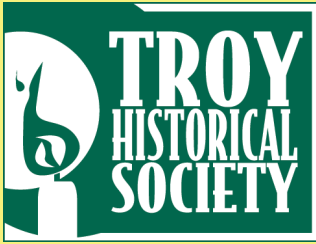


*History Interpreter
Matthew Hackett taps one
of the Village's maple trees.*

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Board Updates

This past fall, Judy Icceman stepped down from the Troy Historical Society Board of Trustees. After more than fifteen years of service and leadership including serving as Board President from 2014 to 2018, Judy has decided it's time to be a full-time grandma! She plans to continue volunteering, and we hope to see her smiling face at Trick-or-Treat and other programs for years to come!



The Board held a special election to fill three vacancies in October. We would like to welcome:

Garrick Allison is a recent graduate of Dartmouth College, Allison Family Foundation

Director, and already a member of the Fund Development Committee. Garrick has grown up attending Village programs and events and is excited to combine his love for history with his love for philanthropy.

Kristi Hudson is a co-owner of Troy Auto Care II and committee member for the Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles Jennathon 5k. Kristi is always looking for ways to build and give back to the Troy Community and is excited to bring her experience as a business owner to the Board and Village.

Beena Nagappala is a practicing physician, President of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, and board member for the Cornerstone Medical Group. Beena has been an active volunteer in the Troy Schools and at the Troy Public Library and is looking forward to getting more involved at the Village.



Your 2024 Giving Plan

Every year, our events, educational programs, and tours welcome more than 25,000 visitors. Your giving is vital to providing these impactful educational and community-building programs. Please consider your plans for giving through the rest of 2024 with this look at the Troy Historic Village budgeting and fundraising year:

- January – Village Annual Report issued featuring the work of the previous fiscal year.
- End of April – Spring Appeal featuring a project or specific need at the Village.
- Mid-May – THS Board approves the budget for the next fiscal year.
- July – the start of the new Village fiscal year!
- September – Annual Members Meeting and a first look at the year-end financials.
- Mid-November – Year-End Appeal to support Village programs and operations
- Year-Round – keeping your Village membership up to date!

While we have two specific appeals each year, you are welcome to donate to the Village at any time! Are you looking to make a long-term impact? Then we invite you to help us build our Village Endowment or make the Village a part of your will or estate plan. Please reach out to us as well as your financial planner to make plans for those legacy gifts.

And don't forget, your business can support the Village with a sponsorship or in-kind donation! The Summer Raffle, Troy Traffic Jam, and Scarecrow Row are all made possible through our generous local businesses. Or sponsor an Open House or Community Event Program (Trick-or-Treat, Cocoa and Crafts with Santa, or the Spring Egg Hunt) directly!

Contact Sharon Snyder ssnyder@thvmail.org with any questions.



Executive Director...

Jen Peters

Community Partners and Collaborations

March is maple syrup time! I learned that lesson very quickly when I started at the Village. I also learned that the tree sap runs best on days above freezing when temps dip below freezing overnight, that it takes about 40 gallons of sap to create one gallon of syrup, and that pure maple syrup doesn't really expire (when stored properly). More importantly, I learned about the Maple Syrup Days partnership between the Village and Stage Nature Center that goes back more than ten years.

The Maple Syrup Days partnership is a sharing of resources to create something better than either of us could do on our own. Stage Nature Center is the perfect setting for this annual program. With 100 acres of woods and 1.5 miles of paths, there are more than a few sugar maples to tap! Plus they've created a sugar shack and purchased equipment to boil down the sap every year. In years past, Village and Nature Center staff worked together to lead guided tours of the sugar bush. Village volunteers operated a historic sugar camp, made sugar-on-snow, prepared maple samples, and ran a maple-themed arts and crafts table for kids. We continue to support them with costumes, artifacts, and a tasty pop-up maple products shop.

And that is the beauty of collaborations and partnerships—creating something more than you could do on your own. In the last few years, we have been partnering with other organizations to improve community



events. We've been at Troy Recreation and Troy Public Library events to hand out treats, shared old timey toys at Troy Family Daze, and we've brought a bit of history to the Troy Farmers Market, Troy Fire Department, and the Oakland County Pioneer Association. We've collaborated on programs as well, working with the Troy Chamber to put on Fire and Flannel and hosting the Troy Kiwanis annual fundraiser. And I can't forget one of our biggest partnerships with the Troy Garden Club! They develop and maintain beautiful gardens and decorate the Village buildings for Christmas and we host the "home base" of their Garden Walk each July.



Recognizing that these partnerships and collaborations are an increasingly important part of our role in the Troy community, we've gone so far as to create a Community Engagement committee to better understand other organizations and offer our resources to them. This committee is taking on the Summer Kick-off Event that invites partners to share summer opportunities while enjoying food and music at the Village. If Community Engagement is something you are interested in, we'd love to add you to our team! I firmly believe that the Village will enrich lives as we connect our experiences to the past and to each other, and I believe that we will do that through community partnerships and collaborations!



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The Troy Historical Society engages the community and enables life-long exploration of history by sharing and preserving our stories, artifacts, and buildings through creative, meaningful experiences.

The Village offers accessible parking spaces and building entry. Visit TroyHistoricVillage.org/About/Accessibility for details about accessibility at our site.

Sugar Season!

by Stephanie Arwady, Troy Historic Village Adult Programs Director

It's hard to picture now, but Troy was once a thriving agricultural community. By 1873, Troy led many other Michigan townships in producing potatoes, hay, wool, cheese, apples, cherries, wheat, and other grains.

Troy's farm families also cultivated an even sweeter crop. According to the 1877 *History of Oakland County*, "Hard maple abounded [in Troy], affording many sugar-bushes." Early nineteenth-century settlers collected sap, then boiled it down until they were left with one of their first crops of the year: maple sugar.

They were in good company. For hundreds of years, people who lived in eastern and central North America relied on maple sugar to sweeten their meals. The harvesting time was limited—nowadays in our area, maple sap can be collected for just 4-6 weeks starting at the end of February—but maple sugar could be stored in wooden containers and used throughout the year. Even when cane sugar became available, many couldn't afford to buy the Caribbean import, or they refused to buy it on principle because it was made by enslaved laborers.

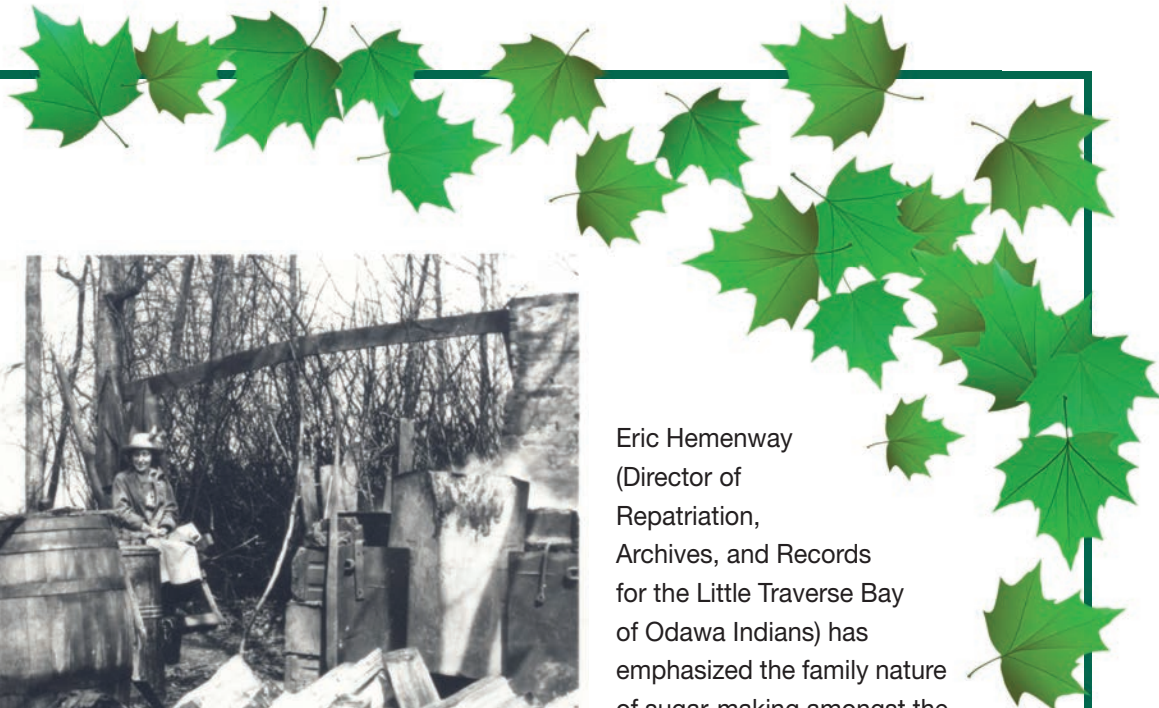
When Troy farmers tapped maple trees, they also tapped into a centuries-old tradition. For hundreds of years, Indigenous peoples in what is now the northeastern United States and Canada have made maple sugar for their own consumption and for trade. Historian Susan Deborah Wade has noted that from 1670-1873, making *ziinzibaakwad* (maple sugar) allowed Ojibwe women in particular to enter into a growing transatlantic trade that was centered on furs, but also included North American-made sugar.



Before 1850, most maple-tappers produced easy-to-transport maple sugar, not maple syrup.



By the 1870s, Ojibwe and Winnebago women had sold thousands of pounds of maple sugar to fur trading companies. An Ojibwe maple-tapper is pictured here. Reed, Roland, photographer. "Indian Woman Tapping Maple Sap." ca. 1908. Library of Congress.



JESSE NILES, SON OF ORANGE and MARIETTA NILES, BROTHER OF ESTA MINERVA NILES LAKIE, WORKS IN ELLIOTT WOODS (2 photos below) AS HIS NIECE, JENNIE LAKIE MORROW, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM D. and ESTA LAKIE LOOKS ON. (ABOVE)

Eric Hemenway (Director of Repatriation, Archives, and Records for the Little Traverse Bay of Odawa Indians) has emphasized the family nature of sugar-making amongst the Odawa of northern Michigan: “Each spring and summer Odawa families would return from their winter trapping and hunting grounds, to make maple sugar and to plant and organize their crops for the fall harvest. [...] Three of the major harvests—corn, maple sugar, and fish—not only fed the people but provided a foundation for economic stability for the Odawa.”

Photos from our collection at the Village show that maple tapping and syrup-making was a family affair in early 20th-century Troy, too. Like many other dairy farmers in eastern and central North America, Troy farm families made maple syrup during the “off season.” In “Elliott Woods”—roughly where the Sugar Maple Village subdivision is today, east of Livernois and south of Long Lake—uncle Jesse Niles and niece Jennie Lakie Morrow cooked down watery maple sap in a big flat pan on a stone arch.

The maple harvest continues in Troy to this day, and you can be part of it. Every March, Troy Nature Society staff and volunteers at Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center invite the public into the sugar bush on Saturdays to see how syrup is made. While you’re there, make sure to visit the Troy Historic Village’s pop-up maple shop, stocked with Michigan-made pure maple syrup, maple cream, and more!



Many hands (and hooves!) make light work. Another view of the Elliott Woods maple syruping operation, 1912-28 ca.

The Changing Landscape of Section 6, Troy

by *Matthew Hackett, History Interpreter*

From the 1877 *History of Oakland County*, we get this land description: “The ridges of Troy were originally timbered with oak, with but little undergrowth, and often running into openings. The lowlands were more heavily wooded, principally with ash, elm and beech.” Constraining the land to a grid, one of those ridges is Section 6 of Troy, the square mile bordered by South Blvd., Coolidge, Square Lake, and Adams Roads. What we see there in 2024 came to be with changes to the landscape including multiple landowners and land use ideas. Streams were going to be bridged; low areas were drained.

Start yourself off in the present, on top of the hill on South Blvd., just east of Beach Road in Troy. From your vantage point, you see Coolidge Road where it begins/ends at South Blvd. On the clearer days, you can see all the way to the skyscrapers of Detroit—a twenty-mile view! The nearer distance reveals the larger buildings of Troy; there are 14 floors at Crooks and I-75 (900 Tower Drive), twenty-five stories on Big Beaver near I-75, and you’ll see the twin buildings of the Columbia Center. Oldest on the scene (from 1928) is the Mausoleum of White Chapel Memorial. Trees to the immediate south hide (or do they reveal?) Firefighters Park in Section 5 and the Stage Nature Center in Section 6, each with portions of the juvenile Rouge River flowing through. Also located in Section 6 is the Bharatiya Temple for the Hindu faith; it is just ½ mile from the big hill.

This hill has a long history; glaciers left it behind about 12,000 years ago. The flat landscape that includes much of southeast Michigan and where you see those buildings and trees, that was lake bottom. The vegetation that followed ice was very cold tolerant, like the spruce forests of the Upper Peninsula. Remind yourself that the nearest fossil of a mastodon was found a mile and a half north—the Adams Road Mastodon. The place has changed. When this hill was first visited by people, they were the ancestors of the Anishinaabe, aka Native Americans, and this view is theirs for 10,000 years to the current time, give or take a century.

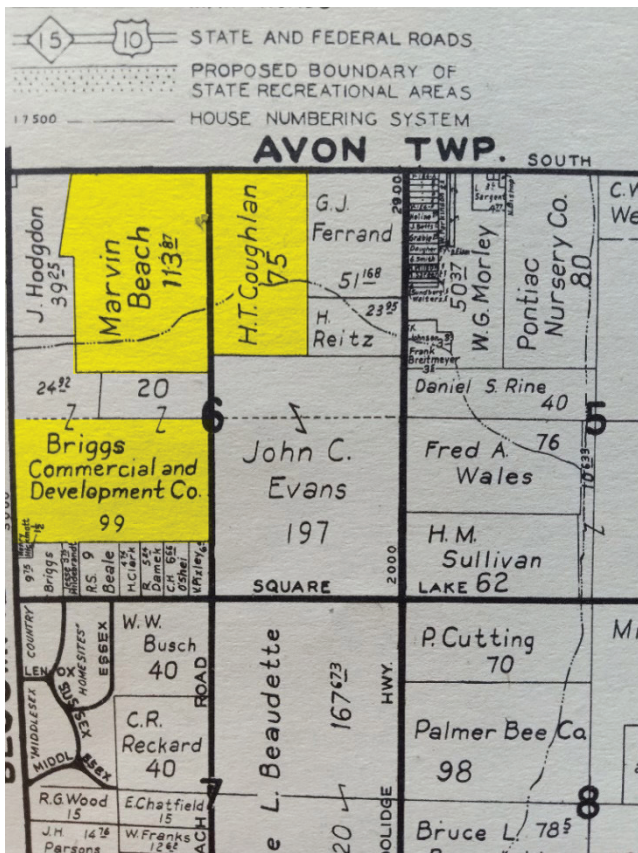
When I search for my oldest memory of this South Blvd. hill, I was on a bicycle and resting before the wild ride down or after the grueling climb up (for twelve-year old legs). By the way, driving in a car does not let you appreciate the undulations of the landscape like riding a bicycle does.

The name on the Troy-side mailbox—the farmhouse still there-- was “Coughlan.” Coolidge in that mile north of I-75 was not paved. There was no signal light for Coolidge and South, and at Crooks just a flashing red for South and flashing yellow for Crooks. A child from my household in the 70s did not have permission to ride on Auburn Road—50 mph speed limit and much more traffic. Beach Road at that time was not paved, because it did not (still doesn’t) cross I-75. It remains a good place to ride a bike.

Do you remember? In 1974 there were plans for constructing a building in Detroit—higher than the Penobscot Building—which had been tallest since 1928. That twenty-mile view of fifty years ago did not offer “the future” Renaissance Center on the skyline nor did the nearer view include anything taller than the Mausoleum. Back then, the Nature Center was housed in a former residence with three levels. Before 2002, ash trees of Southeast Michigan were on the brink of an attack of Emerald Ash Borer beetles.



Coughlan Farm, 1970s ca



Northeast Troy Twp., 1947

In those years, at the top of the hill, a split-rail fence was the northern delineation of the City of Troy property that included the Nature Center. A fence defined three sides of the property excepting the southern edge. South of the current park boundary there was “undeveloped” forest land. The north edge was split-rail—see image. The streets of Park View, Red Oak and Red Maple were not there, and a person could get on to that property and Nature Center property after hours, or on a Monday when it was closed. [My old friends from Charnwood subdivision would be able to confirm this.]

What other stories does Section 6 hold? Try a 1947 Map; Coughlan is there. Did you know that Lake Charnwood was once a gravel pit?—see Marvin Beach area of map snippet. The Briggs Co. has property that will contain the future streets of Malvern, Charnwood, and Tewksbury. Another tale of trees, in the 1930s and 40s, previously healthy elm trees were dying of “Dutch Elm Disease.” Their skeletal silhouettes would dot the landscape for many years.

Before my parents’ time, that stone structure at the corner of Adams and South Blvd. was a one-room school. Children from Bloomfield, Avon, Troy, and Pontiac Twps. were educated in that building for six decades.

To go deeper into some of the landowners, we are invited to a list compiled by the late Ray Lucas. The government likely assisted with a land grant for 1822; Elizur Goodrich was a veteran of the War of 1812. Next on the list, Zenas, is one of the six sons Elizur fathered with his first wife.

NAME OF LANDOWNER	ACRES	SECTION	YEAR
GOODRICH, Elizur	6	NE1/4	1822
GOODRICH, Zenas	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1826, Apr 13
GOODRICH, Emily, William & Phoebe	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1853
STEVENS, Eleanor & John	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1868
STEVENS, Ranson, BLOOMBERG,	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1886
BLOOMBERG, Harriet R., DOWLING	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1901
MILLER, Leo D. & w Jessie B	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1901
BACHMAN, John C.	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1901
BACHMAN, Lacy H.	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1906
BACHMAN, Emma B.	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1909
MILLER, Leo D. & w Jessie B.	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1909
MILLER, Howard & w Carrie B.	6	NE1/4, W1/2	1936
CASE, Homer A. & Guardian of	6	NE1/4, ptW1/2	
COUGHLAN, Harold T. & w Edla B.	6	NE1/4, ptW1/2	75 1946
City of Troy	6	NE1/4, ptW1/2	70 1970
City of Troy	6	NE1/4, ptW1/2	5 1973

Section 6 Landowners, 1822-1973

Some of these views are see-them-before-we-lose-them. The Coughlan House will soon be torn down. By contrast, Stone School has the Bharatiya Temple to guard and eventually renew it. Likewise, the Stage Nature Center property conserves old-growth forest and a free-flowing stream, sometimes called the “Sprague Branch” of the Rouge River.

The Humble Hay Trolley: Tool and Testimony in Early Troy

by Mike Imirie, Wordsmith LLC

If you visited a 19th-century General Store and looked around, you'd expect to see such things as canned goods, fresh-baked loaves, and patent medicines. You might enjoy spying an oversized cheese wheel with its formidable looking 'Perfection' brand slicer. And you'd easily recognize mason jars, bolts of cotton cloth, and all manner of reading materials.



THV's own hay trolley is a circa-1903 'Clover Leaf' model made by F.E. Myers of Ashland, Ohio

What you *wouldn't* expect, however—and what would no doubt puzzle you, as it did me—is the square and substantial metal contraption sitting in our General Store's front window. About 2' x 2' in size and silver in color, this cast iron device has sets of wheels at both top and bottom. But what on earth did it do? And why would it be on display at the Troy Historic Village?

While its identity would be a mystery to most, this vintage hardware is called a hay trolley. Its purpose was to assist farmers in conveying newly-gathered hay from hay wagons to storage areas: outdoor haystacks or storage areas ("mows") in barns. Why was there a need to mechanically transport hay? The weight! A wagonload of hay could easily exceed 2,000 lbs.

Before trolleys were invented or barns were widely used, farmers hauled hay from their fields and pitched it by hand into storage piles, which were often exposed to the elements. With the advent of the hay trolley, the job was made much easier, for this early machinery could lift more hay—and faster—than the farmer and his sons.



Horses pull a wagonload of hay along Crooks Road in 1920

The first hay trolleys, invented in the 1860s, could be connected to oversized metal forks. Such 'hay forks' were slung underneath and would spear hay from the wagon, lift it via pulley and move it into a storage area. Later, the practice of hay capture was improved using a sling. The so-called 'hay sling' was actually a large, open net placed in a hay wagon while it was still empty. Loading would take place in the fields and the net, which could

heft larger hay amounts by far, could be lifted up and out via hay trolley once the wagon reached designated storage.

Once barns became popular, farmers naturally preferred storing hay indoors. Early trolleys ran along 2"x4" or even 4"x4" timber beams within barns. Later, steel beams replaced timber for trolley rails.

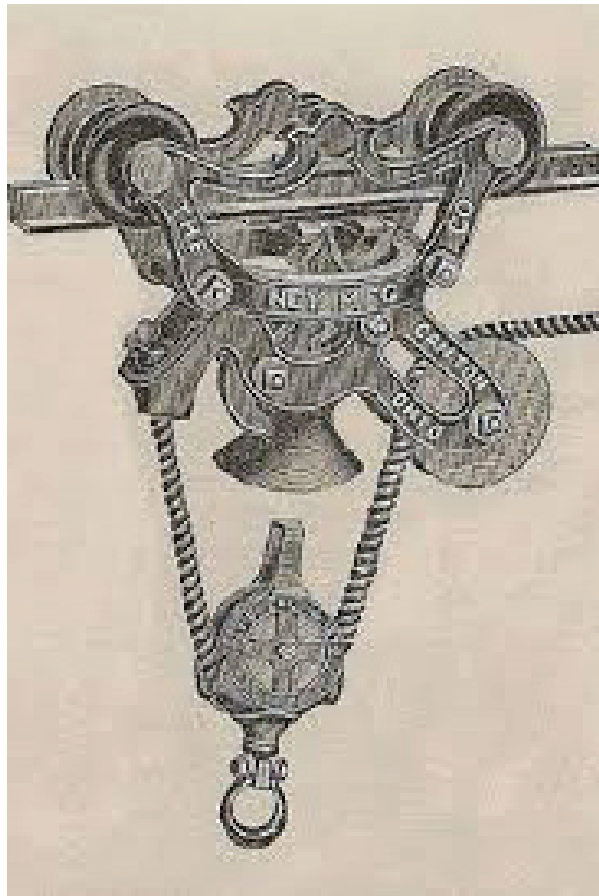
Wagonloads of hay were exceedingly heavy. Lifting harvested product from wagons to storage areas required the strength of horses, which pulled on lines attached to pulleys connected to hay trolleys in order to lift hay into the barn. How's that for a vivid example of 19th-century 'horsepower'?

It is said that this tool—the hay trolley—had a greater impact on barn design than any other tool in the barn. Why? Savvy farmers designed their barns to maximize use of trolley systems. Trolley makers often sold or even gave away barn designs which would uniquely employ their systems!

Troy was a small, rural township until the early 20th century. According to Federal Agricultural Census schedules from 1850-1880, "Troy's farmers raised horses, milk cows, oxen and other cattle, sheep, and swine, and also grew a variety of cereal crops including wheat, corn, oats, barley and buckwheat."

With early Troy having such agrarian character, it's fair to say that the humble hay trolley was far more important than just its *function*. In fact, the cast iron innovation on display in the Village General Store offers unique testimony about Troy's yesteryear identity as an authentic and functional farming community.

A hay trolley at work lifting hay to the 2nd level 'mow' in the barn



Hay trolley at work on a rail



It Takes A VILLAGER



We're so thankful for the skills and passion of our volunteers. Take a look at the things they've been masterfully creating over the last few months!



1. Ken, Roger, Lynn, Rosemary, Jim, and other volunteers brave the cold to install our Outhouse
2. Gail & Sheryl curated a striking new holiday look for the Church
3. Gail & Sheryl's hand-made and historically inspired ornaments include gold painted walnuts, hand-knitted doves, and paper globes
4. High School Volunteers shuttled 85 scarecrows to their posts and installed all the signs
5. Adult volunteers attached 85 scarecrows to their posts
6. Lynn, Roger, and Jeff had a great time building our trick-or-treat entry way
7. Carol & our scarecrow building team built over 45 individual scarecrows this year
8. Chris, Lori, Terry, and Carolyn helped spread holiday cheer while decorating the Village
9. Debbie curated an outstanding new holiday look for the Niles-Barnard House that included historically inspired ornaments like hand-crocheted snowflakes, Santa dolls, and mini-holiday drums
10. Gail helped children pretend to be dragons during our trick-or-treat craft prep

We are so thankful for our Tuesday Crew's hard work over the years. They help build and maintain special projects for our programs! Here is a glimpse of their recent efforts.



1. Removed a stubborn cupboard to make way for the gift shop's new info wall
2. The Village's gift shop info wall is one of the many renovations the Crew helped with
3. The new & un-used Outhouse standing by the Pioneer Garden
4. The puppet wagon was a big hit this summer
5. The Education Team is grateful for the functional wax pot holder

Interested in joining our amazing Tuesday Crew or finding out about other Volunteer opportunities? Find out more by visiting our website at www.TroyHistoricVillage.org/volunteer

MARCH 2024

- March 2 **Maple Syrup Sales (Stage Nature Center)** 9:00am-3:00pm
- March 6 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- March 6 **Winter Series Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- March 7 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- March 9 **Maple Syrup Sales (Stage Nature Center)** 9:00am-3:00pm
- March 10 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- March 13 **Winter Series Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- March 14 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- March 16 **Maple Syrup Sales (Stage Nature Center)** 9:00am-3:00pm
- March 21 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- March 22 **Spring Egg Hunt** 4:00-7:30pm
- March 23 **Spring Egg Hunt** 11:00am-3:00pm
- March 25 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- March 28 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- March 28 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm

APRIL 2024

- April 3 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- April 3 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- April 4 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- April 10 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- April 11 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- April 14 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- April 18 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- April 22 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- April 24 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- April 25 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- April 25 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm

MAY 2024

- May 1 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- May 1 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- May 2 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- May 4-June 15 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 (Saturdays)** 1:30pm
- May 5 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- May 8 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- May 9 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- May 11 **Civil War Saturday Fair** 11:00am-6:00pm
- May 13-June 24 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 (Mondays)** 6:30pm
- May 15 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- May 16 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- May 20 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- May 23 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- May 30 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- May 30 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm



Spring Egg Hunt

Friday March 22, 4-7:30pm &

Saturday March 23, 11am-3pm

Early registration: \$7/THS Member or \$9/Non-member

At the door: \$8/THS Member or \$10/Non-member.

Free for children under 2

Hop on over for an EGGStra special day at the Village. Collect eggs to trade for goodies, make a craft, get your EGGService with our HOPstacle course, and play carnival-style games with your family! Egg collection at Spring Egg Hunt is structured, with each family collecting eggs in a designated lane. The event is held rain or shine and has outdoor elements, so please dress accordingly. Families can expect to spend 60-90 minutes at the Village.

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Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 am | Ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult

THS Members: \$5/child, \$3/adult

Non-members: \$6/child, \$4/adult

Join Cheddar the Village Mouse and Mrs. Laura for story time! This monthly program for preschool-aged kids features stories, games, activities, songs, crafts, and snacks that connect with each month's theme. Themes, stories, and activities are carefully chosen to be age appropriate and help kids have fun while they develop skills and learn about the world around them. *Sponsored by Troy Women's Association.*

- **March 6: Maple Syrup**

This month's book: *Curious George Makes Maple Syrup* by Margret and H.A. Rey

Make a model Makuk basket like those used by Native Americans. Play Bingo with pictures of artifacts used long ago. Learn about the uses and names of tools used for collecting and processing sap. Snack on cornbread, maple cream, and syrup. Do other hands-on activities with numbers and imaginative play.

- **April 3: Dinosaurs!**

This month's book: *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well?* by Jane Yolen

Count and make patterns with tiny colorful dinosaurs, play Dinosaur Simon Says, and create a dinosaur craft. Look for fossils in the sand. Play a matching game with dino cards. Everyone will be taking home a small plastic dinosaur.

- **May 1: Feathered Friends**

This month's book: *Are You My Mother?* By P.D. Eastman
Make a fun bird craft, play Springtime Bingo, and match numbered birds to their nests. Create flowers with buttons and have fun with play dough. Snack on skinny pretzels and fruit.





BOOK YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: SCOUTS AND HOMESCHOOLS

Individuals, families, homeschool groups, and scout troops/packs will enjoy these engaging, educational programs.

To book a date for your group's adventure, call 248-524-3598 or email ypd@thvmail.org.

Shopping Back-in-Time

Price: \$9/person | Approximately 60 minutes

Visit the Village and join our costumed interpreters as they lead you through a make-believe shopping trip at our 1910s general store. Students will be given various scenarios involving math, history, and economics (such as needs vs. wants, scarcity, bartering, and incentives). Children will also be given an old-fashioned candy or toy to take home!

Tin Crafts

Price: \$8/adult, \$10/scout | Approximately 60 minutes

Learn about the importance of tin products in the 1800s as well as today's households. You'll also learn about the job of a tinsmith. Children will be taught how to punch patterns on tin and make crafts to take home.

Pioneer Kids: Chores

Price: \$9/person | Approximately 90 minutes

Learn about life in a cabin on the frontier. Kids had a lot of chores to do back then; get hands on with history as you spend time in a log cabin and experience the life of a pioneer kid by doing the chores they would have done. Appropriate for 1st grade and older.

Letterboxing

Price: \$8/adult, \$11/scout | Approximately 60-90 minutes

Find clues leading to hidden "letterboxes" all over the Village. You'll create your own personalized stamp, then trade and collect stamp images as you follow the clues. Remind you of geocaching? Ages 7 and up (readers). Meets "Letterboxer" merit badge requirements.

Playing the Past

Price: \$9/person | Approximately 90 minutes

Be a student in the one-room school. Spend time in our Log Cabin while the fire blazes. Try chores from the past like making butter and carrying water with a yoke. Have some old-fashioned fun! Meets "Playing the Past" merit badge requirements.

Scouts Woodworking

Price: \$8/adult, \$14/scout | Approximately 90-120 minutes

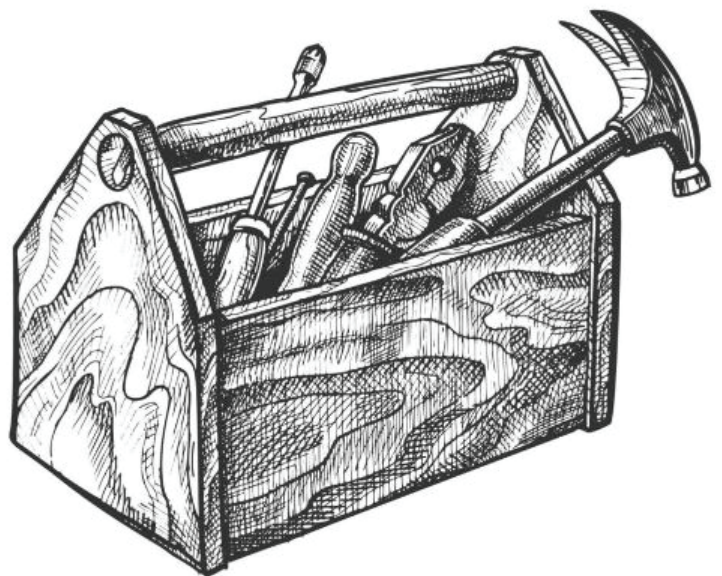
Cut, hammer, and build as Cadette Scouts and Bear Scouts make an individual project, and one birdhouse for the den or troop. Meets GS Cadette "Woodworker" and Cub Scout "Baloo the Builder" requirements. Available upon request with minimum 3 weeks-notice.

Earth Rocks for Scouts

Price: \$8/adult, \$12/scout; "Polish your own Petoskey stone" kit available for additional \$2/person. Please notify Village at time of booking if you would like to include the kits.

Approximately 90 minutes

Utilize maps, minerals, and materials to show how Michigan rock resources are used. Scouts learn a S.I.M.P.L.E. introduction to Geology. Explore Troy Historic Village with rocks and minerals in mind. Map Michigan's mining resources. Use a rock hammer to see what is hiding inside the stones and take home rock samples. This program has outdoor elements. Available March-October.



SPRING ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS AT THE VILLAGE



Civil War Saturday Fair

Saturday May 11, 11am-6pm

Early registration: \$8/THS Member or \$10/Non-member

At the door: \$10/THS Member or \$12/Non-member

During the Civil War, local soldiers' aid societies held fairs to raise funds for hospitals, food, clothing, and other supplies. Join us for a soldiers' aid-style fair and enjoy Civil War-era dancing, music, a curiosity shop of war items, performances, and more! Activities for kids and opportunities to participate in some of the events will be available. Food will be available for sale, along with historic toys and candies. Events are scheduled throughout the day, so guests may expect to spend 1-4 hours depending on how much of the event you would like to see. Schedule of events will be available on the Village website closer to the date. Proceeds will go to the Troy Historical Society. Event is held rain or shine.

Maple Syrup Time

Saturday, March 2, 9, and 16 | 9am-3pm | Stage Nature Center

Join us at Stage Nature Center for Maple Syrup Time! Sample and purchase Michigan maple cream and other maple-infused treats to take home. Program registration information is available at troynaturesociety.org. Michigan maple products will also be available for purchase beginning in March at the THV Village Store.



Thursdays Teas

2pm | THS Member: \$9,

Non-Member: \$10

Join us on select Thursdays each month for history talks

led by guest presenters or Village staff on a variety of topics, while enjoying a cup of tea and a sweet treat. Sponsored by Oakmont Manor and Oakmont Sterling.



- March 28: The Delicious History of Detroit Style Pizza**
 Author Karen Dybis shares the story of Detroit-style pizza's humble origins, starting with Gus Guerra putting the first square pie in Buddy's oven, to the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas, where a pizza evangelist spread the word about Detroit Style, and beyond!
- April 25: Play & Protect: A History of Our National Parks**
 Since 1916, the National Parks Service has had to strike a balance between preserving natural and historical resources while making them accessible to scores of visitors. THV Adult Programs Director Stephanie Arwady tells this story with a special focus on Michigan.
- May 30: Waterways, Trails, Artifacts and Wild Rice: Indigenous Connections to Oakland County**
 Evidence of Oakland County's Indigenous past includes stone tools, abandoned sugar camps, a network of trails and much more. Explore this often-neglected history with Oakland County Parks Historian Carol Bacak-Egbo.

Thursdays Walking Group

Thursdays | FREE | 5:00pm in March | 6:00pm in April and May

Weekly walks cover a variety of scenic 1.5-3 mile routes in or around Troy. Program is free, and all ages and levels of fitness are welcome! For meeting locations, visit <https://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/walking-group/>. Sponsored by Corewell Health



Constitution Cafés

Sundays, 2pm | FREE

Utilizing the Socratic Method of inquiry, engage in civil discourse to explore different aspects of the Constitution each month. Sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Foundation. Join us inside Old Troy Church at the Village on select Sundays:



- **March 10: The Fourteenth Amendment, Section 1 - Citizen rights, Privileges and Immunities, and Due Process!** A grab bag of new rights? Or correcting the historical errors?
- **April 14: The Fourteenth Amendment, Section 2 - A new way of apportioning representation!**
- **May 5: The Fourteenth Amendment, Section 3 - The Insurrectionist Clause!** Just what counts as rebellion against the United States, anyway?



Preservation Conversations

Mondays, 2pm | THS Member: FREE | Non-Member: \$7

Do you enjoy old houses, good stories, and great places to visit locally and nationally? Come join the conversation as we learn more about preserving and utilizing our historic assets! Join us on select Mondays for the following topics:

- **March 25: MHPN (Michigan Historic Preservation Network).**
How does this organization advocate for historic places across the state of Michigan?
- **April 22: Park Masters.**
Explore landscape architects like Frederick Olmstead, Jens Jensen, and Genevieve Gillette with Stephanie Arwady. A perfect topic for Earth Day!
- **May 20: Navigating a World Not Built for All.**
Architect Ron Campbell and Advocate Erica Coulston will discuss how historic structures aren't always accessible and share some creative ways this has been overcome.

Blacksmithing Classes

Learn the art of blacksmithing in our historic Wagon Shop.

Basic Blacksmithing Level 1

Choose from:

Saturdays May 4-June 15 (no class on May 25), 1:30-4pm

Mondays May 13-June 24 (no class on May 27), 6:30-9pm

THS Member: \$310 or Non-member: \$360

During this six-week introductory course focusing on the fundamental processes of traditional blacksmithing, you will learn 12 basic hand-forging techniques as you make your own trowel. Learn how to properly swing a hammer, operate a coal forge, and pump a centuries-old bellows. Ages 12 & up. No prerequisite.

Spring Watercolor Classes

Wednesdays | 4:30-6:30pm | Ages 16 & up

Price: THS Member: \$40/class or \$200/6-class series

Non-Member: \$45/class or \$250/6-class series

Artist and art teacher Megan Swoyer guides students in using a variety of watercolor techniques to create springtime scenes. No experience is necessary; all supplies will be provided. Classes are geared toward ages 16 and up.

- **April 3: Poppy Pop!**
- **April 10: Alstroemeria Adoration**
- **April 24: Savoring Succulents**
- **May 1: Cosmic Cosmos**
- **May 8: Bachelor Button Beauty**
- **May 15: The Pleasing Plover and the Sweet Sanderling**



Become a Villager Today!

Support quality, engaging education for all ages and enjoy

- Free Admission to the Village
- Discounts on Public Programs
- Quarterly Village Press and regular news updates
- An invitation to the Annual Members Meeting and Ice Cream Social
- Additional benefits for each level as listed

YES! I want to be a Villager. Please process my Troy Historical Society membership at the following level:

- \$35 Individual**
Additional benefits include 2 “plus one” passes to select programs so you can share the Village with a friend and 10 complimentary high-resolution scans to start your family archive
- \$55 Household** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
Additional benefits include a 10% discount on a Simple Event Rental or Cheddar Birthday Party
- \$150 Patron** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
Additional benefits include 2 tickets to the annual Barnard Bash, 1 free Group Gather for your business or social group OR 10% discount on a Simple Event Rental or Cheddar Birthday Party
- \$350 Barnard Benefactor** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
Additional benefits include 4 tickets to the annual Barnard Bash and 1 free Workshop Rental for your business or social group

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Email my quarterly Village Press

Already a Villager?

I would like to make an additional donation to the Troy Historic Village.

Please put \$ _____ towards the general fund to support preservation and programs at the Village.

Payment Options:

Enclosed Check / Check # _____

Call the Village at 248-524-3570 or visit www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership to pay by credit card

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