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Historical Society



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Annual Meeting and Presentation: Farmington Junction - A Trolley History

Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, Commerce Rd.
Annual meeting and presentation by historian Brian Golden about the Detroit United Railway interurban system. \$15, includes brunch. Prepayment by January 27.
Contact rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871 with questions.

The Underground Railroad Michigan Connection

Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Former Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne highlights southern fugitive slaves and the Michigan abolitionists and free Blacks that assisted them via the Underground Railroad.
Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 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 begins now for Apple Island Tours and Vintage Fashions. No charge.

Heart Basket Class*

Saturday, March 14, 10-12:30 p.m. & 1 - 3:30 p.m., Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road
Participants will make an 8" reed heart basket with professional crafter DuAnne Sonnevile and learn techniques involved in making a spoked basket. Class size limited to eight. \$20 includes materials. Reservations by Feb. 10 to DuAnne, 248.683.1542 or duannesonneville@hotmail.com.

Dear Friend, A Romance Through Words

Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Journalist Hildred Corbett recounts the 1913-1914 correspondence courtship of her grandparents and how this became a book. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

Apple Island Spring Forum*

Wednesday, April 15, 7-9 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road
Anthropologist LouAnn Wurst, Ph.D., shares 2014 Western Michigan University Apple Island Archaeological Dig Project findings and MI and National Register of Historic Places designation progress. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Schools. \$5 donation.

Spring Nature Walk

Sunday, April 19, 2-3 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail
Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers. Sponsored with Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

Docent Training

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Would you like to lead a tour on Apple Island or guide a 2nd grade class through the Orchard Lake Museum? Come see what it's all about. RSVP by Tuesday, May 13 to Gina, gina@gwbhs.org or 248.622.7570

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17, 11-5 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Guided tours of Apple Island. First come first served. No reservations.
Last departure at 3:30 p.m. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Schools. \$15 adults, \$10 children 5-12 years. \$5 GBWHS and Time Travelers members.

National Trail Day Walk*

Saturday, June 6, 8:30-11 a.m. Park at Walnut Creek Middle School, 7601 Walnut Lake Rd.; shuttle returns you to your car.
Celebrate National Trail Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail from Walnut Lake Road, along the historic rail-to-trail path, to Sylvan Manor Park. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum for refreshments. See Pathways for more information. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
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Archaeology for Tweens*

Saturday, July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 1-4 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Learn about the science of archaeology through hands-on, interactive projects, outdoor activities, and visits to a local laboratory and an archaeological site with Detroit Center of Public Archaeology. Up to 18 students, ages 10-13. 1:6 ratio. \$40 per person. Prepayment required by July 6 at www.motownarchaeology.com/workshops. Information at registration@motownarchaeology.com or 313.887.5917

Archaeology for Adults*

Saturday, August 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m.-noon, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Detroit Center of Public Archaeology offers in-depth learning about archaeology in your community; the convergence of archaeology and historic preservation; including visits to archaeological sites. Up to 18 adults, ages 14+. 1:10 ratio. \$50 per person. Prepayment required by Aug. 3 at www.motownarchaeology.com/workshops. Information at registration@motownarchaeology.com or 313.887.5917

Vintage Fashions*†

Saturday in September, 1-3 p.m., Date & location: TBD
The Questers historical organization volunteers model elegant authentic 1860-1940's garments. You'll gain awareness of what it was like to dress during the Victorian era and why fashions changed so dramatically during the 1900's. \$10 per person includes refreshments. Prepayment by: TBD. Contact rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871 with questions.

Michigan Military Academy Morning*†

Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. - noon, St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, Commerce Rd.
MMA author Brian Bohnett and St. Mary's historians, Marcin Chumiecki and JJ Przewozniak, share their perspectives and recently found artifacts from the 1880-1905 military prep school, known as the "West Point of the West." Event includes brunch, presentations, artifacts exhibits, and MMA focused guided campus tours. \$15 per person. Prepayment by Oct. 7. Contact rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871 with questions.

Autumn Nature Walk

Sunday, October 18, 2 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail
Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore autumn seasonal beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary and Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

Monthly Open Houses

Second Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Occasionally guest presenters share their interests. No charge.

*Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Commission † Prepayment at www.gwbhs.org/events

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