

Chesterfield Township Historical Society

Journal



New Sign!



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Don't Forget!

Remembrances of World War II program, presented by Walt Michael, will be at the Chesterfield Library on Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm. No charge for this excellent program!

This year's **Harvest Dinner** will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Zuccaro's Banquet Center (46601 Gratiot) from 6 until 9 pm. Elvis has been confirmed, and there will be live and silent auctions, as well as door prizes. Tickets are \$25.00, available at the Chesterfield Treasurer's Office or Tom's Mini-Mart at 23 Mile and Seaden.

Historic Village Open House Sept. 13- Now Called *Heritage Day*

It was decided at the July meeting that the Open House for Historic Village in September will be called **Heritage Day**. There will be lots going on at the Historic Village on Heritage Day on September 13, 10:30 until 3:30:

- Members of the *Michigan Artists Blacksmith Association* will be putting on live demonstrations and the Trinity Brick Forge that Roy Rivard is reconstruct-

ing should be ready for demonstrating.

- There will be craft demonstrations.
- Lorraine Jessop will conduct classes in the Weller One-Room Schoolhouse.
- Music by Banjo Dan.
- Classic and antique cars.
- Trolley rides.
- Games and activities for the children.

- Refreshments will be available!
- Everybody who brings their old outhouse badge, or buys a new outhouse badge (cost for a badge is \$ 5.00) at the Heritage Day event, will be able to write their name on the inside wall of the reconstructed school outhouse!

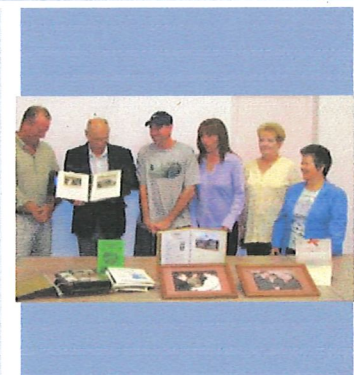


George Furton Collection Donated to Society

You just never know where historical artifacts might turn up. Chesterfield Historical Society curator Kathy Vosburg was having some work done in her home by Cornwell and Nitchie Construction, who are

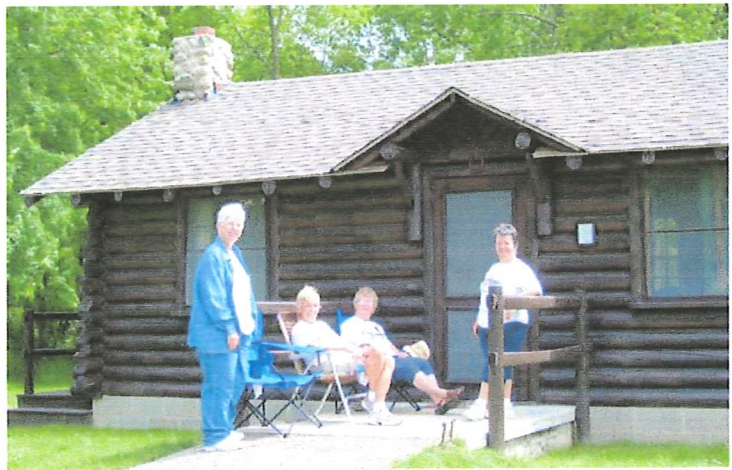
the late Chesterfield Township Historical Society founder George Furton's grandsons. Discussion about George's items ensued, with Kathy suggesting that George's

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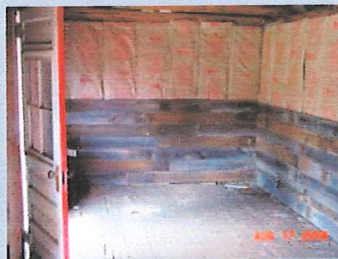


Open Houses

Chesterfield residents and their friends had lots of opportunities to view the buildings of the Historical Village over the summer. The various buildings were open on June 8, Log Cabin Day on June 29, and on July 13, with a yard sale (page 4), and, in spite of a steady rain, August 10. Lots of visitors came to the village and were able to view lots of new items. Kathy Vosburg has put together an exhibit of military donations that is presently housed in the entrance of the Weller School. Other donations include many new items in the log cabin. There are other new items on the landscape, including benches, a new path, and new shrubs.



Historic Village Updates



Here are some of the updates that have been going on in the historical village:

- Mike Heika, of Boy Scout Troop 156, is earning his Eagle badge by buying and planting shrubs around the electrical transformer, to camouflage it and improve the looks of the grounds. (first picture). Mike's twin brother Matt is earning his Eagle badge by installing insulation on the inside of the carriage house (picture eight), finishing the inside wall with old barn wood which Roy retrieved from an old barn, and repainting and reinstalling the original tin ceiling.
- Visitors to the village now have a regular bathroom instead of the porta-johns (see pictures 2 and 4 to left) because the one in the Weller School is done! (We aren't letting people use the historical outhouses).
- Bricks from the Trinity property and the old Green schoolhouse are being used by Robert Durie of Boy Scout Troop 156. He is constructing walkways by the Carriage House and Blacksmith Shop for an Eagle Scout project. (Pictures 3, 5 and 7).
- Bill Wallace is on the ladder, caulking the chimney in the log cabin to plug some large openings (picture 6).
- Dennis Hartman has been working on shutters for the Carriage House.
- John Power and Dennis Hartman are working on restoring a canoe.
- Thanks to Tom Gawronski for all his work to finish and paint the school outhouse!

Yard Sale

The Chesterfield Historical Society had a Yard Sale at the July 13 Open House. There were lots of items to choose from, and a lot of customers! The township donated the use of the tent. Thanks to everyone who donated. The Yard Sale was successful enough that the society will do it again next summer during one of the open houses.



New Sign for the Historic Village

It's now easier to find the Historical Village! A sign has been donated pointing the way to the area containing the village. The donor wishes to be anonymous! The road that the village is on will be named soon.



Picnic

The Society has been holding the August meetings in Brandenburg Park for the last few years. This year, 2008, was no exception as the society once again had a picnic for the August meeting. As usual, everybody brought a dish to pass and there was lots of great food (as well as great weather) for all!



Christmas Reminders

Although it's not even winter yet, it's not too early to plan for some of the Christmas events the historical society will sponsor.

First, the Poinsettia Sale! The deadline to place orders this year will be November 24, 2008, and orders are to be picked up on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 12 until 7 pm at the Chesterfield Township offices Main Meeting Room. Contact Dolly Allemon at (586) 465-0780 or at dallemon@wideopenwest.com for more information.

We will also have the Christmas Open House on Friday, December 5, 2008, in conjunction with the township tree lighting ceremony. The Weller School will be open at 7:00 pm and we will serve hot chocolate and cookies. There will also be a local school choir singing holiday songs.

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Thanks to proofreaders Eileen and Roy, and Duane and Kathy!

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!

For any corrections, or additional information, please e-mail: chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com

**Become a member of the
Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society.
Call Roy & Eileen Rivard at
(586) 749-3713.**

*or Duane & Kathy Vosburg
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The Bath City Festival was held in Downtown Mt. Clemens August 22-24. Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society was in the historical tent, along with historical groups from all over Macomb County.



Furton Collection

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scrapbooks, pictures, and other memorabilia be stored at the archives in the Chesterfield Public Library. The items would then be available for research by the general public. The Furton family agreed and on June 21 brought the collection to the library. It is presently housed in the file cabinet that the library recently purchased to house artifacts and documents of the historical society.

