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Female Firsts

Elizabeth 'Lisette' Denison Forth purchased 48.5 acres in Pontiac in 1825, making her one of the very first women to own property in Michigan Territory. She was famous among her acquaintances for her buckwheat griddle cakes and sewing skills. Her shrewd investments allowed her to pay off a mortgage during her lifetime and fund the establishment of a church after her death. Her accomplishments were many, but they included neither reading nor writing. Born around 1786, this African-American businesswoman and philanthropist grew up near Detroit—as a slave.

Lisette's enslavement might seem illogical at first glance; after all, the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 expressly forbade slavery in Michigan Territory. Despite the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850, many Michigan residents not only declined to return



runaway slaves to their owners, they further violated the act by conducting slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Prominent abolitionists

including Sojourner

Truth, Frederick Douglass, and John Brown supported members of the Second Baptist Church in aiding nearly 5,000 fugitive slaves who came through Detroit in their quest for freedom.

Despite the growing anti-slavery sentiment, prominent Detroit families like the Woodwards and Macombs exploited loopholes in the Northwest Ordinance to keep their slaves. Lisette's owner, William Tucker, freed her parents upon his death, but willed Lisette and her three brothers to his relatives. Peter and Hannah Denison sued for their children's freedom in 1807; Judge Augustus Woodward ruled that Lisette, Scipio, and James would remain in bondage for life, though the ruling allowed for Peter Jr.'s emancipation after twenty-five years.

Rather than accept this fate, the Denison family fled to Canada where they established their residency and their freedom. When Lisette returned to Detroit in 1815, she did so as a freedwoman. She used her skills to gain employment and foster social connections with leading families, including Detroit Mayor John Biddle and his wife, Eliza, with whom she even stayed for a time in Paris. Part of Lisette's wealth funded the construction of St. James Episcopal Church, Grosse Ile, a sanctuary that welcomed and saw to the spiritual needs of the poor. Lisette Denison Forth died soon after the Civil War ended in 1866; she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame in 2017.

Join us this spring in celebrating Lisette and other unsung Michigan heroes, both women and men whose remarkable stories merit greater conversation. Look inside this Village Press for details on our April 19 Ladies in Michigan History talks and May 24 Civil War Songs & Stories program. For even more on Lisette, check out *Dawn of Detroit: A Chronicle of Slavery and Freedom in the City of the Straits* by Tiya Miles (2017).

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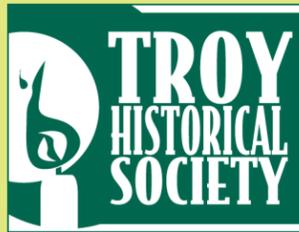
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Thanks to the generosity of 130 Villagers THS has successfully raised \$50,000 that has been matched dollar-for-dollar by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The funds include significant gifts from individuals who have long supported our mission, the dues from 115 new members welcomed to the Troy Historical Society since May 1, 2016, a matching gift from Thrivent Financial, \$3,700 from Leadership Troy, and \$3,500 from the Bank of Ann Arbor Birminghelps Charity fundraiser. Above is a list of those who made the NEH Challenge a success.

Between 2018 and 2021 the \$100,000 will be spent for History to You Outreach programs, marketing, technology, and new events and guest services in the restored Niles-Barnard House. The additional program revenue and income from receptions and meetings held in the Niles-Barnard House

will increase long-term financial sustainability for Village operations.

In December 2017, THS also established a Troy Historic Village Endowment Fund with the Troy Community Foundation, a geographic affiliate fund of the North Woodward Community Foundation. The new permanent endowment was seeded through a \$5,000 challenge offered by the Troy Community Foundation. This donation prompted matching gifts from the Allison Family Foundation and a THS Trustee. Future contributions and legacy gifts to the THV Endowment will be invested by the Community Foundation and earnings will be used to support the Village. The THS Board of Trustees is grateful to the leadership of Doug Tietz, Valiena Allison and their colleagues at the Troy Community Foundation in providing this great opportunity.



Executive Director... Loraine Campbell

I remember when I planted a bean seed while in kindergarten. I was so excited when a bit of pale green pushed up through the damp soil and unfolded into a leaf. Within a few weeks there was a sturdy plant, then flowers and finally two green beans. But that harvest started with me. I had to get my hands dirty – fill a pot with soil, plant and water the seed.

Two weeks ago I had a kindergarten flashback on a sunny day when the temperature reached 60 degrees. I knew that the soil in the Village Green had to be rototilled before volunteers from FCA Group could reseed the lawn in early April. No one else was available to do the work. So it started with me. I rented a substantial rear-tined rototiller and went to work. As I yanked that machine around the Village I thought about the pioneer who hitched his plow to a team of oxen. The fields that he tilled yielded a harvest that sustained his family. But over time that farmer increased his yield and built a successful business that was passed to new generations.

The lesson is that we can't just think about a project or the future and wait for someone else to do the work. Any good harvest requires action. Sometimes we Villagers literally dig in the dirt. Other times we toil with a pen, a hammer, or a computer. But each program and activity is a harvest made

possible by the combined efforts of staff, volunteers, and you. Our most recent harvest was \$50,000 raised through donations and new memberships matched dollar-for-dollar by the National Endowment for the Humanities. During the next three years that incredible harvest will be invested in new outreach programs and events in the restored Niles-Barnard House.*

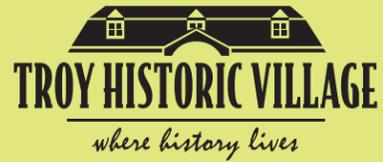
But like a visionary farmer, we continue to till and plant each spring. Your donations coupled with staff and volunteer elbow grease will continue to sustain youth education programs, monthly teas and adult workshops, blacksmithing classes, and free open houses. Your gifts help us preserve artifacts, photos, and documents. They purchase technology that brings history into homes and classrooms with a simple click.



We deeply appreciate your commitment to historic preservation, your vision for the Village, and the 8,500 hours of hands-on volunteer support each year, which make that vision a reality. We also rely on your continued financial gifts. Thank you for helping plant "seeds" this spring

that will yield another important harvest. For your ease donate online or if you received this Village Press by mail, please return your donation in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

*See "Restoration Update" in this issue of the Village Press.



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See back page.

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To support the Village through donation, mail a check payable to the Troy Historical Society or call 248-524-3570 with your credit card.

THS News

Welcome Tina and Julie

Following the departure of our Fund Development Director Ronica Bhat-tacharya, THS reallocated funds and hired two new part time employees in early 2018. Tina Collins, our new Community Outreach Director, brings to THV 15 years of experience in donor development, grant writing, graphics design, and fundraising. She will work to expand the Troy Traffic Jam, THS memberships, annual giving, and program sponsorships. Tina will also partner with the volunteer-driven Community Outreach Group (COG), which was initiated by Board member JoAnn Preston who has spearheaded efforts to solicit scarecrow business sponsors and raffle donations.

Julie Zaporski is the Village's new Volunteer and Guest Services Coordinator. She will work closely with the Volunteer Coordination Committee to enhance communication and feedback as we recruit, orient, and schedule our growing volunteer corps for events and trainings. Julie will also use her extensive experience

in nonprofit administration, event planning, and volunteer management to elevate customer service for walk-in guests, program attendees and school groups. Meanwhile Adult Programs Director Stephanie Suszek will focus on developing and implementing new and exciting programs requested by our members and community.

Both Tina and Julie are impressed by the energy and warm welcome they have experienced during their first weeks as Villagers. All are encouraged to get to know these terrific members of our team.

Blacksmithing Exhibits

The works of 22 Village student blacksmiths were exhibited in the 5th Annual Blacksmith Student Touring Exhibition. The exhibit was at the Sterling Heights Public Library March 5-28 and will be at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library from May 18 to June 10. Since 2015 over 100 adults and youth have learned basic blacksmithing in the Village Wagon Shop under the direction of Rose Weiss. Many of these men and women continue to hone their skills during convenient Anvil Time sessions on weekday evenings and weekends



from spring through fall. This exciting Artisan Arts program is made possible, in part, by financial support from the Michigan Humanities Council. Are you interested in metalsmithing? Check class times and descriptions in this issue of the Village Press.

New Feature at the 2018 Troy Traffic Jam

It's not too early to think about registering your classic auto, street rod, or muscle car in the 2018 Troy Traffic Jam. This major THS fundraising event will take place on Sunday August 5th at the Columbia Center on Big Beaver Road at Livernois. Construction of the new Stony River Steakhouse and Grill on the Columbia Center site will be nearly complete by August and will eliminate less than a dozen parking spaces for registered cars, so our goal is to not only continue the event, but make it better than ever. This year we are excited to offer a new opportunity for teens who are interested in automotive tech careers. We invite those exploring career paths along with their parents to connect with regional tier two automotive businesses and get information on education and training programs. Go to www.troytrafficjam.com for more information about the show, sponsorship opportunities, or to register your vehicle by mail or online.



Tina Collins
Community Outreach Director



Julie Zaporski, Volunteer and
Guest Services Coordinator



Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin in Old Troy Church at 2 pm and last one hour. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer if preferred. Individual Ticket Price: \$7/THS Member; \$8/non-member. Includes admission, refreshments and entry into our teacup prize drawing. Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series. No refunds, no exchanges.

Douglass Houghton

Thursday April 26

Douglass Houghton was one of the most influential people in the early days of Michigan's statehood. Just over five feet tall, 'The Little Doctor' was trained in geology and medicine before his appointment as state geologist in 1837. Author Steve Lehto shares the story of Houghton's 8-year exploration of both peninsulas of Michigan, locating natural resources which would later benefit the state, including bountiful copper deposits in the Upper Peninsula.

Paleontology Tea

Thursday June 28

Scaly movie monsters? Real life dragons? None of the above! Scott Johnston from U of M's Museum of Paleontology shares "Not Written in Stone: A Look at the Changing Faces of Dinosaurs," a fascinating glimpse at prehistoric creatures that were just as real and complex as today's animals. Johnston shows how recent studies have completely overturned long-accepted "facts" about dinosaurs and led to discoveries of new species, dinosaur skin colors, and more.

June is the first of our Summer Season Teas! Join us on July 26 for Mt. Clemens Rose Gardens and on August 23 for Jane Austen & the Regency Woman. Summer Season tickets: \$18/THS Member, \$21/Non-Member.



Tai Chi

Wednesdays, April 11 – May 23,
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Calm your mind, find your balance, train your muscles. Rooted in ancient Chinese martial arts, tai chi has value in treating or preventing many health problems, and is even CDC-approved for fall prevention. Learn the entire form over the course of this seven-week series led by certified instructor Lynn Lim. Price: Free/Troy Historical Society Member, \$49/Non-Member. Advance registration required.

Yoga "Karma"

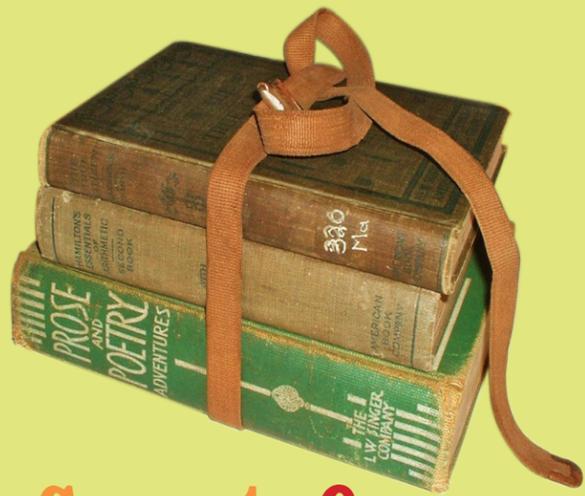
May 22, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Stretch, meditate and support local history! Join us for a special yoga class led by Gwen Dickerson of Explore Yoga Troy—all proceeds support the Troy Historical Society. Class takes place outdoors, weather permitting. **No fee to participate, but donations to THS are encouraged.** Register at 248-524-3570 or visit TroyHistoricVillage.org/events/yoga-karma-class

Yoga on the green

Tuesdays, June 5 – July 31
(no class July 3), 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Back by popular demand: grab your mat and join us for outdoor yoga on the Village green! Increased flexibility, strength, muscle tone, mental clarity and calmness are just a few of the many physical and mental benefits of practicing yoga. Gwen from Troy-based Explore Yoga will lead students through postures and breath-work in classes appropriate for all levels of experience, from beginner to advanced. Price: FREE/Troy Historical Society Members and Explore Yoga Members; \$7/class (\$56/series)/Non-members



Scouts & Scholars

Letterboxing!

Saturday April 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kids create their own ink stamp (with adult help), and then follow clues to leave their mark for others to see. Expect to find hidden “letterboxes” in the Village—this is similar to geocaching—Victorian Style! While you’re here, visit our Print Shop for more images from the past. Designed for ages 7-12. Price: \$8/Child, \$5/adult. Family rate available, please inquire at 248-524-3598.

Homeschool Happenings

Freedom Seekers: Underground Railroad

Friday April 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Re-enact the history of how escaping slaves sought freedom. Learn routes, rhythms and railroad terms employed to reach safety and freedom. Small groups will be expected to travel through the Village “stations” with “conductors” and potential derailments. Designed for children ages 5-13 and families. Price: \$8/Child, \$5/adult. Family rate available, inquire at 248-524-3598.

Special Lecture: *Ladies in Michigan History*

Thursday April 19. Offered twice! Choose from: 10:00 – 11:00 am Coffee Hour or 2:00 – 3:00 pm Tea Time

The innovative ideas, hard work, and values of women have been catalysts of change in individuals, families, and communities throughout history. THV Executive Director Loraine Campbell will take a close look at prominent and lesser known Ladies in Michigan History who have rocked the boat as well as the cradle. Price: \$7/Troy Historical Society Member; \$8/Non-Member. Advance registration required. Call 524-3570.



Civil War Songs & Stories

Thursday May 24, Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

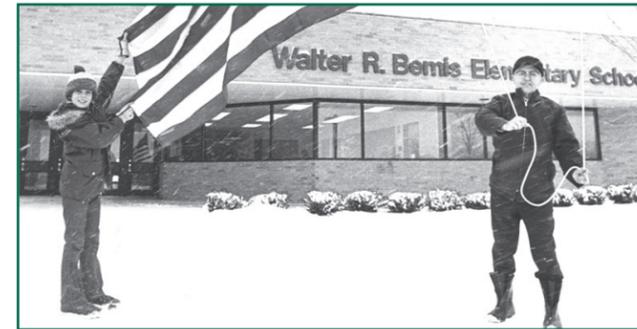
Two Civil War programs in one! We start with the story of the 22nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry: author John Cohassey shares what daily life in this company was like for the soldiers—including a number of men from Troy—as well as the women who supported them from home. John will sell and sign copies of *The 22nd Michigan and the Road to Chickamauga: A Civil War Narrative*.

Music brought cheer and amusement to soldiers and civilians on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line. After intermission, enjoy square and contra dance tunes, jigs, reels and other popular songs of the 1860s, played on hammered dulcimer and fiddle by Jim and Loretta McKinney of the Golden Griffon Stringtet.

Price: \$10/Troy Historical Society Member; \$12/Non-Member. Advance registration required. Call 524-3570.

Bit of History:

The Legacy of Walter Bemis



THS has previously highlighted the life of Walter Bemis, a school custodian and namesake of Bemis Elementary School. Walter’s family arrived in Troy in 1927. After a serious work injury he agreed to “help out” at Poppleton School. He love the school and remained it’s custodian for 40 years. Recently we found John Acton’s April 19, 1991 eulogy for Walter. We offer it, word-for-word, as a bit of history.

Today, our hearts and minds provide us a mix of emotions. On one hand, we are deeply saddened by the passing of Walter Bemis. We know that our lives are thereby diminished. On the other hand, we are flushed with joy, knowing that in his time, Walter Bemis freshened and inspired our lives and the lives of countless others not here today.

We have known Walter Bemis by many titles: family member, farmer, neighbor, friend, carpenter, mechanic, painter, handyman, gardener, scout leader, custodian, crossing guard, and educator. In my mind, Walter Bemis was this community’s foremost educator. Although, he held no teaching certificate, called no class to order, or marked no report cards, his lessons are legendary. Teaching mostly by example and the soft-spoken word, Walter Bemis provided the lessons of life: - the lessons of devotion, of friendship, of love, of persistence, of patience, of sincerity, of integrity, of longevity, of dedication, and the all-important lesson of acceptance, the lesson that we are all worthwhile persons and on occasion, in need of tender loving care.

Walter provided one such lesson of acceptance for a little eight year old boy from the

foothills of a southern state, who enrolled at Poppleton School some years ago. Because of his peculiar accent, clothes, and mannerisms, the little boy was shunned and ridiculed by his classmates. His teachers were chagrined that he could hardly read or write. Within two weeks, Walter Bemis was aware of his plight, and so began the lesson of acceptance. A nod, a wink, a pat on the shoulder, and then the ultimate of honors, an invitation to lunch with Walter Bemis in the boiler room of Poppleton School. The menu was simple and always the same, a can of Campbell’s vegetable soup heated in the waters of the boiler, two white bowls, two tin spoons, two cartons of milk, and three crackers – thirty minutes of kind and gentle friendship, soft words of advice and encouragement. Thanks to Walter Bemis, the little boy did gain acceptance by his classmates, did learn to read and write, and did idolize Walter Bemis.

You might wonder how I would know that in the miracle lessons of Walter Bemis, there were three crackers. I counted them – one, two, three. You see I was the grateful little boy in Walter Bemis’ boiler room that day, forty-eight years ago. From that day to this, I, and hundreds like me, have followed his words of wisdom. Now, may I say, for all the children who cherished Walter Bemis, to his family-Thank you for sharing Walter with us. He made ours a better life. For those same little children, for each of you, for all of mankind, and for myself – Thank you, Walter Bemis.



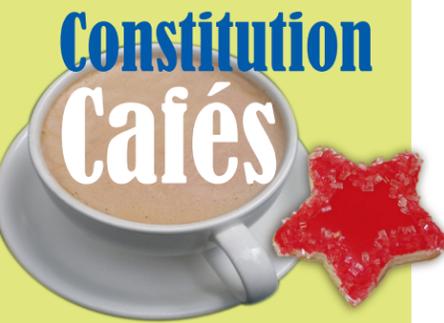
Cheddar’s Preschool Story Hour

Join Cheddar the Village Mouse in listening to a classic tale in our monthly program for little historians! A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child’s visit complete. Select **Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30am**. THS members: \$5/adult, \$3/child; non-members: \$6/adult, \$4/child. Appropriate for children ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required. Call 248-524-3570.

Dinosaurs
Wednesday April 4

Feathered Friends
Wednesday May 2

Crazy Critters of the Rainforest
Wednesday June 6



Constitution Cafés

Utilizing the Socratic Method of inquiry and discussion, you have the chance to be like our Founding Fathers each month as we look at the Constitution, from the preamble to the articles to the amendments, engaging in civil discourse to 'create' a new Constitution. These programs are FREE to attend. Join in the discussion on select Sundays at 2:00 pm:

The Fourth Amendment
Sunday April 8

Territories: Art IV, Sec 3 Cl. 2
Sunday, May 6
(note earlier date)

The 25th Amendment
Sunday, June 10

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Volunteer Spotlight

By Stephanie Suszek

This season the Volunteer Spotlight shines on Lynn McLean, who has volunteered with the Troy Historic Village for...drumroll, please...fourteen years! Lynn is multitalented, assisting with everything from furniture repairs to Civil War Days to computer database creation.

It all started with a Tuesday breakfast tradition. After he retired from Ford Motor Company in 2004, Lynn met with fellow Ford Tractor Operations retirees for a morning meal each week. Several members of this group had found an interesting post-retirement project: restoring a wooden wagon in the Village blacksmith shop.

"I have always enjoyed building and fixing things that other people didn't know how to make, or had given up as unrepairable," says Lynn, who soon found many opportunities to put his skills to work after his introduction to the Village.

In addition to building and repair work, Lynn has also made significant contributions to the

way Village staff schedule school field trips and store volunteer information, by designing useful—and user-friendly—Microsoft Excel-based data files, a vast improvement over the pencil-and-paper system previously employed!

Lynn's favorite project was working with a small team of skilled volunteers to design and construct the impressive Big Red Wagon entryway for the Village's 2015 "Toys 'n Troy" Halloween event. After Trick-or-Treat, Lynn and the group transformed the wagon into an award-winning float for the Rochester Christmas parade.

When he's not volunteering at the Village, active Lynn stays busy teaching the Troy Community Center's 50+ crowd to use Microsoft PowerPoint and other computer programs. He leads beginner pinochle sessions and enjoys square dancing, biking, kayaking, camping, and cheering for his granddaughters at their fast-pitch softball games.

Thank you, Lynn, for all you do!

Lynn McLean (left) and Bill Ziemba at work in the Niles-Barnard House.



Blacksmithing

Basic Blacksmithing Level 1

Choose from: **Wednesdays May 2 – June 6, 6:30-9:00pm OR Saturdays May 12 – June 23, 10:00am-12:30pm (no class on May 26)**

Experience the art of blacksmithing as it was practiced in the late 1850s with this six-week introductory course. Build a coal fire, work at an anvil and operate a forge. Discover how malleable iron can be as you make your own hand trowel while learning nine basic hand-forging techniques. Ages 12 to adult. Price: THS Members: \$270/student; Non-members: \$320/student. Includes all materials and 15 hours of instruction. No prerequisite.

Basic Blacksmithing Level 2

Thursdays May 3 – June 7, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Build upon the skills you learned in Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 with this six-week course. Forge a pair of tongs as you learn the technique of shouldering and take on the challenge of creating mechanical movement with mating parts. Ages 12 to adult. Price: THS Members: \$270/student; Non-members: \$320/student. Includes materials and 12 hours of instruction. Prerequisite: Basic Blacksmithing Level 1.

Anvil Time Blacksmithing

Choose from:

Tuesdays April 24 – May 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Sundays April 29 – May 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sundays April 29 – May 20, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Saturdays May 12 – June 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm (no class May 26)

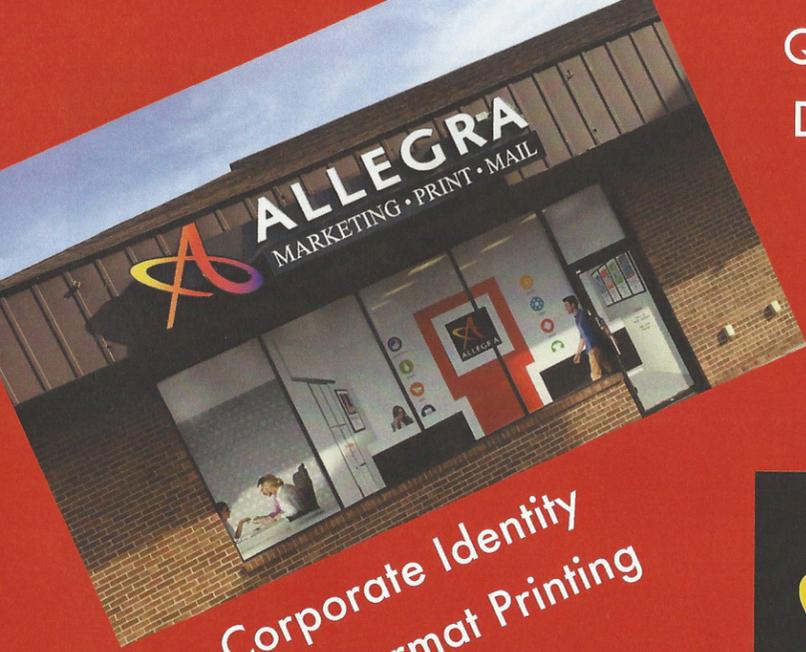
Hone the skills you acquired in Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 while working on a project of your choice. Students are encouraged to make something that is meaningful to them. You may choose from a variety of projects or create your own. Come to class prepared to discuss your ideas for this 4-week course. Ages 12 to adult. Additional weekday/weekend classes may be formed upon request. Please contact the Village at 248-524-3570 for more information. Price: THS Members: \$150/student; Non-members: \$190/student. Includes 8 hours of supervised shop time, some materials may be extra. Prerequisite: Basic Blacksmithing Level 1.

FREE! Sunday Open House

Sunday June 10 1:00 – 4:00pm

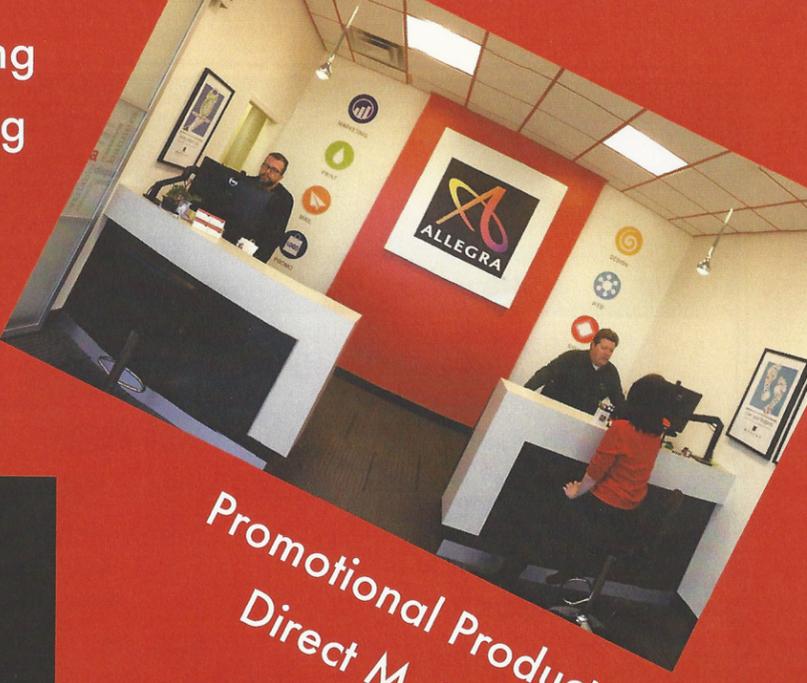
Start your summer on a high note! Bring the whole family for live music, kids' crafts, and much more—mark your calendar and stay tuned to www.troyhistoricvillage.org or facebook.com/troyhistvillage for details.





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Calendar Icons

Look for new icons on Village Press calendar pages. The school house icon indicates a that one or more classes are scheduled for a field trip to the Village that day. Two bells indicate that the Village has been rented for a weddings or other private event.



Niles-Barnard House Update

On January 22nd representatives from the City of Troy, THS, Hopkins Burns Design Studio (architects), SAFEbuilt (building inspectors), OHM Advisors (construction manager), and Peter Basso Associates (mechanical engineers) met to coordinate Phase 1 of the Niles-Barnard House restoration. In February the City ordered testing for hazardous materials in the building, which revealed asbestos in some floor tiles and vermiculite insulation (which is treated as an asbestos material) between the joists in the oldest part of the building. These materials will be removed by a

licensed abatement company prior to any restoration construction.

Early in March Village staff and volunteers Dante Childs and Cole Guarascio from Bishop Foley High School and Abdul Hassan removed non-hazardous ceiling tiles and carpeting from the main floor to facilitate a detailed building assessment by the architects. The house

has stood shuttered for the last eight years. Gene Hopkins and Tamara Burns will use this information regarding the current condition of the building as they complete schematic designs. These concepts are scheduled for review and approval by the City in April. The finalized designs will be used to produce construction documents. We anticipate that Phase 2 – Construction will begin this summer.



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing Tuesdays	2 10:30am Cheddar Feathered Friends 6:30pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Lev1 Ses1	3 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2	4	5
6 10am and 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing 2pm Constitution Cafes: Territories	7	8 6:30pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing Tuesdays	9 6:30pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 1	10 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2	11	12 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing
13 10am and 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing	14	15 6:30pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing Tuesdays	16 6:30pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 1	17 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2	18	19 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing
20 10am and 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing	21 6:30pm Yoga Karma Class	22	23 6:30pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 1	24 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2 6:30pm Civil War Songs & Stories	25	26
27 Village Closed	28	29	30 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 1	31 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2		

Gift Shop

Need to send a note to someone under the weather? A birthday card that's a bit more than a note? Want to tell someone that you're thinking of them? The Village Store tea cards include a packet of delicious Harney and Sons tea.

The Village Store also has a great variety of Michigan jams, Maple Syrup, Detroit Bold Coffee, and other unique gift items today. The Village Store is open Monday- Friday 10 am– 3 pm. Stop by today!

Troy Garden Club



The Troy Garden Club (TGC) extends an invitation to all who would enjoy a day in the gardens. The club's 44th annual Troy Garden Walk, "Invitation to the Gardens", takes place Wednesday, July 11th, rain or shine. Seven private gardens at six venues will be open to ticket holders from 9:30am – 3pm & 5pm-8:30pm. Of course the Troy Historic Village will serve as the garden walk hub from 9am-6pm. Entry to the Village will be FREE on July 11th so guests can enjoy the arts & crafts boutique featuring garden related items, a "fabulous finds" tent, and the annual plant sale with nurtured plants donated by garden club members. Visitors can also purchase chances to win great gift baskets in the Troy Historical Society's annual raffle. These gifts are donated by generous regional merchants. Finally, check out the Student Art Exhibit in Poppleton School from July 11 through 25th.

Advance tickets to visit seven private gardens are \$10 each and available for purchase beginning in late May at Telly's Greenhouse, Uncle Luke's, Auburn Oaks Garden Center, and the Troy Historic Village. English Gardens in Royal Oak, will allow ticket sales on June 23rd and July 7th at designated times. On Garden

Walk day, July 11, tickets are \$15 and ONLY available at the Village.

TGC members have developed and maintained gardens in the Village since the 1980s. In 1981, before planting an herb garden around the Village's newly-acquired Log Cabin, TGC founding member, Judy Cornellier and the Herb Study Group researched plants and herbs of the "log cabin era" at the Greenfield Village library and the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public library. The group still maintains this special log cabin garden. In 2002 Club members including Rita Urbanski and Sue Vette replanted the gazebo gardens. Volunteer gardeners led by Rita Urbanski also developed new flower beds adjacent to the Church, Parsonage, and Town Hall after these buildings were relocated

in the Village in 2003. They continue to enhance the white-themed Church garden and the "pass along" cutting garden at the Parsonage.

TGC has been awarded two Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grants from the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association to enhance the Village. The first, in 2007, was used to create the ABC Garden. The City of Troy kindly provided labor to install a handicapped accessible path through the garden. TGC member Karen Brant completed extensive updates in the garden in 2012 including the addition of a weather proof information stand. In 2016 a second grant provided funds to re-landscape the beds at the Troy Historic Village's main entrance. Additionally, club members installed a butterfly garden around the flagpole and Blue Star Mother's memorial also located near the front entry. Currently Troy Garden Club members nurture 13 garden beds at the Village.



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 🏠 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing	2
3 🕒	4 🏠 6:30pm Yoga	5 🏠 10:30am Cheddar Crazy Critters of the Rainforest 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Lev1 Ses1	6 🏠 6:30pm Basic Blacksmithing Level 2	7 🏠	8 🏠 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2 1pm Anvil Time Blacksmithing	9 🕒
10 🕒 1pm FREE! Open House 2pm Constitution Café: The 25th Amendment	11 🏠 6:30pm Yoga	12 🏠	13 🏠	14	15	16 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2
17 🕒	18	19 6:30pm Yoga	20	21	22	23 10am Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 Session 2
24 🕒	25	26 6:30pm Yoga	27	28 2pm Teas at Two: Paleontology Tea	29	30 🕒

Free Sundays

The Village will offer three FREE open houses this summer. Each open house will run from 1-4 pm and feature a special theme, food trucks or snacks, and games and activities. On June 10 we'll start *Summer on a High Note* with lots of live music in the Village. If you enjoy this event mark your calendar now for July 8 and August 12 for more family-friendly fun.

Become a Villager Today!

- To support quality, engaging family education
- To support Hands-On local learning
- Free Admission to the Village
- Programs Discount
- Village Press
- 10% Discount in Village Store
- E-Newsletter - Monthly

YES! I want to be a Villager. Please process my Troy Historical Society membership which will activate my Villager status at the Troy Historic Village.

- \$35: Individual
 \$50: Couple/Family (includes children under 21)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Please Email my quarterly Village Press

Payment Options:

Enclosed Check / Check # _____

Visa Master Card Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Security # (3 digit code on back) _____

Card Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Already a Villager?

I want to support historic preservation and programs at the Village. **I wish to donate:**

\$ _____ General Fund

\$ _____ Niles-Barnard Renovation

\$ _____ Adopt-A-Class

\$ _____ Special Programs

\$ _____ Other _____

Return completed form & payment to: 60 W. Wattles Road, Troy, MI 48098
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