

The Journal

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY
OF CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

DUANE & KATHY VOSBURG WIN APPRECIATION AWARD

Whenever you attend a Chesterfield Historical Society function, you can count on seeing Duane or his wife Kathy there. Kathy Vosburg, also the county commissioner for this area, is often the docent in the log cabin on days when the cabin is open to the public. She answers questions about the old days in Chesterfield as well as inquiries about the historical village in general. Duane (pictured) has been involved in all aspects of the historical village, such as repairs, clean-up, landscaping,, moving items, etc. as well as greeting people and acting as cashier at the front desk at the various functions like the annual Pasta Dinner and Harvest Dinner. Duane is the secretary of the historical society and his wife Kathy is the curator. Volunteers like the Vosburgs make it possible for the various historical societies to exist.



People that volunteer their time chiefly because of their love of history and the desire to pass it on to other people in the commu-

nity make it possible to have establishments like the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Village.

The Vosburgs were honored at the 13th Annual Appreciation Awards ceremony held for Chesterfield Township on April 30. Winners of the community awards are listed on plaques displayed in the township hall. (See page 5 for another photo!)

HISTORIC VILLAGE OPEN HOUSES

The Historic Village of Chesterfield Township, located next to the township offices on 47275 Sugarbush Road, is open to the public on the second Sunday of the month this summer. This year it will be open Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 1:00 until 3:00, Sunday, July 12, 2009

from 1:00 until 3:00, and Sunday, August 09, 2009 from 1:00 until 3:00. Also Sunday, June 28, which is Log Cabin Day. This year during our open houses, we will have displays from military veterans. If you are a veteran, or know of one, and would be willing to allow us to display some of your memorabilia, we

would be proud to do so. Items that we are looking to show would include uniforms, medals, ribbons, photos, patches, etc. Your items can be displayed at any or all of the open houses in 2009. Please contact Kathy Vosburg, (586) 949-3810 or e-mail kvosburg@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers are needed to help during all these times. The Chesterfield Township Historical Society will also be marching in the Bay-Rama parade on June 28, with a float depicting a model version of the Weller School. (cont'd on page 5)

UPCOMING LOCAL HISTORY EVENTS OF MACOMB COUNTY

June 2009

The Greater Washington Area Historical Society's Museum is located at 58230 Van Dyke, between 26 Mile Rd. and West Rd. in Washington Township and will be open 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from June through November.

On June 4, 2009, the **Romeo Historical Society** will have their General Membership meeting, election of officers, and potluck. They meet at the Romeo Arts & Archives Center, 290 N. Main Street, Romeo.

On June 6, 2009, pending approval, there will be a **World War II encampment** at Lion's Field at 269 E. Washington Street in downtown Romeo.

On June 13 the **Romeo Historical Society** will host the Village Wide Garage Sale and RHS Flea'n'tique held at the Church Street Museum at 132 Church St. from 9 am to 5 pm.

The **Fraser Historical Commission** will have the Baumgartner House Museum and Depot Visitor Center open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 for a

Barn Sale/Flea Market. For Flea Market space rental, call Marilynn at 586-293-7477. The cost is only \$15 for a 10 by 10 area. The Baumgartner House is located at 18577 Masonic (cross street Kelly).

Crocker House Museum- 15 Union Street; Mount Clemens, MI 48043; Phone: 586-465-2488 Website:

www.crockerhousemuseum.com

Please call during regular office hours of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Events: Sunday, June 7, 1 p.m.: Music in the Parlor

Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Garden Walk & Tulip History Garden Tea

Friends of the Octagon House-located at 57500 Van Dyke, Washington, Michigan, 48094; Phone: (586) 781-0084 E-mail: info@octagonhouse.org Website:

www.octagonhouse.org

Events: Sunday, June 14 - Open House Sunday, June 19 - Mid-summer Night's Fairy Tea Sunday, June 28 - Open House

Log Cabin Day-By proclamation, the last Sunday in June is Log Cabin Day in Michi-

gan. Three historical groups in Michigan have log cabins and have them open on this day. They include the **Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Group**, and their log cabin is located in Heritage Park on Beebe Street. The **Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society** will have their log cabin open and it is located in the Historical Village next to the township offices at 47275 Sugar Bush Rd. in Chesterfield Township. The **Clinton Township Historical Society** will have their log cabin open and it is located next to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library; Romeo Plank and Canal Roads, Clinton Township.

The Bath City Festival will be partnering with the **Stars and Stripes Festival** in downtown Mt. Clemens on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 26, 27, and 28 and the historical section of the festival, located in the City's New Street parking lot, will be called the Bath City Heritage Area. It will include the Historical Tent, period musical entertainment, on-site appraisals, hands-on demonstrations, World War II exhibits, an antique fire truck display, and the Vintage

Fashion Show at the Emerald Theatre. For questions please call Michelle Weiss at (586) 431-6788.

July 2009

Friends of the Octagon House-Events: Sunday, July 12 and Sunday, July 26-Open house.

Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society will be hosting the ceremony and ribbon cutting for their newest building on July 18 - 10:30 AM. This will be the Grand Opening of the new Blacksmith Shop/Museum at the Historic Village at Bailey Memorial Park, Richmond, MI .

August 2009

The Ste. Claire Voyageurs will hold their 13th Annual Encampment on August 29 and 30 (Saturday and Sunday), from 10 am to 5 pm at Metro Beach Metropark Nature Center in Harrison Twp., Michigan. Learn about and experience the history connected with early settlers, Indians, and military of the Great Lakes Fur Trade era. This reenactment of the lifestyles and skills of this era will include demonstrations and displays of canoe building, traditional crafts and skills, trade goods and more!

LOOKING AHEAD: UPCOMING CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2009

Heritage Day

On September 12, 2009, Saturday the historic village will be open from 10:30 - 3:30. There will be games and activities for the children, guest speakers, music, craft demonstrations, classic and antique cars and food will be available for purchase. Bring your outhouse badge or purchase a new one and write your name on the outhouse wall. Parking at the Chesterfield Township Offices with a tractor drawn trolley ride to the village.

Harvest Dinner

October 28, 2009 Wednesday, at Zuccaro's Banquet Center, 46601 North Gratiot, from 6:00 - 9:00, with dinner served at 6:15. Mark Christopher and his Memphis Crew does his "Elvis Reflec-

tions Tribute", also live and silent auctions and door prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Township Treasurer's Office, Tom's Mini-Mart on 23 Mile Road or from any member.

Poinsettia Sale

Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias may be ordered through Friday, December 5, 2009. Choices are 6 inch pot single stem, 7 inch pot double stem, 8 inch pot triple stem 10 inch pot quad stem, 12 or 14 inch fresh pine wreath with pinecones and 10 inch hanging basket of greens are available. We do bulk orders for churches and orders of 15 or more. Pickup is Tuesday December 8, 2009 from 12:00 to 7:00 at the Chester-

field Township offices or other arrangements can be made. Contact Dolly Allemon at 586-465-0780 or dallemon15@att.net to order or for more information.

Christmas Open House

December 4, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in conjunction with the township tree lighting ceremony. We serve cookies and hot chocolate and local school choirs will be singing Christmas Carols.

**Check Page One for
a Schedule of
Summer Events for
the Chesterfield
Historical Society!**

Boy Scout

Proclamations

Robbie Durie received his proclamation for his Eagle Scout Badge at the Chesterfield Twp. regular meeting on June 1st, 2009. Robbie did a lot of work at the village, placing the brick walkway to earn his badge,

June 15th, 2009, is the date for Matt and Mike Heika to receive their Eagle Scout proclamations. Mike planted the shrubs around the transformer in the historical village, and Matt upgraded the interior of the cobbler shop by putting up the barn wood. Thanks to Robbie, Matt and Mike!

Water in the Annex Sink

Roy Rivard, with the help of Bill Wallace, completed the plumbing under the schoolhouse annex to run the water & sewer to the annex sink. We now have running water in the annex sink!

Thanks to Dolly Allemon for donating two dwarf lilac bushes. Roy and Bill have planted them in front of the schoolhouse.

Girl Scout Merit Badges



The photos on this page illustrate Brownie Troop 099 from Great Oaks Elementary School. They made a visit to the schoolhouse to earn their *Listening to the Past* and *Brownies Through the Years* badges on Saturday, May 16.



Girl Scouts can earn merit badges at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village!

Daisy Petals: Friendly & Helpful, Responsible for What I Say and Do

Brownie Try-Its: Listening to the Past, Brownies through the Years

Junior Badges: Local Lore, My Heritage; **Cadette Interest Project:** Heritage Hunt

For more information contact Kathy Vosburg: kvosburg@sbcglobal.net or (586) 949-3810.

WEBSITE :

Chesterfield Township Historical Society website:

www.chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Chesterfield Township Historical Society Information

President- Eileen Rivard

Vice-President- John Power

Secretary- Duane Vosburg

Treasurer- Lucille Adcox

Trustees-

Tracy Antrikin

Frank Adcox

George Deeby

Membership

Chairperson-

Janine Smith

Curator-

Kathy Vosburg

Newsletter Editor-

Alan Naldrett

Past Presidents-

Don Howitt

George Furton

Kermit Harris

Meetings for the Chesterfield Historical Township are held on the first Tuesday of the month and are open to everyone!

They take place at the Senior Center at the Chesterfield Township Office Complex, 47275 Sugar Bush Rd. at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served. 50/50 drawings conclude the meetings.

HISTORIC VILLAGE OPEN HOUSES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The historical society will also be participating in the Stars and Stripes Festival held in downtown Mt. Clemens on June 26 through the 28th. We will be there on Friday and Saturday of the festival in the historical tent near the Anton Art Center. (We will be at the parade and historical village on Sunday.) Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in these events, including marching with us in the Bay Rama parade!

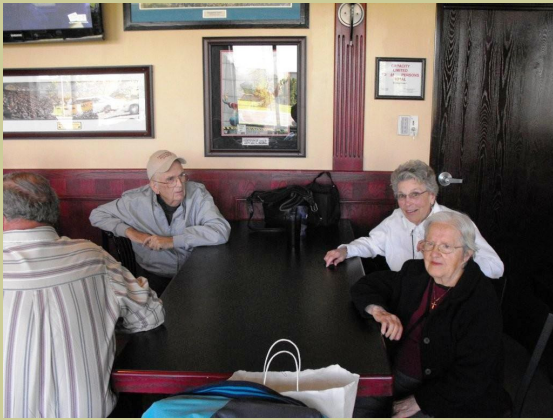


Secretary Duane Vosburg accepts the history Appreciation Award at the April 30, 2009 Chesterfield Township meeting. Duane was accepting for himself and his wife Kathy. (Full story on page one.)

Photos this issue by Tracy Antrikin, Alan Naldrett, Roy Rivard, and Duane Vosburg.

Pasta Dinner





The annual Pasta Dinner of the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 12. For the first time it was at Rosie O'Grady's on 23 Mile Road, which just underwent a remodeling. Over 100 people attended and took advantage of the great food, door prizes and homemade desserts!

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Top photo-Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society at the Heritage Alliance held April 4 in Romeo. Below-members in the Senior Center where the society holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.



Bridge for Historical Village

The society is looking for contributions to put a bridge from the township hall to the historical village over the AuVase Creek. If you have any rich relatives looking for a tax deduction, this would be a good thing for them. This picture is of a bridge at River Bend in Shelby Twp. and is typical of what we need.



Photo 1 below: Members of the *General Josiah Harmar Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* who toured the Weller School on Saturday May 16, 2009.

Photo 2: Kathy Vosburg, Janice Fennell and Sandy Vezina.

Kathy Vosburg is Curator of the Chesterfield Township Historical Society.

Janice Fennell is Regent of the General Josiah Harmar Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sandy Vezina is the chapter Vice Regent.

The chapter recently donated several reproduction copies of the McGuffey's Readers to the Chesterfield Township Historical Society.

