



Greater West Bloomfield

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Historical Society



2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Final details will be listed in the History Matters newsletter and at gwbhs.org

Annual Meeting & Orchard Lake Schools Rich History Presentation

Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, Commerce Rd.
40th anniversary annual meeting and recognition program followed by a presentation about the rich history of Orchard Lake Schools. \$15 includes brunch. Reservations by January 21 to 248-808-0893.

Detroit Immigration: Past to Present

Sunday, February 16, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Historian Greg Kowalski discusses the immigrant experience to metro-Detroit and highlighting its impact on Hamtramck. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Are you looking for flexible, interesting volunteer opportunities? Come learn our needs -- from one-time to long-term commitments. Planning begins now for Apple Island Tours, Historic Home Tour and Vintage Fashions.

Tatting 101

Saturday, March 8, 10-11:30 a.m. & noon-1:30 p.m., Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road
Participants will learn shuttle tatting basic techniques with professional crafter DuAnne Sonnevillie making small flowers to decorate greeting cards. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. Class size limited to three. \$20 includes materials. Reservations by Feb. 22 to July 248-808-0893.

Detroit: Early America's Frontier Seaport

Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m., WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road
Detroit developed from a French fur-trade outpost to a thriving American port town. Historian Catherine Cangany, Ph.D., explores how Detroit's ties to the frontier made the city's stratospheric rise to prominence possible. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Apple Island Spring Forum

Wednesday, April 9, 7-9 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road
Anthropologist LouAnn Wurst, Ph.D., shares findings and updates of the 2013 Western Michigan University Apple Island Archaeological Dig project. \$5.

Spring Nature Walk

Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail
Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

Docent Training

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Would you like to lead a tour on Apple Island or guide a 2nd grade class through the Orchard Lake Museum? Come see what it's all about. RSVP by Tuesday, May 13 to Gina 248.622.7570. No charge.

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18, 11-5 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Guided tours of Apple Island. First come first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. last departure, \$15 adults, \$10 children 5-12 years. Half-off for GWBHS and Time Travelers members.

National Trail Day Walk

Saturday, June 7, 8:30-11 a.m. Walnut Lake Road entrance
Celebrate National Trail Day by walking the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve scenic and historic rail-to-trail path beginning at the Walnut Lake Rd. entrance. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum for refreshments. See Pathways for more information. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. No charge.

Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

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Living with History: Historic Homes Tour of Greater West Bloomfield

Saturday, June 21, 10-4 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Tour historic homes in the greater West Bloomfield area. Tickets \$20, or \$15 advance at Orchard Lake Museum and Orchard Lake City Hall. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation.

Evensong

Sunday, August 3, 7 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road
In celebration of OLCC,P's 140th anniversary, the 5th Michigan Regiment Band will lead a nondenominational hymn-sing, popular in the 1800s. Commentary on Apple Island history and founding members of OLCC,P will be highlighted. Sponsored with OLCC,P. Donations accepted.

Detroit Archery Club Visit

Saturday, August 9, 11-12:30 p.m., Detroit Archery Club, 5795 Drake Road
Learn about Michigan's oldest archery club, it's history, basic archery target rules and etiquette. Participate in archery games and a mini tournament. Ages 7-adults. \$10. Reservations by August 7 to July 248.669.2520.

Hands on History & 40th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 14, 1-4 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road
Enjoy ice cream with hands-on activities outdoors and in the Orchard Lake Museum. \$2 per person, Free for GWBHS and Time Travelers members.

Vintage Fashions

Saturday, September 20, 1-3 p.m., West Bloomfield Aquatic Center, 6200 Farmington Road
The Questers historical organization volunteers will model elegant authentic 1860-1940s garments. You'll gain awareness of what it was like to dress during the Victorian era and why fashions changed so dramatically during the 1900s. Refreshments. \$10. Reservations by September 16, to July 248-808-0893. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation.

Of Grave Concern: Pine Lake Cemetery Tour

Saturday, October 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m., northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Rd.
Visit Pine Lake Cemetery and learn about prominent local residents buried there, from pioneer John Green to football hero Nick Pietrosante, and Detroit Tiger Norm Cash. \$5. Optional restaurant stop following. Contact Sue Williams to docent at 248.757.2451.

Autumn Nature Walk

Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m., Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail
Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.