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Romeo Historical Society Hosts Barn Tour

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For years they were the lifeblood of the Romeo area, supporting generations of those who came before us. As time passed, the people of this area began to look outside the community and these former buildings of service were repurposed to serve in new ways.

On Saturday, September 21st the Romeo Historical Society will host its first barn tour titled

"What can you do with a Barn?"

The self-guided tour runs from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and features several answers to its title question.



Tickets cost:

\$8 if purchased before September 21, 2013

\$10 if purchased on the day of the tour.

\$5 Children ages 6-12 and children under 6 are free.

Tickets are available for purchase at the following Romeo locations:

Connelly's Creations, 175 S. Main St.

Two Romeo Girls, 220 N. Main St.

Town Hall Antique Mall Cafe, 205 N. Main St.

The Romeo Arts and Archives Center on Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. 290 N. Main St.

For more information about the tour call 586-752-4111.



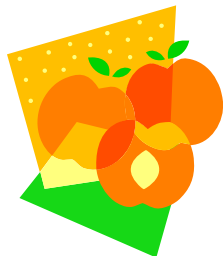
September General Membership Meeting Medicine of the Past 1801-1899

Join us on Thursday, September 5th for a fascinating talk on 19th Century medicine by Richmond Historical Society member Dr. McClelland.

The talk will begin at 7 p.m. at the Arts and Archives Center. As always, this General Membership Meeting is open to the public

and is free, but donations are welcome.

We hope to see you there!



Three Local Museums

Romeo Art & Archives Center
290 N. Main Street.
(former state police building)

Bancroft-Stranahan House
132 Church St.

Clyde Craig Blacksmith Shop
301 N. Bailey St.

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Archives and House
Museums are OPEN!

Except when schools close
for bad weather!

Peach Pasta Salad

1 box rotini pasta, cooked
2 cups peaches drained,
chopped & peeled
1/3 cup parsley, chopped
1/3 cup celery, chopped
1/3 onion, finely chopped
4 slices of bacon, cooked &
chopped
Dressing recipe below

Combine all ingredients and
tossed with dressing.

Dressing Recipe

5 tbsp. white vinegar
1 tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. curry powder
1/2 tsp. thyme
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
2 crushed garlic cloves
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Combine all ingredients ex-
cept oil in blender. Drizzle in
olive oil while blending to
incorporated. Refrigerate
overnight.

Serves 6

The President's Letter.....



Kolhagen, Powell and
Brabb families.

A house has been
chosen for the 2013
ornament, and for the
first time we will host a
barn tour on September
21st. The Beringers
have a plethora of new
programs for everyone
to enjoy.

What a summer we've
had here in Michigan –
HOT and WET! Oh well,
it's Michigan.

On the local front, your
board and trustees
have been busy on
Tuesday nights. We've
added knowledge to
our archives from the

We're still looking for
homes to put on the
Christmas Homes Tour.
If you'd like to partici-
pate, or know someone
who would, please call
Anna Reiz at 586-337-
8373.

We need a couple of
strong volunteers to

help us remove the
"Giddings" tombstone
from the basement of
the Romeo Winery. Tony
Hafner is donating it to
us, but we need some
help moving it.

Any takers?

Finally, I'll be watching
all our members and
supporters this Labor
Day from the Grand
Marshall's vehicle. I am
honored to have been
selected for the position.

—Sue Kane, *President*



Michigan Lumbering Exhibit

➔ Learn how lumbering
had a huge impact on de-
veloping Romeo and was
very important to the
19th century.

➔ Learn how many people
in town made a lot of
money in lumber, such as
Harvey Mellen and Henry
Stephens.

➔ Learn about the tools
and inventions of the lum-
ber industry.

➔ Learn about two of
Michigan's most devastat-
ing fires.

Our curator Mr. Beringer
will be holding numerous
presentations throughout
the year to focus on cer-
tain aspects of the lum-
ber industry. For more
information, call (586)
752-4111 or visit
[www.romeohistoricalsoci-
ety.org](http://www.romeohistoricalsociety.org).



**Christmas
Home Tour**

The Christmas Home
Tour will be held on
**Saturday, Decem-
ber 7th**. Tickets will
go on sale November
1st.

Would you like to
open your home for
the tour this year? To
be considered please
contact Anna Reiz at
586-336-8373 or
Linda Pritchard at
586-752-4111.

News from our Museums

Fall is almost here and exciting things are happening at our museums.

Lumbering has come to our Arts and Archives Center in a big way. Our new exhibit, "Michigan Lumbering" is now open. It features interactive displays, vignettes and information that immerses you into the life of Michigan's lumber industry from the moment you walk into the room.

"It shows you lumbering from every perspective," said Romeo Historical Society Vice President Anna Reiz. "From the lumberjacks to Romeo's lumber barons, it's all there."

"Michigan Lumbering was very important to Romeo's development in the 19th century," said Romeo Historical Society Curator Richard Beringer. "There were a lot of people here, with a lot of wealth, thanks to lumbering.

Also included in the exhibit are references to the Great Fire of 1871 and the Great Thumb Fire of 1881, which has the dubious distinction of being the first official disaster relief effort from the Red Cross.

Be sure to stop by on a Tuesday evening and learn more about "Michigan Lumbering" and how it shaped the community we live in today.

The Bancroft-Stranahan Museum has also been buzzing with activity over the summer.

We've thrown open our drawers and are showing off our unmentionables for the museum's new exhibit, "Undies of Romeo."

This latest exhibit goes beneath the grand attire of the Victorian Era and reveals what our ancestors wore beneath it all.

Also at the museum, curator Joan Beringer and volunteers are continuing to catalog our growing collection. Thanks to the tireless work they are doing, visitors today (and well into the future) will be able to enjoy our community's rich heritage.

Pictures from the Tahquamenon Logging Museum taken by Paul & Anna Reiz on their recent visit to Newberry in the upper peninsula.*



**Newberry was named after members of the Romeo area Newberry family.*

October General Membership Meeting Life of a Lumberjack in Michigan

Join us on Thursday, **Oct. 3** for a fascinating talk by Dick Beringer on Life as a Lumberjack. The talk will begin at 7p.m. at the Arts and Archives Center. As always, this General Membership Meeting is open to the public and is free, but donations are welcome. We hope to see you there!



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Preserve our Heritage!



Remember:

The Craig Blacksmith Museum is open the second Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. The forge isn't fired up, but you can try your hand at some of the tools. Drill a hole through some steel or jack up the road cart and put skies on it. On the 3rd Saturday of the month, the shop is open from 9-11 a.m. and the forge is fired up with blacksmith demonstrations. Watch for the reminder sign in front of the archives during the month.

Email addresses....

We need your email address to add to our membership files! Please, please, please send us a message with your email address to info@romeohistoricalsociety.org or make sure you write it on your membership renewal.

Thank you!

Please send us newsletter suggestions, ideas and photos!

Please don't forget to renew your membership.

Mark your Calendars...

Aug. 29– Sept. 2 - Romeo Peach Festival

Sept. 5– General Membership Meeting- *Medicine of the Past* 7 p.m.

Sept. 21 - RHS Barn Tour

Oct. 3 - *Life of a lumberjack in Michigan-Richard Beringer*

Nov. 7 - **OLD TIME THINGS THAT MAKE MUSIC.** Please bring one to demonstrate to the meeting. It is a sharing time. It can't be currently bought in a store. An 8-Track qualifies, so does a music box. The museum will have some too.

Dec. 7 - *RHS Christmas Home Tour. Tickets on sale Nov. 1st.*

Thank You

...Doug Pritchard for changing the broken lock on the door at the RAAC.

...Fred Buike and Doug Pritchard for learning to be blacksmiths.

...Gloria Billo for all her gardening work at the Bancroft Stranahan yard.

...To all the people who volunteered their barns for our first barn tour.

...Tom and Lori Brubaker for your generous donation

The weeds are running scared, the flowers are blooming and the grass is at attention, thanks to our new watering system installed by the Duggars.

