



Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

Sept-Oct-Nov

WHS is Open
Wednesday from 10:30-2:00

Sept 4

Newsletter Mailing

Sept 18

Board Meeting 2:15

Sept 30

Village Closes for the Season

Oct 16

Board Meeting 1:00

Oct 18 - 19

Christmas in October
10 am - 4 pm

Nov 20

Board Meeting 1:00

Nov 27

WHS Closed Today

Dec 7

Christmas Sale 10-4

Dec 12

Holiday Luncheon

President's Notes

Another successful Log Cabin Days was put to bed...hopefully we are all recovered! Thank you so much to everyone who put in their time and efforts. This is not just a Historical Society event, this is a total COMMUNITY event. We are here for the community and our best show is Log Cabin Days. From all of the comments I heard, you can be proud, proud, proud of yourselves. We are making the early history of Waterford come to life. Keep up the great work!

We were lucky to have a couple high school students helping us this summer. They worked on several projects including indexing newspaper articles and helping with some sorting and organizing in the files. We are sorry school is starting as we will truly miss their smiling faces.

Fall brings my favorite, Big Ten football. And, of course, Christmas in October. How can you help? You can make a craft and donate it. You could bake cookies and put them four in a baggie for our Log Cabin Bake Sale. Most important, you can shop until you drop! Tell and bring a friend or neighbor. Once people come to Christmas in October, they come every year. Our items are unique and quality made, not dollar store items. So mark your calendars and get your list ready.

September 25 marks the last day the Village is open. The Hatchery House and Log Cabin stay open year round, so don't hesitate to come in. The winter is a great time to do research in our library. And, of course, we have our Christmas Sale on December 7th.

Hope to see you soon!

Sally Strait



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Reminder...

Annual Membership dues expire December 15, 2013. Time to think about renewing! The application form can be found on page 5.



Christmas in October 2013



We are gearing up for our annual 'Christmas in October' sale which will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2013 from 10 am - 4 pm. The sale will take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin. This sale is a fundraiser. All proceeds go to the Waterford Historical Society.

Shoppers will find many handmade items as well as other unique holiday related items. These include gift mugs, holiday decorations, gift baskets, pet items, aprons, gently used children's books, Waterford Historical Society sweatshirts and T-shirts, our Waterford Historic Village afghan, historic maps, children's items, candles, Michigan food items, homemade cookies, handmade greeting cards, stocking stuffers, and vintage collectibles.

You will find many of the same items during our Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 from 10 am - 4 pm. This sale will also take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin.

Hope to see many of you there. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! It is a great place to start your holiday shopping and find unique items for those hard to shop for persons on your list.

Both Stores will be open for shopping every Wednesday from Oct. 23rd - through Dec. 4th.

Waterford Goodfellows



The Waterford Historical Society will once again be donating items for the Waterford Goodfellows Holiday Food Basket Program. Holiday baskets contain the fixings for a holiday dinner, canned goods, candy and a toy for each child ages birth through 12 years old.

The Historical Society will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, and games and toys for all age groups. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

In times of emergencies the Goodfellows also provide other assistance to Waterford residents, so monetary donations are also welcome.

Items may be dropped off at the Hatchery House on Wednesdays before December 11th or at Christ Lutheran Church on Dec. 12th at our holiday luncheon.

Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon

The Waterford Historical Society would like to thank all our members by inviting you to a **Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon** on **Thursday, December 12th** at noon. The luncheon takes place at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.



Please **mark your calendars now** and plan to join us if you can. This is one of the times we can all get together and just enjoy each other's company. You may bring a friend if you wish. All are welcome.

The WHS provides the meat, beverages and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. People attending the luncheon in the past have loved the variety of dishes provided by our members and look forward to the special dishes that are shared.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our holiday gathering!

Crafts and Cookies WANTED

1. It's time to brush up your craft skills and help us start making goods to sell in Jacober's Store for our **Christmas in October Fundraising Sale**. When making items please make no more than 10-15 of any item. Also, please try to keep items on the smaller side (no large baskets or wreaths, please.) Think of what grandmothers would like when shopping for gift items. We also have many customers looking for stocking stuffers as well as gifts for caregivers, teachers, secretaries, and hairdressers. All our customers want unique gifts to grab that cost under \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Maneese at 248-332-0839 and leave a message, or stop by on a Wednesday upstairs in Jacober's General Store.
2. We also need cookies baked for our popular **Cookie Sale** during our **Christmas in October Fundraising Sale**. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie and bring them to the Log Cabin on Friday, October 18th or Saturday, October 19th anytime during the sale. All baggies will be priced at \$1.00. These cookies are big sellers.



Our customers love them!



3. We can also use wrapped candies for our gift mugs.



Frontier Cooking

Upon looking back we are amazed at the bravery, courage, resourcefulness and self sufficiency of our pioneer families who left home and family, friends and all that was familiar to homestead in a new and wild land on the frontier.

One of their most difficult tasks was keeping food in the larder and on the table. There were no grocery stores as we know them and the next meal depended on the skill of the homemaker to grow, preserve and cook whatever food was at hand.

We recently received here at the Society a book entitled Foods of the Frontier by Gertrude Harris detailing how to cook, preserve, herb-lore, pickling, drying, salting down, smoking and the making of wine, brew, candles and soap from as far back as 1776. Another book entitled Colonial Fireplace Cooking and Early American Recipes by Margaret Taylor Chalmers also came to our attention. We would like to share some of this very interesting information and some of the recipes (called receipts in their day) with you and hope you will enjoy them as much as we do.

Sincerely, Betty Horn

Excerpt from Foods of the Frontier: Introduction

For a long time, the colonists huddled along the Atlantic seaboard. In fact, 216 years were to pass between the time of the first landings of European emigrants in 1620, until the first women were to cross the unknown and terrifying regions west of the Allegheny mountains.

In those days of slow and difficult travel, storage space was necessarily restricted to tools for breaking ground and building. Women fought bitterly for a few pieces of cherished furniture and clothing; they secreted in the hem of a skirt or in tiny pockets sewn under a petticoat little packets and bags of seeds, cuttings, herbs and spices. Too often the seeds were no longer viable when planted or did not take to the new soil. That was tragedy indeed, for it was those small, friendly flavors that enabled the pioneer women to make the unfamiliar flora and fauna palatable.

On a frontier, the primary considerations are food, drink, clothing and shelter. It was fundamentally vital to break ground, cultivate the new land, and "tame" wild plants and animals to discover their potentiality for nourishment and cover. So in the hands of the pioneer the use of indigenous material evolves, expands and takes on the aroma, the savor and the gusto of the culture that bred them. Thus a new cuisine develops, built on the ways of the old and strengthened by the new.

Foods of the Frontier: Formulas for Bakers

The lessons learned by each generation of frontier people were eagerly sought by successive generations, for in them were the clues to some degree of leisure in a very busy life. Clever homemakers devised and improvised means of reducing the labor; almanacs - the ladies' journals of that day - were read from front to finish for they offered invaluable hints and shortcuts. Rare meetings with other settlers, often of different racial origins, also were helpful, and all these led in time to what is now commonplace in farm and frontier living.

Of course baking was done in a wood oven. Mrs. Lydia Maria Child in The American Frugal Housewife (1832) gives the following tip for testing the temperature of an oven:

"Heating ovens must be regulated by experience and observation. If you are afraid your oven is too hot, throw in a little flour, and shut it up for a minute. If it scorched black immediate, the heat is too furious; if it merely browns, it is right. Some people wet an old broom two or three times, and turn it around near the top of the oven till it dries; this prevents pies and cakes from scorching on the top."

Foods of the Frontier: Testing the Unregulated Oven

- Slow oven (250°-350°) will turn white flour or unglazed white paper a light straw color in 5 minutes.
- Moderate oven (350°-375°), a golden brown in 5 minutes.
- Hot oven (400°-450°), a dark brown in 5 minutes.
- Very hot oven (450°-500°), a very dark brown in 5 minutes.



Shaker Lemon Pie from Colonial Fireplace Cooking and Early American Recipes

this handwritten recipe was found in a old book purchased at an auction

3 lemons*

4 eggs

1 1/3 c. sugar*

1 tsp. arrowroot

Pastry for 2 crusts

This is a very old lemon pie recipe which the early Ohio Shakers fashioned frequently. "Slice two* lemons as thin as paper, rind and all. Place them in a bowl and pour over them 2 c*. of sugar. Mix well and let stand for 2 hours or better. Then go about making your best pastry for 2 crusts. Line a pie dish with same. Beat 4 eggs together with arrowroot and pour over lemons. Fill unbaked pie shell with this and add top crust with small vents cut to let out steam. Place in hot oven at 450 degrees for 15 minutes and then cut down heat and bake until a silver knife inserted into custard comes out clean." (* The recipe is shown here exactly as it is in the book.)



This and That...

- ◆ According to our guest register in the Hatchery House we have had visitors this season from 29 different Michigan cities as well as visitors from GA, FL, NM, OK, TN, TX, WA and Mexico!

Schoolhouse Building Fund



We are now accepting donations for the schoolhouse building fund. We have \$697.00 in this fund as of August 21st. All monetary donations for the schoolhouse will be earmarked and will be used only for the schoolhouse.

We are looking at schoolhouse photos and plans. We estimate it will cost upwards of \$13,000.00 to complete this building. As soon as we have enough money in the fund we can go ahead with getting floor plans and construction plans in place.

If we all band together and give a little bit, we will be able to start before we know it.

Can you help?



If you would like to donate to the schoolhouse fund you may send a check to WHS at our mailing address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Schoolhouse' on the memo line. Or you may call our president Sally Strait at 248-683-2697 to make other arrangements.

Village News



- ◆ Bob Allen's Crew has been hard at work with much needed maintenance on the caboose. They have been busy re-sealing the roof, sealing the windows and re-painting the outside of the caboose. Many thanks to Bob Allen, Bill Clark, Tracy Crothers, Bill Hayter, Stu Magy, Bob Nelson, Gary Page, Bob Ranzilla, Scott Roberts, Harold Russell and Bob Swartz. This wonderful crew keeps our village up and running!!!
- ◆ Our gardeners are always on the job. Every season brings different tasks. A big thank you to Fran Amos, Pat Hayter, Bette Lagalo, Gerri Pridmore and Pat Sirbaugh for keeping the grounds so beautiful and interesting. Several of them also make items for our craft sales!
- ◆ The Hatchery House is staffed on Wednesdays by Sally Strait, Grace Rockey & Dorothy Webber. Sally also keeps the entire village operating!
- ◆ Thank you to Betty Horn & Betty Seymour who operate the Log Cabin along with their other duties.
- ◆ Jacober's 'Crafty Ladies' are always thinking about and working on items to sell at our craft sales. They also double as WHS library workers. Our thanks go out to Margaret Maneese, Shari Stringer, Troas Goulet & Jessica.
- ◆ Thank you also to Wednesday workers Becky Morgan and Tammi Wolfe who help around the village and wherever else they are needed.

NEW VG's Cash for Class Program

- ◆ VG's Community Share will become the Cash for Class program beginning September 1, 2013.
- ◆ VG's CASH FOR CLASS program will be tied to your 'yes' card. WHS supporters must link your 'yes' loyalty card to the Waterford Historical Society online for the WHS to get their percentage from your purchases!
- ◆ Are you a 'Yes' card member with an online account? You need to log onto www.myyesrewards.com and log into your account, click 'manage account' tab and link WHS under the 'Cash for Class' portion of the screen.
- ◆ Already a 'yes' card member but don't have an on-line account set up? Visit the 'yes' website on www.myyesrewards.com, click on 'First-Time to Site' and follow the steps to complete your on-line registration. During the registration process, you will be able to link to the WHS group name.
- ◆ Not a 'yes' member yet? Sign up online at www.myyesrewards.com by clicking on 'Join' and fill out the registration form. Then you can pick up your 'yes' card in-store at the Customer Service desk. During the registration process, you will be able to link WHS to your card.
- ◆ During the weeks of:

September 22-28, 2013	October 20-26, 2013	November 17-23, 2013
January 12-18, 2014	February 2-8, 2014	February 23- March 1, 2014

 Purchases you make with your 'yes' card will be automatically added to our groups account. At the end of March 2014, WHS will receive a rebate check based on the percentage of all our member's purchases.



Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!



This edition of the newsletter is brought to you in part by Bob Nelson. Any donation towards the newsletter is more money that stays in our treasury for Village upkeep.

If you would like to help sponsor our next newsletter please send a check for \$25 to WHS at our mailing address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.

Community Share Report



We have received \$429.29 thanks to all of you who participate in our community savings programs by shopping at Kroger, VG's and Tenuta's or coming to the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser. Thank you for your help!

Tenuta's shoppers please continue to bring receipts to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the address below.

Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Waterford Historical Society just clip and fill out the form below and bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to :

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



Come join us!

The Waterford Historical Society Thanks You!



- ◆ Thank you to all of you who helped in some way before, during or after Log Cabin Days. It takes all of us to make this event a success. Together we can do great things!
- ◆ Thank you to the family and friends who made donations to the WHS in celebration of Dorothy Webber's special birthday.
- ◆ Thank you to the friend who made a donation to our schoolhouse fund to honor of one of our member's 65th birthday.
- ◆ Thank you to the two generous people who donated the supplies and money needed to repair the caboose.
- ◆ Thank you to all the wonderful people who share our love of history and understand the importance of keeping the history of Waterford alive for the next generation.

We are very grateful to you all!

Food for Thought



Fortune Cookie Wisdom

No one can walk backward into the future.

Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

- \$15.00 Individual
- \$25.00 Family
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$50.00 Organizations/Businesses
- \$150.00 Lifetime per family
- \$100.00 Lifetime per person
- \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
- \$250.00 Lifetime Org./Businesses
- \$500.00 Lifetime Patron

Date

Phone

Name

Address

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:
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www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
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Village Schedule

Waterford Historic Village will close for the season September 30th. It will re-open on April 16th for the 2014 season.

The Hatchery House, research library, offices and our Log Cabin store continue to be open on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.



Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Big Wheels:** Saturday, September 14th
11am-2pm at Hess Hathaway Park
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Harvest Happening:** Saturday, Oct 5th
from 11 am -5 pm at Hess-Hathaway Park
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **WHS Christmas in October Sale:**
Fri/Sat, Oct. 11-12 /10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Halloween Hayrides:** Fri/Sat, Oct 11-12
Drayton Plains Nature Center
- ◆ **Apple Pie Sale:** Oct. 21-25 Order Forms at the C.A.I.
Order Early!!! www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Tree Lighting & Santa Visit:** Tues., Dec. 3rd /6-8 pm
Waterford Township Hall www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **WHS Christmas Sale:** Saturday, Dec 7th
from 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Santa in the Woods:** Saturday, Dec 7th
Drayton Plains Nature Center

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

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