



Spring 2013

# History Matters

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



## Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 18, 11am-5 pm

Sunday, May 19, 11am-5 pm

Orchard Lake Museum  
3951 Orchard Lake Road



This weekend the public not only can tour the island but also learn about the archaeological dig being done by Western Michigan University (WMU) leaders and students. Tours begin at the Orchard Lake Museum where presenters include Liam Collins of the Detroit Center for Public Archaeology. Take a pontoon boat ride to Apple Island for a docent-led island group tour and then, at your own pace, learn about the dig from the WMU team. **First-come, first-served, in-person sign-ups begin at 11 a.m. at the Orchard Lake Museum. No phone reservations.** Last tour group leaves the museum at 3:30 p.m. Allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours roundtrip and must climb 15 stairs up to the island. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather as the boat ride and island are cooler than the shore. No strollers are allowed on the boats or island. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 years and under. GWBHS members free, including new memberships sold this weekend.

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT THE APPLE ISLAND DIG

The Society is leading an effort to secure Michigan State Historic Site and National Register of Historic Places designations for 35-acre Apple Island, owned by the West Bloomfield School District, and located in the middle of Orchard Lake. GWBHS received a \$10,000 grant from the St. Francis Foundation of Michigan for the project, with the archaeological dig conducted by Dr. David Brose, nationally known archaeologist, and Western Michigan University's Dr. LouAnn Wurst and her students in an anthropology class.

*These three events are for GWBHS members only -- or buy a membership at any event.*

### Archaeological Dig Welcome Dinner

*Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

Kick off GWBHS' and Western Michigan University's Apple Island archaeological dig by attending an informal opening celebration. Gayle Joseph (Oji-Cree) and Pastor Paul Thwaite will offer blessings for the project. An indoor picnic dinner will follow, providing guests a chance to meet the WMU leaders and students. Dr. David Brose, principal investigator, will give an overview presentation. Reservations required by Thursday, May 3, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$10 per person.

### Field Lab Open Houses

*Thursday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

Come see what the WMU team is discovering during the archaeological dig on Apple Island.

### Dig Farewell Dinner & Dig Summary

*Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

After a spaghetti dinner, Dr. LouAnn Wurst, 2013 principal investigator, will summarize the dig's findings. Reservations required by Monday, May 20, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$15 per person.

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## Volunteers needed

- Apple Island Tours volunteers are needed. Contact Diane Santia, dsantia@gmail.com, 248-683-7218. Also see Docent Training on page 3.
- Event planning for the GWBHS 40th Anniversary and Historic Homes tour in 2014. Contact Gina Gregory, gina@gwbhs.com, 248.661.5345.



Local residents model an array of vintage clothing.



DuAnne Sonnevile shows Dawn Hoyer how to make a basket at Basketry 101.



Don Newman volunteered at Of Grave Concern: Tour of Pine Lake Cemetery.



Presenters John and Patti Hartwig, Helen Jane Peters and Joe Steiger spoke at the History of Summer Camps program.

## Thanks to the volunteers who helped make these Fall 2012 – April 2013 events successful

### Hands on History

Co-chairs Linda Kidd and Anita Pinson. Betty Bradbury, Carol Fink, Roberta Falkenberg, Gina Gregory, Aleta Kidd, Linda and Michael Kidd, Michael A. Kidd, Rose Pfeifer, William McIsaac, Susan Philips, Helen Jane Peters, Anita Pinson and Greg Pinson, Steve Saponis, DuAnne and Christian Sonnevile, Emily Stern, Susan Tolstyka, Sue Williams, Shelby Zenker, Helen Zenker. Photographer Bill Bertakis and presenters Ed Milkowski, Dennis Milkowski, and the Pick & Sticks String Band.

### Vintage Clothing

Presenter Karen Faett. Co-chairs Gina Gregory and Carole Lynn Hovsepian. Gwynne Cherfoli, Carol Fink, Barb Krause, Maureen Nolan, Trudy Schmidt. Area resident models Debby Boerger, Gwynne Cherfoli, Jaime Cherfoli, Poppy, Gabriella and Daphne Krause, Jeanne Miller, Helen Jane Peters, Lexi Prestel, Laura Roed, Kitty and Maggie Schwanitz.

### Of Grave Concern

Chair Sue Williams. Betty and Dave Bradbury, Melissa and Grace Gilbert, Judy Kerry, Linda Kidd, Jeanne and Merrill Miller, Brad and Sarah Mock, Don Newman, Sarah Pedersen, Helen Jane Peters, Steve Saponis, Trudy Schmidt.

### Fall Apple Island and Orchard Lake Museum for second grade classes

Docents Gwynne and Jim Cherfoli, Gina and Rob Gregory, Gino Ingrano, Nancy Perkins, Steve Saponis.

### Kindergarten classes visit to the Orchard Lake Museum

Docents Carol Fink and Steve Saponis.

### 2012 Annual Meeting

Co-chairs Gina Gregory and Cara Kazanowski. Photographer Bill Bertakis. Carol Fink, Helen McAllister, Don Newman, Helen Jane Peters, Molly Rozycki.

### Every Quilt has a Story

Presenter Judy Schmidt. Gina Gregory, Mary Anne Lisac, Jeanne Miller, DuAnne Sonnevile.

### Basketry 101

Co-chair and instructor DuAnne Sonnevile. Co-chair Gina Gregory.

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

Presenters John and Patti Hartwig, Helen Jane Peters and Joe Steiger. Chair Helen Jane Peters. Ruth Anderson, Brian Granger, Rob Gregory, Patricia McCabe, Pete Peters, Anita Pinson.

### Apple Island Spring Forum

Presenter Don Moore. Chair Gina Gregory. Barb Hoffman, Jeanne and Merrill Miller, Helen Jane Peters, Sue Williams.



## 2013 Calendar of Events



### **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.

### **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY • WEST BLOOMFIELD TRAIL DEDICATION & TRAIL WALK**

*Saturday, June 1*

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation is hosting a 9 a.m. dedication of the trail's new western section, with parking at Walnut Creek Middle School, 7601 Walnut Lake Road. After the ceremony, join the guided walk on the now almost seven-mile trail with a stop at the Orchard Lake Museum to view the renovated exhibits and enjoy free refreshments. There will be points along the trail where people may stop and take a SMART bus back to the middle school. There is no charge for this guided walk, but onsite registration is required.

The museum -- located just up the stairs from the West Bloomfield Trail near Long Lake Road -- is open today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for **everyone** walking the linear park that now goes from Haggerty Road to Sylvan Manor Park.

### **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.*

Other times by appointment, 248.757.2451. See the updated museum exhibits.



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## Membership Application

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society

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

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**Please contact me to volunteer.** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership year is January 1 to December 31.

Please make checks payable to GWBHS.  
Mail to GWBHS: 3951 Orchard Lake Road  
Orchard Lake MI 48323

## Sylvan Lake Home & Garden Tour

Saturday, June 22, 2013 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



- Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 day of tour
- Available at Sylvan Lake City Hall, Detroit Garden Works, La Rosa Market, Goldner Walsh

Tour Hotline: 248-615-6296

[www.sylvanlakehometour.com](http://www.sylvanlakehometour.com)

### GWBHS Mission Statement

*The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society is a non-profit organization that collects, preserves, researches and stimulates public interest in the history of West Bloomfield Township and the cities of Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village and Sylvan Lake.*

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