

Spirit of Salem

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"Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow"

2019 Upcoming SAHS Schedule

- Saturday, April 6th, 6:00 PM, **SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction** at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet
 Center Classic Fox Log Cabin Club House
 Cost is \$37 per SAHS Member and \$42 per non-SAHS
 Member and \$275 for a "Table of 8" and all are invited.
 This will include a multi-course buffet dinner, a silent auction and a live auction. The Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, national attractions, historical items and restaurant gift certificates. See
 Ticket Request Form on Page 5.
- Wednesday, April 24th, 7:30 PM, SAHS
 Membership Meeting at South Salem Stone School
 A SAHS Business agenda and two presentations:
 "South Salem Stone School Oral History Project" by
 Shannon Wilson and "Prisons in Plymouth &
 Northville" by Joe Oldenburg. Shannon completed
 the oral history project in 2019. Historian and
 archivist Joe Oldenburg will present the story of the
 only prison in Michigan for "women only" from the
 1860s into the 1970s and its successor, Scott
 Correctional Facility, which finally closed in 2009.
- Saturday, May 18, 9 AM to 2 PM, SAHS Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale on the grounds of the Jarvis Stone School 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. Clean out your attic, your garage, your house! It's time to sell your unwanted treasures or donate them to SAHS to sell. Vendors welcome. 15' x 15' spaces are \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members. Applications are available on Page 6 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 South Salem Stone School on Sat. May 11th from 10:00 to 11:30 am and Wed. May 15th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of this event, please contact Sue at SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

Trinkets to Treasures

YARD SALE





Multi-family and vendor yard sale. Free admission.

Come and see what treasures you can find!

Enjoy a great day on the grounds of the Stone School.

Looking forward to seeing you.

SAT. MAY 18, 2019
9 AM - 2 PM
SOUTH SALEM STONE SCHOOL

7991 North Territorial Road, Plymouth 48170 NW corner of North Territorial & Curtis Roads (Salem Township)

For more information contact: <u>SAHS.YardSale@email.com</u> or visit <u>www.sahshistory.ore</u>

Sponsored by the Salem Area Historical Society (SAHS)

Proceeds from the sale of spaces and the SAHS table go to the SAHS general fund.

Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 PM, SAHS
 Membership Meeting at South Salem Stone School
 A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation on the
 "Cobblestone Farm" in Ann Arbor by George Taylor,
 president of the Cobblestone Farm Association.

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

December Meeting SAHS 2018 Christmas Party

The Salem Area Historical Society 2018 Events concluded on **December 2**nd with its Annual Membership Christmas Party. This event was held at the South Salem Stone School and has attended by 14 members. Thanks to Marlene Donoghue for enhancing the event by beautifully decorating the school for Christmas. It was an enjoyable afternoon of friendship shared in a Christmas atmosphere with food and drinks. ©

January Meeting

The **January 23rd** meeting was canceled for safety reasons due to icy roads and a furnace issue at the Salem Township Hall.

February Meeting

The **February 27th** meeting was attended by 12 and the SAHS President, Terry Cwik, presented the 2018 Financial Report and the 2019 Budget Report. This was followed by a presentation by Penny Briscoe on "Saving Purple Martins." She talked a little about their history, why their population is decreasing, and how we can help. To learn more go to: www.purplemartin.org

Ongoing Archive Effort

All are welcome to assist us in this effort. The work sessions will be on some Friday mornings from 9 AM to Noon at the South Salem Stone School. Please join us 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.

Message from the SAHS President

SAHS's next Annual Dinner / Auction will be on Saturday, April 6th at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. This is our largest annual fundraiser. Please ask your family members, friends and neighbors to attend. See Pages 5 and 10.

Also, we will be voting on an amendment to the SAHS By-Laws at the Dinner / Auction. Please see Page 3 for details and be prepared to vote.

We are gearing up for the Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale, which will be on Saturday, May 18th, on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone School Historic District. This is an opportunity to turn your "no longer wanteds" into cash. See Page 6 for an application for a space at this Yard Sale.

Our Vice President, Marcia Van Fossen, has once again lined up a series of great presentations for 2019. These are listed on Page 4. Also, in 2019 SAHS will continue its Excursions.

This issue continues the series started in 2016 of excerpts from SAHS Publications. See Page 7. 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.

Our membership size has been fairly consistent for the last 10 years. The SAHS Board would like to hear your ideas on how we can attract new and younger members to our Society. Please tell or send us all of your ideas on this.

Terry Cwik

Proposed changes to the Salem Area Historical Society Constitution

ARTICLE X - QUORUM

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two- thirds vote of those voting. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing at a previous meeting. The quorum to do business shall be the less of one quarter of the membership or twenty members.

The SAHS Board has reviewed this change and recommends the approval of the following change. The "Added text" is in red (All Nominees .. prior two years). This will be voted upon by the general membership at the April 6th meeting.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

At a business meeting, two months before the annual meeting, a nominating committee shall be appointed. At the next meeting the nominating committee shall present a slate consisting of one or more nominees for each and every office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. Nominations from the floor may not be made on the night of the election. All Nominees must be members of the Society for at least two years prior to their nomination. In addition, all Nominees for President must also fulfill at least two of the following: 1.) Member of the Society for at least the prior five years, 2.) Officer of the Society for at least one year, 3.) Leader of one of the Society's Major Fundraisers (i.e. Dinner/Auction, Yard Sale, Arts & Craft Fair, Barn Dance) for at least one year, and 4.) Attendee of four or more of the Society's General Membership Meetings in each of the prior two years.

Officers shall be elected at the club's annual meeting. They shall assume their duties immediately following their installation and should have a meeting to plan activities for the coming club year.

Election shall be by secret ballot. Provided, however, in the event there is only one nominee for office, and no nominations from the floor, the secretary may be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of said nominee.

A majority of votes cast for each office shall constitute an election for that office.

All vacancies in elective offices except presidency shall be filled by the president for the unexpired term.

Rational: To assure that the incoming board members have some experience in the activities of the society.

Salem Area Historical Society Archive Database Project

In the Archival Project, we are still sorting through the society's records and grouping them into specific categories. Also, our EMU Intern, Matthew Goldberg, is digitizing individual documents and adding them to the SAHS Archive Database. Over 1700 items have been added to the database. This database is available to you at the South Salem Stone School or online at the "Archives" page of the SAHS Website. Please go to this page, look at the work that this group has accomplished to date. To tell us your comments on this effort or to volunteer to join us in this effort, send an email to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

2019 Meeting Schedule for Salem Area Historical Society

- April 6th, Saturday, 6:00 PM, **SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction** at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
- April 24th, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, South Salem Stone School Oral History Project and Prisons in Plymouth & Northville at South Salem Stone School



- May 22nd, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Cobblestone Farm at South Salem Stone School
- June 26th, Wed., 7:30 PM, SAHS Members' Trip Reviews ala George Pierrot at South Salem Stone School
- September 25th, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, **Dodge Brothers** at South Salem Stone School



December 8th, Sunday, 1 PM, Annual Christmas Party at TBD

2019 Event Schedule for Salem Area Historical Society

- Saturday, May 18th, 9 AM to 2 PM. **Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale**
- Saturday, August 17th, 9 AM to 4 PM, **SAHS Arts & Crafts Fair**
- Friday, September 6th, 7 PM to 10 PM, **Annual Barn Dance**

2019 Excursion Schedule for Salem Area Historical Society

- Jackson Michigan Historic Prison Tour (May/ June)
- Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing (July)



Salem Area Historical Society Annual Dinner & Auction

 $_{
m ON}$ SATURDAY, April 6^{th} -- 6:00 PM $_{
m AT}$ Fox Hill's Classic Log Cabin Club House

Cost: \$42.00 per person or \$37.00 per SAHS Member Cost for a Table for 8: \$275.00

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 South Salem Stone School and the Dickerson Barn.

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Contacts: www.sahshistory.org , Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		
# of Tickets	@ \$42 each =	(Non-Member)
# of Tickets	@ \$37 each =	(SAHS Member)
# of Table of 8	@ \$275 each =	

You can use the form above or go to the <u>SAHS Website's Dinner / Auction Page</u> and purchase your ticket online using PayPal.

SAHS Trinket to Treasures Yard Sale Application Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 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 8, 2019. 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				
Phone: _		email:_		
Fee:	1 space / \$15 (\$10 members)	XX	_# of spaces = _	(total)
Check#:				
Would you I	ike us to contact you by email reg	arding othe	er SAHS events?	
Y	es No			

If you have any questions, please contact SAHS.YardSale@amail.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: The Great Salem Train Wreck

By: Donald Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. VII 1991

Salem has many claims to fame, but none is greater than its connection with the Salem train wreck of July 20, 1907. This event has been listed in the record books and remains listed as Michigan's worst railroad accident...

It took place, however, not in Salem or even in Salem Township but just across the boundary in Wayne County, on the curve in the tracks between Napier Road crossing and the Five Mile Road crossing in a 10 foot gully known as the Van Sickle cut. ... Salem was the last station which the ill-fated passenger train passed on its way to its doom in the Van Sickle cut. In any case it has become known in railroad history as the Salem Train Wreck.

The newspapers of the time were filled, of course, with reports and eye-witness accounts. The inquest, held later to investigate the reasons for the crash, was also widely reported.

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The city of Ionia was up early on Saturday, July 20, 1997. About 800 people, from a total population of 6000, were busy with preparations, making lunches, doing last minute chores and hurrying to catch the special excursion train to leave at 6:00 a.m. for Detroit. This was the annual trip of the Pere Marquette shop employees and their families. ... When "all aboard" was called at about 6:00 a.m., the train, eleven passenger coaches long, pulled out of the station on its way to the big city and a chartered boat ride to Belle Isle for the annual picnic. Little did they realize the forces at work to thwart their best-laid plans.

Far across the state, this same morning, in Detroit, The Pere Marquette dispatcher's office was gearing up to arrange clear sailing for this special train. The night operator was telegraphing train orders; the fates were beginning to conspire against the train. At 2:26 a.m. the dispatcher in Detroit Marcus Bonsall telegraphed form 31 train order No. 3 to the night operator in Plymouth, Michigan, Calvin Sayres, a young man of 24 years old. This order gave the times at which the excursion train would pass the stations along the route from Ionia to Detroit. Mr. Sayres copied the order, filed it and passed it along to the day operator, William Cassidy, when he arrived at work. The train order, hand written, listed 13 stations and 13 corresponding times when the train would be at each station: Grand Ledge, 6:55 a.m. and all the stations in between to arrive at Delray (Detroit) at 10:00 a.m. The train order was in two columns, one with the names of stations and the other with the times. The paper itself was unlined with two columns not carefully aligned so that it was not clear which station went with each time.

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Salem Area Historical Society's Twin Fundraising Campaigns

The SAHS Board has approved the launching of Twin Fundraising Campaigns. These are the first Fundraising Campaigns for the Society since the Dickerson Barn Campaign in 2008.

The first Fundraising Campaign is for a **State of Michigan Historical Marker** for the Jarvis Stone School Historic District's major Structures; South Salam Stone School and Dickerson Barn. Salem Area Historical Society is seeking donations to cover the cost of applying for and installing a State of Michigan Historical Marker. The goal of this campaign is **\$6,000**. The current status is \$2,700.

The second Fundraising Campaign is to continue the **SAHS Archive Project** in collaboration with the Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Department. This project began in 2015 and has resulted in the organizing and scanning of over 1700 items, which are available at

State of Michigan

State of Michigan

Historical Marker Campaign

\$AHS/Eastern Michigan University

Archive Project Campaign

\$5000

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the South Salem Stone School and on the SAHS Website. SAHS is seeking donations to continue this Archive Project. The goal of this campaign is **\$5,000**. The current status is \$3,600.

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We will continue both campaigns until either their goal is reached or May of 2019.

Donations can be made at the <u>Salem Area Historical Society's Website</u>. The SAHS Website allows for payment via U.S.P.S. mail or PayPal and credit card. Salem Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation could be tax deductible depending upon your filing parameters.

For more information, please email Terry at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com .

Local Upcoming Events

Brighton Area Historical Society

April 2 – Reopening of the City of Brighton arts, Culture and History Center (CoBACH Center). April 27 to May 4 – Vintage Used Jewelry Sale Fundraiser at the CoBACH Center. For more info, go to http://brightonareahistorical.com

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum and Gordon Hall

Dexter Area Museum opens for the season Friday on May 4th. Located in the Village of Dexter, Michigan the Dexter Area Historical Museum serves as western Washtenaw County's link with history. The museum is housed in the former St. Andrew's United Church of Christ built in 1883. In addition to numerous artifacts, the museum contains a large display area, a genealogical library, a local history library and the Corner Gift Shop. The museum is open May

- November on Friday and Saturday afternoons. http://www.dexterhistory.org/

Governor Warner Mansion

Museum Fundraiser on May 1st at 10:30 AM – Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at Glen Oaks Country Club. More Information: (248) 474-5500 x2225

Northville Historical Society

Lecture Series at 7PM:
March 27 – Vintage Theaters and Their
Importance to Communities
April 24 – The History of the Detroit
Thanksgiving Day Parade
More Information: www.millracenorthville.org

Milford Historical Society

April 18 – Pontiac's Eastern Michigan Asylum presented by author Bruce Annett May 16 – Victorian Mourning Customs and Jewelry presented by Pat Burgess. More information:

<u>Historian@milfordhistory.org</u>

Wixom Historical Society

April 15 at 7 PM in Wixom Community Center, author Patrick Livingston presents All Board to Boblo. More Information: (248) 624-3950

South Lyon Historical Society

"Taking a Trip on Route 66" presentation will be on April 15th at 7 PM at the Witch's Hat Freight House (300 Dorothy Street).

Plymouth Historical Society

March 30th 5 to 8 PM— "A Flapper Murder..." Tickets are \$20. More Info: (734) 455-8940 Current Exhibit until June 16th is titled 1919 Votes & Vice http://www.plymouthhistory.org/

Saline Area Historical Society

"Lucretia Gillett, Saline's Photographer" will be presented in the Brecon Room of the Saline Area Library by Bill Christin on Sunday, April 14th, at 2 PM.

Saline Depot Museum: Saturdays 11:00 AM

- 3:00 PM - All year

More info at: www.salinehistory.org

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PRESENTS

Annual Dinner and Auction

on SATURDAY, April 6th -- 6:00 PM

AT FOX HIll's Classic Log Cabin Club House

The evening includes a buffet dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and Fun for All. Auction Items will include tickets to area attractions, national attractions, historical items, local business certificates and restaurant gift certificates.

Some of this year's auction items are:

- 1. Tour for 2 to the top of the Mackinac Bridge Tower
- 2. 2-Night Stay for 2 at the Grand Hotel
- 3. Tour for 2 of Meadow Brook Hall
- 4. Admissions to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
- 5. VIP Passes to African Safari Wildlife Park
- 6. Admissions to The Henry Ford
- 7. Admissions to Thunder Over Michigan
- 8. 2 Tickets to The Purple Rose Theatre
- 9. 2 Tickets to the Williamston Theatre
- 10. 2 Tickets to the Tipping Point Theatre
- 11. Gift Card to Goodrich Quality Theaters
- 12. Chicken Dinners at Lee's Famous Chicken
- 13. Car Washes at Plymouth SuperCenter
- 14. Gift Card for Meijer
- 15. Gift Card for Plymouth ROC

- 16. Gift Card to South Lyon Hotel
- 17. Gift Card for Dixboro General Store
- 18. Gift Card to Karl's Cabin
- 19. Gift Card to Salem Party Store
- 20. Pizza from Country Fair Market
- 21. Gift Card to Buddy's Pizza
- 22. Gift Card to Rusty Bucket
- 23. Gift Card to bd's Mongolian Grill
- 24. Gift Basket from On The Border
- 25. Gift Card to Great Lakes ACE Hardware
- 26. Golf for 4 at Fox Hills
- 27. Brunch for 2 at Fox Hills
- 28. Wine from Obstbaum Orchards
- 29. Necklace from Jacob Matthew Jewelers
- 30. Range Card from Carl's Golfland
- 31. Supplies from Auto Zone

All proceeds will be used to maintain the South Salem Stone School and the Dickerson Barn.

SAHS Membership 2018/19

Lifetime Members

Ascher, David & Kimberly

Brautigan, Michael & Cindy

Cwik, Terry & Diane

Donoghue, Marlene

Griffith, Mark & Jane

Murray, Jim

Uherek, Paul J.

Van Fossen, Marcia & London, Elwood

Members in Perpetuity

Donoghue, Wally

Holland, Lee

Klassen, Keith

Kruse, Billy

Skelly, Jerry & Marge

Annual Members

Anderson, Richard

Aznavorian, Kathy & Michael

Bejin, Sue & Geary, Mike

Braun, Elaine

Bultman, Chuck

Clements, Carol

Cook, Barbara E.

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DiMilia, Jim & Sue

DiPonio, Margaret

Donoghue, Amy

Doré, Russell

Flora, Cynthia

Garet. Barabara Gierman, Karl & Helen

Hatala, Pat

Heyl, JoAnn & Bob

Hill. Susan & Mark

Humecky, Morgan & Sherry

Johnson, Tom & Lisa

Keller, Crystal & Hockey, Randy

Kiernan, Nancy

Kryka, Guyla & Anton J.

Kwantes, Cathy

Lau, Jo & David

MacGregor, Debra

Mack, Robin

McCrary, Bob & Marcia

Michalek, James

Michno, Aileen

Moebs, Barbara & Lawrence

Mumm, Kathryn

Obarzanek, Laura

Oldenburg, Joe

Packard, Garry

Pfeuffer, Bill & Sharon

Polzin, April

Quigly, Jim & Nancy

Reeve, Bruce

Roberts, Steve

Rohraff, Ferman A.

Roth, Kimberly

Shepherd, Doug & Toni

Shink, Sue

Staebler, David

Theeke, Tina & Herman

Truman, Cynthia & Bob

Van Sickle, Tillie

Waite, Bob & Beverly

Westwood, Nicole

Williams, Kay & Karl

Wooley, Sharon

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Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2019.

SAHS Annual Memberships will last until March 31, 2020. 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 from 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 48 Name :				
Address:				
City:				
Phone:				
Membership Fee:		<u>/pe:</u>		
+ Donation:	\$10 per Senior	\$15 per Individu	ıal	
Amount Enclosed:	\$25 per Family			
	\$50 per Business/C	Organization an	ıd	
	\$300 Lifetime Men	bership per Couple		

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