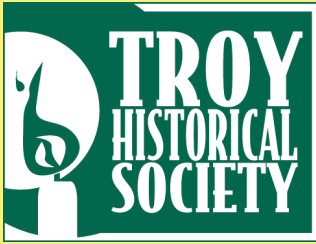


The Village Press Summer 2024



*General Store, 1910-1920 ca.
Possibly Frank Cutting's store
that once stood at Square Lake &
Livernois. Read more on page 4.*

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Spring: March - May

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**Enjoy your seasonal
Village Press!**

Grant Awards

This spring we received a \$750 grant from the Troy Community Foundation. This grant will help support our Thursday Walking Group and Museum Yoga programs this summer.

The Oakland County Commissioners approved a one-time Oakland County Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the support of our Civil War Days and Indigenous Voices programs. This support enables us to keep the cost per student affordable as we continue to bring together outstanding presenters for these experiences. We appreciate Commissioners Penny Luebs and Ann Erickson Gault for sponsoring this grant and inviting the county to support these great programs.



Goodbye, Matthew!

Longtime staff member Matthew Hackett is moving on to new adventures. Matthew started working as a History Interpreter at the Village in 2012, leading school field trips and summer history camps. Visitors, volunteers, and staff have all benefited from Matthew's deep knowledge of local history. We will miss his kindness, sense of humor, and willingness to lend a hand!



It's time to become a Troy Traffic Jam or Scarecrow Row Sponsor! Contact our Community Development Director, Sharon Snyder, at 248-524-3571 to learn more!



Focus on Fund Development

Shop and Support

Do you shop at Kroger? If you do, then you can support the Village while you buy groceries! The Kroger Community Rewards program lets shoppers pick a non-profit to receive a percentage of each transaction — at no additional cost to you!

Here's how it works:

1. If you don't already have a digital account, you can create one at Kroger.com.
2. When you're signed in to your digital account, link your Shopper's Card to us by clicking on Community Rewards and selecting "Troy Historical Society" as the non-profit organization you wish to support.
3. Once you link your Shopper's Card to the Troy Historical Society, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Although we often think of giving through programs, events, and estate planning, the opportunity to donate while shopping provides a seamless way to support the Troy Historic Village. We hope you will consider this option.

If you have technical questions about setting up your digital account or the Community Rewards program, please contact Kroger at 800-576-4377. Contact Sharon Snyder, Troy Historic Village Community Development Director, to further discuss these financial benefits at 248-524-3571.



Executive Director...

Jen Peters

We are in the midst of field trip season!! At the Village these are some of the most beautiful and most fulfilling days. Can't you just picture a bright yellow school bus full of kids pulling up to the curb? The beautiful blue Michigan skies and fresh spring air? Buds and flowers just starting to pop among our buildings around the Village green? I love seeing the smiling, eager faces of kids ready to explore and learn in a new space. I love hearing our history interpreters talk about how butter making went or what questions kids asked during a program. And I love, love, love reading about the impact of a visit in stack of thank you notes sent to us!



We're always thinking about how to grow and change to provide the best programs possible. From keeping up with curriculum updates and responding to teachers' needs to revising our safety plan and arrival procedures to improving our interpretive spaces, there are many aspects to making our programs memorable. This winter our volunteer team installed a (non-functioning) outhouse and they've nearly finished a new (old-looking) chicken coop to improve the landscape interpretation around the Log Cabin.

Next up is Poppleton School. One of our most used and most beloved buildings, Poppleton needs some care and attention.

It's time to refinish the floors and we've decided to take this opportunity to rethink the desk configuration to be more accessible. Currently, young visitors using wheelchairs have to remain at the front of the room while their classmates sit behind desks. This prevents them from fully participating in the program and changes their experience. With a wider center aisle, those using wheelchairs will be able to sit behind a desk, pull out a slate or McGuffey reader, and enjoy the 1880s one-room school experience just like their classmates. Add to that all our other visitors who might be using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, and other devices. They'll be able to sit at a desk for a craft or class as well!

YOU can help make the Village and Poppleton School more accessible through our spring appeal. With the money raised, floors will be refinished, desks will be refinished and reconfigured, and we'll purchase more slates and McGuffey readers for our kids. All donations in excess of expenses will go to supporting the programs that bring Poppleton and the Village to life. Better yet, donations up to \$7500 made by June 30th will be **DOUBLED** by the Allison Family Foundation! Think of the impact that \$25, \$50, or \$100 will have when it's doubled! Thank you for your continued support of the programs and buildings that make these spring school field trips some of the most magical days at the Troy Historic Village.



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Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm

Select Saturdays & Sundays
for special events and rentals

Closed: July 4-5

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**Adults \$7, Seniors \$5,
Children 6-17 \$5
Children under 6 FREE
Troy Historical Society
Members FREE**

The Troy Historical Society engages the community and enables life-long exploration of history by sharing and preserving our stories, artifacts, and buildings through creative, meaningful experiences.

The Village offers accessible parking spaces and building entry. Visit TroyHistoricVillage.org/About/Accessibility for details about accessibility at our site.

Talking Shop(s): General Stores in Early America

by Tom Arwady, Troy Historic Village
history interpreter

*Sam Drucker: [trying to sell brand-new overalls]
“Fred, these come with a lifetime guarantee. Or
four years. Whichever comes first.”*

Throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, general stores played an integral role in rural U.S. communities. For many of us, the only exposure we had to the goings-on in general stores was seeing them depicted on television shows, such as Sam Drucker’s on “Green Acres” (quoted above), Nels Oleson’s on “Little House on the Prairie,” and Ike Godsey’s on “The Waltons.” Another way for us to imagine what those stores were like is to visit a certain nearby historical village museum...



Cutting general store, Troy Historic Village.

Our Village store is a replica built between 1989 and 1990. It is meant to closely resemble the original store that stood at Square Lake and Livernois. Edward Peck was the first owner from 1832-1852. It changed hands a few times until 1882 when Frank Cutting, a Civil War veteran, became the owner. Cutting might have previously worked as the store’s manager, as he was the son-in-law of its past owners, the Goodmans. After Cutting, the store’s owners changed several more times until 1962, when the building was demolished. Some longtime Troy residents may remember Joe DiFabbio as the last proprietor.

The Cutting General Store at the Village is furnished to appear as it might have looked around 1915. Our education staff uses the main floor to teach visiting school children about shopping and toys in that era. The second floor houses our archival collections.



Growing a Community and Making Connections

A general store was the center of activity in a village. The store attracted tradespeople such as printers, blacksmiths, furniture makers, and tailors to the area. They’d set up their shops near the store, creating main streets.

The store was also a gathering place for neighbors to barter, discuss news and weather, gossip, play checkers or cards, and post notices of charity events and town

*Buckingham’s General Store, circa 1898.
Paradise Valley Folklife Project collection,
Library of Congress.*

meetings. In the late 1800s, stores were often the first places to have telephones, which residents could use for free or by paying a small fee.

A Family Affair

General stores were usually family businesses, run by a male storekeeper and his wife and children. The family often lived in rooms above or behind the store. The husband traveled long distances to buy new, exotic items from bigger cities. He and his wife stocked the shelves, did the accounting, weighed items, ground coffee, and served customers. Before and after school, and on Saturdays, the children were expected to do chores like sweeping, unloading wagons, polishing brass, and wrapping purchases. If a merchant needed extra help, he'd hire young men as clerks.

Wearing Many Hats

The store proprietor played several other roles in a small, rural town. Like Cutting's store in Troy, these establishments often housed the local post office and pharmacy. A merchant provided newspapers from the big cities and informed residents of the latest farming methods, inventions, and fashions. He often acted as a go-between and amateur lawyer to be a witness when contracts were signed, settle disputes, and issue marriage licenses. He might also have been the town banker, paying people interest to use their money to issue loans to others. Some storekeepers even practiced dentistry!

Decline

Railroads provided storekeepers with more goods for lower prices, but also brought competition from mail-order catalogs and allowed people to travel to buy things in other cities. Competition also came from hardware stores, butchers, dressmakers, and other specialized shops. The mid- to late-1800s saw the birth of five-and-dime stores, which offered fixed prices on cheaper, mass-produced goods.

By the time larger department stores, malls, and dollar stores dotted the U.S. landscape in the 20th century, general stores had mostly disappeared, except for a few in smaller towns and rural areas, or those which were preserved for the sake of nostalgia.



"General store and post office" mural by Doris Lee at the Ariel Rios Federal Building, Washington, D.C.

Photographed by Carol M. Highsmith. Library of Congress

George and Martha Washington Ate Ice Cream

by *Stephanie Arwady, Troy Historic Village adult programs director*

Yes, you read that right: the first U.S. President and First Lady enjoyed this cold treat and served it to their guests way back in the late 1700s. Prepared using ice, salt, cream, and sugar, Mount Vernon's homemade "iced creams" were sometimes sweetened with berries or even flavored with oysters or parmesan. Historians think that the Washingtons were introduced to the chilled dessert by Lord Botetourt, the colonial governor of Virginia, who served it to his guests in 1770.

Where did they get the ice? George and Martha's supply came from the Potomac River and other nearby creeks. In the winter, the Washingtons sent enslaved people out in boats to hack off blocks from the ice floating in the river. These laborers then hauled the ice out of the water, lugged it up a hill, and placed it in the icehouse. Insulated by straw, dirt, and sod, the ice stored inside this hillside structure remained frozen until it was needed in the warmer months.

While the Washingtons were not alone in enjoying the benefits of ice, its use in everyday life wasn't yet widespread. Somewhat like the Washingtons, farmers in the northeast and midwestern U.S. had collected and stored ice for their own use for years, but for those who didn't have access to a frozen body of water—or to the labor necessary to retrieve ice from it—consuming ice cream, cold drinks, and chilled foods was not typical.

This began to change in the first decades of the 19th century, when 23-year-old Frederic Tudor of Boston had what many considered a terrible idea: harvest New England ice in the winter, then make a fortune selling it to people who lived in warmer climates.

This idea seemed bad because of the logistical nightmare it presented. Tudor had to come up with a way to make sure the ice remained frozen both during transport and when it reached its tropical destinations. This required a sizeable investment because Tudor had to buy his own ship (no other ship owners were willing to load up their vessel with a cargo that might melt) and build icehouses in places like the Caribbean. Tudor also had to sell people on the idea of buying ice since, up until now, many of his potential customers had gotten by just fine without this product in their lives.

After a few false starts, eventually Tudor's operation—and his occasionally cutthroat business tactics—were successful enough to earn him the nickname "Ice King." By the 1830s, ice harvested by the Tudor company in Massachusetts was being sold to customers in such humid locales as Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Cuba, Martinique, and Kolkata, India. By the time Tudor died in the 1860s, the availability of home iceboxes had helped drive demand at home for his product and the natural ice trade had become one of the biggest industries in the U.S.



Young George and Martha Washington, Library of Congress.

Boston might have been the original epicenter of the burgeoning 19th-century ice trade, but Michiganders got in on the action, too. In Mackinaw City, Jack Ziggler and Paul Zaggmire founded the Z & Z Ice Co. in 1889. They hired hundreds of men each season to cut and harvest blocks of ice, move them up and away from the water via a conveyor belt, and pack them in sawdust and snow for storage inside one of the company's icehouses. Ice harvested and sold by the Z & Z Ice Co. could be found in local fish houses, railroad cars, and home iceboxes.

In Niles, Michigan, the Hunter Brothers formed their ice company in 1898; by 1914, the company's owners had branched out into a complementary industry: ice cream. The newly named Hunter Ice and Ice Cream Company produced hundreds of gallons of the frozen treat every day, molding it into a variety of shapes, such as hearts for Valentine's Day, and serving up all kinds of flavors—although parmesan and oyster might not have been on the menu!



Ice Harvesting, Baring Off. Detroit Publishing Co., 1900-1906 ca. Library of Congress.



Pewter ice cream molds, Troy Historic Village collection



Ice harvesting, Shooting the Cakes into the Ice House. Detroit Publishing Co., 1903 ca. Library of Congress.

Parsonage Icebox: “Cool” Michigan Artifact, Indeed

by Mike Imirie, Wordsmith LLC

Food.

Fresh food.

Today, you and I keep food fresh at our homes using refrigeration. The Frigidaire, GE, Kenmore, or LG units in our houses hum reassuringly as they work to keep our perishables at a constant 45 or 46 degrees, fresh until we need them. Easy-peasy, right?

It wasn't always that way. In the days before electricity, those same fresh foods faced a much less certain future.

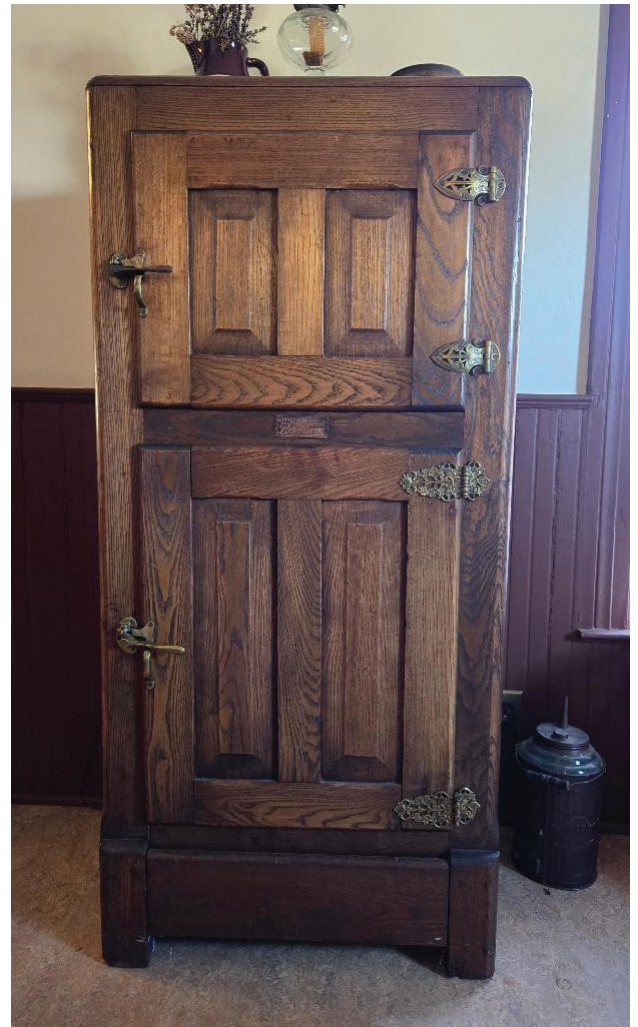
Before the 1920s, iceboxes took on the task of keeping perishables from...well...*perishing*. From about the 1850s forward, in fact, non-mechanical iceboxes, also called 'cold closets,' were mainstay kitchen furnishings. Made of oak, walnut or ash, they ranged from 4 to 6 feet in height. In order to insulate properly, iceboxes were typically lined with tin or zinc and packed with straw, sawdust, or cork.

Most iceboxes had two doors; many had three. The opening closest to the top was intended for a block/blocks of ice. The others were fitted with shelves for foods needing to be kept cool. The compartment which housed ice had a drain arrangement in the bottom through which melting ice water would flow into a pan beneath the unit. That catch basin needed to be emptied each day, either to serve as a modest family freshwater source or simply as waste.

While this sounds labor intensive compared to today's electric refrigerators, it was a big improvement over earlier preservation methods. Predecessor techniques like salting, drying, and canning not only took more work, they often had the effect of eliminating all signs of freshness—and most taste—from the food they preserved.

In cases where folks lived near lakes or ponds in cold winters, ice could be hewn from bodies of water and stored underground for a time. In most cases and in most seasons, however, icebox users replenished their ice supplies by buying blocks from city icemen, who would go door-to-door selling their frozen wares. Blocks of ice would only last for a day or two, so neighborhood icemen were kept very busy!

Another challenge faced by the cold closet of old was the tendency of the insulation inside to absorb odors. Such insulation was made of organic material, after all, and over time it tended to absorb smells



associated with foods, particularly decaying foods. That made 'icebox management' an important priority for each and every kitchen czar!

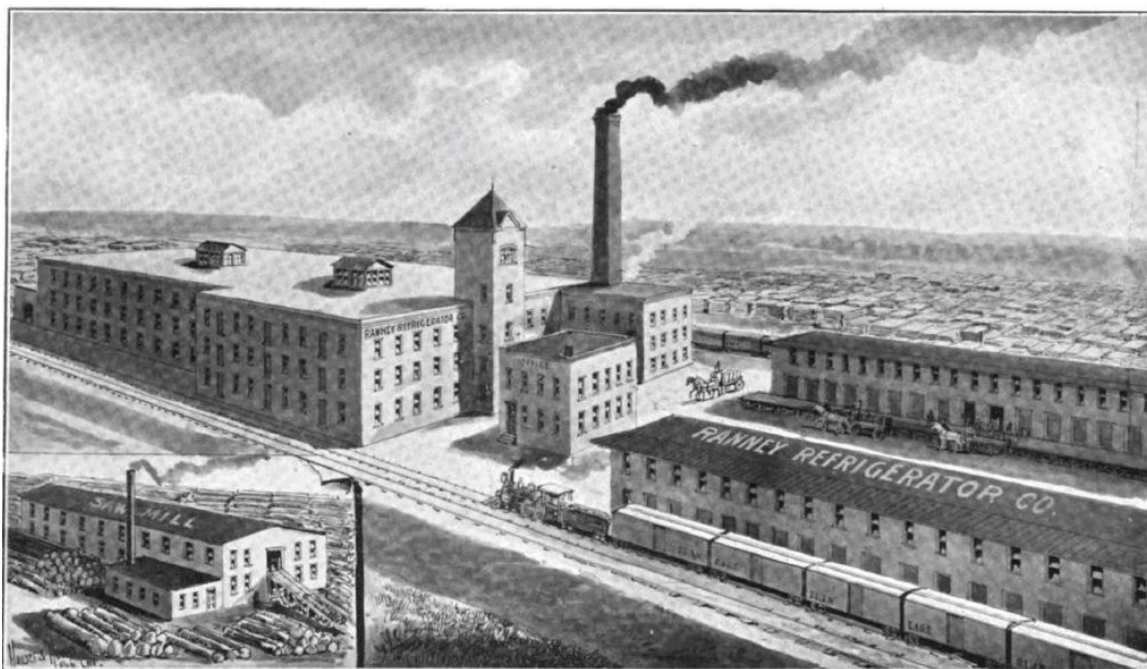
All of this would change by the 1920s, by which time electric refrigeration had been brought to market by General Electric. The first refrigerator that maker offered cost \$520 in 1927—over \$7,000 in today's dollars! Early home refrigeration accordingly represented a luxury, but an icy convenience at the same time. As other makers entered the market and economies of scale came to bear, prices became more affordable. By 1944, it is estimated that 85% of American households had an electric kitchen refrigerator.

Today, an antique icebox is a special piece of history. The elegant unit on display in the Village Parsonage certainly is. A product of the Ranney Refrigeration Company of Greenville, Michigan, this 'Radium' model has two doors and a storage capacity of about 10 square feet. Founded in 1892, Ranney was once one of Michigan's best-known manufacturers. The icebox

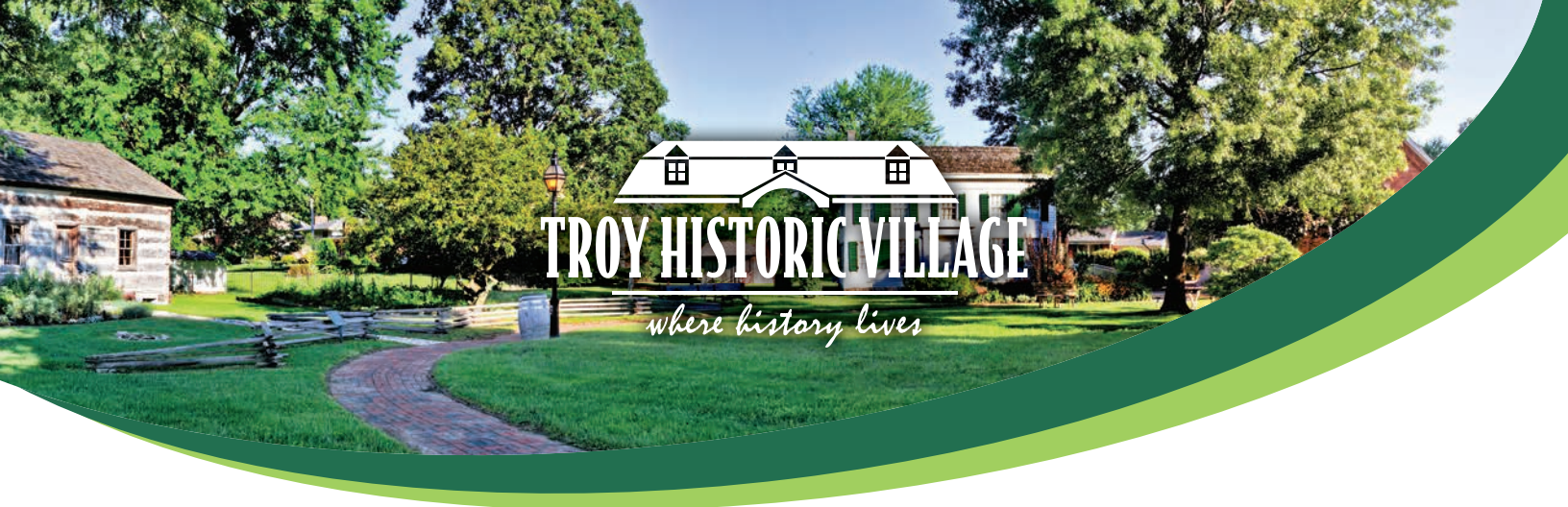


maker employed 300 people in 1899 and produced 40,000 wooden iceboxes that year. Ranney was purchased in 1970 by the Fedders Corporation, and subsequently owned by Norge and Northland.

Fast forward to 2024... Today, what used to be Ranney Refrigeration operates under the umbrella of Marvel Manufacturing. Just as they have since 1892, employees in Greenville still make cold closets... but today's models are sleek, electrified, and thoroughly modern!



PLANT OF THE RANNEY REFRIGERATOR CO.



TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE

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New Membership Benefits for All Villagers!

Starting July 1, 2024

When you join the Troy Historical Society, you become a Villager. Your membership preserves local history and supports hands-on learning for all ages at the Troy Historic Village. Pick the membership level that's right for you, then get ready to enjoy some new benefits!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

One adult 18 or older
\$35/one year or \$60/two years

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

Up to 6 adults and/or children
\$55/one year or \$90/two years

PATRON MEMBERSHIP

Up to 6 adults and/or children
\$150/one year, \$250/two years

Additional Benefits:

- 4 tickets to the Annual Barnard Bash Donor Event
- North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association Membership which gives you free admission to many other museums, too!

BARNARD BENEFACTOR

Up to 10 people total; ideal for our biggest supporters, extended families, and small businesses
\$350/one year, \$600/two years

Includes all Patron-level benefits, plus:

- 20% Discount on the base price of any Village Rental

NEW! BUSINESSES MEMBERSHIP

\$1000/one year

Enjoy A Village Day for your Business! Benefits include:

- Free admission on a day of your choosing for your employees and families, subject to Village availability
- 10% Discount on purchases in the Village Gift Shop on your Village Day
- Half-page ad once per year in the Village Press Newsletter
- Village Press quarterly newsletter and eblasts about upcoming events
- Village ExPress, flyers and other program information delivered to your business
- An Invitation to our Annual Members Meeting with an Ice Cream Social
- 10 tickets to the Annual Barnard Bash Donor Event
- 20% Discount on the base price of Village Rentals for your Business-based meeting, gathering, or social event



Beginning July 1, 2024, All Villagers Receive these Benefits:

- FREE general admission to the Village year-round
- Discounts on Village programs, classes, and seasonal community events
- 10% discount on your Village Gift Shop purchases
- "Members Only" Tours for new and existing members
- Option to purchase a discounted two-year membership
- Quarterly Village Press newsletter and eblasts about upcoming events
- Invitation to Annual Members Meeting and Ice Cream Social

JUNE 2024

- June 3-Aug 30 **Summer Exhibit: How Does Your Garden Grow?** 10:00am-3:00pm
- June 4 **Summer Kick-Off Open House** 5:00pm-8:00pm
- June 4 **THS Summer Raffle ticket sales open**
- June 5 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- June 5 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- June 5-July 17 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 (Wednesdays)** 6:30pm
- June 6 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 9 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- June 13 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 15 **Gravestone Cleaning Workshop (Union Corners Cemetery)** 10:00am
- June 15-July 27 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1 (Saturdays)** 10:00am
- June 17 **Preservation Conversations: On the Road!** 2:00pm
- June 20 **Village Open Late** 10:00am-8:00pm
- June 20 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 21 **Temple of Memories Mausoleum Tour (White Chapel)** 2:00pm
- June 22 **Temple of Memories Mausoleum Tour (White Chapel)** 2:00pm
- June 26 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- June 27 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- June 27 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 30 **Blacksmithing Sampler** 12:30pm

JULY 2024

- July 4-July 5 **Village CLOSED**
- July 10 **Troy Garden Walk: Village Open for Free!** 9:00am-6:00pm
- July 10 **THS Summer Raffle winners drawn and notified!** After 6:00pm
- July 11 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 13 **Snapshot Saturday** 10:00am-4:00pm
- July 14-July 28 **Adult-Child Blacksmithing: Ice Cream Spoon (Sundays)** 1:00pm
- July 14 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- July 15 **Preservation Conversations: On the Road!** 2:00pm
- July 18 **Village Open Late** 10:00am-8:00pm
- July 18 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 25 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- July 25 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm

- Kids & Families
- Health & Wellness
- Adults & Seniors
- Artisan-led Class
- Community Events

Make sure to check our website for the schedule of outdoor Museum Yoga classes (select Tuesdays in June, July & August) and Guided Village Tours (select Fridays in July & August)!

AUGUST 2024

- Aug 1 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 4 **Troy Traffic Jam (Columbia Center)** 10:00am-3:00pm
- Aug 4 **Kids Pedal Power 200 (Columbia Center)** 1:30pm
- Aug 7 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Aug 7 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Aug 8 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 10 **Snapshot Saturday** 10:00am-4:00pm
- Aug 11 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Aug 12-Aug 16 **Introductory Copper & Iron Workshop** 10:00am
- Aug 12-Aug 16 **Intermediate Copper & Iron Workshop: Sculpture** 6:00pm
- Aug 14 **Hey, Teachers! School Field Trip booking begins today!**
- Aug 14 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Aug 15 **Village Open Late** 10:00am-8:00pm
- Aug 15 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 16 **Handcrafted: A Traditional Trades and Crafts Fair** 12:00pm-8:00pm
- Aug 17 **Handcrafted: A Traditional Trades and Crafts Fair** 10:00am-5:00pm
- Aug 19 **Preservation Conversations: On the Road!** 2:00pm
- Aug 22 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Aug 22 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 24-Aug 25 **Weekend Intensive Copper & Iron Workshop** 10:00am
- Aug 24 **Old-Time Radio Superhero Show** 7:00pm
- Aug 25 **Old-Time Radio Superhero Show** 2:00pm
- Aug 29 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm

Troy Garden Club's 49th Garden Walk: "Garden Stories"

Wednesday July 10, Rain or Shine!

Celebrate the power of flowers at the Troy Garden Club's 49th Troy Garden Walk. The Village serves as the garden walk's hub with free admission from 9am – 6pm, so guests can shop the Midsummers Arts & Crafts Boutique and TGC Plant Sale.

Ticketholders can visit six private gardens (plus a Bonus Venue!) from 9:30am – 3:00pm and 5:00pm – 8:30pm. Purchase advance tickets (\$15) at Telly's Greenhouse, Uncle Luke's, Auburn Oaks Garden Center, and the Troy Historic Village. On Garden Walk Day, July 10, tickets are \$18 and available ONLY at the Village. Online Ticket Sales offered beginning mid-June.

Info: www.TroyGardenClubMI.com or 248-765-8088



Summer Kick-Off Open House

Tuesday June 4, 5pm-8pm | FREE

Grab dinner, listen to some music, and enjoy an evening at the Village! Get your tickets for the Troy Historical Society's summer raffle, too. We'll have live music by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band plus food for purchase and information about all sorts of great summer activities around Troy. *Music generously sponsored by the Cook family.*

Kids Pedal Power 200

Sunday August 4

\$15 per car/participant

This exciting event is open to all racers aged 3-8 years old with a pedal-powered car! This is a great summer family project with a racing finale.

Drop off your pedal car in our special pit area and enjoy the Troy Traffic Jam car show until race time at 1:30pm. Don't want to race? Come and cheer on the racers! Event takes place at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.



Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

Select
Wednesdays,
10:30 am
Ages 2-5
accompanied by
an adult

THS Members:
\$5/child, \$3/adult

Non-members:
\$6/child, \$4/adult

Join Cheddar
the Village Mouse

and Mrs. Laura for story time! This monthly program for preschool-aged kids features stories, games, activities, songs, crafts, and snacks that connect with each month's theme. Themes, stories, and activities are carefully chosen to be age-appropriate and help kids have fun while they develop skills and learn about the world around them. *Sponsored by Troy Women's Association.*



- **June 5: Crazy Critters in the Rainforest**

This month's book: *The Umbrella* by Eric Carle

Let's wear green to go with our rainforest theme! We'll read *The Umbrella*, then create flowers and snakes with play dough. We will sort colorful buttons, make a creature craft, and do other hands-on activities. We will have bananas and fig newtons for a snack.

- **August 7: Jugglers, Clowns, and Acrobats—Oh My!**

This month's book: *You See a Circus, I See...*

by Mike Downs

We will toss brave stuffed animals through our pretend ring of fire, walk on the circus tight rope, make a fun popcorn bag craft, play with some circus animal puppets, and eat animal cookies with fruit for a snack.



Snapshot Saturdays

July 13 and August 10 | Slots available 10am-4pm

Price: Varies based on group size

Get your portrait taken on the picturesque grounds of the Troy Historic Village! Book a family, engagement, or other type of photo session with photographer Philippe Cicchini, owner of VozzaPhoto and Troy resident. Visit our website for more information, rates, and registration.

Village Open Late

Select Thursdays | June 20, July 18, August 15 | 10am-8pm

Free with admission

The Village will be open late, and the Villagers will be at work! History Interpreters will tend to summer chores around the cabin like laundry, cooking, and gardening. Come explore the Village and see what our pioneers are up to! Scavenger hunts will be available for kids. Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to eat on the Village green or at one of our picnic tables. The Village will be open from 10am-8pm, and History Interpreters will be working around the cabin from 4pm-8pm.



Blacksmithing Sampler

Sunday June 30, 12:30-2pm

THS Member: \$48 or Non-member: \$58

Step alongside the Village forge and discover what it's like to "make the anvil ring!" Learn 4 basic hand forging techniques while making your own square tapered nail as it was done centuries ago. Ages 10 & up. No prerequisite.

Adult-Child Blacksmithing: Ice Cream Spoon

Sundays July 14, 21 & 28, 1pm-3pm

THS Member: \$275/pair or Non-member: \$325/pair

Together the two of you will learn how to "sink a spoon" while making a fun and sturdy ice cream spoon strong enough to serve as a scoop. Discover the world of traditional blacksmithing as you learn 7 basic hand forging techniques. Child partner must be age 10 or older. No prerequisite.

School Bookings Open: August 14 at 10am

Attention, teachers! The Village will begin taking bookings for the 2024-25 school year in August. Those interested in booking a field trip should get their request in as soon as possible as the calendar fills up very quickly, especially the spring. Call the Village Education line at (248) 524-3598 to get your field trip booked. See the website for more information.



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SUMMER ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS AT THE VILLAGE

Troy Traffic Jam

Sunday August 4,
10am-3pm
FREE to the public
Car Participants



\$25 per vehicle pre-registration, \$30 per vehicle day of
Enjoy great cars, great music, and great food! See antiques, exotics, and a specially curated collection of Mustangs and GTOs. Don't miss the cars, Tech Talks, robotics demonstrations, kids pedal car race, lunch, music, and more! Event takes place at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

Summer Exhibit: How Does Your Garden Grow?

June – August, Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm
Free with admission

A walk around Troy today looks nothing like it did 50, 100, or 500 years ago. With a population of nearly 90,000 and all the modern conveniences, our homes, gardens, and green spaces are used much differently today. Take a walk around the Village to see how Troy's landscape has changed, why that may have happened, and what it means for us today.

Handcrafted: A Traditional Trades and Crafts Fair

Friday August 16, 12– 8pm | Saturday August 17, 10am-5pm
Free with admission

Explore the Village and watch craftspeople practice traditional trades like blacksmithing, leatherworking, fiber arts, and woodworking, as well as crafts with a more modern twist. Craftspeople may have items to sell, but the emphasis for Handcrafted is on display, demonstration, and interaction. Know someone who is interested in participating in the show? Email Akonieczny@thvmail.org to learn more.

Old-Time Radio Superhero Show

Saturday August 24, 7pm-9pm | Sunday August 25, 2pm-4pm
THS Members: \$15 | Non-members: \$17

Travel back-in-time for a mock radio show. Actors will perform scripts from "Superman," "The Saint," and "Sergeant Preston of the Yukon" with commercials, live piano music, and sound effects! Desserts and coffee/tea will be served at intermission. Sign "UP, UP, and AWAY" as soon as possible because space is limited. This program is held inside Old Troy Church at the Village. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Thursday Teas

2pm | THS Member: \$10,
Non-Member: \$15

Join us on select Thursdays each month for history talks led by guest presenters or Village staff on a variety of topics. Sponsored by Oakmont Manor and Oakmont Sterling.



- **June 27: Pedaling Beyond the Petticoats: Women Cyclists in the Gilded Age**
- **July 25 A Garden for Every Home: The Story of Victory Gardens in America**
- **August 22: Meadow Brook Garden Club: Our Past, Present, and Future**



Preservation Conversations on the Road

Visit local sites on select Mondays to see historic preservation in action! Prices and limited ticketing as noted.

- **June 17, 2pm: Birmingham Museum.**
THS Member: \$10, Non-Member: \$14 (Limit 20 guests)
- **July 15, 2pm: Saarinen House at Cranbrook.**
All Guests: \$25 (Limit 25 guests)
- **August 19, 2pm: Oakland History Center at Pine Grove.**
THS Member: \$10, Non-Member: \$14 (Limit 25 guests)

Troy Historical Society Summer Raffle

Tickets available June 4 – July 10

Enter to win fabulous prizes while supporting the Troy Historic Village! Five major prize packages like the "Dine Around Town" or "Gardner's Dream Package" contain prizes and gift cards worth more than \$500! Tickets: \$15 each; \$40 for 3 tickets; \$60 for 5 tickets. Winners will be drawn and notified on July 10. Need not be present to win.

Constitution Cafés

Select Sundays, 2pm | FREE

Utilizing the Socratic Method of inquiry, engage in civil discourse to explore different aspects of the Constitution each month.

Sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Foundation.



- **June 9: Fourteenth Amendment, Section 4: Validity of Public Debts and the Civil War**
- **July 14: Fifteenth Amendment: New Citizens and the Right to Vote!**
- **August 11: Sixteenth Amendment: The Income Tax!**

Museum Yoga

Select Tuesdays | 6:00pm

Instructors from Troy-based Explore Yoga studio will lead students through yoga postures and breathwork in classes appropriate for all levels of experience, from beginner to advanced. Yoga classes are held outdoors. Bring your mat and make sure to register in advance as space is limited. Suggested donation: \$10. *Sponsored by the Troy Community Foundation.*



Thursday Walking Group

Thursdays | FREE | 6:00pm

Weekly walks cover a variety of scenic 1.5-3 mile routes in or around Troy. Program is free, and all ages and levels of fitness are welcome! For meeting locations, visit www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/walking-group/. *Sponsored by the Troy Community Foundation.*

Temple of Memories Mausoleum Tour

June 21 & June 22, 2pm-3:30pm

THS Member: \$10 | Non-Member: \$15

Join us inside the Temple of Memories at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery for a three-story mausoleum tour. Explore the art and architecture of this incredible historic structure. Visit the memorials and learn the stories of a 1920s Major League baseball player, famous architect, WWII veteran, famous local actress, and more.

Gravestone Cleaning Workshop

June 15, 10am-1pm | THS Member: \$10 | Non-Member: \$15

Student: FREE

Join us at Union Corners, one of Troy's oldest cemeteries, for a hands-on workshop led by the experts at Loving Legacy. Learn the proper way to clean and care for historic grave markers made of marble, limestone, and more. Materials and lunch included.

Watercolor Classes: A Watercolor Salute to the Village's Summer Gardens

Select Wednesdays | 4:30-

6:30pm | THS: \$40/class

Non-member: \$48/class | Ages 16 & up

Artist and art teacher Megan Swoyer guides students in using a variety of watercolor techniques to create colorful summer scenes. No experience is necessary; all supplies will be provided. June classes held inside Niles-Barnard House. August classes held outdoors.



- **June 5: The Monarch & the Zinnia**
- **June 26: Lilacs á la Caswell House**
- **August 7: Peonies á la Caswell House**
- **August 14: Walkway Hollyhocks**

Basic Blacksmithing Level 1

THS Member: \$310 | Non-member: \$360

Wednesdays June 5-July 17 (no class July 3), 6:30pm-9pm

Saturdays June 15-July 27 (no class July 6), 10am-12:30pm

Learn 12 basic hand-forging techniques as you make your own trowel. Ages 12 & up. No prerequisite.

Basic Blacksmithing Level 2

THS Member: \$310 | Non-member: \$360

Build on the skills taught in Level 1 as you forge a pair of tongs! Prerequisite: Basic Blacksmithing Level 1. Classes are forming now, visit our website to add your name to the scheduling list.

Basic Blacksmithing Level 3

THS Member: \$310 | Non-member: \$360

Design and forge a table trivet. Prerequisite: Basic Blacksmithing Levels 1 & 2. Classes are forming now, visit our website to add your name to the scheduling list.

Introductory Copper & Iron Workshop

August 12-16, 10am-12:30pm | Ages 12 & up

THS Member: \$250 | Non-Member: \$300

Learn the traditional arts of coppersmithing and blacksmithing as you make a unique bird feeder mobile. No prerequisite.

Intermediate Copper & Iron Workshop: Sculpture

August 12-16, 6pm-8:30pm | Ages 16 & up

THS Member: \$250 | Non-Member: \$300

Returning students will design and create a copper and iron sculpture inspired by modern British sculptor Barbara Hepworth. Prerequisite: Introductory Copper & Iron Workshop.

Weekend Intensive Copper & Iron Workshop

August 24-25, 10am -5pm | Ages 18 & up

THS Member: \$350 | Non-Member: \$400

A great alternative to our weeklong introductory workshop, this two-day intensive immerses you into the old-world crafts of coppersmithing and blacksmithing at a modern day pace. Create a unique bird feeder mobile. No prerequisite.

Guided Village Tours

Select Fridays in July & August | 11am or 1pm

Free with admission

Volunteer docents will tell you a little more about each of the buildings at the Village, from how they were originally used to how they made it to the Village. Tours are approximately 90 minutes long.

Become a Villager Today!

Support quality, engaging education for all ages and enjoy:

- FREE Admission to the Village
- Discounts on Village programs
- 10% discount on your Village Gift Shop purchases
- "Members Only" Tours for new and existing members
- The option to purchase a discounted two-year membership
- Quarterly Village Press and regular news updates
- An invitation to the Annual Members Meeting and Ice Cream Social

YES! I want to be a Villager. Please process my Troy Historical Society membership at the following level:

- \$35/one year \$60/two years Individual Membership**
One adult 18 or older
- \$55/one year \$90/two years Household Membership**
Up to 6 adults and/or children
- \$150/one year \$250/two years Patron Membership**
Up to 6 adults and/or children
Additional benefits include:
- 4 tickets to the Annual Barnard Bash Donor Event
 - North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Membership
- \$350/one year \$600/two years Barnard Benefactor**
Up to 10 adults and/or children
Additional benefits include Patron-level plus:
- 20% discount on the base rate of any Village Rental
- \$1000 one year Business Membership**
Call us today for more information!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The quarterly Village Press Newsletter will be emailed to you unless you check this box

Already a Villager?

I would like to make an additional donation to the Troy Historic Village. Please put \$ _____ towards the general fund to support preservation and programs at the Village.

Payment Options:

- Enclosed Check / Check # _____
- Call the Village at 248-524-3570 or visit www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership to pay by credit card

Return completed form & payment to:
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