

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER...

Remembering Kris Rose, long-time volunteer & Board Member, on page 2.

We have six new volunteers! Nancy K, Dean S, Denise K, Magda P, Jerome, and Susan! Please join me in welcoming them to our Villager team!

Welcome Amelia & Jolie! Amelia & Jolie are two new History Interpreters added to our Education Team staff.

Egg Hunt is coming up this weekend! More info on page 3.

Volunteers have been helping with school craft-prep, and maintaining our stock during our busy spring season!

Our very own Sarah and her husband Josh are expecting their first baby! Baby strawberry is due late July!

Civil War Days is coming up quick! More info on page 3.

The Tuesday Crew have been Tuesday Crewin'! Find out what they've been up to on page 3.

Registration is now open for Scarecrow Row & Troy Traffic Jam. More info on page 4.



Historical Society of Michigan hosted their reception at the Village! Our volunteers shared the history of the houses. More info on page 4.

State of the City will be held at Troy Historic Village on May 7! More info on page 4.

Old Troy Church's roof is having work done to take care of leaks, and some of the stone work on the main building are being fixed!

Become a **Village Tour Guide!** More info on page 4.

Maple Syrup Time has come and gone. More info on page 3.

Monthly volunteer meetings will be on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30am inside the Niles-Barnard House. Any variance from the plan will be communicated in advance! No need to RSVP - just stop on by! You can sign up on our calendar for a reminder if you would like.

REMEMBERING KRIS ROSE

We have some sad news. I am writing with some sad news. Kris Rose, long time volunteer at the Village and Board Member, passed away on

Kris was the Village's biggest cheerleader. She loved our volunteers, our staff, our guests, and our programs. She was always the first person to congratulate us on our accomplishments and milestones (personal and professional), and always made sure we felt appreciated.



Kris grew up in Troy, and you may have heard Kris share her experiences as a student who went to school inside Poppleton when it was at it's original location. During her previous professional career, Kris traveled the world to far and exciting places, but she always came home to Troy, Michigan.

She loved it here, and loved giving back to her community especially during our community events like Egg Hunt or Trick-or-Treat at the Craft Station.

Over the last 11 years as a volunteer at the Troy Historic Village, Kris has made a lasting impact on the Village. Her huge heart, dazzling smile, and big laugh will be missed deeply.

As of right now, Kris' family is holding a small-family-only service. If you would like to write her family a card, please drop it off to the Village and I will make sure her partner receives it. If you would like to view Kris' obituary, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

We would like to hold a gathering to remember Kris at the Village later this spring. We will coordinate with her family, I promise to get that information out as soon as I can. Please be patient with us as we are all shocked by Kris' passing.

Sending you all lots of love and comfort in the memories we shared with Kris.



MAPLE SYRUP TIME

On the first three Saturdays in March, the Village hosted a pop-up shop at the Stage Nature Center during their Maple Syrup Days program. The Nature Center staff guided their guests through the program ending at our pop-up shop where we sold Michigan made maple syrup and maple syrup-infused products. Our volunteers help sell products, prepare samples for guests to try, and share information about Village programs!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help the Village at Maple Syrup Time! Maryam, Angel, Carolyn, Christine R, Colette, Barb C, Cathy, Greg, Mike B, Pam B, Heather, & Emily!



Top Left: Volunteer Emily smiles as guests look through our goodies for sale. Top Right: Volunteer Heather passes out samples. Bottom: Staff Rhonda and Volunteer Angel wait to sell yummy maple syrup treats!

SPRING EGG HUNT

Hip-hop-hurray! The Spring Egg Hunt is happening at the Village this weekend, April 11 & April 12. We still need some Adult Volunteer help with check-in, the craft activity, and monitoring groups as they participate in fun games and activities! Shifts are on the Sign Up, and if you have questions before signing up, please let Barbara know!



CIVIL WAR DAYS

Over 1,200 8th grade students are expected to join us during Civil War Days at the Village for the next two weeks! Volunteers help by guiding students through the program stops and making sure their company groups stick to the prepared schedule. Students (and their volunteer guides!) will get to hear wonderful stories from a Civil War surgeon, President Lincoln, soldier recruitment, and so much more.

The shifts are 8:30am - 1:45pm-ish. If you sign up for more than one day, you're welcome to bring a book or some other activity to work on while the students are in presentations. The most important part of guides is dropping off and picking up the students! Volunteering for Civil War Days is a great way to experience a program that is only for students!

New this year, we have put 1/2 day shifts on the sign up. If you're unavailable for the whole shift, but are willing to get the group started from 8:30am - 11:30am, we would LOVE your help!

TUESDAY CREW

Our maintenance crew, the Tuesday Crew, has been hard at work Tuesday crewin'!

They took down our outdoor holiday lights. They've also been helping clean out and organize the Parsonage basement, and are building shelving for the basement storage as well.

Looking forward, we will need help painting a lot of different spaces in the Village. Interested in helping? Let Barbara know and we'll be in touch!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN RECEPTION

Historical Society of Michigan hosted their SE Michigan History Conference reception at Troy Historic Village on March 28!

Our volunteers were stationed inside our buildings and presented about the history of the buildings and shared information about Village programs. We had around 130 guests visit the Village. A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to our volunteers who studied, prepared, and had lots of fun!



Left: Volunteer JoAnn shares the history of the General Store with a guest. Right: Volunteer Padma shares Village programs in Town Hall.



Left: Volunteer John chats about the Old Troy Church. Middle: Volunteer Michael talks about the history of Troy in Niles-Barnard. Right: Volunteer Susan shares historic cooking tips and tricks in the Log Cabin.



Left: Volunteer Jeremy welcomes guests on the porch of the Parsonage. Middle: Volunteer Carolyn shares info about our exciting field trips in Poppleton School. Right: Volunteer Gail spreads the rich history of Solomon Caswell in the Caswell House.

STATE OF THE CITY

State of the City will be held at Troy Historic Village on May 7! We're excited to welcome Mayor Ethan Baker to share the updates from around the city of Troy. This event is invite only, so please watch from the comfort of your own home!

We will be needing to clean up the grounds before the event, so keep an eye on requests for spring clean up! How exciting that we get to show off our great the Village is to even more people? Thank you for helping make the Village something to brag about!

SEEKING VILLAGE TOUR GUIDES!

We are looking to add to our exceptional ranks of volunteer tour guides at the Village! This position requires three days of training spaced out over a few weeks for approximately 6 - 8 hours total.

Our Village Tour Guides will lead tours on Fridays in July and August and help fill in for special event tours. This is a great way to brush up presenting skills, or learn new ones! Sign up on Shift Calendar!

Below are dates for our next round of training.

Batch #2 (all dates below):

- Day 1: Friday May 2: 10:30am - 1:30pm
- Day 2: Tuesday May 20: 1pm - 2pm
- Day 3: Friday June 6: 1pm - 2pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for Scarecrow Row 2025 & Troy Traffic Jam 2025 opened on April 1, 2025! Know a local business that might want to be a sponsor? Find out more at TroyScarecrowRow.com or TroyTrafficJam.com.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING EGG HUNT

APRIL 11, VARIOUS TIMES EVENING
APRIL 12, VARIOUS TIMES MORNING

Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is this weekend and we still need lots of help to put on this memorable family event! Hop on over to the Village to help create an amazing experience for our community. Shifts are on the Sign Up Calendar!

MONTHLY SCHOOL CRAFT PREP

MAY 13, 10:30AM - 12PM
JUNE 10, 10:30AM - 12PM

Our ongoing & continuous need for school craft prep supplies! It's also a wonderful time to catch up with other volunteers, and get to know new ones. Outside of our scheduled monthly gathering, you're welcome to grab supplies to take to work on at home. Shifts on the Sign Up Calendar.

MARKETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION ONGOING

Next sign up April 16. See Barbara with additional questions!

CIVIL WAR DAYS

MAY 7 - 9 & MAY 12 - 16

Lead field trips from station to station during Civil War Days. Company Guides will do a brief orientation with their group, and make sure the group stays on schedule from station to station. Company Guides will not be presenting, just leading. This is an excellent way to experience our field trip programs! Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar.

CANDLE DIPPING

Dates on Sign Up Calendar: April 22, 25, 29 & May 20, 22, 27.

OTHER SAVE THE DATES:

- Summer Kick-Off - will need help with guests and selling Raffle Tickets (June 3)
- Troy Traffic Jam (August 3)

PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 11AM - 1PM

We are seeking energetic and compassionate people who enjoy cleaning to help us maintain some of our collections! Some duties may include dusting, sweeping / mopping, cleaning baseboards / walls, and other general housekeeping duties inside of our historic structures. We will provide all the supplies and have some training for handling artifacts! This position will work closely with our curator, Elizabeth! Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar.

GARDEN CLEAN OUT APRIL 26, 10AM - 2PM

Come drop in at the Village to help clean out the Garden and get ready for spring! Come for one hour or two or three! We'll be weeding, moving some things around, and clearing out the Pioneer Garden. We may be throwing hay and may be planting some vegetables. Shifts are on the Sign Up Calendar for an hour at a time. Sign up for as many shifts as you would like!

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