



Romeo Perspective

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2015 Christmas Home Tour

We have six beautiful homes getting ready for this year's event that takes place on Saturday, December 5, 2015. 2 tours 12:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22/person and go on sale November 1st at the following Romeo locations:

Town Hall Antique Mall Café, 205 N. Main St., Romeo
Connelly's Creations, 175 S. Main Street, Romeo
Two Romeo Girls, 220 N. Main Street, Romeo
Romeo Arts & Archive Center, 290 N. Main Street, Romeo
Open On Tuesday Evenings 7-9 p.m.

Rosemary Kern

We are saddened by the new of the passing of Rosemary Kern. She was a sweetheart and will be truly missed by all who knew her. We give our heartfelt condolences to her husband, John and her family. Rosemary was a member of the Historical Society and gave many years of service as a Trustee and Secretary.

Terrific Barn Tour!

Our 3rd Annual Barn Tour was a great success. What can you do with a barn? Our barn owners showed us just what you can do with their fantastic barns. Thank you to Darren & Jennine Clor, Mark Lennon, Dick & Virginia Kyro, Dale Wells, Dave & Roseann Lewis, James & Nancy Glidden & Donald Brabb for sharing their barns.

Cemetery Walk

We had a beautiful autumn day for our walk through history at the historic Romeo Cemetery.

Thank you to our enactors who made the walk possible: Bonnie & Fred Zirotte, Tom & Eileen Offer, Bill Grandstaff, Bruce Patterson, Wendy Wollenburg, Barb Merryfield, Pat Hallman, Bob & Cherie Allen, Richard & Joan Beringer, Doug Pritchard, Anna Reiz, Sue Kane, Gloria Billo and the Malburg Funeral Home.

From the desk of President Sue Kane

We had a visit on Mon., Oct. 5, 2015 from Ms. Laura Webber a teacher from New York City. She had come for her reunion held at Capital Banquet Center on Sat., Oct. 3rd. The reunion was for students from the one room school houses in the area. This was Ms. Webber's 62nd Reunion. She attended Clifton Mills School from 1942-1947. Her teacher was Elizabeth Parsons. She held Mrs. Parsons in high regard and was interested in any information the Historical Society could provide for her upcoming book.

Ms. Webber had contacted the society weeks before she was to be in town so it gave us time to look for Mrs. Parsons items. Fortunately a family member had given us two boxes of items in 2000. Thelma Hugg who was our secretary at the time catalogued them so they were easy to find. They were just what Laura Webber was looking for. She was so impressed that she left us a monetary donation and bought some our books, t-shirts, etc. We found a carousel of slides that Fred Buike offered to copy for her.

We hope to receive a copy of her book when she's finished. She plans to visit again in July of next year.

Membership Meeting

We toured the Romeo Middle School which was once the original Romeo High School that was built in 1885. The brick section was added on in 1927. In 1973 the original school was torn down and the block section was added on. Remnants of the 1927 building can still be seen in the arches, fireplace, ceiling work, and where the balcony in the gym was.

Be sure to attend the November 5th Meeting at 7 p.m. for a presentation on the History of the Monday Club at the Archives Museum.

Donations & Contributions

We received a donation from David Doss of a photo taken by the Romeo Art Studio around 1910-1920.

If anyone can help identify the people in the photo we'd greatly appreciate it. Thank Mr. Doss for the donation.



The Indian Villages Questers Annual Christmas Basket Raffle

Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing is December 8th. Tickets are available at these two Romeo locations: Two Romeo Girls and Connelly's Creations. Tickets will also be available at the Christmas Home Tour. Be sure to get one!

Clyde Craig Blacksmith Shop Update

We have upgraded our interior electrical systems in the blacksmith shop. The installation of the exterior brick paver walkway has been installed. We still have some work to do but the project is coming along.

Thank you again to the Romeo Questors for the grant that enable us to make these updates!

From Our Curators, Richard & Joan Beringer

Work has been progressing in the Archives Museum second floor archives storage room. More steel cabinets were donated with drawers. This tripled what we already had. Flat objects such as photos, maps and certificates are being safely stored in these drawers. Other areas such as church histories, school items and business records have been rearranged.

Thanks to the Lorenzo Cultural Center, we have a large collection of historic posters, about 3x8 feet to be used for our thematic displays both currently and in the future. These would cost us thousands of dollars, which we couldn't afford, and they are free to us because we loan items to them for their programs. We work together with other museums and it benefits the RHS.

Joan Beringer is setting up a great display in the Church Street museum second floor. Old sewing machines, quilts, spinning and clock wheel, ironing board etc. with Lorenzo Cultural Center posters are included. She is looking for sewing items such as pincushions, needle work, thimbles and on and on. She would like to display your loaned items for 6-12 months.

Joan's next 2016 theme in that room will be post -WII household items such as mixers, hair dryers, or other appliances used around the home. These will be used next year.

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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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership: New Renewal 2016 Renewal

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

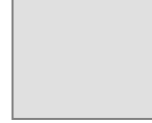
Would you like to help us? Archives/RAAC Barn Tour Christmas Tour Church St. Museum

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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

11/1/15 Christmas Ornament on Sale
11/1/15 Tickets on Sale for Christmas Home Tour
11/5/15 Membership Meeting: History of the Romeo Monday
Club, at the Archives Museum 7 pm
11/11/15 Veterans Day
11/13/15 Ladies Night Out, downtown Romeo, 5-9 p.m.
11/19/15 Board Meeting 7pm
11/26/15 Thanksgiving
12/5/15 Christmas Home Tour
12/17/15 Board Meeting 7pm
12/25/15 Christmas Day
1/1/16 Happy New Year!
1/21/16 Board Meeting 7pm
2/18/16 Board Meeting 7pm
3/17/16 Board Meeting 7pm
4/21/16 Board Meeting 7 pm
May '16 Victorian Fest & Flower Day date to be determined