



*Greater West Bloomfield
Historical Society*

Annual Meeting

& 40th Anniversary Recognition Program

with an Orchard Lake School Rich History Presentation

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Orchard Lake St. Mary's

2013 in Review:

events, opportunities & actions



440 attend 14 events

380 attend annual Apple Island Tours



90 attend May WMU Archaeology Project

Made possible with a \$10,000 grant from The St. Francis Foundation of MI

Two Field Lab Open Houses

Welcome and Farewell dinners



520 attend all Group Programs

Second graders visited the island and Museum

Kindergarteners visited the Museum

Japanese students hiked behind Library



110 attend monthly Open Houses

Exhibit committee presents new exhibits featuring
changing guest & innovators exhibits, hands-on activities



1535 total attendance

+23 visit Museum with geocaching (GPS orienteering activity)

Membership

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2012	2013
61	114	106	145	186	188	190

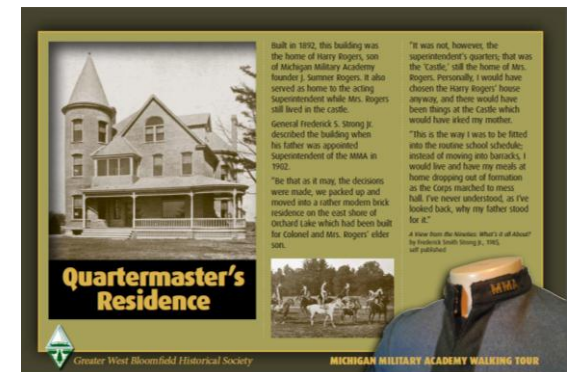
2009 -2013 membership included free Apple Island Tour

2014 membership includes discount price for Apple Island Tour

2013 Gadd II Fund supports special projects

WMU Archaeology Project Support (computer software)

Michigan Military Academy outdoor signs

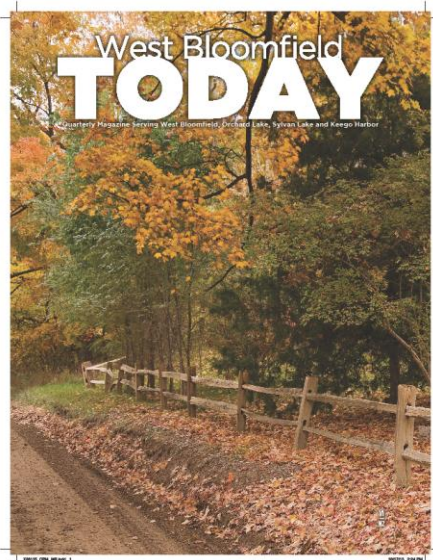


New Opportunities

WB TODAY

quarterly publication

offers print article space



CCTV

covers more events

conducts oral interviews

provided production
services

on-demand web talks
postings



Volunteers appreciated!

Thanks Cara Kazanowski for years of volunteer work and leadership as vice president, newsletter editor, publicity chairs and many other roles.



New leaders

Don Newman, Group Programs Coordinator

Helen McAllister, Writer and Proofreader

Judy Kerr, Volunteer Coordinator

Melissa Gilbert, Museum Collection Chair

Jim & Gwynne Cherfoli, Open House Chairs

Hannah Dagg, History Matters, newsletter Editor

DuAnne Sonnevile, Recording Secretary

Kim Granger, Facebook

Brian Granger, Twitter

Mikki Chase, AIT Logistics

Angela Cini, Historic Homes Tour Chair

Christy Forhan & Ellen Simmons, POB chairs



2013 Goals

Increase sustainability

with more volunteers, donations & funding support
successful actions:

Apple Island Tours Orchard Lake residents appeal
40 for 40 membership appeal for 2014

Continue six Initiatives

2014 Goals

continue these



Website redesign

2013 finish installing hundreds of archive files – on hold

Purchased camera, computer and Past Perfect application
(very useful on-line and research search capabilities)

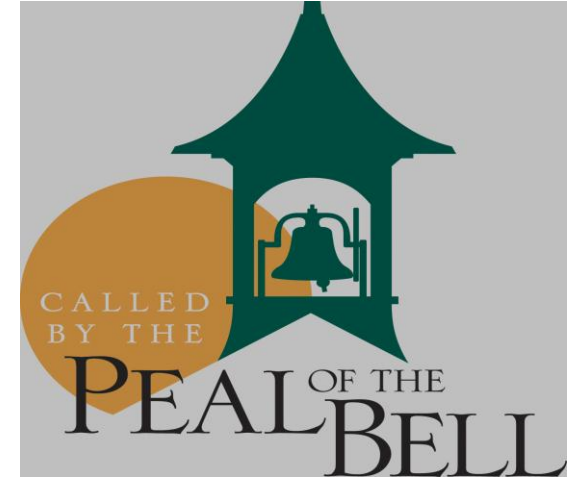
2014 Updates & begin entering Past Perfect data

Archives

2013 improve vertical file – improvements made

2014 Begin entering Past Perfect data

*Large permanent panel for each West Bloomfield School
School histories available at gwbhs.org*



2013 **done**

text alignment

recruit new volunteers

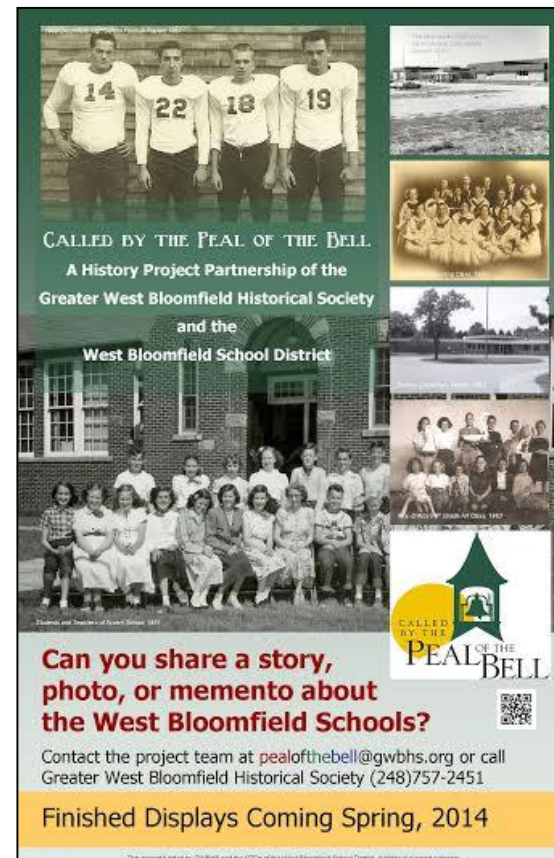
move project forward

2014

complete research

design & produce exhibits

introduce to public



Mary and her little Lamb

Restoration of the painting to hang in Sylvan Lake City Hall

2012 & 2013 fund raising

2013 restoration began

2014 project continues



Motorcities National Heritage Area Project, Wayside Exhibits

- * an affiliate of the National Parks Service with a grant from MDOT
- * chronicle automotive & railway transportation
- * 300 in southeast Michigan

2012-3

*GWBHS provided research and images for
most of the 20+ area signs*

*GWHBS sponsored Keego Harbor and
two Museum signs*

*Signs produced and installed
Sylvan Lake held dedication*

2014

A few more signs created, installed & dedications



Apple Island: Michigan & National Register of Historic Places designation 2013

May 7-24, WMU Apple Island Archaeology Dig Project plans approved
Conducted archaeological dig, research, catalogued 12,000 artifacts



2014

GWBHS receives artifacts, professional and popular reports

Island protection & archive plans developed

MI & NRHP designation sought

Appreciate Support from

City of Orchard Lake Village

Keego Harbor

Patch.com, web news feed

Orchard Lake Schools

West Bloomfield Beacon weekly newspaper

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation

West Bloomfield School District

West Bloomfield Township & Library



2014 includes celebrating our 40th anniversary

History Matters color newsletter with commemorative inserts

Museum year-long exhibit

Recognize Volunteers, today

Historic Homes Tour, June

Hands-On History & Ice Cream Social, September

40 Years In Review Presentation, 2015 annual meeting





2014

*Will again be an active year
keeping local history alive!*

*Thanks for your support through
membership, donations and volunteerism!*

