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# *Greater Washington Area Historical Society*

## **NEWSLETTER**

# **Washington, Michigan**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 28<sup>th</sup> · Don't forget and remind others to attend our Washington Historical Society 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. See what we have accomplished since the group organized in 1975.

This will be the last Sunday for the year that the Museum will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

It's that time again, when our dues need to be paid. If you haven't become a member yet, we sure do need you. You can be an active or non-active member. An active member attends one meeting a month on the second Thursday morning from 10 AM to 1 PM. We even serve

lunch. It is optional on what other activities you become involved. You might want to dress the manikins, redesign the settings within the rooms or construct new displays, etc.

The dues are very inexpensive. \$15 for a family or \$10 for an individual per year.

We also have programs, usually once a month, in the evenings. You can attend those very informative sessions, as well. There is something for everyone from George Washington history to your genealogy.

We have craft shows, antiques appraisals and shows, elementary school art contests, the largest collection of Boy Scout paraphernalia in southeastern Michigan, and we close it all out with a wonderful Christmas party in December.

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



### **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.**

**We need a new roof and a new furnace. If you know of anybody willing to donate or any grants available please let us know.**

### **CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**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.**

**December 17th we will have our annual potluck Christmas party. This will be held in the Museum at 6:30 PM. This is always a great party and you are invited.**

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

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**We just received a donation of carpenter's hand tools from the late 1800's and we need a display case. If you know of anyone who has an extra one that we could use, let us know.**

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### **FLASH:**

**Bob and Cherie Allen have just completed a book documenting the Civil War soldiers buried in Clinton Grove Cemetery in Mt. Clemens. A copy of the book is available for reference at the Washington Historical Museum and at the Mt. Clemens Public Library.**

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

**Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society  
Poinsettia and Christmas wreaths will be on sale and pick up will be December 7**

**New Baltimore Historical Society  
Congratulations to Patricia Dettloff as the new editor of the New Baltimore Historical Society Newsletter. Their new email address is [nbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) Any information you can send our way we will try to implement.**

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### **Romeo Historical Society:**

The annual homes tour will be December 11. Five homes can be toured together with the first Congregational Church.

January, 2011 will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. There will be a program at Gray's opera house.

### **Warren Historical Society**

The next meeting of the Warren Historical Commission will be Wednesday, December 15 at 7 PM in the Research Center Office at the Community Center.

### **Rochester -- Avon Historical Society**

Patrick McKay, director of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farms, will be the speaker December 2. He will talk about the "Community Hall of Fame"

The society will be involved this year in the Khris Krinkle Market with a booth on 4th Street between Main and Walnut. The dates are December 3, 4 and 5th.

### **Greater Romeo-Washington C of C:**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual EMMA Awards Ceremony  
Dec.14 at Greystone 11 A.M.

### **Roseville Historical Society:**

Jan. 18 at 6:30 P.M. there will be a Presentation at the Erin Auditorium on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. This will be done by Bob and Cherie Allen.

### **Crocker House Museum:**

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> , 5 -9 P.M. "Ghosts of Christmas Past".

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> , 1 - 4 P.M. "Victorian Christmas Sweet Tea & Tour".

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> , 1 P.M. "Simply Dickens Christmas Tea"

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### **Boy Scout Museum:**

One room of the Washington Historical Museum is dedicated to the largest collection of Boy Scout paraphernalia in southeastern Michigan area covering the entire history of scouting. This collection also contains many items from the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Campfire girls. For special Tours of the Boy Scout Museum, call 586-677-1587.

### **Greater Washington Area Historical Society:**

The museum was established in 1975 and incorporates special exhibits in five large rooms with a Freedom Shrine that includes more than 30 photographic reproductions of documents covering the history of the United States. Exhibits include items from the Washington area, a printing press, old pictures of the Washington and Romeo area, displays with items from the Civil War, World War I and II, and Desert Storm.

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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