



Greater Washington Area Historical Society

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Super Sunday – June 3

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Museum Information

The Museum is located at 58230 Van Dyke, between 26 Mile Rd. and West Rd. in Washington Township.

The Museum is open 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from June through November.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the museum.

Visit our website at
www.washhistsoc.org



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We are finalizing plans for Super Sunday and are excited about the new activities we have planned. As in the past, we will be holding our annual sale but with a twist. This year we will have arts and crafts, antiques, commercial, and flea market items. The sale will be held on the lawn in front of the museum, and the cost for a 10 x 10 space is \$25.00. If you or someone you know has something they would like to sell, we still have spaces available. For more information, contact Jean at holcomj@comcast.net or 248-652-2458.

Pat Hallman is busily getting her plants ready for the Orphan Plant Sale. She has a great variety of plants to help you get started with your spring planting. We will also be entertained again this year by Just Banjos who dazzled the crowd last year.

One of our new activities this year will be a Silent Auction. We currently have gift cards or tickets from Bed Bath & Beyond, Chili's, Detroit Zoological Society, Jam'r's Frozen Custard, Michigan Science Center, MJR Theatres, Mr. C's Car Wash, Pizza Nostalgia, Romeo Family Restaurant, Savori Italian Restaurant, Sheena's Marketplace, United Shore Professional Baseball League, and Werner's Hallmark, and are working on additional items.

For the children, we are holding a George Washington coloring contest and will have old time games for them to play with. And, weather permitting, there will be a cruise-in for people to show off the cars they love, which is always a great attraction for the whole family.

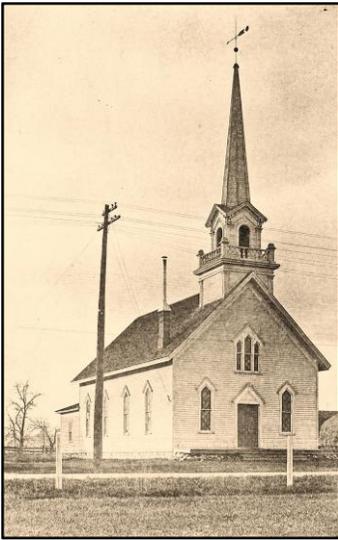
All proceeds from this event will benefit our "Saving Energy to Preserve History" project. Over the last few years, we have been raising money to replace our 100-year-old Mammoth furnace. "Old Bertha", as the Janitor John Gooley used to call it, has served us well but it is now time to retire it. We are in the process of preparing a grant application to the Michigan Council of Art and Cultural Affairs which is a 1:1 matching grant. We are getting close to our share of the cost but we're not quite there yet.

Don't forget to stop by the Loren Andrus Octagon House. They will be hosting a Barn & Garden Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3, and the house will be open for tours on Sunday, June 3. While you are touring the house, don't forget to ask about the "secret room".

It's going to be a fun event and we hope to see you there. And, if you have a couple of hours to spare on the 3rd, we would very much appreciate the help. It takes a lot of work to put together an event like this, and the more people that help, the easier it will be. If you are interested in helping, contact Cherie at rdallen1@att.net or 586-781-4375.

See you on the 3rd!!!

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Greater Washington
Area Historical Society
through
Kroger Community Rewards
and our
Ink Cartridge Recycling
Program.
Details on page 4.*



Washington Union Church

Welcome New Members
Scott Czasak

*We would like to thank
the following people for
their generous donations*

John & Judi Boldt
Ryan Edwards
Michael Lewandowski
Diane Shear
Donald Tewksbury
Norman Young

Message from the President

Spring is finally here and the grass is growing! We are most fortunate to live in this area and are not experiencing some of the problems that are impacting some parts of the United States and Hawaii. We did have a tornado here in the 1930's that damaged a one-room school such that it was not rebuilt.

Events are many and varied for your enjoyment and entertainment come warm weather. We hope you will be able to come and visit us on June 3 for our Super Sunday 2018. This is the 41st year that we have held this event on the first Sunday in June and is our major fundraising event for the Society. We have made some progress in the last year in an inventory of the items that are in the John Dyer-Hurdon Boy Scout Museum. We have a current Eagle Scout project to place shelving in the room so that displays can be better viewed.

Our annual George Washington Art Contest was exciting as we had 27 students for lunch at the Museum. Three of the artists received gift cards for Barnes and Noble. Each of the participants received a package of information and a certificate for participation in the contest.

Terry Goike and Cherie Allen have been busy working on a grant application to replace the furnace with a more efficient system. Their work is greatly appreciated. We did apply for a grant last year but were not successful. The experience should prove useful for the current application.

We have lost a valued member in the last month. Mr. Robert O'Brien passed away during a visit to Missouri. Mr. O'Brien was the son of our longtime member, Muriel O'Brien, who passed away two years ago.

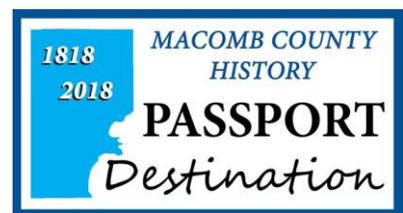
The Society was honored to receive a \$500 grant from the Macomb County Heritage Alliance at the annual meeting in April. The grant brings us a little closer to being able to replace the furnace.

We have five large rooms at the Museum with items on display from over two hundred families representing the history of this area from the earliest settlers to the present time. Stop by and visit us. If you would like to help with our activities, we can always use some assistance.

Ira "Jim" Holcomb
President

Macomb County Bicentennial

Macomb County is celebrating its 200th birthday this year, and there are many activities and events planned to commemorate this milestone. As part of the celebration, the Washington Historical Museum will be participating in the Macomb County History Passport Destination program along with many other historical sites throughout the county. Simply pick up your passport at one of the participating historical sites, visit a total of seven sites, and redeem your stamped passport at one of the three Culver's locations in Macomb County for a free meal.



Visit Macomb 200 at <http://macomb200.macombgov.org/Macomb200-Home> or Macomb County Heritage Alliance at www.macombcountyheritagealliance.org for more information.

The Meeker Family

Grandma (Edna) Meeker was born on January 20, 1872, in Washington and lived in Macomb County all her life. She married Fred Meeker on July 4, 1890, in Romeo and they had four children. The family lived on a farm on 27 Mile Road. From "Through These Doors", Grandma Meeker "remembers Friday night parties at the Hall School, going to the store in Washington by horse and buggy, and later having her own meat market and ice cream parlor in Washington." She was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan; and on her 100th birthday, she received an autographed picture from Mickey Lolich congratulating her. She passed away on August 15, 1975, at the age of 103 and is buried in the Prestonville Cemetery in Shelby Township.

We were contacted recently by a descendant of Edna Rowley Meeker who shared with us a written account of the Meeker family genealogy going back to the 1600's. Also included are descriptions of the Meeker family reunions from the 1920's and 1930's listing the attendees, things they did at the reunions, and the cost. It is a treasure-trove of Washington names. Thank you to Ryan Edwards for sharing this with us.



**Edna Rowley Meeker
on her 100th birthday**

Project Update

We would like to thank Michael Lewandowski for the great job he did on his recent Eagle Scout project for the museum. Not only did Michael do much needed repairs to the two benches we have in front of the museum, but he also built three new benches for us pictured here. The old benches look like new and the new benches will serve us for a very long time. Thank you, Michael.



Mark Your Calendar

Jun. 2 & 3 – Barn & Garden Sale – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 10a-4pm – Info octagonhouse.org.

Jun. 3 – Super Sunday – Washington Historical Museum – 10a-4pm. – Info washhistsoc.org.

Jun. 9 – Flea'ntique – Romeo Historical Society – 9a-4pm. – Info romeohistoricalsociety.org.

Jun. 19 – Third Tuesday Tea at Two – "Victorian Fashions" – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 1p-3p – Info octagonhouse.org.

Jun. 24 – Log Cabin Days – Richmond Historical Village – 12n-3pm – Info richmondhistoricalsociety.org.

Jun. 24 – Silent Auction – Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society – Bidding ends at 3p – Items on display at library starting Jun. 11 – Info www.rayhistory.org.

Jul. 14 & 15 – World War II Re-enactment – Chesterfield Historical Society – Info hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs/.

Jul. 15 & 29 – Christmas in July – Washington Historical Museum – 1p-4pm. – Info washhistsoc.org.

Aug. 12 & 26 – Used Book Sale – Washington Historical Museum – 1p-4pm. – Info washhistsoc.org.



**Washington High School
100th Anniversary
1916 - 2016**

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That's it. Once you sign up, all you have to do is use your Kroger Plus Card at any Kroger store and the historical society will benefit.

Also, you don't have to be a member of the Greater Washington Area Historical Society to support us through the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Cherie Allen at 586-781-4375 or email rdallen1@att.net.

Cartridge Recycling Program

Do you throw away your used laser and inkjet cartridges? What do you do with your old cell phones, MP3s, PDAs and tablets/eReaders/notebooks?

We are working with several companies that will pay the historical society for recycling these items. And they pay for the supplies and postage, so it doesn't cost the society anything to participate.

If you would like to donate your used cartridges or electronic devices, drop them off at the museum when we are open or contact Bob and Cherie Allen at 586-781-4375 or email rdallen1@att.net and we will arrange to pick them up from you. Note: The recycling companies we deal with do not accept remanufactured cartridges.

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