



Spring 2012

# History Matters

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society  
Keego Harbor • Orchard Lake • Sylvan Lake • West Bloomfield



## Apple Island Tours

**Saturday, May 19**  
**11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 20**  
**11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

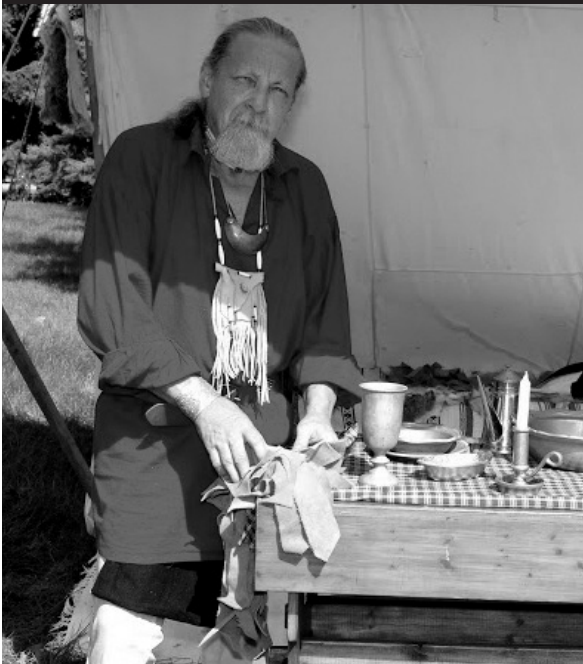
Orchard Lake Museum  
3951 Orchard Lake Road

New features on the always popular public tours of 35-acre, historic Apple Island in the middle of Orchard Lake are a docent-led island group tour and then, at your own pace, spend time with...

- Genot Picor as a 1700s French - Huron Metis' with storytelling & games
- Mike Jewell as Mikwandahn demonstrating Native-American life skills
- Jeff Vallender portraying a 1700s explorer at his campsite
- Ed & Dennis Milkowski families portraying 1740s - 1840s trappers at their campsite

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Go for Free!**

*See back page*



- ✓ **Sign-up only in person at the Orchard Lake Museum**  
**First-come, first-served sign-up begins at 11 am**  
**No phone reservations**
- ✓ Last tour group leaves the museum at 3:30 pm  
\$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 years and under  
GWBHS members free, including new memberships
- ✓ Time Travelers members receive \$2 off admission
- ✓ Professional photographer available to take color photo of your group on the island
- ✓ Activities and demonstrations on the museum grounds
- ✓ Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather as the boat ride and island are cooler than the shore
- ✓ No strollers on the boats or island



## ***Docent Training... Wednesday, May 16, 7-8 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! Volunteer docents will be introduced to presentation materials and tour logistics. RSVP by Tuesday, May 15 to Gina Gregory, 248.661.5345.

## ***National Trail Day Walk... Saturday, June 2, 8:30-10:30 a.m.***

**West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve, 4655 Arrowhead Road**

June 2nd is National Trail Day and what better way to celebrate than to hit the trail! Join the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation naturalist, along with the ITC Walk WB group, at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve, 4655 Arrowhead Road, for a guided walk along the scenic and historic rail-to-trail. Learn how the trail came to be, see nine Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society markers along the way, engage in some bird watching or just enjoy the scenery. You'll be able to step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road, for refreshments. No charge for this guided walk, but West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation registration (Code# 228500-1A) is required at 268.451.1900 or WestBloomfieldParks.org

## ***Program Volunteers Meeting... Saturday, June 23, 10-11 a.m.***

**Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road**

New program volunteers are needed! Join us for this meeting where you can help by offering ideas and shaping 2013 programs. Contact Gina Gregory, 248.661.5345, gina@gwbhs.com

## ***Detroit Archery Club Visit... Saturday, August 11, 11am-12:30 p.m.***

**Detroit Archery Club, 5795 Drake Road**

Thanks to "The Hunger Games" movie, interest in archery is soaring. Learn about Michigan's oldest archery club, along with the basic rules, history and etiquette of target archery. Participate in archery games and a mini tournament. \$15; \$10 for GWBHS members. Optional restaurant stop following at The Breakfast Club, 1713 Haggerty Road. Reservations by Wednesday, August 8 to Carole, 313.929.3543.

## ***Hands on History... Sunday, September 16, 1-4 p.m.***

**Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road**

An afternoon of family activities with no cell phones, tablets or laptops needed! Dig for buried artifacts, try manual typewriters, stilts and hula hoops; create an arts & crafts project, and more. GWBHS members free; non-members \$5 children 12 and under, \$2 adults. Volunteers needed, contact Anita Pinson, anifinch27@hotmail.com, 248.363.2834.

## ***Vintage Clothing... Saturday, September 22, 1-3 p.m.***

**Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road,**

Karen Faett will share her extensive 1910s-60s collection of women's dresses, hats and accessories. You'll have the opportunity to see the collection up close and hear her historical perspective on fashion. GWBHS members free, \$5 non-members. Reservations by Wednesday, September 19, to Carole, 313.929.3543. Co-sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

## ***Of Grave Concern:***

## ***Tour of Pine Lake Cemetery... Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.-noon***

**northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Roads**

Stroll the cemetery at your own pace stopping by costumed storytellers sharing stories of prominent people buried here -- Detroit Tigers Norm Cash, Detroit Lions star Nick Pietrosante, Evangeline Lindbergh (Charles Lindbergh's mother), General Frederick Strong, Jr. and the Ellenwood, Greer, Coates, Stickney and Hamlin families. Optional restaurant stop following. GWBHS members free, \$5 non-members. Volunteers needed, contact Sue Williams, 248.757.2451

***GWBHS at  
Community  
Events...***

Keego Harbor Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28, 11:30 a.m., Keego Harbor City Hall, 2025 Beechmont  
Sylvan Lake Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 16, 6-8 p.m., Sylvan Lake Community Center, 2456 Pontiac Drive  
Gino's Pre Dream Cruise, Monday, August 20, 6-8 p.m., Gino's Restaurant, 1999 Cass Lake Road  
Skate Night, Wednesday, September 12, 4-8 p.m., Roosevelt School & Keego Harbor City Hall



## Cudos to these volunteers and businesses for support on our winter and spring programs

Underground Railroad: Beans & Cornbread, Chamberlain's Auction Gallery, Great Harvest Bread Co., TLC Eyecare & Laser Center, The Paint Store, West Bloomfield Beacon, West Bloomfield Township Library, Carol Fink, Gina Gregory, Carole Hovsepien

Drop Spindle 101: West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation, Gina Gregory, DuAnne Sonnevile

Fire House History: Helen Jane Peters, Sue Williams

Friends of Apple Island Spring Forum: Coldwell Banker, Great Harvest Bread Co., Michigan Ear Institute, Orchard Lake Footcare, TLC Eyecare & Laser Center, West Bloomfield Beacon, Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian; Carole Fink, Gina Gregory

Spring Wildflower Walk at the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary: City of Orchard Lake Village, Great Harvest Bread Co., Carol Fink

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WEST BLOOMFIELD BEACON, February 22, 2012 - 15A

UPCOMING events

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**Underground Railroad**  
Wednesday, February 29, 7 - 9 p.m.  
West Bloomfield Main Library Meeting Room  
4600 Walnut Lake Road  
Metro-Detroiters will share their knowledge of local history about the Underground Railroad.  
• Bruce McIntyre on his Orchard Lake house  
• Hildy Corbett on the Macomb County entry point  
• Beacon Tree in Shelby Township  
• Susie DiPace on the underground stop at the 1860 Andrus Octagon house in Washington Township  
No charge!  
Co-sponsored with the West Bloomfield Library.  
See additional program listings online.  
Save the date! Apple Island Tours for the public, May 19 - 20  
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The F.A. Chamberlain House located on Pontiac Trail in Orchard Lake.

Come to Open Houses at the Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road, the 2nd Sunday of every month from 1 - 4 p.m. for local history themes.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD BEACON, April 11, 2012

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**Friends of Apple Island Spring Forum**  
Wednesday, April 18, 7-9 p.m.  
Orchard Lake Community Church Presbyterian  
5171 Commerce Road  
Presented by nationally known archaeologist Dr. David Brose.  
• Chief Pontiac: This Ottawa leader challenged British rule in the Midwest 250 years ago. He led a rebellion that failed to oust the British from Fort Detroit in 1763. Legend has it he was buried on Apple Island after assassination in 1769. Who was he? Why the myths surrounding him?  
• Update on the Apple Island's National Register of Historic Places nomination  
Refreshments \$5. Free to GWHBS & Time Travelers members.  
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Artist interpretation of Chief Pontiac by John M. Stanley  
Apple Island Circa 1926

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6:30 - 7:30pm | 7001 Orchard Lk. Rd. St. 320C, West Bloomfield







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## Membership Application

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Individual	\$20	Family	\$40
Senior Indiv.	\$15	Senior Couple	\$30
Premier	\$50	Patron/Business	\$100
Life	\$600		

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Membership year is January 1 to December 31.

Please make checks payable to GWBHS.

Mail to GWBHS: 3951 Orchard Lake Road  
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**Wondering where to go, have a great  
time and see and learn something  
new – right in your own backyard?**

*Join the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society for...*

- Free admission to the popular Apple Island Tours, May 19 & 20
- Free admission to the Hands on History family program, Sept. 16
- Other events including Vintage Clothing, September 22 & Of Grave Concern: Tour of Pine Lake Cemetery, October 20
- Discounts to 200 institutions across the country through the Time Travelers network  
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*Mail in your application or  
join at the upcoming Apple Island Tours.*

