



Romeo Perspective

The Romeo Historical Society is a 501 (C) 3 Non-Profit Organization

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Clyde Craig Blacksmith Shop

We have received a grant from the Romeo-Indian Village Questers and Michigan State Questers for an upgrade to our interior electrical systems and for the installation of a new exterior brick paver walkway that will improve handicap accessibility to the blacksmith shop. We are so grateful and excited to be the recipients of this grant. Work will begin soon on the project.

A contractor has been selected to replace the siding on the Bailey Street side of the Craig Blacksmith Museum. This side was done with recycled boards from an older Greek Revival when we moved the shop to its present location. A number of boards on the north and south sides will also be replaced. We also need to fix the grade around the blacksmith shop before we can install the new wood siding. If you can lend a hand with this please call and leave us a message with your name and phone number and we will get back to you.

Flea n'tique

Thank you to all who donated items, those who helped to price and organize items and those who sold the items on June 13th. We had a successful sale making \$440. We are now accepting donations for the 2016 Flea n'tique!

3rd Annual Barn Tour

What can you do with a barn? The folks in the Romeo Area have created some great solutions so come check it out Saturday, September 19th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The seven sites on this year's tour include 10 barns and 2 house barns that were constructed between 1840 and 1940. Our tour is self-guided and moves between Romeo, Bruce and Washington Townships. Maps must be picked up at the Romeo Archives Museum at 290 N. Main St. Romeo, Michigan, after 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Tickets are \$15 on the day of the tour *and can only be purchased at the Archives Museum 290 N. Main, Romeo.* Pre-sale tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in Romeo at: *Two Romeo Girls, 227 N. Main St., phone 586-651-4290 or Connelly's Creations, 175 S. Main St., phone 586-752-2537.*

The Romeo Historical Society is a 501(c) 3 charity supporting three museums which contain artifacts and records of northern Macomb County.

For information call 586-752-4111 or visit us online at:
romeohistoricalsociety.org.

From the President's Desk

Welcome to summer. We are still hard at work here at RHS. Our Tee Shirts with "old Romeo" on them have come in and we will be selling them this summer on Tuesday Nights at the Arts and Archives Building from 7-9pm, we will also be selling them on the lawn at the Peach Festival. Another Money maker will be our Interurban tracks to be used as a door stop or bookends. Member Bill Miller deserves a big THANK YOU for taking on the task of finishing up all the raw tracks we had (30-40), THEY NEEDED TO BE SAND BLASTED, DEBURRED, PRIMED AND PAINTED. It was a big job. Bill took them to his shop on Lafayette, tried a couple in his sand blaster and decided there had to be an easier way. He contacted business associates Nick Kuroski and Chris Sniesak at S S Stripping in Sterling Heights who volunteered to sand blast them for FREE. Bill is now priming and painting them for us. We couldn't operate without the help of these generous business people. There's been talk of having another Yard Sale during Peach festival. We had a lot of items left over this year because of the weather and I have received more donations from estate sale cleanouts. If anyone can spare a few hours Labor Day weekend and would like to help, contact me and we'll give you a date and time. Enjoy your summer.....the Prez



Light Blue T-SHIRT

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL
\$12.00



DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY TRACK

Inter-Urban Street Car Rail makes a great doorstep or paperweight!
\$35.00

Membership Meeting

The May Meeting we toured Gray's Opera House. Richard Beringer gave a great presentation on the history of the building and toured the rooms. We also saw the hidden dome. It was a great glimpse into yesteryears entertainment.

The June Potluck Dinner Meeting was held on a beautiful evening and the food delicious. Thank you to all who came and brought a dish to share. The elections took place with the following results, Sue Kane – President, Anna Reiz –Vice President, Tim Billo – Treasurer, Linda Pritchard – Secretary, Richard Beringer – Trustee and Doug Pritchard –Trustee.

\$500 Scholarship

Adam Reiss is our 2015 Scholarship Recipient. He will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall to study History Education. Congratulations Adam!

Donations & Contributions

We received a \$50 donation from Henry Taylor.

The Archives and Church Street museums received many beautiful signs/posters from Lorenzo Cultural Center. These posters give our displays a real professional look. Stop by and check them out.

The Community S & E Company donated metal, 30 drawer cabinets for the archives collection.

Can You Lend a Hand?

Looking for a volunteer(s) to do some light housekeeping at the Bancroft Stranahan Museum and on the outside we need scraping and painting where the paint is bubbling on the house. The museum is located at 132 Church Street. Anyone who can help us out would be much appreciated. Please contact Sue Kane at 586-337-4610.

From Our Curators, Richard & Joan Beringer

The Craig museum has been opened regularly twice a month as it has been for the previous three years. Fred Buike, Fred Zirotti, Chris and Brandy Chirco, Stuart Walters and Richard Beringer have all made this possible. We are very happy to include Brandy Chirco our first lady blacksmith. Chris, her new husband, reports that Brandy is very handy with a hammer.

Stuart Walters his working on the new walkway and new black, track lights for the shop.

Chris Chirco, Anna Reiz and Richard Beringer are working on the archives storage area. Much progress has been made.

We are needful of plumbing work in the Archives Building. We could use one of the small instant-on water heaters to replace the 40 gallon heater that runs 24/7 when there is no need for hot water. Also the old water softener and salt tanks are leaking water in the basement. Help!

Programs are continually being offered to the community such as historic bike rides and a talk at a local Shelby Township Church.

Check out the September 19 barn tour info in the News and Free Press the end of July.

Please bring a friend to your museums.

Joan and Richard Beringer

ROMEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please mail this form with your check/money order to: Romeo Historical Society, P.O. Box 412, Romeo, MI 48065

Name: _____

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Membership: Renewal New

Individual \$15. Family \$20. Business \$25. Lifetime \$250. Contribution _____

Would you like to help us? Archives/RAAC Barn Tour Christmas Tour Church St. Museum

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www.romeohistoricalsociety.org

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Three Local Museums to Visit

Romeo Art & Archives Center
290 N. Main Street.
(Former state police building)
Open Tuesday Nights 7-9 p.m.

Bancroft-Stranahan House
Museum
132 Church St.
Open Tuesday Nights 7-9 p.m.
Archives and House Museum will be closed during inclement weather.

Clyde Craig Blacksmith Shop
301 N. Bailey St.

The Blacksmith Shop is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. No forge.

And on the

3rd Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m.

Dates are subject to change so please check the sign in front of the Archives Museum

Calendar of Events

- 7/11/15 Side Walk Sales Bancroft Stranahan Museum & Blacksmith Shop are open from 12-3pm
- 7/14/15 Biking History Tour 7 p.m. Sharp! Meet at Bancroft-Stranahan Museum, 132 Church St.
- 7/23/15 Board Meeting 7pm
- 8/1/15 Tickets on sale for Barn Tour
- 8/6/15 Membership Meeting: TBA
- 8/20/15 Board Meeting 7pm
- 9/5-7/15 Peach Festival
- 9/19/15 Barn Tour
- 9/17/15 Board Meeting 7pm
- 10/1/15 Membership Meeting: Middle School Tour (Old High School) 7pm
- 10/10/15 Cemetery Walk (Civil War Theme) 1-4pm
- 10/15/15 Board Meeting 7pm
- 10/15 Christmas Ornament Sale
- 11/1/15 Tickets on Sale for Christmas Home Tour
- 11/5/15 Membership Meeting: History of the Romeo Monday Club, Archives Museum 7 pm
- 11/19/15 Board Meeting 7pm
- 12/5/15 Christmas Home Tour
- 12/17/15 Board Meeting 7pm