



Fall 2017

# History Matters

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## Apple Island Archaeology Project Seeks State, National Designations



The ongoing Apple Island archaeological project has produced enough information to apply for two important recognitions of Apple Island: as a Michigan State Historic Site and on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Apple Island appears to meet the criteria for inclusion and application is now being reviewed at the state and federal levels," said Mark Hoock, a PhD. candidate from American University in Washington, D.C. Hoock's doctoral dissertation topic is the Campbell family that vacationed on the island during the early 20th century.

Western Michigan University students, under the direction of Hoock and Dr. LouAnn Wurst, used Apple Island as a field lab for anthropology classes in 2013 and 2014. Hoock has returned to the island many times to further investigate the vacation habits of the Campbell family.

Mark Hoock will share his findings about 20th century summer vacationers on Apple Island and Dr. David Brose will discuss Apple Island use by early Native Americans on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7 pm in the West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room.

## Museum Hosts Vintage Car Event

During the last open house of the summer on Sunday, August 13, vintage car enthusiasts were encouraged to participate in our first annual vintage car event. More than 50 people enjoyed cars from the 1910s through 1999. the beautiful weather and some beautiful cars.

This event will happen again on Sunday, August 12 from 1-4 p.m. at Orchard Lake Museum.

Orchard Lake Mayor Norm Finkelstein displayed his 1963 Galaxy 500



## Annual Meeting To Feature Pontiac Asylum

Save the date of Saturday, January 27 from 10 a.m.-noon for the GWBHS Annual Meeting.

Following a summary of 2017 activities, local author and historian Bruce Annett will give a presentation about the Pontiac Asylum. The asylum was opened in 1878 as one of the nation's foremost hospitals serving patients with mental illness.

For more information, see the Events insert or visit [www.gwbhs.org/events](http://www.gwbhs.org/events).



# From the Desk of President Gina Gregory...

As I was driving to a meeting for GWBHS last spring, I tuned into the WDET radio program, *Detroit Today* with Stephen Henderson. His guest was Michelle Philips of New Smithsonian Museum, and she said something that really resonated with me: "Your history is part of your wealth..... and we protect our wealth". What an interesting perspective! Indeed, we do protect and nurture what we value.

GWBHS members value protecting, preserving and sharing our unique local history. As you may have noticed, I now use the first part of Michelle's quote in my GWBHS email signature. When board members look at GWBHS, we hope to protect our local history by preserving, maintaining and increasing our services to better share our unique local history, especially with the next generation. To support and grow GWBHS activities we need to increase revenue! Please consider renewing your membership for 2018 at a higher giving level to support these efforts.

Here are some other ways you can support GWBHS:

- Support us when you shop! Choose GWBHS as a charity in shopping reward programs like Kroger and Amazon-Smile. See [www.gwbhs.org/support/](http://www.gwbhs.org/support/) or the enclosed insert for details.
- Volunteer at events or join a committee.
- Make GWBHS a part of your legacy planning

GWBHS receives no government funding. We depend on volunteers and your donations to support strong programs, exhibits, and web site.

Please do your part to support GWBHS as our unique local history is a part of our wealth!

## Italian Dinner Raises Money for GWBHS

Thanks to Gino and Irene Santia for hosting the Italian Dinner Fundraiser at Gino's Restaurant on Oct 18. An authentic Italian meal, prepared by Gino, included a sample of his homemade wine, antipasti tray, handmade ravioli, chicken limoni, rapini and roasted potatoes, followed by salad. Dessert was molten chocolate cake and caramel gelato. A presentation of travel slides of Italy was narrated by the Santias and GWBHS board members Sue Williams and Gina Gregory.



## Appreciation Reception

GWBHS celebrated its members with a reception at Orchard Lake Museum on July 12. Guests enjoyed live music, refreshments, and a raffle that included many unique prizes. Thanks to Great Harvest Bread Co, Gwynne & Jim Cherfoli, Crispelli's, Naked Fuel, Digital Life Style Center by Hite Photo, English Gardens, Carol Fink, Gino's Italian Restaurant, and Sue Williams for donating the raffle items.

## Orchard Lakes Fine Art Show

GWBHS enjoyed participating in the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show, July 29 & 30, 2017. We enjoyed invitation by West Bloomfield Township to share their tent. This gave us the opportunity to interact with the public, and share our information and 19 museum store items offered.

## Give Your Time to GWBHS

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities that are flexible and interesting? Do you have skills or experience that you would like to share with GWBHS? New volunteers are always welcome!

Committees include:

- Events
- Fundraising
- Digital archives
- Research & writing
- Museum exhibits
- Museum - maintenance of building & gardens
- Communications & marketing

Volunteer options range from one-time to short-term projects to ongoing commitments. Email [volunteer@gwbhs.org](mailto:volunteer@gwbhs.org) for more information.



# 2017-18 EVENTS

## NOVEMBER - JANUARY

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.



### WWII Whitfield Letters Open House

*Sunday, November 12, 1-4 p.m.*

*Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

In 1942, Mr. Glenn Husted, Whitfield School Principal, began writing to his former students who were serving in World War II around the world. As the servicemen and women wrote back to him, he shared their stories. He saved each letter. All but eight of the original letters were returned to the families. The Open House features these letters and their stories. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.



### Nutcrackers Open House

*Sunday, December 10, 1-4 p.m.*

*Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See a selection of nutcracker-themed music boxes and snowglobes. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### Annual Meeting & Pontiac Asylum Presentation

*Saturday, January 27, 10 am-noon*

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

Annual meeting. Bruce Annett presents Pontiac Asylum, discussing how in 1878 one of the nation's foremost hospitals served patients with mental illness, most recently known as the Clinton Valley Center; was a city within a city, imbued with the optimism and exuberance of an America celebrating its centennial. It is the story of how enterprise, stewardship, and innovation created 19th century Oakland County's first non-agricultural "economic engine." \$15 brunch ticket donation. Reservations by January 24 at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org), [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org), or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.

### Local History of Curling Open House

*Sunday, January 14, 2018, from 1-4pm*

*Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Did you know that the first U.S. location of the Winter sport of curling was started by the Scottish settlers on Orchard Lake in 1830? Learn about the local history of curling. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge. Museum tours by appointment call 248.757.2451.



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Archives of Michigan

# Thank You

GWBHS could not do so much good work without the help of our wonderful volunteers.  
Thank you to those who have recently given their time and helped out.

## Apple Island Tours

Cindy Bryda, Hayden Croft, Hannah Dagg, Mary Dunckley, Diane Eanes, Dave Ferrio, Carol Fink, Christy Forhan, Gary Forhan, Gina Gregory, Rob Gregory, Sue Grifor, Linda Kidd, John Line-meyer, Anita MacSorley, Donna Mallonen, John Marshall, Bill McIsaac, Paul Mellerowicz, Chris Nyquist, Christian Sonnev-ille, DuAnne Sonnevill, Helen Jane Peters, Karen Pushie, Kurt Machacek, Larry Weisman, Pete Peters, , Eric Wiegand, Sue Williams, Chen Ye, Julie Zhu

## Memorial Day Parades

Hailey Douglass, Keaton Douglass, Kevin Douglass, Kirsten Douglass, Vinita Parekh, Christian Sonnevill, DuAnne Sonnev-ille, Julie Zhu, The Interact Club of West Bloomfield

## National Trails Day Walk

Diane Eanes, Karen Pushie

## Apple Island Camp Out

Christy & Gary Forhan

## Apple Island Archaeology Project

Mark Hock, Brooke Buffmyer, Aaron Frey, Christy Forhan, Brian Hartman, Patricia Steele, Zach Knight

## Appreciation Reception

Diane Eanes, Gina Gregory, Sue Grifor, Donna Mallonen, Sue Williams, Julie Zhu

## Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show

Jenny Deng, Diane Eanes, Carol Fink, Christy Forhan, Gina Gregory, Linda & Mike Kidd, Donna Mallonen, Karen Pushie, Christian Sonnevill, Jonathan Zang, Julie Zhu

## Vintage Car Participants

Norm Finklestein, Dayna & Robert Harwick, Kurt Machacek, William McIsaac, Jody O'Leary, Rory Paul, Tim Pawl, Sue & Gary Scheiwe, Bob Wittman

## Aromatherapy History

Hannah Dagg, Sue Williams, Diane Eanes

## Autumn Nature Walk

Carol Fink, Anita MacSorley

## Trunks to Treasures

Sue Grifor, Sue Williams

## Italian Evening

Hosts: Gino and Irene Santia, Slides narration: Irene Santia, Gino Santia, Sue Williams, and Gina Gregory

## Open Houses

Roberta & Jim Cassell, Diane Eanes, Rob & Gina Gregory, Donna Mallonen, Judy Schmidt

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## Thank you to those who donated raffle items for our Appreciation Reception

Great Harvest Bread Co, Gwynne & Jim Cherfoli, Crispelli's,  
Naked Fuel, Digital Life Style Center by Hite Photo, English Gardens,  
Carol Fink, Gino's Italian Restaurant, Sue Williams

## Thank you to our 2017 Apple Island Tour Sponsors

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# Support GWBHS Throughout the Year



## Help GWBHS When You Shop on Amazon!



We appreciate everyone who participates in the AmazonSmile program.

When you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate a percentage to GWBHS, at no cost to you. Here's how:

### Steps to Setting Up Your Amazon Account to Donate to GWBHS:

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Select a charity by typing in our name: Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society (or for those already on Smile.Amazon, go to 'your account' then click on 'change charity')
- Click on Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society
- Use smile.amazon.com every time you shop  
Amazon and GWBHS will get a percentage!



## Help GWBHS When You Shop at Kroger!



We appreciate everyone who participates in the Kroger Community Savings program. Kroger donates a percentage of your purchase to us every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, at no cost to you.

### Steps to Setting Up Your Kroger Card to Donate to GWBHS:

- Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://krogercommunityrewards.com)
  - Sign in or Create an Account and follow the prompts
  - Once your account is set up, click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information & register your Kroger Plus card
  - Enter NPO number (27610) or name of organization (Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society)
  - To verify enrollment, Greater West Bloomfield History Society will appear on the right side of the page
  - Do this yearly to keep GWBHS as the charity
  - Use your card every time you shop, and GWBHS will get a percentage!
- You can also enroll by calling Customer Service at 1-866-221-4141





# Orchard Lake Museum News

## Holiday Gift Ideas at Museum Store

Visit the Museum Store to find unique gifts for the lover of local history in your life. New items for 2017 are GWBHS baseball caps, Apple Island ornaments, and Orchard Lake tiles. Other items available for purchase include books, postcards, photographic prints, printed maps, and more.

The Museum Store will be open during open houses from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, November 12 and Sunday, December 10.

Items pictured:

Hand painted ornament made of fallen cedar from Apple Island, \$5.

Hand made glazed tile of Orchard Lake and Apple Island, \$20/\$25 (non-member price)



## Sue Williams: My Three Favorite Things at the Museum

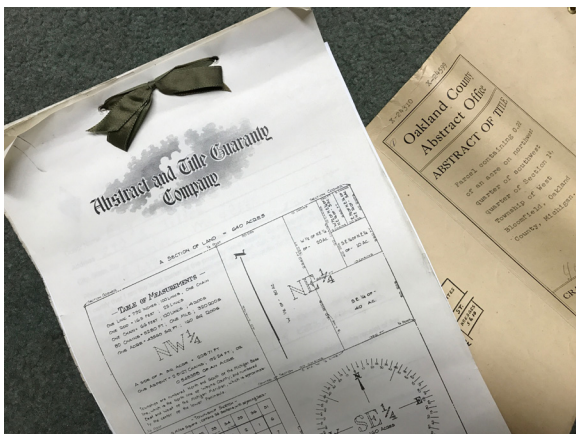
**This new feature will highlight items from our collection that are the favorites of one of our members.**

*Sue Williams creates our museum exhibits and is also GWBHS Treasurer. She is knowledgeable about all of our local history and is our resident Keego Harbor expert. Here is what Sue shared about her favorite things.*

(Photo right) This is a 1950 varsity sweater from Roosevelt School when it housed grades K-12. The teams were called the Presidents, but the big K on the sweater let everyone know just who they were playing against.

(Photo, bottom left) Pages of legal documents, called Abstracts, tell the history of legal transactions for each property. Reading them also can reveal other personal matters about the owners, through their wills or financial statements.

(Photo, bottom right) This small cannon was used as the “starting gun” for the Country Club sailboat races on Orchard Lake in the early 20th century. Donated by Arlyle Noble,





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### GWBS Mission Statement

*The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that collects, preserves, researches and stimulates public interest in the history of Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake and West Bloomfield.*

### GWBS Tribute Donations

Make a donation in honor of someone with a love for local history. [www.gwbhs.org/donate](http://www.gwbhs.org/donate)



## Membership & Donation Form

Membership Year: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31    ☐ New Member    ☐ Renewal

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- ☐ I prefer to receive my newsletter by email link.  
☐ Please contact me about volunteering with GWBHS.

*Please make checks payable to GWBHS. Credit card payments are accepted through PayPal at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org).*

*GWBS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible according to IRS regulations.*

Membership includes access to Time Travelers reciprocal membership network

Mail to: GWBHS 3951 Orchard Lake Road Orchard Lake, MI 48323.

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