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*Greater Washington Area Historical Society*

**NEWSLETTER**

**Washington, Michigan**

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2010

Ron Gordon came up with a great idea to have a George Washington Art Contest among the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades at the elementary school next door.

After contacting Peggy Grandstaff, the art teacher, she made it a class project to draw and color a picture of George Washington.

The pictures were finished and narrowed down by Mrs. Grandstaff to 27 pictures. Three judges from the Historical Society picked the best three and they were awarded three savings bonds.

The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jarrett St. John (\$100 bond), 2<sup>nd</sup> place – McKenna Petack (\$50 bond) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Katie Vega (\$50) bond.

This event was sponsored by a memorial gift from the estate of Virginia Bond, a

former member of the Historical Society. The purpose of this art competition was to bring attention to George Washington, our first U.S. President and namesake of Washington Township.

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**DON'T FORGET THE HISTORIC DATE PLAQUE FOR YOUR RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

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### **WHAT WE ARE DOING**

We are collecting old pictures of people, events and buildings of Washington Twp.

Interior renovation of the Museum to provide added space for displays.

Expanding the genealogy section at the Museum for Washington Township.

Renovating the outside of the school building.

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### **WE RECEIVED THE FIRST REPORT ON OUR KROGER REWARDS**

It is easy to help the Greater Washington Area Historical Society preserve Historical documents through the Kroger Community Rewards program. All you have to do is:

- 1) Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and create an account.
  - Click on Sign In/Register (upper right-hand corner)
  - Click on Sign up Today in the “New Customer?” box.
  - Enter your zip code and click Search, click on your favorite store, enter your email address and create a password. Click Next.
  - Enter Profile Information and click next.

- You will then receive an email message with a link to confirm your account.
  - Click on the link and log on.
  - Click Edit Kroger Community Rewards.
  - Enter Greater Washington Area Historical Society or our NPO number 90024, select our organization, and save changes.
- 2) Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, the Society will receive a donation. It’s that easy.

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### **CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

The genealogy collection has several new additions including a compilation of the Washington South Cemetery by Bob and Cherie Allen.

We had a “show & tell” program on Mar 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone brought in things that were near and dear to there hearts and shared their story about them.

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Business meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Museum is open to the public from June to November on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

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For Special Tours call (586) 786-5304 (leave message) or (248) 652-2458.

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### **WHAT'S GOING ON**

**Warren Historical Society:** June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale. Genealogy meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Michigan Historical Society:** June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Upper Peninsula History Conference in Menominee.

**Rochester Avon Historical Society:** April 20, 1 pm – 3 pm, Internet Genealogy Group presents “Ways to stay informed in genealogy”.

April 18<sup>th</sup>, Oral History Extravaganza. September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Rochester Area Heritage Festival at Rochester College.

**Crocker House:** Museum open Tues – Thurs 10a -4p & Sun April 11<sup>th</sup> 1p – 4p. Toll House Tea on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm. Garden Walk June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9a – 4p.

**Roseville Historical Society:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, Turning Family Genealogy into Family History with Wally Schiegel.

**Michigan Historic Preservation Conference:** May 13 – 15 in Ann Arbor.

**National (Michigan) History Day:** State Finals, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Henry Ford in Dearborn.

**Macomb County Heritage Alliance Conference:** April 17<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Clemens Library, 9a – 2p.

**Washington Historical Society:** Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Museum. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Michigan Week Program 7p, at the Museum.

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Super Sunday Craft Show**  
**June 6, 2010 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Mark your calendar. The transitional Craft Show this year will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and is the start of Washington Week -- a celebration of the beginning of summer. We need volunteers to help clean up the museum, set up for the show, monitor display rooms during the show, and clean up afterwards. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help, please contact Cherie Allen (e-mail rdallen@att.net or phone 586-781-4375).

**First Annual Antique and Collectible Show June 12 & 13, 2010 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

This year we will be co-sponsoring the First Annual Antique and Collectible Show along with the Friends of the Octagon House. The show will be held inside the Octagon House barn in conjunction with Washington's Art and Orchard Festival. We also need volunteers to help us with this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cherie Allen (e-mail rdallen@att.net or phone 586-781-4375).