



# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## President's Notes

The crisp weather was no match for our Christmas shoppers—they came out and shopped but luckily no one dropped! We profited over \$2,600.00 in this crazy economy! How thankful we are to have members who work so hard and dedicated community folks who come year after year to shop. It is truly amazing.

As I move around in the community, I hear so many positive comments about our group. I believe it is because our hearts are in the right place. We believe in what we are doing and in each other.

Every time you drive into Fish Hatchery Park think about how many hearts and hands have come together to make the village grow. You may not have pounded in a nail, but you baked or you crafted or you worked a shift or pulled weeds or photocopied or you shopped or you became a member or you sent a little prayer our way. All worthy, all making it happen.

Thank you for believing with your hearts. Joyous holidays to you.

*Sally Strait*



## Christmas Lunch

You are cordially invited to our Christmas Celebration Pot Luck on Thursday, December 10th at noon, Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.

This is a great afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. Our pot lucks are legendary, so please bring a friend to enjoy this day with us.

We will supply the meat, beverages, and place setting. You bring a dish to pass.

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We will be donating to the Waterford Goodfellows again this year for their Christmas Food Basket Program. Even though the economy is dreary, I know we can all spare a few dollars to help out. We will be concentrating on these items (All must be new): mittens, coloring books and crayons, children's books, games and toys for all age groups.

We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE**

December 10th, 2009 Noon

## Calendar

December 3

Holly Historical Society  
Field Trip 1:00 Holly

**December 5**

**Christmas Sale 10-4**

**December 9**

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

**December 10**

**Christmas Party Lunch**  
Christ Lutheran Church noon

**December 16-January 5**

**CLOSED**

January 6

First Wednesday Open

January 13

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

January 20

Fashion Show Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Hatchery House

January 27

Pot Luck Noon

February 3

Newsletter Mailing  
Log Cabin Days Meeting  
1:00 Hatchery House

## Christmas in October

### By Sally Crake

Colorful balloons welcomed the shoppers on a brisk fall day for Christmas in October. We had hugs and compliments as all admired the beautiful crafts in Jacober's and the boutique items in the Log Cabin. The bake sale was irresistible! The joy from all as they saw the Log Cabin as an 1800's home. We heard so many recall memories of days gone by.

Thank you to Margaret Maneese and her gals for the long hours to create the fantasy in Jacober's, it was a Christmas wonderland.

Thank you to Betty Horn and her gals and guys who changed the Log Cabin into a Christmas boutique. All love the new look!

The "bakery" with so many yummy treats organized and put together by Dorothy White and her elves. Thank you Dear.

A very special thank you to Bill Hayter, J.D. Powell, Bob Allen, Norm Watchpocket and Trace, for all your help. I couldn't do it without you!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked, baked, made crafts—as always an excellent job. You are priceless!

Lots of Hugs, Aunt Sally Crake

P.S.—It's early but as you do your holiday cleaning, please remember to box up your unwanted items and save them for the White Elephant sale for Log Cabin Days!

## Membership Dues

Here is your last plea for membership dues, please send them in if you are due! All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2010. We really don't want to lose you, but printing costs prohibit us from sending you a newsletter without membership. Keep in touch and keep active. We need you!

Clip out your form and bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to our post office box:

Waterford Historical Society  
P.O. Box 300491  
Waterford, MI 48330-0491



## Fashion Show

Our 9th annual Preview Spring Luncheon and Style Show will take place on Saturday, March 6th, 2010. Planning Meeting will take place on January 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hatchery House. Hold these dates!

## Holly Historical Field Trip

Join us for our trip to the Holly Historical Society Hadley House Museum on December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. They are opening the museum just for us to view the holiday finery in this lovely Victorian house built in 1873.

We will be meeting at the Hatchery House around 12:15 that day to carpool, or of course, you can meet us there. The address is 306 S. Saginaw Street in Holly. If you go Dixie Highway or I-75 get off at East Holly Road and turn to the left. That will bring you to downtown Holly. Turn left at the light and they are the 2nd house on the right after you go over the railroad tracks.

If you cannot make it on our day, you can visit them for their Christmas Open Houses on December 6, 13 and 20, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Please give me a call to tell me you are coming (or sign up at the Hatchery House) so we have a count. 248-683-2697. All are welcome!



## Kudos and Thank You

We are so proud of Nate LeMarbe (Carol LeMarbe's grandson) and the Elias Cady Society, Children of the American Revolution of Waterford. They collected cans and monetary donations all summer (including at Log Cabin Days) to present a check for \$955.00 to Honor Flight Michigan. Here is the thank you we received from Nate:

Thank you for your donation and support of the Children of American Revolution Elias Cady Society Honor Flight Michigan fundraiser. At our last meeting we presented our donation of \$955 to Mike Cameron of Honor Flight Michigan. We surpassed our goal of sending one veteran and are very excited to learn that this donation could possibly send up to twelve veterans on a one day all expense paid trip to Washington D. C. to see their memorial. We achieved this by a society can drive, cash donations from DAR members and the Waterford Historical Society.

Your contribution and support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated and has gone to a great cause!

Kudos to Nate and the Elias Cady Society and thank you to all of you who donated!

# Drayton Plains History Briefs

## Printed in the Waterford School News

Little is known about a man by the name of Foster who first settled near this area about 1822 but Jonathan Perry and Harvey and Austin Durfee were first to make their homes at "The Plains". William Van Ostrand came in 1836. Daniel Windiate, who brought the first shorthorn cattle, Berkshire hogs and Hampshire sheep to Michigan, named the settlement "Drayton Plains" after his home in England.

The first post office was on a site which later became the Michigan Bass Hatchery. Early businessmen were Moses Southard, blacksmith; William Beasley (son-in-law of Daniel Windiate), general store; and James Swartz, boots and shoes.

When the Grand Trunk Railroad came through Pontiac to Waterford in 1856, supplies were brought in by a wood-burning locomotive. Later, ice from Pittman & Dean's ice House on Loon Lake was shipped out by rail.

The first school in District 8 was a frame building which stood east of the cemetery in Section 10. Lewis M. Covert was the first teacher 1837-38.

### Legend for Map:

1-The Drayton Plains one room school was located on the site of the present school. When the latter was erected, the old frame building was moved across Sashabaw Road and in 1965 was again moved to the Pontiac Pinegrove property, historic home of former Governor Moses Wisner.

2-Linabury Stable, owned by John Linabury, built 1865.

3-Old Drayton Plains Hotel, built 1838 by Daniel Windiate.

4-Cider Mill built in 1860's, John Kirodot & Sons owners.

5-Judd's General Store which also served as post office, election hall, Sunday School and Saturday night dance hall, later housed Meinrad Hangee's tin shop.

6-P. Shwesigner manufactured boots and shoes and sold general merchandise in his store.

7-Thomas Hugill was an early blacksmith who included carriage ironing in his trade.

8-The Depot, trains brought passengers and coal to the community. C. B. Albertson was station agent and postmaster in 1870.

9-Pittman and Dean Ice House. Ice, cut by a plow with a sharp blade on their 40-acre surface of Loon Lake, was preserved in sheds insulated with saw dust. Hand cars were loaded with ice and taken by track to the railroad. By 1883, the community boasted two other ice companies-Belle Isle and Silver Lake.

10-Grist Mill, built in 1835 by Daniel Windiate. From this spot, the bridge, which carried Mill Street (now Hatchery Road), can still be seen.

11-This part of Saginaw Trail was retained when the turnpike was straightened out on the north side of the tracks to become Dixie Highway.

*We think this article was printed in the early 1970's*

## Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

  

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Date	Phone
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Name	
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Address	
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City, State, Zip	Mail payment to: Waterford Historical Society
Make Check Payable To: Waterford Township Historical Society	P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491

## Waterford Historical Society

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:  
4490 Hatchery Rd  
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:  
P.O. Box 300491  
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:  
Hatchery House 248-673-0342  
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)

Non-profit 501(c)3 organization

## Holiday Things you might like:

- ◆ **Holly Historical Society Field Trip** Join us on Thursday December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. for a tour and dessert at the Holly Historical Society Museum. We will get to see their museum decorated in Victorian Christmas finery. Look inside this newsletter for more details.
- ◆ **Christmas Sale** Last minute shopping for everyone on your list. December 5th from 10-4 in our Log Cabin and Jacober's General Store.
- ◆ **Kettering Collage Concert** A not to be missed event for your holiday enjoyment. December 10, 11, 12 at the Waterford Kettering High School Performing Arts Center. Performances start at 7:00 p.m. each night. Tickets and performance information call 248-673-4205.
- ◆ **Waterford Mott Holiday Concert Showcase** December 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m. the Waterford Mott Performing Arts Center. Tickets and performance information call 248-673-4205.
- ◆ **Holiday Brass with the Motor City Brass Band** brought to you by the Waterford Cultural Council on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church at 3882 Highland Rd. Tickets are \$15.00 or \$10.00 for WCC members/seniors/students. Call 248-618-7529 for information/tickets.

## SAVE...SAVE...SAVE...SAVE

Please save your VG's and Tenuta's receipts and bring them to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. This is free money for us!



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Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of  
Waterford Township for the interest and education  
of present and future generations.

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