

The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society
Journal

LOG CABIN DAY IS JUNE 24TH



Log Cabin Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 24th in the state of Michigan. Joining in the festivities will be the Chesterfield Township Historical Society, the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Group, and the Algonac/Clay Township Historical Society, all of whom have log cabins.

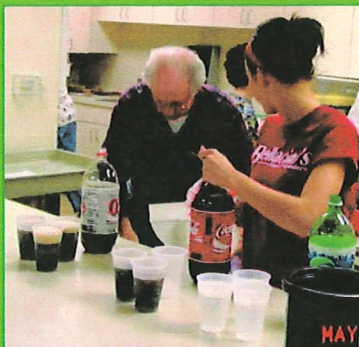
Chesterfield will be honoring the log abodes of our ancestors for the second time—last year was our first official opening of the log cabin. The cabin, located in the Historic Village on Sugarbush, will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This year, there will be historical displays in the log cabin, as well as other festivities.

The Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Group will also have an open house with their 1854 log cabin from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Their cabin was built by John Donley on 29 Mile Road in Lenox Township and moved to the Richmond Historic Park in 1997. Richmond's Historic Park is located in Bailey Park, at Beebe and Park Road.

The Algonac/Clay Twp. log cabin is by the Clay Township offices on M-29 south of Algonac. It will be open on Log Cabin Day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and will have activities including a quilt show.

Log Cabin Day was established by a bill signed into law in June, 1989, by Governor James Blanchard. There are very few log cabins remaining in Michigan. Most were not intended as a permanent structure and not preserved.

Pasta Dinner 2007



Photos by Roy Rivard

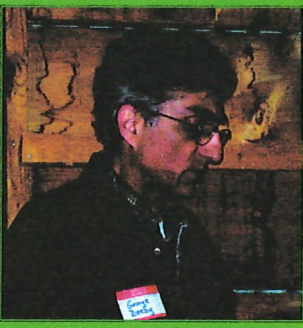
- The 11th annual pasta dinner was held on Thursday, May 17th, at the Chesterfield Twp. Senior Center. Catered by Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders, the event was well-attended and proceeds go to the historical society. The dinner included pasta with 2 different sauces, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and more!
- Work on the historical village will continue this summer; contact Roy or Eileen Rivard at (586) 749-3713 for more details.
- The cabinet to house some of our archival items arrived and we received a nice discount since it was delivered to the library. Duane Vosburg has crafted a stand for it. (Pictures below).



Heritage Alliance Meeting



On April 28th, a delegation from the Chesterfield Historical Society attended the annual Macomb Heritage Alliance Meeting, which was sponsored this year by Ray Township. Held at Wolcott Mill Metropark, the conference festivities included a tours of the mill and its barns, as well as a presentation on the preservation of barns by noted expert Steve Stier. Lunch and a continental breakfast was enjoyed by the attendees while updates were given by all the historical groups in attendance!



Summer Fun

The historical society has been included in the Annual Bay-Rama Fish-Fly Festival parade for a number of years. This year the festival will be held June 20-24. The parade will be on Sunday, June 24th, beginning at 1 pm. The theme this year is "Bay-Rama celebrates Our Town." The picture at right is from the 2006 parade.



Bob Mack Slide Expedition

Local historian Bob Mack gave a slide presentation of "A Ride on the SS Tashmo," an historical pictorial journey of our area from Toledo to Port Huron. This program was held in the Chesterfield Library last June 7. The program was sponsored jointly by the historical society and the Chesterfield Genealogy Society. Bob Mack has given many other presentations for the society over the years. He is a charter member of the New Baltimore Historical Society and has both inherited and amassed on his own the largest photo archive there is of our respective Chesterfield and New Baltimore areas. These he has been happy to share with many groups, almost always free of charge! Thanks Bob!

Log Cabin Sunday Open Houses

- June 24-Log Cabin Day (Open until 4:00)
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9

The log cabin will be open on these dates from:
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the historical society has been changed to Tuesday, July 10th, the second Tuesday, so it won't conflict with Independence Day!

Please send any corrections, additions, or other submissions to:
chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com

Can't Keep My Feet on the Ground!

This is the title of George Furton's biography about life in the early days of Chesterfield Township. Now in its 3rd printing, copies are available for \$10 apiece at Tom's Mini-Mart on 23 Mile Rd. and Seaden, or by calling Duane Vosburg at (586) 949-3810. George was not only one of the founders of our historical society, but a state representative, pioneering fireman, pilot, and local businessman whose story tells much about the early days of our township. Profits from the book will go to the historical society!

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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Chesterfield Senior Center (at the above address).