



# Journal

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## Eileen Rivard Honored at Banquet



On April 24, 2008, Eileen Rivard , former president of the Chesterfield Historical Society (in center of photo at right), was honored at the Chesterfield Township Awards Ceremony for her contributions to the advancement of historical preservation and helping to direct the Chesterfield Township Historical Society through a number of formative years. Under her presidency, the society acquired new buildings for the historical village, as well as further renovations to the existing buildings.

### *Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society:*

**President-**

Kermit Harris

**Vice-President-**

Roy Rivard

**Secretary-**

Duane Vosburg

**Treasurer-**

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Don Howitt

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Eileen Rivard

**Curator-**

Kathy Vosburg

**Newsletter Editor-**

Alan Naldrett

The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center in the Chesterfield Township offices at 47275 Sugarbush Road. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome!

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## Renovations Continue At Historical Village

In the historical society's Historical Village (located next to the township hall on Sugarbush), there have been a number of new renovations.

Foremost among the improvements is the bathroom floor in the Weller Schoolhouse. This was donated by Jennifer Williams and installed by her and Roy Rivard.

Also completed by Roy and Bill Wallace is the installation of the toilet, wash basin, as well as the hot water heater! Also, the Dept. of Public Works has donated two handicap rails which Dennis Hartman polished and helped Roy install. So we now have a working, handicapped-approved bathroom in the Weller School.

In other improvement news, Bill Wallace has been instrumental in helping to acquire hardwood flooring. The flooring has been donated by Jim Tosco, president of All Quality Construction. This will be used for the school's kitchen and maintenance room.

(see Renovations, back page)



# Pasta Dinner 2008



Photos by Roy Rivard



**Chesterfield Township Historical Society**  
**Calendar of Events**

- The **Historical Village** will be open:
  - Sunday, June 8 from 1 pm until 3 pm
  - Sunday, June 29 (Log Cabin Day) from 1 pm until 4 pm
  - Sunday, July 13 from 10 am until 3 pm. (There will be a yard sale in the historical village on this day.)
  - Sunday, August 10 from 1 pm until 3 pm.
  
- The **Bay-Rama Parade** on Sunday June 29 will include a float by the historical society, parade at 12 pm, Open House for Log Cabin follows from 1 pm until 4 pm.
- The **Bath City Festival** will be held Friday, August 22 until Sunday, August 24. The Chesterfield Historical Society will be in the History Tent, in the festival that takes place in downtown Mt. Clemens.
- The annual **Historical Village Open House** will be on Saturday, September 13, 2008. On this day, the village will be open from 10:30 until 3:30. There will be games and activities for the children, guest speakers, music, craft demonstrations, classic and antique cars, and food will be available for purchase. Parking will be at the Chesterfield Twp. offices with a tractor drawn trolley ride to the village. **Bring your Outhouse Club badge for the opportunity to autograph the outhouse wall!**
- The **Harvest Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at Zuccaro's Banquet Center at 46601 N. Gratiot, from 6 pm until 9. Dinner will be served at 6:15. Elvis will be there again, and there will be a live auction, a silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Treasurer's office or Tom's Mini-Mart on 23 Mile Road.
- The **Poinsettia Sale** will have poinsettia pick-up on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, from 12 Noon until 7 pm at the township offices. Poinsettia forms will be available anytime by contacting Dolly.
- The **Weller School Christmas Opening** for 2008 will be on Friday, December 5. The school will be open at 7 pm in conjunction with the township's tree lighting ceremony. The society will serve hot chocolate and cookies as well as have a local school choir singing carols.



# 2008 Historical Summer Events

## June

The **Michigan Transit Museum** at 200 Grand Avenue in Mt. Clemens will start 2008 train rides on Sunday, June 1. Train rides will continue throughout the summer. The Depot Museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm.

The **Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will have an Open House on Sunday, June 8, from 12 noon-4 p.m. and on Friday, June 20 will have "Faerie Tea" at 6 pm. On Sunday, June 22 they will have an Open House from 12 Noon until 4 p.m.

The **Greater Washington Area Historical Society** museum at 58230 Van Dyke in Washington Twp. (picture, below) will be open Sunday, June 8 from 1-4 pm.

The **Greater Clinton Twp. Historical Society** will present Macomb Historical Commission members Don Green and Cindy Donahue presenting their program and DVD on the *Mt. Clemens Spa Industry*. This will be on Monday, June 9, at 7 pm in the Macomb Clinton main library at Romeo Plank and Canal.

Washtenaw County Dept. of Planning and Environment will host a **free preservation workshop** on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:30 pm, at the Michigan Union Ballroom at 505 S. State Street, Ann Arbor. Titled "The Economics of Historic Preservation," more info can be found at [www.placeeconomics.com](http://www.placeeconomics.com).

On Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., **Crocker House** will have a Garden Walk & Tulip History Garden Tea.



*Crocker House (left) Baumgarten House (center) Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society "Donley Log Cabin"*

The **Fraser Historical Society** will have their new depot welcome center open on Sunday, June 1 from 1 to 4 pm. This is located by the Baumgarten House at Masonic and Kelly.

**Save Our Depot** of New Haven will have the depot open in the historical area on Victoria St. on June 22. There will be classic and antique cars and more. Call George Drake at (586) 749-6167 for further information.

The **Mt. Clemens Historical Home Tour** will be held on June 14. For more information, please call (586) 383-0144.

**Log Cabin Days** is a statewide event celebrating the first habitat for many of Michigan's settlers. This year the event will be on Saturday, June 29. Many of Macomb County's historical groups have log cabins in their Historical Villages. This includes the Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society who will have the Donley family log cabin in Bailey Park at Beebe and Park St. open from 10 am until evening. The Greater Clinton Twp. Historical Society will have soap making in the Williams log cabin located in the Historical Village at Romeo Plank and Canal. Chesterfield Township Historical Society will also have their log cabin at 47275 Sugarbush open after the Bay Rama parade from 1 until 4 pm.

**Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society** will have their Historical Village open from 1 until 3 pm.



June 8 (Sun) **The Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will have an Open House from 12 noon-4 p.m. and on Friday, June 20 will have "Faerie Tea" at 6 pm. On Sunday, June 22 they will have an Open House from 12 Noon until 4 p.m.

June 14

**Romeo Historical Society** will participate in the Village Wide Garage Sale dubbed "Flea'n'tique," the Church St. museum will be the focal point.

## July

**The Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will host the following events: Sunday, July 13 Open House 12 noon-4 p.m. ; Monday, July 14-Thursday, July 17: Camp Octagon and on Saturday, July 26 there will be a Pig Roast! On Sunday, July 27 there will be an Open House from 12 noon-4 p.m.

**The Fraser Historical Society** will have their depot welcome center open on Sunday, July 6 from 1 to 4 pm. This is located by the Baumgarten House at Masonic and Kelly.

**Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society** will have their Historical Village open on Sunday, July 13 from 1 until 3 pm.

## August

The **Bath City Festival** will be held in downtown Mt. Clemens on Fri. through Sunday, August 22 through 24, three days this year. The festival heralds the days when Mt. Clemens was the mineral bath capital of the world and includes a historical tent where you can find exhibits and booths with most of the county's historical groups. Also in the festival will be historical tours, lots of local merchant booths, a midway and rides, antique appraisals, and a stage with historical presentations in the historical tent.

**The Bunert One Room Schoolhouse Museum** will be open on Sunday, August 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. It is located on Bunert St., a half mile south of 12 Mile Rd. at the south end of Warren Tower High School.

The **Crocker House** at 15 Union in Mt. Clemens will have *Jane Austen Garden Tea* on Sunday, August 3 at 1 pm.

The **Memphis Historical Society** will hold their annual Garage Sale Fundraiser at the community building next to the library on Potter St. This will be during Memphis Fest Days on August 7-10.

**Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society** will have their Historical Village open on Sunday August 10 from 1 until 3 pm.

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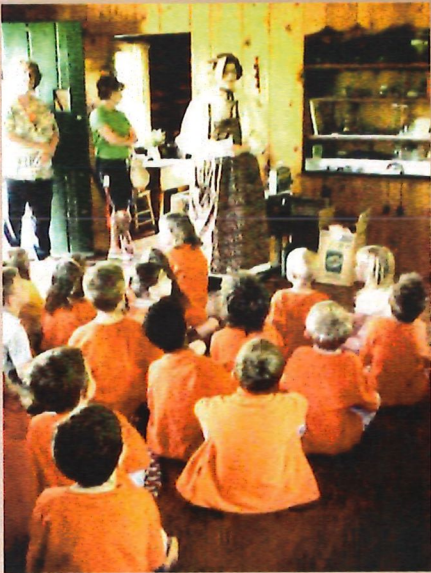
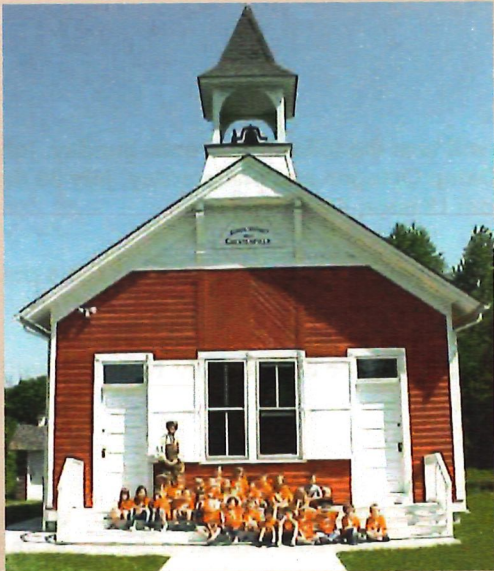
**The Octagon House** at 57500 Van Dyke in Washington Township will have on Sunday, August 10, an Open House from 12 noon-4 p.m. and on Sunday, August 24 will have an Open House Ice Cream Social from 12 noon-4 p.m.

**The Ste. Clair Voyageurs** will have an encampment at Metro Beach Metropark Nature Center at the end of Metro Parkway Blvd. in Harrison Township. This will be Saturday, August 23 from 10 am to 5 pm and also Sunday, August 24 from 10 am to 4 pm. Members and reenactors portray the lifestyles relative to the Great Lakes Fur Trade including canoeing, camping, cooking, crafts, trade goods display, music, and the sharing of history.





# Kindergarten Class Visits Historic Village





Mrs. Pulk's Kindergarten class from Green Elementary School (pictured on opposite page) visited the Historic village on Monday, June 2, 2008, walking across the street from the Green School to the village. Chesterfield Historical Society curator Kathy Vosburg did a counting lesson with them, read a story from an old school reader, and gave them a tour of the log cabin..



A Brownie Troop (left and above photos) led by Cori LaPlante visited the village on April 11, 2008. They earned the merit badge, "Listening to the Past".



Daisy Scouts from Great Oaks Elementary (photo, left) visited the Weller school and made draw-string purses, as part of earning their "helpful and friendly" daisy petal on April 26, 2008.



***(Renovations, continued from front page)***

Dennis Hartman and Roy Rivard installed the flooring, so we now have floating hardwood floors in our kitchen and in our maintenance area!

Other acquisitions include barn wood from Alvin Kukuk's barn that will be used to line the inside of the carriage house.

Dennis Hartman and Roy Rivard hard wired under the annex for plugs for the sump pump and lights.

Various projects have been started by Boy Scouts in the historical village. These include:

-A brick sidewalk between the carriage house and blacksmith shop, and to the road.

-Insulating the carriage house, installing barn wood on the inside.

-Installation of shrubs around the electrical box in the island.

Dennis Hartman is in the process of making protective screens for the outhouse, carriage house, and blacksmith shop.



Roy and Eileen Rivard and Sandra Vezina at the Heritage Alliance. The Heritage Alliance Conference is an annual event held in April for the historical societies and commissions of Macomb County. This year's event was held on Saturday, April 12 at the Macomb County Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is on Garfield Street, off Hall Road, on the campus of Macomb County Community College. The center holds historical exhibits throughout the year.

This year's conference was attended by most of the historical groups of Macomb County and is an excellent opportunity to network about the similar experiences and problems most historical groups have.