



Greater West Bloomfield

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Historical Society



2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Final details will be listed in the History Matters newsletter and at gwbhs.org

Annual Meeting with Recognition Program & Polish Panorama Presentation

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, 3535 Indian Trail.

Program: the Polish Panorama of 100 beautiful characters dramatizes the history of Poland from earliest times to Pope John Paul II. \$15 includes brunch. RSVP by January 23 to Judy, 248-808-0893.

Every Quilt has a Story

Sunday, February 17, 2 p.m. West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. Quilter and storyteller Judy Schmidt brings her own quilts and gives an overview of quilt history. No charge. Co-sponsored with the West Bloomfield Township Library.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Are you looking for flexible, interesting volunteer opportunities?

Come learn our needs -- from one-time to long-term commitments.

Planning for Apple Island Tours, the GWBHS 40th anniversary 2014

Historic Homes Tour and other events is beginning now.

Basketry 101

Saturday, March 9, 10:30-noon, Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road.

Basket weaver DuAnne Sonnevill will help participants make an 8" ribbed melon basket. No experience necessary. Class size limited. Registration and \$20 material fee due by February 8 to DuAnne at 248.683.1542. Co-sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

History of Summer Camps in West Bloomfield, 1910-1960s

Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m. West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room,

The greater West Bloomfield area hosted summer camps for children from the Detroit area: Detroit Free Press Fresh Air Camp, Girls' Friendly Society Holiday House and the Protestant Children's Home Camp Tinega. No charge. Co-sponsored with the West Bloomfield Township Library.

Apple Island Spring Forum

Wednesday, April 10, 7-9 p.m. Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian,

5171 Commerce Road. Don Moore, Education Manager of the Nokimos Learning Center, Native American Cultural Center in Okemos, MI, will speak about the history and culture of Michigan's first inhabitants and the life of Chief Okemos who some think was born on Apple Island. \$5 adults, children free.

Spring Wild Flower Walk

Sunday, April 21, 2-3 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail. Join Naturalists Carol Fink and Judy Graham for a tour through rolling terrain and explore breathtaking spring flowers. No charge. Co-sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary.

Docent Training

Wednesday, May 15, 7-8 p.m. Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road.

Would you like to lead tours on Apple Island or guide 2nd grade classes through the Orchard Lake Museum? Come see what it's all about. RSVP by Tuesday, May 14 to Gina Gregory, 248.661.5345.

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19, 11-5 p.m. Orchard Lake Museum,

3951 Orchard Lake Road. Along with a guided tour of Apple Island, students from Western Michigan University will demonstrate their current archaeological work on the island. \$15 adults, \$10 children 12 years and under. Free for GWBHS members.

National Trail Day Walk

Saturday, June 1, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Celebrate National Trail Day at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve, 4655

Arrowhead Road. Walk along the scenic and historic rail-to-trail path.

Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum for refreshments. No charge.

Detroit Archery Club Visit

Saturday, August 10, 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5795 Drake Road.

At Michigan's oldest archery club learn about the club's history along with the basic rules, history and etiquette of target archery. Participate in archery games and a mini tournament. \$10. Optional restaurant stop following. Reservations by Wednesday, August 7 to Carol, 248.669.2520.

Vintage Clothing

Saturday, September 21, 1-3 p.m. Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road.

LaReta Roder will share her collection of 1860-1960s hats, handbags, gloves and outerwear. \$10 adults, children free. RSVP to Judy, 248-808-0893 by September 10 to model and by September 18 to attend.

Focus on the Civil War

Saturday, October 12, 9:00-noon. St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, 3535 Indian Trail.

Please join these popular speakers for a morning on the Civil War: Dave Finney on 16 Summer Days: Custer Meets the Wolverines; Gary Pike on Civil War Clothing, and Rudy Ruzicka on Military Arms. Brian Bohnett will share his Michigan Military Academy collection and lead two campus walks relating MMA history. Brunch included. \$15. RSVP by Wednesday, October 9 to Judy, 248-808-0893.

Autumn Nature Walk

Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m. Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary on Pontiac Trail west of Old

Orchard Trail. Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided walking tour. Experience autumn beauty in this beautiful setting. No charge. Co-sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary.

Our Local Veterans

Sunday, November 17, 2-4 p.m. West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room,

What was on the minds of local soldiers during World War II? Browse letters between Sylvan Lake's Whitfield School graduates and Whitfield School Principal Glenn Husted. Speak with World War II Veterans regarding their personal military memories. Share personal/family military memories of all wars. Table space for display items. No charge. Co-Sponsored with the West Bloomfield Township Library.

Orchard Lake Museum Open Houses

Second Sunday of every month 1 - 4 p.m. Orchard Lake Museum

Join West Bloomfield Historian William McIsaac to discuss new collection additions and recent discoveries pertaining to the West Bloomfield area history.

