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The Barn Tour Was A Tremendous Success!

Our first barn tour featured nine barns. There was a variety of barn types, carriage barns, farm barns and contemporary barns. One barn was full of old cars being restored. There were party barns for weddings, poker games and hang-outs for Red Wings viewing. One barn was a home for one of our board members. Visitors heard musicians, saw cattle, antique tools and furniture.

We want to thank the following barn owners for sharing their barns with us:

- Randy & Caroline Seidel

- Leo & Jennifer Hudson

- Ed & Lucille Walla

- Tom & Lori Brubaker

- Bill & Stephanie Thompson

- Richard & Joan Beringer

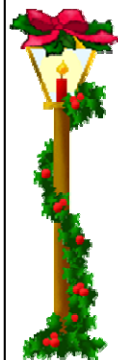
- Joe Brewer

- Schoof Barn,
Simpson Park Camp Assoc.

- Clyde Craig
Blacksmith Shop
- And thank you to

the committee who worked to make this happen; The RHS Board for their support and encouragement; The RHS members who sold tickets in their stores; Those who did demonstrations at the barns and the ticket purchasers who made this a success.

Wait till you see next year's barn tour. We are already working on it!



Christmas Home Tour

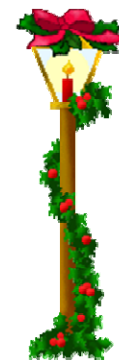
Saturday, December 7th.

3 Tours Available 1pm—4 pm—7pm

Tickets are \$20 each and go on sale Nov. 1st.

We hope you can join us!

Please note that homes on tour are not handicap accessible and some require climbing stairs. No strollers.



Email addresses....

We need your email address to add to our membership files! Send us a message with your email address to: info@romeohistoricalociety.org or make sure you write it on your membership renewal form.

Thank you!

Wassail

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 1-1/2 c. orange juice
- 3/4 c. pineapple juice
- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 dash each of ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg & ground cloves

Combine all ingredients in a large sauce pan. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 20 minutes. Remove cinnamon sticks. Serve hot in mugs topped with orange slice.

The President's Letter.....



Fall is almost gone, but we had beautiful weather for our 5th Cemetery Walk.

Twelve sites were manned by volunteers who told the story of those interred there. Thank you to the following:

Bill Grandstaff at the Civil War Monument

Bruce Patterson as James Starkweather

Paul Reiz as George Newberry

Al Sabo as Carleton Newbury

Thom Stephens as Geo. W. Brabb

Barb & Larry Merryfield as

Sally & Joseph Goodwin

Richard Beringer as Omar Thompson

Shelly & Dana Luper as Patience & William Abbott

Tom Offer as Dr. Watson Loud

Anna Reiz as Dr. Alice Brabb

Joan Beringer as the sister of Albert Haller Leete

Fred Buike as Patriarch of the Smith Family

Next year's tour is in the planning stages and if you are interested in participating please contact me.

Sue Kane

November General Membership Meeting

2013 Ornament

OLD TIME THINGS THAT MAKE MUSIC

It's show & tell time. Please bring one to demonstrate to the meeting. Only thing it can't be currently bought in a non-antique store. An 8-Track qualifies, so does a music box. The museum will have some on display.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Arts and Archives Center. As al-

ways, this General Membership Meeting is open to the public and is free, but donations are welcome.

We hope to see you there!



The newest Christmas Ornament featuring the Dr. Watson Loud Residence will be on sale in November. The cost is \$22.00. So save a spot on your Christmas Tree!

Also previous year ornaments are available and priced at \$10.00-\$15.00.

From Our Curators...



Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas, wife of the late Dr. Isaac Douglas, expired last Thursday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. James H. Downie, in San Antonio, Texas. The remains arrived Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Downie, and after the funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Congregational Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George Ratcliffe, with interment in the family lot in the Romeo Cemetery.

Mrs. Douglas was born near Bedford, England on April 11, 1832. She came to America in 1834, her parents settling in the wilderness near Troy, Oakland County.

Twenty weeks were required to cross the ocean. The ship was wrecked at both ends of the journey, Mrs. Douglas and her parents being picked up in different lifeboats

[From the letter written by Elizabeth when she was 92 years old, living in Texas in June 1, 1924.:

"Mother and I were sick...The Captain told father to bring me up on deck every day or I wouldn't live to see America...Sister Mary expects to be buried besides Father and Mother and Sally. I have a nice place ready for me in the Romeo Cemetery and a handsome monument and marker for all my family."]

Mrs. Douglas was united in marriage with Dr. Isaac Douglas, in Troy, in 1853, and came to Romeo where the doctor practiced his profession as a dentist for more than 50 years. [N. Main St., east side across from Gray's Opera House.] He expired in 1909, and in 1911 Mrs. Douglas took up residence with her daughter, Mrs. Downie, in San Antonio.

[Her relatives, the Forestels, in Texas have returned two truckloads for the Douglas belongings to our RHS museums. Paintings, furniture, books china and dentist equipment, are all on display at the museums, along with the rest of the story of her voyage to Romeo, America.]

The *Lumbering in Michigan* display is open for your next visit to the Archives. A Victorian setting is there waiting for the Great fire of 1881 to destroy it! The life of the Michigan lumberjack is told through the tools and the food of these jacks. The beginnings of the American Red Cross is on display along with stories about John Brewer and the local lumber barons, Mellen, Stephens, Tackells. The first talk about the display will be October 13 at 7:15 p.m. in the Archives Center.

The 1st Tuesday Curator Talks of the past will continue, (some will be on the 2nd Tuesday):

November 12th 7:15 p.m.

Alexander Henry, Michilimackinac Fur Trader 1763, his story of captivity.

December 3rd 7:15 p.m.

Archeology at Michigan's Fort Michilimackinac 1715.

Group Visits

7/13 — We had over 100 visitors to the Church Street Museum during the Friends of the Library Garden Walk.

9/11— 20 people from the Salvation Army Church visited all 3 of our museums.

10/8— 120 children from Utica Community Schools came to visit all 3 museums.

10/29 Indian Hills School will be visiting all 3 museums.

Joan & Richard Beringer

2014 Volunteer Opportunities!

If you have an interesting in helping to plan, organize and make the event happen please send us your name, contact information and what you'd like to help with. We have openings on Planning Committees for the Cemetery Walk, Christmas Home Tour and Barn Tour.

We also need docents & helpers for the Church Street Museum and Arts & Archives Center.

Please call Sue Kane (586) 752-4111.

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Preserve our Heritage!



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!



Please send us
newsletter
suggestions, ideas
and photos!

Please don't forget to renew your membership.

Mark your Calendars...

11/7/13 - General Membership
Meeting: Old Music Makers

11/12/13- Curator Talk:
Alexander Henry

12/3/13 - Curator Talk:
Archeology at Michigan's Fort
Michilimackinac

November - 2013 Christmas
Ornament on Sale

12/7/13 - RHS Christmas Home
Tour. Tickets on sale Nov. 1st.

2/6/14-General Membership
Meeting: Love Entwined; The
curious history of hair work.

3/6/14 - General Membership
Meeting TBA

4/3/14 - General Membership
Meeting TBA

5/1/14 - General Membership
Meeting TBA

Thank You

...to everyone that participated in the
Barn Tour.

...to everyone that participated in the
Cemetery Walk.

...to Joan & Dick Beringer for painting and
redecorating our two restrooms at the
RAAC.

Welcome New Members

Tom & Lori Brubaker

Darren & Jennine Clor

Adrienne Lamilza

Brenda Lee Szlachta

Katie Weaver