

Spring 2019



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Annual Apple Island Tours June 8 & 9 Newly listed in the National Register of Historic Places

This is always a special weekend because it is the only time that the public can visit Apple Island. This year it is extra special because visitors will also be among the first to see the new National Register of Historic Places monument on Apple Island!

Sign up at the museum and take a pontoon boat ride across Orchard Lake to Apple Island for a self-paced tour. Volunteer docents and presenters provide commentary at select island locations. \$20 adult ticket donation, \$10 child 5-12 years ticket donation (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members ticket donation.

Orchard Lake Museum will be open and there will be many free activities on the museum *Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road* grounds, including Apple Island archaeology updates; historical costume photo op, archaeology activity box, old fashioned games and more.

For more details, see the enclosed Events page or **gwbhs.org/apple-island-tours**.

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Apple Island Tours
Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9
10am - 3:30pm (bus driver break from 12:30-1)

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Community to Celebrate Apple Island Designation as Historic Place

The public is invited to join the GWBHS and West Bloomfield School District in celebrating the history of Apple Island and its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The event will take place on **June 7 at 10 am at Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian** (OLCC,P) at 5171 Commerce Rd. RSVP to rsvp@wbhs.org or (248) 518-0871 (appreciated but not required).

The Church is a perfect location for the event due to its historic connection to the island, close association with GWBHS, and wonderful view of the lake. Caroline Campbell, who summered on the island with her family c.1856-1900, founded the original chapel with support from other summer residents. Dedicated in 1874, the chapel has been preserved as part of today's church. In recent years, the Church has provided event and lab space to GWBHS related to archaeological work on Apple Island.

The Celebration will begin with *Apple Island Legend*, a musical tribute to the island composed by James Currow in 1997 on behalf of Orchard Lake Middle School. Genot "Winter Elk" Picor will perform his arrangement on wooden flute to honor the Native American history of the island. A non-denominational invocation will follow by Reverend Linda Cochran, OLCC,P. A representative from Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence's office will attend with a special tribute. Brief recognition will be given to civic leaders, history organizations members, island descendants, and those who made the project possible. Island history will then come to life through an entertaining presentation. The formal program will conclude by 11:00 am with a brief reception following.

Historical Society Receives Youth Advocate Award

GWBHS received the **Dr. Seymour Gretcko Youth Advocate Award - Group** during the
Michigan Week Breakfast on May 10 at Bay
Pointe Golf Club. The award was given in
recognition of the work done to provide many
years of student tours of Apple Island and
Orchard Lake Museum.





From the Desk of President Gina Gregory

This first third of the year was especially busy with a variety of programs and preparations to celebrate all things Apple Island on June 7, 8, and 9!

Program Updates

- At the annual meeting we presented the Distinguished Service Award to Mari Bem for her 30-year leadership at Pine Lake Cemetery. I presented a President's Award to Glen King for his 10-year volunteerism with Apple Island clean ups and tours and announced a President's Award for Mi-kwan-dahn Mike Jewell for his over ten-year Apple Island involvement, though he was not able to attend. The Donut Dolly presentation by Joan Puffer Kotcher was well received with a standing ovation.
- A Time of Terror: The Black Legion & Deadly Racism in Detroit, 1920-30s presentation by Jamon Jordan was very informative for the 115 people who attended - our most diverse audience ever!
- The Traditional Maple Sugar and Pancake Breakfast with WB Parks and Orchard Lake Schools Polish Mission had more activities and saw increased attendance.
- Videos now available from the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission at https://civiccentertv. com/on-demand/ or Youtube.com:
 - Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society Open House
 - Tapping into History
 - 1818 Expedition into Oakland County, a 50 minute presentation video
 - Jacquelyn Foreman for the Person of the Week. She donated, exhibited, and presented her MI/OH Border Dispute project at a recent Open House
- The Lace Through the Ages presentation by Mary Salmon and the West Bloomfield Parks trip to her Lace Museum of Detroit and Mill Race Village in Northville offered good opportunities to learn the craftsmanship and styles of lace. This was the first trip through WB Parks and another is planned in August!

Apple Island Focus

- A twenty-minute presentation About Apple Island was given to the West Bloomfield Rotary Club. Groups can contact GWBHS to schedule a presentation.
- This newsletter has an Apple Island theme, with articles by members on their personal connections to Apple Island.
- GWBHS received the Dr. Seymour Gretcko Youth Advocate
 Award Group at the Michigan Week Breakfast for providing

- student tours of Apple Island and Orchard Lake Museum.
- More information was added to the Apple Island Educational Flip Chart that is used by docents during group tours.
- Volunteers installed a boulder monument with a commemorative Apple Island National Register of Historic Places bronze plaque on Apple Island.
- New GWBHS merchandise is available!
 - Apple Island Tours Flip Chart created by GWBHS for Apple Island group tours docents providing easy to carry visual aide with an inquiry overview, first person quotes, images, information, maps, and list of island archaeology activity in twenty-four color 8.5"x11" pages. \$20.
 - A Commemorative Pen with Apple Island National Register of Historic Places wording. Soft touch, retractable with black ink and stylus. Assorted colors, \$2.
 - Cachet, Coaster, & Ornament made from fallen cedar on Apple Island Choose from a variety of sizes and styles, some are wood burned: Apple Island National Register of Historic Places. Designed and handcrafted for GWBHS. Organza gift bag. \$5, \$10. Buy 3, get 1 free.

Technology Update

We needed to give computer issues some attention.

- Thanks to board member Hannah Dagg and Dave Decker of Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, we upgraded to Google for Nonprofits, which provides unlimited free cloud file storage and Google Team Drive for easily shared, group owned, digital files
- New backup procedures have been implemented for the museum computer, using both cloud backup and a new external hard drive. The computer will be backed up monthly by the Office & Activities Coordinator.
- A free Trello group work app is being used to help us communicate and work smarter!

45th Anniversary

Many outdoor activities are planned for the 45th Anniversary Open House on September 8.

Upcoming Events

Consider participating in or stop by to see us at these Community Events:

- Orchard Lake Fine Art Show on Daly Road under the West Bloomfield Township canopy Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28
- Ice Cream Social at Pine Grove by the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, July 27



97 Winder Street

By Catherine Cangany

Catherine Cangany, PhD, is Executive Director of Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. She is John and Jessie (Campbell) Harvey's great-great-granddaughter.

For years, the house at 97 Winder Street looked like it might be knocked down at any moment. Construction on the whopping 11,000-square-foot mansion in Detroit's toniest neighborhood, Brush Park, had been completed in 1887. A century later, the house had fallen into terrible disrepair, as had the neighborhood around it. But shades of its former glory were still discernible: inlaid floors of mahogany and maple, pocket doors with their original

hardware, a stunning three-story staircase that lay in pieces in the foyer. Pharmacists Marilyn Nash-Yazbeck and Ghassan Yazbeck first laid eyes on the house while on a real estate agent's bus tour in 1986. They paid \$50,000 for it and spent the next twenty-five years (and more than one-million dollars) restoring it from the low-rent boarding house it had become to a luxury bed and breakfast. It opened in 2005, before changing hands in 2016. Now it is managed by Access Hotels and Resorts.

Before its hotel era, before spending a half century as a 20-room rooming house, and before Brush Park mansions fell out of fashion, 97 Winder Street was home to the Harvey family. The patriarch, John Harvey, was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1840. Ten years later, he emigrated to the United States, settling in Detroit in 1852. He trained to become a pharmacist, being one of the first to develop and produce his own pharmaceuticals. He opened a number of pharmacies around the city, including the southwest corner of Woodward & Grand River, Woodward & Elizabeth Street, Michigan & Second Avenues, and the northwest corner of Woodward & High Street (where the Fisher Freeway service drive now runs).

In April 1867, John Harvey married Jessie Garnock Campbell, daughter of Scottish immigrants Colin and Caroline (Linn) Campbell, who had settled in Detroit in 1842. After their marriage in 1867, John and Jessie Harvey settled in Brush Park, in a fairly modest home at 51 Winder Street. Twenty years later, they moved into their new house, situated on the same lot, but renumbered 97. Designed by noted architect John V. Smith, the home was the largest single residence in Detroit at the time. Built in the French Second Empire style popular in the period, it helped cement Brush Park's nickname: Little Paris. There, with the help of family friend Amelia Smith Edwards, they raised their six children: Caroline "Carrie" (1868-1961), Jessie (1871-1951), John (1875-1945), Amelia "Mimi" (1879-1968), Alice (1884-1981), and Campbell (1889-1978).

The Campbells' Apple Island Connection

In 1856, the Colin and Caroline Campbell had purchased Orchard Lake's Apple Island, which served as the family's summer home until the mid-twentieth century (although they sold the property to fellow Orchard Laker Willis Ward in 1915). In time, the Harveys would build their own summer cottage on the island, just down the path from the Campbells' Greek Revival home.







Inn at 97 Winder today

The three-story house had all the modern conveniences and creature comforts of its day: several bathrooms, two music rooms that accommodated three pianos, a library, front and rear staircases, a stained-glass window, a kitchen with both a pantry and a butler's pantry, a cavernous basement with several fruit and vegetable cellars, bedrooms for all the family members, guests, and staff—and even a shaft for an elevator (which was never installed).

A deeply religious person, John Harvey became a member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church at age seventeen. Eventually, he would be named a deacon and an elder. He was known for closing his pharmacies on Sundays, except to fill prescriptions. His children were permitted to sail on Orchard Lake on the Sabbath—but only to church at the nearby Orchard Lake Chapel (now Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, founded by his wife's parents).

Jessie Harvey was equally religious, a lifelong member of Detroit's Central Christian Church. In addition to holding offices in her own church (where she and her husband had married), she served for twenty-five years as president of the Foreign Missionary Society at her husband's church. When not raising her six children, she worked as a missionary, visiting Europe three times and traveling extensively in the Middle East. She purportedly had been the first woman eligible to attend the University of Michigan, but chose to forgo it for an eighteen-month period of study and travel in Europe instead.

Like many wealthy, religious Detroiters of their day, the Harveys were philanthropists, committed to numerous social causes, including the Protestant Orphan Asylum, the Home for the Friendless, and the Detroit Industrial School, an educational and vocational institute for disadvantaged children. For eight years, Jessie Harvey served as its president and for 38 as its recording secretary. Her husband founded its Sunday school and volunteered there for 40 years.

John Harvey died at home on December 7, 1905—at the age of 65. The symptoms of his final illness were consistent with stomach cancer, perhaps the result of having worked with so many caustic chemicals at his pharmacies. His widow, Jessie, lived in the house until her death on December 12, 1922. After her death, the six Harvey children put the house up for sale. As Campbell Harvey would recall of his childhood home many years later, "Oh! It was glorious—I never have seen its equal."

For more information about the history of 97 Winder Street, including photos and maps, visit https://theinnat97winder.com/history/

Glen King on Apple Island

Glen donated this scanned sketch. The back reads: "King Cottage, Orchard Island Orchard Lake, sketched summer of 1915?. Ellison Hoover lived on SE cottage orchard island. He was famous cartoonist of original Like & Judge magazines."

The King Connection My Family's Apple Island Roots

By Glen A. King

Glen King is a descendant of Colin and Caroline Campbell, former owners of Apple Island. He enjoys spending time on the island as an emeritus Apple Island Tours volunteer.

My connection to Apple Island begins with my parents' marriage in June 1937. They spent their honeymoon in the King Cottage on the island. Through mid-September of 1937, they commuted from the island to their jobs on the mainland. They rowed across the lake to the local gas station where their car was parked then drove to their jobs in Highland Park and Hamtramck. At day's end, they returned. Without electricity or refrigeration on the island, supplies had to be brought over by boat nearly every day.

In September, as the weather began to get cooler, my parents moved to an apartment in Highland Park. My mother was happy to leave the island behind because she maintained that the mosquitoes there "were as big as dragonflies."

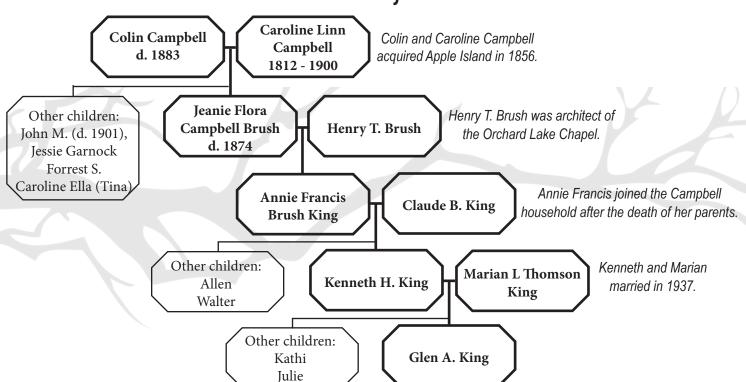
My grandfather, Claude B. King, built the King Cottage between 1895 and 1897. My grandmother, Annie Francis Brush King, chose the location for the cottage. It was built facing east to catch the morning sun. Claude and Annie spent summers at the cottage with their three sons. During most of this time, 1905 to 1921, Claude worked in London, Ontario. During the summer he likely came over to the island periodically. My father, Kenneth, spent most of each summer on the island.

After the death of Caroline E. Campbell in October 1939, the island was basically deserted. In the winter of 1940 - 1941, my father had the responsibility of distributing many items from the Campbell Cottage and Caroline's home in Detroit. This task was driven by the numerous requests she specified in her will. (I have a copy of it.)

During the winter of 1944 - 1945, the King Cottage was moved from the island, over the frozen lake to 6059 Pontiac Trail. It remained at that location until 2015 or 2016, when it was demolished.

With over 160 years of my family's genealogy and history connected with Apple Island, I have developed a great affinity for it. My father's pleasant memories and stories of the time he spent on Apple Island in his younger years fostered my interest in the Campbell family and their descendants. I can thank my father for my past and present interest in genealogy.

Glen's Family Tree



2019 Events JUNE - AUGUST

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.



National Trails Day Walk

Saturday, June 1 · 8:30-11am

7601 Walnut Lake Road

Celebrate National Trails Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail's scenic and historic rail-to-trail path. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum. Walkers meet at Walnut Creek Middle School to sign in and receive their free t-shirt. Visit wbparks.org for more information.

Sponsored with WB Parks. No charge.

Apple Island Docent Training

Wednesday, June 5 · 7pm

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, June 5 to Gina 248.622.7570. No charge.

Apple Island National Register of Historic Places Celebration Friday, June 7 • 10am

Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society and the West Bloomfield School District invite you to join our community in celebrating the history of Apple Island and its recent listing in the National Register of Historic Places! An RSVP to rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871 is appreciated but not required.

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9 • 10am - 3:30pm (with a bus driver break from 12:30-1)

Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Self-paced guided tours of Apple Island, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$20 adult ticket donation, \$10 child 5-12 years ticket donation (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members ticket donation.

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Appreciation Reception

Tuesday, July 9 · 6-8pm

Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Members, supporters, & volunteers are invited for refreshments to this GWB-HS appreciation reception. Complimentary drawing ticket included for choice of multiple prizes. RSVP by July 9 to rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871.

Sleeping Beauty Spinning Wheel Open House Sunday, July 14 • 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Would pricking a finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel really cause Sleeping Beauty to fall into a deep sleep? See a Great Wheel demonstration and learn the history behind the fairy tale and spinning wheels. Read Sleeping Beauty books and see parts of the film. Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show

Saturday, July 27 • 10am-6pm & Sunday, July 28 • 10am-5pm Daley Road

Visit the show and stop by the GWBHS table sponsored by West Bloomfield Township. Society merchandise is available for purchase.

Historic Inn at 97 Winder Tour & Tea* Tuesday, August 6 • 12:15-3:30pm

Recreation Activities Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road

Board the bus for a trip back in time to the Brush Park mansion, once home to John Harvey (an affluent pharmacist) and his wife Jessie (daughter of Caroline Linn and Colin Campbell, who once owned Orchard Lake's Apple Island). This 11,000-square-foot residence was built for the Harveys in 1887 and retains many of the original details and finishes. Today it is a luxury boutique hotel. Join historian and descendant Catherine Cangany, PhD for a guided house tour and complimentary tea in the front parlor. Inn has stairs and is not accessible. See the WB Parks Summer Guide for details and registration.

Vintage Cars Open House Sunday, August 11 • 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Interested in seeing and learning about vintage cars? All are welcome to bring vintage cars for a showcase in the parking lot. 2 pm & 3 pm: Carriages to Cars twenty minute presentation. During the late 1800's the Pontiac Carriage Industry experienced tremendous growth and achieved a national presence. This industry developed into over 30 motor vehicle companies, most significant were GM Truck and Pontiac Motors. Restoring a 1901 Pontiac built carriage uncovers this fascinating and forgotten piece of our history. Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

For more details and a complete list of 2019 events, visit gwbhs.org/events.

*Register online at wbparks.org.

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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.

Recent Event and Open House Volunteers

Tom Bjorklund, Andy Berry, Carol Fink, Gina and Rob Gregory, Linda Kidd, Helen Jane Peters, Anita MacSorley, Matthey Ungar, Sue Williams

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The Monument & Plaque: How do we do this?

By Gina Gregory

Once Apple Island was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), we needed to ask: what are the guidelines for a monument and plaque? We found other than suggested wording, there are no requirements, only the suggestion that a commemorative plaque should be on Apple Island itself.

What could this look like? Fortunately, when Rob and I visited the Curwood Castle in Owosso, MI, we saw an example of a boulder monument with a NRHP plaque we liked to add to the list for consideration.

But how could we develop and install a boulder monument on the island? As with all things involving Apple Island, it is with community support! The City of Orchard Lake Village donated a boulder with transportation by excavator to the DNR boat access site. West Bloomfield School District supplied pontoon boat transportation. Rob Gregory chose the boulder, and prepared the boulder. Rob and Bob Starick WBSD, prepared the monument site with a deep monument foundation, transported the boulder to the flagpole area and completed installation. It takes a community to support our unique local history! Thank you everyone.

Friends of Apple Island

Memories from the "Queen of Apple Island"

by Carol Fink

It has been over four decades since I was part of a small group of concerned educators, friends, and neighbors who banded together to create educational and stewardship programs for Apple Island. Known as Friends of Apple Island, the group's work would benefit the community and schools surrounding Orchard Lake.

The island has been a place of beauty, mystery, history, and a refuge for wildlife. Stepping onto the island, one is transported back in time to softer and gentler days that tell a great story. As "friends" of the island, we offered seasonal tours, including wildflower walks, fall color tours, and even cross-country ski expeditions to and around the island, known as "The cross country race to Apple Island". How no one fell through the ice is still a mystery. I have donated my award medal from the 1982 race to Orchard Lake Museum.



Carol was Friends of Apple Island President in 1980 and still enjoys volunteering on Apple Island.

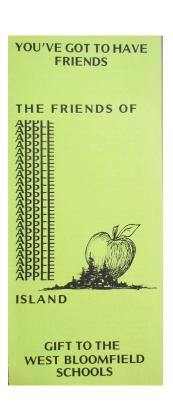
The island hasn't changed much in the past 40 years. We did have wood chipped trails, thanks to a local Boy Scout troop, and a beautiful and functional outhouse, which was probably used as firewood for an illegal fire. The house foundations still share their stories of island life and of the folks that lived there. We did host Michigan's 2nd largest cottonwood tree, which has since fallen to age and the elements. Still standing tall is our Grandmother Maple tree. She is over a century old and provides shade and 100,000 seedlings to pass on her stories of being sentinel over the island.

We also had educational guided trail markers, paired with an excellent field guide which was created by Jonathan Schechter, at that time, the naturalist for Cranbrook Institute and a great friend to Apple Island. We still utilize the curriculum guide for West Bloomfield schools, illustrated by Deanne Bednar, a retired West Bloomfield art teacher, and currently, nationally known, natural builder and educator for the Strawbale Studio in Oxford, Michigan.

After all these years, Apple Island still holds a place of honor, natural beauty and peace. Known as Me-Nah-Sa-Goring or Apple Place, but I know it as an "emerald in a sea of diamonds" nestled in the crown of West Bloomfield. It is a privilege and an honor to still serve as Queen.



Friends of Apple Island brochure





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