

# 2016 EVENTS



Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society hosts and sponsors programs covering a wide variety of local history topics throughout the year. Visit [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org) for more information and final event details.

## Annual Meeting & Historic Photos Presentation

*Saturday, January 30, 10 a.m.-noon.*

*Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting and photo presentation of 1900s West Bloomfield area by Dave Walls. \$15 includes brunch. By January 26, prepay at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org) or make reservations to [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871. Call with questions. No charge for annual meeting only.

## The History of African Americans in the US Marine Corps

*Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

The Montford Point Detachment, a Detroit-based, nonprofit veterans' organization with the first African Americans to serve the Corps, share their history. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

## Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

*Saturday, March 5, 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. Learn about Apple Island Tours volunteer opportunities.

## Celebrating *Our School History* with West Bloomfield Schools

*Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Celebrate the unveiling of each of the West Bloomfield Schools historical information exhibit panels with WBSD. Brief presentation. Sponsored with West Bloomfield School District and West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

## Spring Nature Walk

*Sunday, April 17, 2-3 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers. Sponsored with City of Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

## History LIVES in Grandma's Button Basket

*Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Michigan Button Society garment fastener collector-historian Chris Parham shares her buttons and extensive knowledge. Q&A. Bring your family buttons for identification and care suggestions. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

## Docent Training

*Wednesday, May 18, 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 17 to Gina, [gina@gwbhs.org](mailto:gina@gwbhs.org) or 248.622.7570

## Apple Island Tours

*Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22, 11-5 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Semi-guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$15 adults, \$10 children 5-12 years (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members. Sponsored with West Bloomfield School District, West Bloomfield Library, City of Orchard Lake and Orchard Lake Schools.

## Join Us In a Memorial Day Parade

*Monday, May 30, 9 a.m. - noon, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake*

Walk or bike in the Monday Memorial Day parades! Or bring your vintage car! To participate contact DuAnne, 248.683.1542 or [duannesonneville@hotmail.com](mailto:duannesonneville@hotmail.com).

## National Trails Day Walk

*Saturday, June 4, 8:30 - 11 a.m., Walnut Lake Road entrance of WB Trail*

Celebrate National Trail's Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail's scenic and historic rail-to-trail path beginning at the Walnut Lake Rd. entrance. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum for refreshments. See Parks and Recreation Brochure for more info. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. No charge.

## Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

*Saturday, June 11, 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. 2017 events are being planned now! No charge.

## Appreciation Reception

*Wednesday, July 13, 6 - 8 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Members and volunteers are invited for refreshments to this GWBHS appreciation reception. Complimentary drawing ticket included for choice of multiple prizes. RSVP by July 10 to [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871.

## Kit Homes in Michigan

*Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m.*

*WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Join Sears kit homeowners and enthusiasts Andrew and Wendy Mutch as they explore the fascinating history of kit and catalog homes. Learn about Michigan's role in the kit house industry and see examples from vintage catalogs. See a photographic tour of the many kit homes located in West Bloomfield area communities. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

## Pine Lake Cemetery Tour

*Saturday, October 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m., northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Roads*

Visit Pine Lake Cemetery and learn about prominent local residents buried there, from pioneer John Green to football hero Nick Pietrosante, and Detroit Tiger Norm Cash. \$5. Optional restaurant stop following. Contact Sue Williams to docent at 248.757.2451.

## Autumn Nature Walk

*Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with City of 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. Hands on activities. Occasionally guest presenters share their interests. No charge.