



Fall 2019

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Celebrate 45 Years With Us

Come celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the GWBHS by unlocking some history mysteries with your family and friends inside the museum. Then go outside to try your skills at the farm chores course and lawn games to enjoy some old-fashioned fun. What will you find at the archeological dig? Will it be nature made or man-made? Stop by the photo area to get a picture with the buggy in period clothing. Visit the soda jerk to get a Boston Cooler or Brown Cow! Popcorn and water will also be available.

While sipping on your floats enjoy the hit music of 1974! Visit our re-enactors demonstrating the grindstone and spinning wheel. Finally, try your skill with some arcade games like: the Beach Ball Toss, Clown Tooth Toss, or Carnival Dartboard. Check out the displays to find out what was happening in the world, country, state, and local area in 1974. It was a time before personal technologies changed our lives forever. What will you discover at the museum?



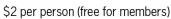


COME CELEBRATE OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY!



Sunday, September 8, 2019 1 – 4 PM

Enjoy ice cream floats, the music of 1974, and some old-fashioned fun for all ages at Orchard Lake Museum!



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What was happening in 1974?

By Linda Kidd and Carol Fink

Instead of internet, cell phones, and GPS, people used books, phone booths, and paper maps. Ford and General Motors were making smaller cars due to high oil prices and foreign competition. The price of gas was \$0.42 a gallon. DVD, VHS, and DVR existed only as ideas in the minds of their inventors. Everyone was sure to watch their favorite shows when they aired. Gerald Ford became the 38th president when Richard Nixon resigned due to the Watergate scandal.

Something special was going on in Greater West Bloomfield in 1974. In the Orchard Lake area, a group of citizens began to plan for the future by honoring and preserving the past. On January 28, 1974, about 50 residents and local leaders met at Abbott Middle School to discuss the preservation of the natural beauty and history of the area. They named the organization the Orchard Lake Scenic and Historical Society.

They elected Reverend Walter J. Ziemba as president and Mel Rycus as vice-president. Frances Gadd was the secretary and Doris Bonneville was the treasurer. Other board members included: General Frederick S. Strong, Jr., Rita Spitery, Dr. R. Garvelink, Agnes Patterson, and their youngest member, Sam Stephan, age thirteen.

Their plans included researching the history of the Michigan Military Academy, Apple Island, Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, Orchard Lake Village, and the subdivisions of Roger's Grove and Shady Beach. Thanks to their foresight and much hard work through the years, Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society exists and is able to share the history of these places and more today.



From the Desk of President Gina Gregory

Summer 2019 was very busy and rewarding in so many ways!

Recent Events

The Apple Island National Register of Historic Places
Celebration was a success, thanks to good work by the planning committee. Those who attended had glowing remarks -- Bill Bertakis: The skit was great, informative and entertaining. Pam Zajac: I learned some interesting things about Apple Island that I hadn't known before! Deb Macon: This inspires Michigan Week Committee members. The program was awesome. Barb Krause: This was the best program that GWBHS has ever done!

125 people attended the event in a venue highlighting the beauty of Orchard Lake (Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian). The song *Apple Island Legend* was played on a wooden flute, followed by an original historical skit, which brought Apple Island's colorful history alive. Recognition certificates were presented by local dignitaries. Many thanks to the to the planning committee for a producing a memorable event!

I visited with Charles H. Martinez, archaeologist and author of *Song of the Heron: Reflections on the History of West Bloomfield*. When I told him of the Apple Island designation, he was deeply touched, saying, "If any place deserves to be on the National Register, it's Apple Island." He's right! I've wondered what this designation means in a broader sense. What I see is national recognition that this island is a special place - what we've always shared with guests! GWBHS members and the community celebrated this recognition and what GWBHS offers - a look at our unique local history! This recognition gives Apple Island history national credentials!



L to R: Archaeologists Dr. Richard Stamps, Mark Hoock, PhD candidate, Dr. LouAnn Wurst, Dr. David Brose

Apple Island Tours were successful with

good weather, great presenters/volunteers, more sponsors, the new national recognition, and a newly installed boulder monument on Apple Island! It was a weekend of many memorable moments!

Our annual *Appreciation Reception* gives members time for conversation, refreshments, and opportunities to win prizes donated by local businesses and fellow members. Please see the Thank You page for recognition of these donations.

Open Houses: The OH/MI Border Dispute, Paper Doll Cut-outs, and Sleeping Beauty spinning wheel were all interesting topics! We appreciate volunteers who share their collections. Do you have a collection you'd like to share?





Left: West Bloomfied High School student Jacquelyn Foreman shares her Ohio/MI Border Dispute project at the April Open House; Right: Andy Berry hosts his first Open House

Support Updates

We have been looking for new ways for members of the community to show support for our projects and programming. Our second **Annual Appeal** to members and an **Orchard Lake Appeal** to waterfront property owners provided opportunities to donate to the GWBHS initiatives of their choice. We appreciate this support from members and residents!

A new GWBHS **Donations & Planned Giving** brochure provides information about another way to support GWBHS and leave a permanent legacy. The reach of this organization would be much different today without the bequest support of past GWBHS board president and member, Frances Gadd. Please remember GWBHS in your financial planning. Donations and Planned Giving of any size help.

We have learned that when we "ask", we give businesses the opportunity to say "yes!" We have expanded our **Business Sponsorship** opportunities and local businesses are showing their support. Please let them know you appreciate their GWBHS support (see the Thank You page for a list of sponsors).

We are honored to receive **Memorial Donations** honoring family and friends.

GWBHS board members are pleased to have the 12-hour monthly Office & Activities Coordinator and Apple Island Tours Coordinator positions filled by Ms. Cory Taylor. Her support gives me the opportunity to focus more on presidential tasks. Cory coordinates volunteers, supports activities, and works during every Open House. Her skills learned at West Bloomfield Township Public Library and Wayne State University (Master's Degree in Anthropology) are put to good use.

A **Special Projects** list was recently developed to better track all those great ideas that just don't have available funding at the moment. These special projects will move forward when funding becomes available.

Award Highlights GWBHS Education Programs That Have Reached 10,000 Students Dr. Seymour Gretcko Youth Advocate Presented During Michigan Week

By Gina Gregory

At the 47th Greater West Bloomfield Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast GWBHS received this highest youth education award. We appreciate this important community recognition of Society youth educational activities. Our involvement with student education is extensive.

- Over the years, 10,000 students participated in GWBHS group tours
- Since 1979 GWBHS offered all West Bloomfield School District (WBSD) second grade classes, and other interested groups, volunteer docent-lead tours to Apple Island and the Orchard Lake Museum.
- Since 1982 GWBHS volunteers lead Apple Island annual public tours for children and adults.
- For over ten years, docents have led Museum tours for Bloomfield Hills kindergarten classes.
- In 2016 colorful "Our School History" panels depicting school history were created and placed in each West Bloomfield School District building. The history of early education was documented in a series of reports and is available at gwbhs.org/our-school-history/
- Monthly open house museum hands-on activities connect people of all ages to activities of earlier times

These educational programs are made possible by volunteer commitments. We appreciate volunteerism through the years:

- Educational materials development: Nancy & Frank Salo, Catherine Cangany, Buzz Brown, Sebrina Borth, Gina Gregory, Amy Clark and Carol Fink.
- 1980-2018 school group docents: Betty Bradbury, Sebrina Borth, Buzz Brown, Catherine Cangany, Gwynne & Jim Cherfoli, Amy Clark, Gina & Rob Gregory, MaryAnn Lisac, Don Newman, Michael Palermo, Patrice Steele, Paul Thwaite, Frank & Nancy Salo, Tanya Sharon, Larry Weisman.
- 2019 school group volunteer docents: Gwynne Cherfoli, Carol Fink, Christy Forhan, Rob Gregory, Michael Palermo, Patrice Steele, Paul Thwaite, Larry Weisman
- Our School History: Online reports of public school beginnings to the 1930s by Amy Clark, Helen Jane Peters,
 Helen McAllister, Molly Rozycki, and Sue Williams. School exhibit panels: Christy Forhan

If you enjoy working with young people, we hope you'll consider being a volunteer group tour docent with GWBHS. Docents find the experience rewarding. There are many group tours and we always need more volunteers. New volunteers receive a docent manual, and shadow a group tour. A small stipend is provided. Contact Group Program Coordinator Don Newman at dynamicwest@sbcglobal.net.



Gwynne Cherfoli speaks to students during a second grade tour of Orchard Lake Museum.

New Opportunities for presenting GWBHS topics and sharing your history passions!

West Bloomfield Parks is creating more opportunities for senior activities by opening a Senior Activities Center for centralized senior activities soon in Orchard Mall. There are presentation and class possibilities to consider. Would you like to give a GWBHS media presentation or share your history interests? Would this location provide the perfect setting? A stipend is provided. Contact Gina Gregory, gina@gwbhs.org to explore the possibilities.

GWBHS and Others Recognized for Support of Local History

Award recipients at the Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast:

- Mari Bem received the Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award for her more than 30 years of leadership at Pine Lake Cemetery.
- Bob Muller received the Environmental Stewardship Award for his environmental work creating seven township maps illustrating 1817 features of land, plants, and trees.
- GWBHS received the Dr. Seymour Gretchko Youth Advocate Award, with a recognition certificate from Senator Gary Peters.





Mary Bem

Bob Muller

Recognition of GWBHS work for **Apple Island National Register of Historic Places** was received at the Apple Island Celebration from:

- Micheal McGuiness, on behalf of United States Representative Brenda Lawrence.
- Michigan State Senator Runestad, Representative Brenda Carter, and Governor Whitmer.
- Michigan State Representatives Ryan Berman, Brenda Carter, Mari Manoogian, and Michigan Senator Jim Runestad







Left photo: Apple Island Celebration Committee; Middle photo: Elected civic leaders; Right photo: historic skit cast members

A certificate of recognition from West Bloomfield Township was received at the July 8, 2019 board meeting.

A variety of **Civic Center TV broadcast segments** are available On Demand at civiccenterty.com:

- The Splash Exclusive Interview: Gina Gregory
- Apple Island National Register of Historic Places Ceremony (historical skit begins at 25:00 minutes)
- The Splash Person of the Week: Gina Gregory
- The Splash Person of the Week: Jacquelyn Foreman
- Splash Feature: The History of Summer Camps in Greater West Bloomfield
- Splash Feature: The Toledo War
- Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade (GWBHS at 16:00 minutes)



West Bloomfield Township Board, July 8, 2019 (presentation to GWBHS at 59:00 minutes)



Back L-R: WBT BOARD- Debbie Binder - Clerk, Jonathan Warshay - Trustee, Teri Weingarden - Treasurer, Jim Manna - Trustee, Steve Kaplan - Supervisor
Front L-R: gwbhs members: Deb Macon, Rob Gregory, Gina Gregory, Carol Fink, Andrew Yost

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting & Better Made In Michigan Presentation Saturday, January 25, 2020 • 10am-noon Orchard Lake Schools 3535 Commerce Rd. Dining Hall, Bldg. 15 Annual meeting with a presentation by Karen Dybis exploring the salty history of Detroit's best chip. At one time, Detroit had more than three dozen potato-chip companies -- men and women who used their knowledge and food magic to become the city's prized "chip-preneurs." Only Better Made is still around today. \$15 brunch ticket donation. Make brunch reservations by January 20. RSVP to: rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.



2019 Events

SEPTEMBER -DECEMBER

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.



45th Anniversary Open House Sunday, September 8 · 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Enjoy hands-on activities outdoors and refreshments at the Orchard Lake Museum. Other special events are planned! \$2 per person, Free for GWBHS and Time Travelers members. Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture.

Petticoat Surgeon: The Extraordinary Life of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen Wednesday, September 18 · 7pm

WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote, author Maureen Thalmann tells the extraordinary life story of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen. Bertha's life story includes many firsts, international recognition, an abiding love of family and a commitment to advance and improve the lives of women. Maureen's book will be available for sale and signing. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Native American Stone Tools Open House Sunday, October 13 · 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Learn about and see artifacts from a Native American stone tools collection. Collection spanning from the early archaic period (7800-9500 years old) to the late woodland period (approximately 400 years ago). Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

Autumn Nature Walk

Saturday, October 20 · 2-3pm

Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary 4700 Pontiac Trail

Join Naturalist Carol Fink and herbalist Jen Green for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

Black History Tour of Midtown*

Tuesday, October 22 · 9:45am-3:30pm

WB Parks Activities Center

Board the bus for a trip to Midtown Detroit. The history of Midtown (Brush Park, Sugar Hill, Cultural Center, and New Center) is connected to the historic Detroit Black neighborhoods of Black Bottom and Paradise Valley and was an integral part of Black life in Detroit. Join Jamon Jordan of Black Scroll Network History & Tours to gain insight about the history of Midtown, including: influential people, churches, hotels, hospitals, entertainment, and much more.

Please note: Lunch at Garden Theatre – The Block will be at your own expense. This trip involves a lot of walking. Participants will get on and off the bus and the guide will speak at various locations in Midtown Detroit. See the WB Parks Fall 2019 Activities Guide for details and registration.

Dr. Harold A. Furlong: Humanitarian and MI's only official WWI Medal of **Honor Recipient**

Sunday, November 3 · 2pm

WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road

Dr. Harold A. Furlong was Michigan's only official World War I Medal of Honor recipient. After World War I Harold Furlong became a prominent Pontiac doctor and a promoter of the arts. He and his wife, Frances, established the Pontiac Creative Arts Center in the old Pontiac Library building. Dr. Furlong was a great humanitarian who put service above self as his gift to mankind through military service, medicine, and the arts. Historian Larry Hathcock will tell the life story of Dr. Harold A. Furlong. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Heroes Appreciation Breakfast*

Friday, November 8 • 9-10:30am

Orchard Mall, 6445 Orchard Lake Rd

WB Parks, West Bloomfield Township, and Orchard Mall partner to host a Heroes Appreciation Breakfast to honor and recognize veterans. We appreciate the hard-work and sacrifices made by those in the military and this event is our way of saying thank you. Veterans and one guest are able to attend for free. Additional guests or non-veterans can attend for \$15. For more information and registration: https://www.wbparks.org/veterans.html.

WWII Whitfield School Letters Open House

Sunday, November 10 · 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

See and learn the story of Sylvan Lake WWII correspondences with Whitfield School principal Mr. Glenn Husted and his former students. Other military memorabilia exhibited. We encourage you to come share your military history! Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

Sinterklaas Holiday Traditions

Sunday, December 8 · 1-4pm

Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Sinterklaas is Jarig! Who was St. Nicholas? Why does he visit Belgian and Dutch children on Dec. 6 and his helper is not an elf? When did this tradition come to the U.S.? Learn about the history and traditions of St. Nick, cookie boards, wooden shoes, and music. Temporary and permanent exhibits that interpret local area history and culture will also be available. Hands-on activities. No charge.

For more details and a complete list of 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.

Event and Open House Presenters & Volunteers

Tom Bjorklund, Catherine Cangany, Diane Eanes, Jacqui Foreman, Brian Pushie, Karen Pushie, DuAnne Sonneville, Andrew Yost

Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show Volunteers

Diane Eanes, Linda Kidd, Christy Forhan, Gina Gregory, Christian & DuAnne Sonneville, Sue Williams, Andrew Yost

Apple Island Celebration

Chair - Christy Forhan and DanDurkin
Committee members - Carol Fink, Melissa Gilbert, Gina Gregory,
Nelson Hersh, Susan K. Williams, and Diane Eanes
Event Volunteer - Barb Krause

Apple Island monument installation

Rob Gregory with support from Ted Stinson and West Bloomfield Schools staff

Boulder donation

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Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian

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Bill Bertakis

Skit Creator & Actors

Christy Forhan and Jan Forhan, Gerald Hill, Glen King, Genot

"Winter Elk" Picor, Patrice Steele, Rev. Paul Thwaite

Memorial Day Parade Committee Chair & Volunteers

DuAnne Sonneville (Chair), Brian Pushie, Karen Pushie, Lijuan Wang, Jeremy Yang, Julie Zhu

Apple Island Merchandise Creation

Christy Forhan, Gina & Rob Gregory

Apple Island Tours

Apple Island & Museum School Tour Docents - Gwynne & Jim Cherfoli, Carol Fink, Christy Forhan, Rob Gregory, Michael Palermo, Patrice Steele, Paul Thwait, Larry Weisman

Apple Island Tours Volunteers - Diane Eanes, Gary Forhan, Julie Zhu, Karen Pushie, Tom Bjorkland, Anita MacSorley, DuAnne Sonneville, Andrew Yost, Helen Jane Peters, Sue Williams, Linda Kidd, Molly Rozycki, Hannah Dagg, Jonathan Zhang, Andy Berry, Sue Grifor

Apple Island Tours Presenters - Genot "Winter Elk" Picor, Mikwandahn "Mike" Jewell, Mark Hoock

Apple Island Tours Museum Grounds Presenters - Jeff Vallender, Stephanie Potier with Française de Détroit and Rendez-Vous de Ste-Anne de Détroit & Voyageurs de West Hills, Shannon Mazanka with Lake St. Clair Voyageurs

Looking Back & Looking Forward

Do you have local history items, photos, or memories to share? Remember - if you don't share them, who will? The community history you've seen in your lifetime is worth remembering today, so it can be shared now and in the future. It can be difficult to imagine that items and memories from today will be of interest in the future!

The 1970s will be featured during the 45th anniversary Open House. Especially at milestone anniversaries, board members consider how to better fulfill the GWBHS mission. New opportunities are shared in this issue. Your suggestions, input, and support are vital. What will GWBHS look like in five, ten, or 45 years? Consider sharing your memories, serving on a committee, or volunteering. Contact Cory@gwbhs.org to explore the possibilities.

Technology Update

From Karen Pushie, Database Committee Chair: We are in the final stages of importing information about our memberships and donors to PastPerfect. This will help the Society automate tracking members and donors; it can produce mailing labels or envelopes and mail merge letters. It will be an efficient tool to help track our fundraising activity. We may utilize it to track volunteer activity, also. We're excited about learning the capabilities of the database for these activities. The Museum computer backup hard drive is now securely stored in a fireproof box.

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