



# Spirit of Salem

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**"Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow"**

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## 2020 Upcoming SAHS Schedule

- Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 PM,  
**SAHS Membership Meeting** at SAHS  
Facebook Page – Live Event

A SAHS Business agenda and a talk titled

"Women's Suffrage" by Susan Nenadic.

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19th amendment which gave all women in  
the United States the right to vote.

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constitutional change. But it had been a  
long and arduous road full of difficulties.  
The Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 laid the  
foundation. Susan will address both the  
National and local efforts.

<https://www.facebook.com/124128277610297/live/>

- Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM,  
**SAHS Membership Meeting** at SAHS  
Facebook Page – Live Event

A SAHS Business agenda and a talk titled

"MIA/POW Recovery Efforts" with logistic  
details to be determined at a later date.

This may be another Facebook Live event.

- Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, **SAHS  
Christmas Party** at TBD

SAHS Members only event. SAHS

Memberships will be accepted at this event.

Details of this event will be determined at a  
later date.

## Message from the SAHS President

It is safe to say that 2020 is quite the unique  
year. Hopefully, you and your loved ones  
are successfully navigating these unusual  
times.

The membership activities for SAHS were  
shutdown for seven months from January to  
the end of August. Hopefully, we can  
gradually get back to our normal events.  
We have lost all four of our fundraising  
events; Dinner/Auction, Yard Sale, Arts &  
Crafts Fair, and Barn Dance. Also, our  
membership count is currently down 20%.  
While our "fixed" costs (Insurance, Utilities,  
and Property Maintenance) remain constant,  
our cash flow will be negative for this year.  
Fortunately, the SAHS Board has planned  
for these types of "catastrophies" and SAHS  
will be able to weather this "storm."

We restarted our activities in August with  
our Social-Distancing Social and continue  
with our September Membership Meeting,  
which you can attend LIVE via the [SAHS  
Facebook Page](#).

I encourage you to read about the SAHS  
COVID-19 Project Challenge (Page 4) and  
submit your input so that we can capture the  
local experiences during this "pandemic."

Terry Cwik

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## **Recap of Not So Recent SAHS Events**

### **December Meeting**

#### **SAHS 2019 Christmas Party**

The Salem Area Historical Society 2019 Events concluded on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** with its Annual Membership Christmas Party. This event was held at the Mike and Cindy Brautigan's and has attended by 14 members. It was an enjoyable afternoon of friendship shared in a Christmas atmosphere with food and drinks. ☺

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### **SAHS January Meeting**

On Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS's meeting with our annual Pot-Luck Dinner was held. This was followed by a presentation by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Camp 180 members, Bill Eaton and Mike Tavarozzi on Civil War Veterans of Washtenaw County and the dedication held in August at the Jarvis Stone School Historic District. The 16 attendees enjoyed both the good shared food and the presentation.

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### **SAHS February Meeting**

The **February 26<sup>th</sup>** meeting with a titled presentation of "Underground Railroad - Local Connections" was canceled for safety reasons due to icy roads.

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### **Salem Annual Dinner / Auction**

The Salem Area Historical Society's Annual Dinner / Auction was postponed and then was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **SAHS March Meeting**

The **March 25<sup>th</sup>** SAHS Business meeting was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **SAHS April Women's Suffrage Exhibit**

The April 17<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Suffrage Exhibit sponsored by the SAHS at the Salem/South Lyon District Library was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **SAHS April Meeting**

The **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** SAHS meeting with a titled presentation of "Dangerous Experiment" (19<sup>th</sup> Century Female Education) was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale**

The Salem Area Historical Society's Trinkets to Treasures Yard Sale scheduled for **May 16<sup>th</sup>** was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **SAHS May Meeting**

The **May 27<sup>th</sup>** SAHS meeting with a titled presentation of "Victorian Clothing" was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **Arts & Crafts Fair**

The **August 15<sup>th</sup>** the Salem Area Historical Society's Arts & Crafts Fair was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### **SAHS Summer Excursions**

The SAHS Summer Excursions canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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## Recap (Continued)

### SAHS Social Distancing Social

The Salem Area Historical Society held a Social Distancing Social on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM on the grounds of the Jarvis



Stone School Historic District in the shade next to the South Salem Stone School. Six foot circles were drawn on the lawn spaced six feet apart. Seven groups/families attended and discussed the happenings since the last SAHS meeting in January. It was an enjoyable afternoon and gathering that was welcomed by all that attended.

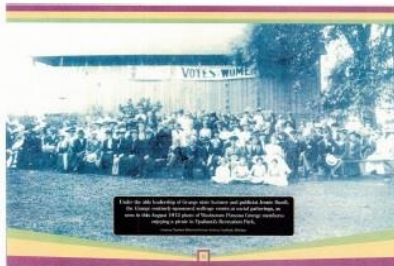
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### Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance that was scheduled for on Friday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>** was canceled due to the Governor's Executive Orders concerning COVID-19.

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### Salem Area Historical Society PRESENTS



Via

### SAHS Facebook Page - Live

[ <https://www.facebook.com/124128277610297/live/> ]

## Women's Suffrage

ON  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup> --**  
**7:30 PM**

**A short SAHS Business Meeting will be followed by a presentation of "Women's Suffrage" by Susan Nenadic.**

Susan Nenadic is the author of *A Purse of her Own: Occupations of Nineteenth Century Women and Legendary Locals of Ann Arbor* as well as many articles. Susan provides programs throughout Michigan and teaches adult learning classes. She is a former board member of the Washtenaw County Historical Society for which she was in charge of museum exhibitions.

2020 is the centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment which gave all women in the United States the right to vote. Michigan was one of the first to ratify that constitutional change. But it had been a long and arduous road full of difficulties. The Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 laid the foundation. The goal was not just the vote. Equal rights included women's rights to property, income, and children. For 72 years, American suffragists fought against social prejudices and each other.

## **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, we are working with the EMU Historic Preservation Department's grad student, Alex Whydell, to digitize individual documents and add them to the SAHS Archive Database. Alex is doing a great job and there are now over 2850 items catalogued, digitized and in 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. You can volunteer to join us in this effort and/or send us your comments via an email to [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com).

## **Salem Area Historical Society COVID-19 Project**

Since this has been a very strange and unique last 6 months with no end in sight, I would like to propose an offer to you. Since SAHS's mission is to preserve the history of Salem Township for the future, I am offering you the opportunity to record that history so that the SAHS can preserve it for the future. We are experiencing a time (COVID-19 Pandemic, Protests on Racial Issues, Rioting, Commerce curtailed, Sports stopped, Schools closed, etc.) that deserves to be remembered for generations to come. There has been and will be a plethora of articles written about these events from the national and state perspectives. However, very few, if any, capture the view of the "ordinary" Salem Township resident. So, I am offering you the opportunity to do just that.

Your challenge, if you dare to accept it, is to submit to the SAHS your views and feelings on what has and is taking place during this unique time. It can be done in almost any format: a letter; an article; a photo album; an audio recording; a video recording; a story; handwritten, typed page, word document, pdf file, etc. The goal is to capture your experiences and to express your views about this unique period of time. All material submitted will become the property of the Salem Area Historical Society and will be made available for the public to view. Please remember this as you create your submission. All submissions will be accepted. There is no deadline for submitting. You are not limited to one submission; multiple submissions will be accepted.

SAHS may share the submissions on its Website or Facebook page. It will compile all the submissions into one collection and preserve them in the SAHS Archives for future reference.

Submissions are be sent to [Salem\\_Area\\_HS@yahoo.com](mailto:Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com) or mailed to the SAHS P.O. Box 75011 Salem, MI 48175. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Terry Cwik via the same email or a phone call. Thanks for being a member of the Salem Area Historical Society and please accept this challenge.

## **Local Upcoming Events**

### **Brighton Area Historical Society**

The CoBACH Center has reopened and is exhibiting “Petticoats Patriots” on Fridays (5-8 pm), Saturdays (11 am – 2 pm), and Sundays (2 pm – 5 pm). This exhibit focuses on the 2020 centennial celebration of women’s right to vote by the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which was ratified on August 18, 1920. For more details, go to: <http://brightonareahistorical.com>

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### **Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum and Gordon Hall**

A HARVEST OF HOPE FOR GORDON HALL  
Sunday October 11, 220 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.  
The Fillmore Bar and Grill of Dexter  
7954 Ann Arbor Street  
\$75/dinner

Prepared by the Fillmore staff and delivered to your car by DAHS volunteers.  
All are welcome, but reservations are required.  
To Participate: <http://www.dexterhistory.org/>

The Dexter Area Museum is once again open on Fridays and Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm.  
Masks are required.

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### **Green Oak Township Historical Society**

Holiday Sale will be held from October 7, 2020 through October 10, 2020 at 10789 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon, MI 48178. Please call Vice-President, Antoinette “T” Shelvey if you have items to donate (248) 342-0978. Drop off items October 1, 2020 through October 6, 2020

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### **Plymouth Historical Society**

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open 1-4p Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday;

Adults \$7 / Students \$3 (6-17). The current exhibit is Plymouth Rides the Rails through November 4, 2020.

October 16, 6-8 pm - Things That Go Bump in the Night

Something is eerie in the Plymouth Historical Museum. Ghosts have infiltrated the exhibit spaces after hours and we're not sure what mischief they're up to! Come explore the Museum after hours on Friday, October 16, with tours starting every half hour between 6 and 8 pm. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not required.

October 24, 4-9 pm - Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk

Come meet some of the ghosts who have walked Plymouth's streets in days gone by. This event is designed to be educational, not scary, and the staff of the Museum takes every precaution to be respectful of the final resting places of Plymouth residents.

More info at: <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/>

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### **Argus Museum**

Join us for this year’s Argus Museum/Argus Collectors Group (ACG) Annual Conference Here it is – the schedule for the 2020 Argus Museum/ACG Virtual Conference happening October 9 and 10! We’re excited about the lineup and think that there is something for everyone – presentations and discussions on a wide variety of topics, a museum tour, a photography competition (using Argus film cameras) and a glimpse of an Argus collector’s private collection. I hope you can join us – you’ll be glad that you did!

To register for the conference (using the Zoom platform); please fill out the Gathering online registration form at

<http://www.arguscg.org/events/gathering/registration.shtml>

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## **Excerpt from SAHS Publication**

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: Salem Walker Church and Cemetery

By: Donald Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. VIII 1992

The history of the country church at the corner of Angle Road and Tower Road begins with the Methodist Episcopal Mission Circuit out of Plymouth in 1834-35. Marcus Swift and Lorenzo Davis were the circuit riders to cover the nine appointments around the circuit including three stops in Salem Township, Worden (Five Mile Road at Pontiac Trail), Lampham's Corners (Brookville Road at Salem Road), and at another location just called "Salem" on the map (Not in the present village which did not exist until 1873.), probably in someone's home. Swift and Davis reported 411 members in the circuit.

From "Early History of the Methodist Church in South Lyon" we know that "an exhorter from Plymouth, James Jessop" had arrived in South Lyon in 1833. By 1836 the first "protected meetings" were held, "resulting in some forty converts." These meetings were held in various homes and in a school house. In 1842 the first permanent Methodist Episcopal Church was built in South Lyon.

By 1854 South Lyon Methodist Episcopal Church also had circuits and stations. In the annual report of 1855 South Lyon listed 2 churches (Probably including New Hudson). In 1861 the annual report of South Lyon listed three churches. This third church was probably the church organization in Salem. An historical sketch of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salem written in 1881 states, "The perfection of this church organization was brought about by the earnest efforts of Elder Anderson, who was then preaching on this circuit. Reverends Charles Miller Anderson was assigned to the church in South Lyon in 1861 and apparently organized some of the members on his circuit in Salem into a church, probably holding meeting in members' homes.

The building itself for this group was not erected until 1864, the year of the dedication by Elder Joseph S. Castor who was then associated with South Lyon.

This date, 1864, is confirmed by the deed registered May 1, 1865 in the Washtenaw County Registry of Deeds but signed on February 18, 1864. It is a bill of sale for "a half acre of land more or less" for \$5.00 from Carlisle and Mary Ann Ham to "James B. Van Atta, Anthony M. Farley, Lorenzo D. Perkins, Wm. Hollingshead, Ashley Root, John V. King and John C. Ingalls trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereinafter mentioned", which is defined as "for the purpose of a church site in trust that they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of The Methodist Episcopal Church." ... The church was built in 1864 and dedicated that same year by Elder Castor. There is no documentation concerning the design of the building. ...

It is clear from the property description of the land purchase for the church that the burial ground pre-dates the church building. The earliest burial listed in the cemetery records was that of Amina Bennett who died September 15, 1834 at the age of eight years. ...



## **SAHS Publications**

If you would like to read the entire *Salem Walker Church and Cemetery* Monogram, you can purchase it and any or all of the other SAHS publications on the SAHS Website Publications Page

([https://sahshistory.org/?page\\_id=114](https://sahshistory.org/?page_id=114)) or by using the following form.

### **Salem Area Historical Society Publications**

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#### **Other Publications**

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Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2020.

SAHS Annual Memberships will last until March 31, 2021. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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