6. Use it to renew via mail or at our upcoming Election/Dinner Meeting.

The SAHS Board has decided to renovate the front room of the Jarvis-Stone School. Towards the completion of this, we have completed two workdays this year. The front room has been cleaned out and is ready for renovations.

For those of us who search the internet, we now have an opportunity to raise funds for the Salem Area Historical Society with each and every internet search. There is no cost to you to use this search engine. Money is donated by the advertisers. I have been using it for over a year and am very please with the results. We have received our first check from GoodSearch. See Page 4 for details.

Hope to see you at all of the upcoming Salem Area Historical Society Events.

Terry Cwik

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

2008 Annual Christmas Party

The year's Annual SAHS Christmas Party was hosted by Marsha Van Fossen and Woody London at their home on Sunday, December 7th. It was well attended by SAHS members. After enjoying the dishes provided by Marsha and Woody as well as those brought to share by others, Terry Cwik, President SAHS, presented Jerry Skelly a picture frame plaque as SAHS 2008 Honoree. Jerry was honored for his many years as a SAHS member, his



more than a decade long service as the SAHS Treasurer and his membership as part of SAHS first LIFETIME Couple Membership.

Hockey Night with the Plymouth Whalers

SAHS attended the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game at the Compuware Arena on Friday, January 3, 2009. A good time has enjoyed by all attending. A special thanks to Helen Gierman, Karl Gierman, Diane Cwik and Terry Cwik for running the Chuck-A-Puck contest during this game. Through this contest and the ticket sales, SAHS raised \$414 for its general fund.



January Meeting

Our monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 28th, was held at the Salem Township Hall. After a short business meeting, we viewed a media presentation entitled "Electricity into Rural Areas" that described the events and times when electricity availability went from 10% to 90% in rural America.

2009 Annual Dinner / Auction

Salem Area Historical Society held its annual DINNER/AUCTION on St. Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, 2009 at the Fox Hill's Golden Fox Clubhouse. There were 82 attendees enjoyed a wonderful buffet banquet, which was followed by a short business meeting. The election slate of offices for 2009 was



presented and accepted. The auction was the last agenda item.

The auction committee did a great job in gathering the donations. We had

98 Auction Items from over 50 donors. Please support our sponsors who are listed below as well as on our Website at www.sahshistory.org. It was a lively auction with lots of participation. This was our most successful

Dinner/Auction in terms of attendance and fund raising. When adding up the funds generated from the banquet, auction, 50/50 and donations, we raised over



\$4,000. This year's Dinner / Auction set records for the most tickets sold, the most attendees, the most donors, the most items for auction, the highest value of items for auction, the most items auctioned, the most money received for auction items, the largest 50/50 and the highest total funds generated for the SAHS. Thanks to all who helped make this Salem Area Historical Society event such a success!!!!



CARTOGRAPHY - car·tog·ra·phy [kahr-tog-ruh-fee] -*noun* the production of maps, including construction of projections, design, compilation, drafting, and reproduction.
Fifth in the State of Michigan Series



Author: Morse, Sidney E. (Sidney Edwards), 1794-1871; Breese, Samuel, 1802-1873

Date: 1845

Short Title: Michigan

Publisher: New York: Harper & Brothers

Type: Atlas Map

Obj Height cm: 32

Obj Width cm: 38

Scale: 1: 2,150,000

Full Title: Michigan. Entered ... 1844 by Sidney E. Morse and Samuel Breese ... New York. (New York: Published by Harper & Brothers, 1845)

Pub Title: Morse's North American atlas. Containing the following beautifully colored maps ... New York: Published by Harper & Brothers, 82 Cliff Street. Entered ... 1842, by Sidney E. Morse and Samuel Breese ... New York.

Pub Note: The first Cerographic Atlas of the United States. Originally Issued in three parts starting in 1842 and ending in 1845 (although Woodward states that it cannot be determined how many parts were issued, our copy indicates three parts), This copy is the 1845 edition, which is a reissue of the 1842 - 1845 edition with some changes to the maps and the addition of color. Library of Congress copy (Phillips, 1228) and this copy have no Oregon map and no separate map of Iowa, as issued. When the atlas was issued in parts (Phillips, 1383) there was an Oregon map and an Iowa map listed. However, this 1845 ed. adds 6 maps not in the 1st ed.: North America, Canada east, Canada west, Nova Scotia - New Brunswick &c., West India Islands, and Wisconsin Southern Part. Printed in full color. Bound in half leather floral textured brown cloth covered boards, titled "Morse's North American Atlas" in gilt.

Cwik's Note: This map was published twenty years after the first land sale in Salem and eight years after Michigan became a state. The shapes of the Great Lakes that border Michigan are the shape that we know today. Changes since the 1839 map are: 1.) many more counties have been added to the northern portion of the Lower Peninsula, 2.) the Upper Peninsula is divided into 6 counties (Mackinac, Chippewa, Schoolcraft, Marquette, Delta and Ontonagon) and 3.) the border between Michigan and Wisconsin is better established but Michigan still has Washington and Detroit Islands at the mouth of Green Bay.

SAHS 2009 Election

The SAHS Nominating Committee has completed its task and presented a slate of candidates at our February meeting. Jean Bemish and Cindy Brautigam volunteered to be the Nominating Committee at our January monthly meeting. Candidates must self-nominate (sometimes with a “little” arm twisting). The floor was opened for nominations by the Nominating Committee at our February Meeting. After that the nominations were closed and the following state will be presented for election at our March meeting:

President – Terry Cwik
Vice President – Marcia Van Fossen
Treasurer – Mike Brautigam
Secretary – Pat Hatala
Member At-Large – Gilbert Terry
President Emeritus – Don Riddering

Besides the Salem Area Historical Society’s Board of Directors, there are numerous committees that are involved in making the society a success. If you would like to lead or join one of these committees, please contact one of the SAHS Board of Directors. Active membership not only benefits the society but it is also self rewarding. The committees are as follows:

- Historical
- Program
- Membership
- Nominating
- Audit
- Refreshments
- Jarvis-Stone School
- Dickerson Barn
- Fund Raising

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference

The 51st annual **Michigan in Perspective: the Local History Conference** will be held April 17-18, 2009 at the McGregor Conference Center on the Wayne State University campus. The conference was organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee and the lead sponsor and conference administrator is the Historical Society of Michigan. Other main sponsors include the Detroit Historical Society and the Detroit Public Library.

Several keynote and many breakout sessions are planned that focus on Detroit area history as well as sessions that focus more broadly on local history in Michigan. These include: **Sojourner Truth: One of Michigan’s Most Famous Citizens** by Cornell University professor Margaret Washington, the **History of the Detroit**

Symphony Orchestra by orchestra historian Paul Ganson, **Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick: the Scandal that Rocked Detroit and the Region** by Detroit Free Press reporter M.L. Elrick, and **I’ve Got a Home in Glory Land: A Lost Tale of the Underground Railroad** by Dalhousie University professor Karolyn Smardz Frost.

Breakout sessions include: Contributions of Plymouth Women in the Civil War, Forgotten Harvest: Ice Harvesting in Oakland County, Finding Family History in the Outhouse, 19th Century One-Room Schools in Michigan, A Brief History of the Underwater International Link (Detroit-Windsor Tunnel), The Book Cadillac, The Fort Shelby, Poles in Detroit, Chaldeans in Michigan, The History of Funeral and Mourning Customs, Lost Legends of the Lakes and Lake Erie’s Great Mystery: the 335-foot Car Ferry Marquette and Bessemer #2.

You can pre-register by phone (800-692-1828) or online (www.hsmichigan.org) prior to April 10th. Walk-in registration is permitted. The cost for the conference registration is \$29 per individual.

Internet Fund Raiser for SAHS

You can now earn money for Salem Area Historical Society with each and every internet search through on-line purchases. There is no cost to you. Money is donated by the advertisers. This is accomplished through GoodSearch.com, a new Yahoo-powered search engine. SAHS will receive \$0.01 for every search that you do if you select Salem Area Historical Society as your charity.

You can easily add GoodSearch.com to your internet browser toolbar from www.GoodSearch.com. Enter “Salem Area Historical Society” as your charity once and it will remember it for your future searches. It’s easy. It looks like the following in the Internet Explorer Browser:



GoodShop.com is another way to donate without additional cost to you. It is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to charity. Hundreds of great stores including Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, ebay, Macy’s and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop.com and every time that you place an order, you could be supporting SAHS. Please go to www.GoodShop.com to do your online shopping and designate “Salem Area Historical Society” as your charity.

The Conant Farm – Local Historic District

The Conant Farm has been designated a local historic district by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. A 52-page report on The Conant Farm can be found at the SAHS Website: www.sahshistory.org. The Conant Farm is located at 5683 and 5671 Napier Road. The property consists of 70 acres of gently rolling fields and forested land. The historic farmstead is situated along the eastern end of the property. The buildings are grouped as an elongated cluster on a small rise that runs parallel to the road. At the northern end of the cluster are the Conant farmhouse, a log cabin, and an older outhouse. Near the center of the cluster are the Bowers-Walker farmhouse, brooder house, gazebo, milk house, garage and potting shed. South of these are a chicken coop, corn crib, silo and a large gambrel-roofed barn.

Eagle Scout Project

Once again, SAHS has been fortunate to have an Eagle Scout Candidate select us as the recipient of his Eagle Scout Project. Stephen has developed his project to build a split rail fence from the Dickerson Barn to our property border in two places that will secure the Northwest corner of our property. Each section of the fence will run from one corner of the Dickerson Barn to our property border for a length of about 50 feet. Stephen is projecting a May or June completion of his project.

2009 SAHS Country Antique Fair

It is time to start organizing the 2009 SAHS Country Fair and Flea Market. This year the event will be held in September on a Saturday in a weekend after our annual Barn Dance. An organizing meeting will be held in April. Please contact Marcia Van Fossen at (248) 437-6651 to be part of this activity.

Jarvis-Stone School Update

Work is continuing on the renovation of the front room on the Jarvis-Stone School. Work sessions were held in February and March. Both were attended by SAHS



members who volunteered their time and efforts. The 20'x10' room has been cleaned out and striped to its bare walls so that improvement efforts can begin soon. More work

sessions will be held in April and May. We are still accepting donations to help fund this renovation. If you want to be part of this effort and/or donate to it, please contact Terry Cwik at 248-486-0669.

Dickerson Barn Update

There is still more work to do in order to complete the Dickerson Barn and obtain our occupancy permit. These tasks include but are not limited to: completing the flooring, building the two entrance ramps, clearing away the unused materials and completing the landscaping. After that there are more tasks to be done including windows, interior setup for displays and interior storage space. If you would like to part of this effort, please contact Terry Cwik at 248-486-0669.



2009 Annual Dinner / Auction Donors

Aleko's	Laurie Comuth
Ann Arbor Agri Center	Lyon Grill
Anne Wessel	Nassau Grille & Bar
Baseball Hall of Fame	NHL Hockey Hall of Fame
Bennigan's	No Thai
Big Boy Restaurant	Pacific Rim by Kana
Bo-Kaye's Flowers	Pampered Chef
Buddy's Pizzeria / Restaurant	Pat Hatala
College Football Hall of Fame	People's Food Coop AA
Decadent Delight	Random Games
Detroit Lions	Rosseta Manufacturing
Detroit Pistons	Rusty Bucket Restaurant
Detroit Red Wings	Salem Area Historical Society Members
Detroit Tigers	Salem Hills Golf Club
Dixboro General Store	Seyfried Jewelers
Don and Ali Riddering	Showcase Cinemas
Downing Farms Golf Course	Skin Essentials
Elmer Wessel	South Lyon Hotel
Emagine Cinemas	SPK Floors
Fort Shelby - Doubletree Guest Suites	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center	Sewing Guild
Grand Hotel	State Theater
Hands on Center for Physical Therapy	The Bobberdown Grill
Indoor Comfort	The Store
JoAnn Heyl	Veolia Environmental Services
Karl's Cabin	Whole Foods

SAHS Memberships

Previous Lifetime Members:

Marge & Jerry Skelly
Marcia Van Fossen & Woody London
Kimberly & David Ascher

New Lifetime Members:

Diane & Terry Cwik

Renewing Annual Members:

Mike Geary & Sue Bejin
Larry & Jean Bemish
Karl & Helen Gierman
Mark & Jane Griffith
Joan & Ronald Handloser
Dean & Wanda Hardesty
Pat Hatala

Terry & Annette Howery
Nancy Kiernan
Keith Klassen
William & Wilhelmina Lawson
Richard Posthuma & Debra MacGregor
Don & Ali Riddering
Myrilla Schrader
Warren & June Todd
Velma Lewis Ward

New Annual Members:

Bonnie C. Cook
Margaret & David Gladd
Linda Hamilton
Bonnie & Darryle Levandowski
Fred Roperti
Allen J. Scruggs

If your name is not in the list above, please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2009. To the forty two 2008 Memberships whose names are not above, we ask you to please renew.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2010. 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

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: _____

Member Since _____

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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