

2017 EVENTS



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

Annual Meeting & *This Place Matters* Presentation

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. - noon
Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15
Annual meeting with *This Place Matters* presentation. \$15 brunch ticket donation. Reservations by January 24 at gwbhs.org, rsvp@gwbhs.org, or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.

History of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion

Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Historian and Lecturer Jamon Jordan looks at Detroit racial history, noting the 50 anniversary of the 1967 Rebellion. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, March 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. No charge.

Iraq to West Bloomfield

Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Salma M. Ajo, PhD, shares her 1950s-60s life experiences growing up in Iraq during, and her life in West Bloomfield. No charge.

Spring Nature Walk

Sunday, April 23, 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 Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

Farmington Junction: A Trolley History

Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Local historian Brian Golden explores the interurban, a light-rail system which ran from downtown Detroit, through Farmington, and then to Pontiac. Sponsored with the West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

Apple Island Docent Training

Wednesday, May 17, 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 16 to Gina 248.622.7570. No charge.

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Rd
Self-paced guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$15 adult ticket donation, \$10 child 5-12 years ticket donation (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members ticket donation.

Join the Memorial Day Parade(s)

Monday, May 29, 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.

National Trails Day Walk

Saturday, June 3, 8:30 - 11 a.m., Walnut Lake Road entrance of WB Trail
Celebrate National Trails 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 information. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
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Appreciation Reception

Wednesday, July 12, 6 - 8 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Members, supporters, & 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 or 248.518.0871.

Aromatherapy History

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.
WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Kirsten Douglass shares the history of essential oil use and their many benefits. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Autumn Nature Walk

Sunday, October 15, 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 seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

Italian Evening

Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m., Gino's Restaurant side room, 1999 Cass Lake Road
Enjoy Gino Santia's personally prepared gourmet Italian dinner with homemade wine. Travelogues. Limited seating for 40 with \$50 donation tickets available at gwbhs.org/events. Proceeds support GWBHS.

Monthly Open Houses at Orchard Lake Museum

Second Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

3951 Orchard Lake Road

Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities and monthly themes. No charge.

2017 Open House Dates & Themes

January 8 - Ice Harvesting

February 12 - Indoor Games

March 12 - Lake Archaeology

April 9 - Lake History

May 20 & 21 - Apple Island Tours

June 11 - theme TBD

July 9 - Unusual Tools

August 13 - Vintage Cars

September 10 - Quits

October 8 - Treasures in the Trunk Sale

November 12 - WWII Whitfield letters

December 10 - Wooden Toys