

# Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society Past Events

## Open House

*Friday, December 16, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

## National Toy Hall of Fame Open House

*Sunday, December 11, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See toys and learn about the National Toy Hall of Fame with Sue Grifor. Play with some of these vintage games and toys.

Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

## Volunteer Opportunities Meeting

*Wednesday, December 8, 2022, 7 pm, 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. We need volunteers looking to make a difference in our community and help keep our unique local history alive! No charge.

## Open House

*Sunday, December 4, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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*Sunday, November 27, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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## The Saginaw Trail: from Native American Path to Woodward Avenue Presentation

*Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Leslie Pielack, Birmingham Museum Director, tells the story of those whose lives intertwined the Saginaw Trail an ancient path that transformed early Michigan. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

## Veterans Open House

*Sunday, November 13, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See military memorabilia from WWI to the Korean War. Share/donate your family military memories and archives.

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, November 6, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, October 30, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

*Friday, October 21, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 16 2022, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac 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.

### **Pleasant Lake History Open House**

*Sunday, October 9, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the Pleasant Lake area and Pleasant Lake Highlands subdivision, 1922-2022, with historical displays and a new edition available of *Our History & Remembrance of Pleasant Lake, West Bloomfield* by Gina and Rob Gregory. Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **Pine Lake Cemetery Tour**

*Saturday, October 8, 2022, 11 am - 1 pm, Pine Lake Cemetery, east side of Middlebelt, north of Lone Pine*

Take part in a walking tour of Pine Lake Cemetery and learn the history of founding residents, prominent people, sports figures, and others with Sexton Mari Bem and docents. Optional restaurant gathering afterward. Rain or shine. \$5 donation requested.

### **Open House**

*Sunday, October 2, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **Open House**

*Sunday, September 25, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Impact of 1820-1850 Religious Reform in Michigan Presentation**

*Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Learn how Michigan was directly impacted by a 1820-1850 "Second Great Awakening" religious movement that led to social and political reforms of temperance that included women's suffrage, and abolitionism with James Craft, OCHC member.

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### **One-Room Schools Open House**

*Sunday, September 11, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about one-room West Bloomfield schools: Eagle, Pennell, and Hosner. Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **Open House**

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, August 28, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **Open House**

*Friday, August 19, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House: Classic Cars & Pelletier Presentation**

*Sunday, August 14, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Rick Bartus, former subdivision resident, shares facets of E LeRoy Pelletier's life, 1868-1939. Pelletier was Henry Ford's first "PR man" and a West Bloomfield resident.

### **Pine Lake Marina Tour**

*Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 7-8 pm, 3599 Orchard Lake Road at Seminary*

Join a walking tour with historical information about the marina, water taxis, and nearby Interurban railway bed. Park on Seminary Road and meet at 3599 Orchard Lake Road at Seminary. Limited space. Registration is required through West Bloomfield Parks.

### **Open House**

*Sunday, August 7, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, July 31, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, July 24, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

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### **Appreciation Reception**

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 6 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Members, supporters, and volunteers are invited for refreshments with one complimentary ticket per person for an amazing raffle. RSVP by July 8 to [info@gwbhs.org](mailto:info@gwbhs.org)

### **Open House: Boating**

*Sunday, July 10, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Researcher Neil Hepburn explores sailing, power boats, boat liveries, and clubs.

### **Open House**

*Sunday, July 3, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, June 26, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Sailing on Orchard Lake**

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 7pm, Orchard Lake Country Club, 5000 West Shore Drive*

Meet at the Orchard Lake Country Club front door. Walk 1,000' through the club (no denim) to the shore for a talk about sailing history on Orchard Lake. Registration required: [contact@gwbhs.org](mailto:contact@gwbhs.org). No charge. (25 person limit)

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### **Open House: Apple Island Perspectives**

*Sunday, June 12, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Anishinaabe Mikwandahn "Mike" Jewell shares his traditional Native life perspectives and his items on exhibit.

Note: Apple Island Tours will return June 10 & 11, 2023.

### **Open House**

*Sunday, June 5, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **Join GWBHS in the Keego Harbor Parade**

*Monday, May 30, 2022, 9 am*

Walk, bike, drive your vintage car, or pull our carriage in the Keego Harbor Memorial Day parade!

### **Open House**

*Sunday, May 29, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

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**Open House**

*Friday, May 20, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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**Open House: Paper Doll Cut-Outs**

*Sunday, May 8, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Karen Pushie shares her mother's 1920-2010 paper doll cut-outs collection.

**Open House**

*Sunday, May 1, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

**Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary Spring Walk**

*Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers.

Sponsored with Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

**Open House**

*Sunday, April 24, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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**Epiphany Glass Tour**

*Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10-11:30 am, Epiphany Studios, 770 Orchard Lake Road*

Tour epiphany studios, a 4,000 square foot hot glassblowing studio and gallery. They will demonstrate the steps, and discuss the history, techniques, terminology, and tools used in glassblowing. Time for shopping is included. Register with WB Parks.

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### **Open House: Tax Rolls**

*Sunday, April 10, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Come see West Bloomfield historical tax rolls and learn more about the history of your property. Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

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### **Open House**

*Sunday, March 27, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Presentation: Here Lies Chief Pontiac: Mythmaking and Mythbreaking on Apple Island**

*Sunday, March 20 2022, 2 pm, Zoom*

What did local Native peoples call Apple Island? What famous Odawa leader is buried there? What was interred with him? If you answered, "Me-nah-sa-gor-ning," Chief Pontiac, and a silver cross, this talk is for you. Join Catherine Cangany, PhD as she unravels the ties that bind Orchard Lake tall tales with Avalon (the mythical island of Arthurian legend), settler colonialism, and nineteenth-century advertising schemes. It will change everything you thought you knew about Apple Island. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks. No charge.

### **Open House**

*Friday, March 18, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

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### **Open House: West Bloomfield Tornado**

*Sunday, March 13, 2022, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See exhibits and videos about the F4 tornado that damaged dozens of West Bloomfield homes and businesses on March 20, 1976. Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

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## **Strategic Planning**

*Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 10:30am-12:30pm, Zoom*

What is possible; what might the future look like; how do we get there? Deb Macon, member and professional facilitator, will help us further develop strategic plans: facility, storage, and sustainability. Join us to share your ideas and volunteer!

Wednesdays, February 9, February 23, and March 16.

## **Presentation: Old Islam in Detroit - Rediscovering the Muslim American Past**

*Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7 pm*

*Connect (West Bloomfield Parks) - 6335A Orchard Lake Rd. in Orchard Mall*

Michigan is home to one of the oldest, most diverse, and best incorporated Muslim communities in the U.S. where a dynamic process of political and religious change is still unfolding. This talk explores the rise of Detroit's earliest Muslim communities and documents the growth and expansion of their mosques and cultural institutions from 1900 through the 1980s, with author Sally Howell, Associate Professor of History; Director of the Center for Arab American Studies at University of Michigan-Dearborn. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks. No charge.

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### **VIRTUAL GWBHS Annual Meeting & Presentation by Karl Mayry: MI Archaeology & Transforming a Useless Degree Presentation**

*Saturday, January 29, 2022, 10 am -12 pm*

*Virtual Zoom Meeting Room*

*Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83946032346>*

*Meeting Room ID: 839 4603 2346*

The GWBHS Annual Meeting will take place over Zoom this year and follow the same format as the virtual meeting in 2021. The annual meeting will be followed by a virtual presentation Karl Mayry. Karl will share his Michigan archaeology finds and how a "useless degree" in archaeology became a dream career - a circuitous route through a fascinating world. No annual meeting charge. Please contact Cory Nummer at [cory@gwbhs.org](mailto:cory@gwbhs.org) with questions.

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### **Open House: Curling**

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Curling premiered in the United States on Orchard Lake in the winter of 1831-32 by Scottish settlers. Learn about the West Bloomfield 1932 Olympian in the 1932 demonstration curling team. See curling exhibits, a curling broom, and stone. Enjoy the newly reopened Orchard Lake Museum with new exhibits! Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

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### **Open House: Night Before Christmas**

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### **Open House: Michigan Military Academy**

*Sunday, November 14, 2021, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See archives about the Michigan Military Academy (1877- 1909) known as the “West Point of the West”, then located on grounds of what is now the Orchard Lake Schools. Permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. No charge.

### **VIRTUAL Presentation: The Disaster on the Sultana**

*Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7-8:30 pm*

*Virtual event: sign up through West Bloomfield Library*

In April, 1865, the ship "Sultana" exploded on the Mississippi River killing more men on one ship than would die on the Titanic 47 years later. The story of the soldiers sent home on the "Sultana" is a story of greed and malfeasance on the part of Union government officials that changed forever the lives of the families waiting for their loved ones to return. Join Civil War historian Bill Grandstaff who will discuss this tragedy and the story of the “Sultana.” Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

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### **Walking Tour: E. LeRoy Pelletier Former Estate**

*Thursday, October 21, 2021, 10-11 am*

*Register through West Bloomfield Parks*

Rick Bartus, subdivision resident, shares facets of E LeRoy's life, 1868-1939, Henry Ford's first “PR man”. Meet at the property with the original barn for a one-hour outdoor walking tour through portions of the former 80-acre farm. Tour includes the barn's cow birthing room. Register through West Bloomfield Parks, program partner. Please note: no seating provided and will follow current Covid guidelines.

### **Fall Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 17, 2021, 2 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac 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.

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### **Open House: 1960s CB Radio**

*Sunday, October 10, 2021, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See a 1960s Progress Line CB Police radio from the City of Orchard Lake Police Department. GWBHS Volunteer Bill Bertakis restored the radio and will share information about the process through a restoration video he created.

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### **VIRTUAL Rosie the Riveter Presentation: Bailey Sisoy Isgro**

*Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7-8:30 pm*

*Virtual event: sign up through West Bloomfield Library*

Historian Bailey Sisoy Isgro will share the history and impact of WWII women war workers, often known as Rosie the Riveters; how their name came to be; and the scale of their heroic work on the American homefront. Her award-winning book, *Rosie, A Detroit Herstory*, will be available for purchase. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

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### **Orchard Lake Museum Grand Reopening & Open House**

*Sunday, September 12, 2021, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Everyone is invited to celebrate the reopening of the newly renovated Orchard Lake Museum with new interactive exhibits. Outdoor interactive activities include the archaeology dig box, newly installed hand pump, and carriage photo op.

### **Orchard Lake Museum Preview**

*Friday, September 10, 2021, 8:30-9:30 am, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce members meet and preview the newly renovated Orchard Lake Museum with new interactive exhibits. Ribbon cutting for the universally accessible and group entrance at 9:15 am.

### **CANCELLED - VIRTUAL Open House: Walter Flanders**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel this month's open house originally scheduled for Sunday August 8. We apologize for any inconvenience and we appreciate your understanding.**

*August 8, 2021, 1 pm*

Dr. William Spencer will present virtually about his grandfather, Walter Flanders, an early automotive entrepreneur, who had a large estate in West Bloomfield. He'll include what it is like to own a Flanders 20 Runabout. Live Q & A.

### **VIRTUAL Open House: Sylvan Lake Village 100th Anniversary**

*Sunday, July 11, 2021, 1 pm*

Virtually, historian Helen Jane Peters shares the history of Sylvan Lake Village, 1921 - 2021. Live Q & A. Sylvan Lake panels will be outdoors at the Museum, depending on the weather and COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Virtual Apple Island Tours**

*Saturday, June 12 & Sunday, June 13, 2021, 10 am & 1 pm*

A free virtual presentation featuring a tour of Orchard Lake Museum outdoor exhibits, volunteer island docents, presenters Genot (Winter Elk) Picor and Mikwhandan (Mike) Jewell, and a virtual island tour. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks and West Bloomfield Schools. Apple Island informational panels will be outdoors at the Museum depending on the weather and COVID-19 restrictions.

### **National Trails Day**

*Saturday, June 5, 2021*

Join the celebration by creating your own trail walk highlighting local transportation history using our online MotorCities Markers map.

### **Virtual Presentation: Perspectives on Traditional Native American Life**

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 7 pm, View at [civiccentertv.com](http://civiccentertv.com).*

Virtually, Anishnabai Native American presenter Mikwhandan (Mike) Jewell shares his perspectives about traditional Native American life in a 45-minute video recorded in native regalia in a natural setting. Video produced by Civic Center Television; tentatively scheduled for broadcast on CCTV. Live Q & A. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library.

### **Virtual Open House: Interurban Railway**

*Sunday, May 9, 2021, 1 pm*

Virtually, local historian Brian Golden travels the interurban, a light-rail system which ran from downtown Detroit, through Farmington, to Pontiac. The railway shortened travel time to the "up north" getaway that was West Bloomfield. Q & A.

### **Virtual/Live Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary Walk**

*Sunday, April 25, 2021, 2 pm*

Join a virtual tour or live walk through the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary with Naturalist Carol Fink to learn the area's history, natural features, flora and fauna. Final event plans will be posted April 20 at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org). Sponsored with City of Orchard Lake Village.

### **Virtual Open House: Aspects of West Bloomfield Sheep Farming**

*Sunday, April 11, 2021, 1 pm*

We'll virtually highlight once popular local sheep farming; see an early spinning demonstration; and visit the MSU Extension Tollgate Farm.

### **Virtual Tour: Then & Now - Our Four Communities**

*Thursday, March 25, 2021, 11 am*

Join GWBHS historians for a virtual then and now tour of our communities: Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Orchard Lake, and West Bloomfield. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks with free registration nearer the event date.

### **Virtual Presentation: Then & Now - Our Four Communities**

*Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7 pm*

Join GWBHS historians for a virtual then and now look at our communities: Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Orchard Lake, and West Bloomfield. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library with free registration nearer the event date.

### **Virtual Open House: 1976 West Bloomfield Tornado**

*Sunday, March 14, 2021, 1 pm*

Virtually share your memories of the F4 tornado that moved through West Bloomfield in March 1976. The tornado was responsible for one death, 55 injuries, and over \$5 million in damage. This is both the strongest and costliest tornado to ever hit Oakland County. Hear personal accounts, see newspaper photos and video accounts.

### **Virtual Tour: Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia**

*Thursday, February 25, 2021, 10 am*

Virtually tour the Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, Ferris State University with a 90 minute pre-recorded video with 30 minutes Q & A. The Museum displays a wide variety of everyday artifacts depicting the history of racist portrayals of African Americans in American popular culture. The mission of the Jim Crow Museum is to use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice.

### **Virtual Open House: Valentine Connections**

*Sunday, February 14, 2021, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Do you have a special Valentine personal story to share? Virtually we hope to highlight them. We'll also see and consider 1930s children's Valentine's day cards through today's perspectives.

### **Virtual Annual Meeting & Vernors Presentation**

*Saturday, January 30, 2021, 10 am, Zoom meeting*

Join us virtually for a brief annual meeting with a Vernors presentation by collector Tim Pawl.

### **Virtual Open House: Traditional Ice Harvesting**

*Sunday, January 10, 2021, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Virtually we'll highlight traditional local ice harvesting and view video of traditional horse drawn ice harvesting.

### **VIRTUAL - The Night Before Christmas Collection Open House**

*Sunday, December 13, 2020, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Virtually join local collector Cathy Hasse who will share her collection of 150 editions of The Night Before Christmas books, highlighting their unique features. She will discuss some of her favorite editions, what inspired her collection and where she found some of the more special volumes.

### **VIRTUAL - Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7 pm, Zoom meeting*

Learn about safe (virtual and socially distanced) opportunities to volunteer for GWBHS. Help to preserve local history and add to our digital online archive - from short-term to long-term commitments. No charge.

### **VIRTUAL - D-Day: The Most Important Day in 2,000 years**

*Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 7 pm, WB Parks Zoom*

June 6, 1944 is arguably the most important single day in western history for the past 2000 years. Failure of the Normandy landings could have resulted in a very different world than we know today. Historian James Craft virtually details these difficulties, losses, and successes in a compelling presentation.

### **VIRTUAL - 19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote**

*Sunday, November 8, 2020, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Virtually celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote with historian Barb Frye. Hear about local historian, painter and activist Lillian Drake Avery who worked with the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society in early 20th century. Her efforts in indexing and cataloging the OCPHS library and historical collection continue to serve the residents of Oakland County to this day.

### **VIRTUAL - History Outdoors: Wayside Exhibits Presentation**

*Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7 pm, WB Parks Zoom*

Take a virtual tour with Cory Taylor as she highlights over 25 outdoor exhibit panels in greater West Bloomfield. Maps are available online: [gwbhs.org/education/wayside-exhibits](http://gwbhs.org/education/wayside-exhibits). Program offered in collaboration with West Bloomfield Parks.

### **VIRTUAL - Great Black Women of Detroit Presentation**

*NEW DATE Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7-8:30 pm, WB Parks Zoom*

We're still celebrating the Centennial of the Women's Right to Vote, 1919-2019. Join us virtually as Jamon Jordan, of Black Scroll Network History & Tours, shares stories of the Great Black Women in Detroit's history, including the Underground Railroad, Civil Rights Movement, Labor Movement, and more. Program offered in collaboration with West Bloomfield Parks. See the WB Parks mini-Summer Guide for details and registration.

### **VIRTUAL Strategic Planning Meeting #3 of 3**

*Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 7 pm, Zoom meeting*

GWBHS members and the community are invited to GWBHS virtual strategic planning sessions (this is the final session). Returning facilitator Brian Golden will lead the meetings. Help us consider the future, brainstorm, and choose strategies that best serve the GWBHS Mission Statement. What will be our needs in 5-10 years? What might be possible? "Our 2005, 2010, and 2015 strategy sessions resulted in a number of new initiatives," said GWBHS President Gina Gregory. "We hope to hear from members and the community for their perspectives."

### **VIRTUAL - Roosevelt School 100th Anniversary Open House**

*Sunday, October 11, 2020, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Built in 1920, this facility is thought to be the oldest operating Michigan public school in an original building! Roosevelt School is in Keego Harbor and is now included in West Bloomfield School District. This virtual presentation shares some of the school's 100 year history through video and museum artifacts.

### **VIRTUAL Strategic Planning Meeting #2 of 3**

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 7 pm, Zoom meeting*

GWBHS members and the community are invited to GWBHS virtual strategic planning sessions (final session will be October 14). Returning facilitator Brian Golden will lead the meetings. Help us consider the future, brainstorm, and choose strategies that best serve the GWBHS Mission Statement. What will be our needs in 5-10 years? What might be possible? "Our 2005, 2010, and 2015 strategy sessions resulted in a number of new initiatives," said GWBHS President Gina Gregory. "We hope to hear from members and the community for their perspectives."

### **VIRTUAL Strategic Planning Meeting #1 of 3**

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 7 pm, Zoom meeting*

GWBHS members and the community are invited to GWBHS virtual strategic planning sessions (other sessions will be September 30 and October 14). Returning facilitator Brian Golden will lead the meetings. Help us consider the future,



brainstorm, and choose strategies that best serve the GWBHS Mission Statement. What will be our needs in 5-10 years? What might be possible?

“Our 2005, 2010, and 2015 strategy sessions resulted in a number of new initiatives,” said GWBHS President Gina Gregory. “We hope to hear from members and the community for their perspectives.”

### **VIRTUAL - The 1877 History of Oakland County Presentation**

*Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 7 pm*

*Registration with West Bloomfield Parks*

In March 2020 Oakland County celebrated its 200th birthday. Virtually join James Craft, Oakland County Historical Commissioner as he looks at Oakland County History, published in 1877, and discusses its background, content and value as historical literature. Program offered in collaboration with West Bloomfield Parks.

### **VIRTUAL - Apple Island: 50th anniversary of WBSD Ownership Open House**

*Sunday, September 13, 2020, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Virtually celebrate Apple Island's 50th anniversary of WBSD ownership with island historian Christy Forhan sharing stories, artifacts, and images.

### **VIRTUAL - Classic Cars Open House**

*Sunday, August 9, 2020, 1 pm, Zoom meeting*

Are you interested in seeing and learning about locally collected classic cars? Historian Rob Gregory shares the story of Walter Flanders, an early automobile entrepreneur who summered in West Bloomfield.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Bus Tour: Then & Now - Our Four Communities (1820-2020)**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at WB Parks - Recreation Activities Center has been cancelled.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Presentation: Then & Now - Our Four Communities (1820-2020)**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at WB Library Main Meeting Room has been cancelled.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Spring Nature Walk**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary has been cancelled.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Historic Tax Rolls Open House**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2020 at Orchard Lake Museum has been cancelled.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Rosie the Riveter Presentation**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at West Bloomfield Library has been cancelled.

### **\*\*EVENT CANCELLED\*\* Traditional Maple Sugaring & Pancake Breakfast**

Unfortunately, this event that was scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Orchard Lake Schools has been cancelled.

### **1976 Tornado Open House**

*Sunday, March 8, 2020, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the F4 tornado that damaged dozens of West Bloomfield homes and businesses on March 20, 1976. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10 am, 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. No charge.

### **The Antislavery and Underground Railroad in West Bloomfield, 1850 – 1865**

*Sunday, February 16, 2020, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Professor Rochelle E. Danquah will discuss the history of the Underground Railroad movement in West Bloomfield and surrounding communities in Oakland County, 1850 – 1865. She will also examine West Bloomfield Township residents' roles during this era of social injustice. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **Vintage Valentines Open House**

*Sunday, February 9, 2020, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Valentine cards reflect the times, through popular themes, poetry, humor, art and cultural values. Come and see a collection of 1930's Valentines and experience nearly 100-year-old love stories. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting & Better Made in Michigan Presentation**

*Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10 am - noon, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting with a presentation by Karen Dybis exploring the salty history of Detroit's best chip. For many, Detroit is the crunch capital of the world. More than forty local chip companies once fed the Motor City's never-ending appetite for salty snacks. Only Better Made remains. \$15 brunch ticket donation. Make brunch reservations by January 20. RSVP to: [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.

### **Curling Premiered Here Open House**

*Sunday, January 12, 2020, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Curling has very local history: it premiered in the United States on Orchard Lake in the winter of 1831-32. A Detroit Curling Club representative will speak. Learn about a West Bloomfield curling Olympian, see curling exhibits, and lift curling stones. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Sinterklaas is Jarig! Belgian & Dutch Holiday Traditions Open House**

*Sunday, December 8, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Sinterklaas is Jarig! Who was St. Nicholas? Why does he visit Belgian and Dutch children on Dec. 6 and his helper is not an elf? When did this tradition come to the U.S.? Learn about the history and traditions of St. Nick, cookie boards, wooden shoes, and music. Temporary and permanent exhibits that interpret local area history and culture will also be available. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **WWII Whitfield School Letters Open House**

*Sunday, November 10, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See and learn the story of Sylvan Lake WWII correspondences with Whitfield School principal Mr. Glenn Husted and his former students. Other military memorabilia exhibited. We encourage you to come share your military history! Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

### **Dr. Harold A. Furlong: Humanitarian and MI's only official WWI Medal of Honor Recipient**

*Sunday, November 3, 2019, 2 pm, West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room*

Dr. Harold A. Furlong was Michigan's only official World War I Medal of Honor recipient. After World War I Harold Furlong became a prominent Pontiac doctor and a promoter of the arts. He and his wife, Frances, established the Pontiac Creative Arts Center in the old Pontiac Library building. Dr. Furlong was a great humanitarian who put service above self as his gift to mankind through military service, medicine, and the arts. Historian Larry Hathcock will tell the life story of Dr. Harold A. Furlong. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **SOLD OUT - Black History Tour of Midtown**

*Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 9:45 am - 3:30 pm, WB Parks Activities Center*

Board the bus for a trip to Midtown Detroit. The history of Midtown (Brush Park, Sugar Hill, Cultural Center, and New Center) is connected to the historic Detroit Black neighborhoods of Black Bottom and Paradise Valley and was an integral part of Black life in Detroit. Join Jamon Jordan of Black Scroll Network History & Tours to gain insight about the history of Midtown, including: influential people, churches, hotels, hospitals, entertainment, and much more.

Please note: Lunch at Garden Theatre – The Block will be at your own expense. This trip involves a lot of walking. Participants will get on and off the bus and the guide will speak at various locations in Midtown Detroit. See the WB Parks Fall 2019 Activities Guide for details and registration.

### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 20, 2019, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac 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.

### **Native American Stone Tools Open House**

*Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about and see artifacts from a Native American stone tools collection. Collection spanning from the early archaic period (7800-9500 years old) to the late woodland period (approximately 400 years ago). Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

### **Petticoat Surgeon: The Extraordinary Life of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen**

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room*

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote, author Maureen Thalmann tells the extraordinary life story of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen. Bertha's life story includes many firsts, international recognition, an abiding love of family and a commitment to advance and improve the lives of women. Maureen's book will be available for sale and signing. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **45th Anniversary Open House**

*Sunday, September 8, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy ice cream floats, the music of 1974, and some old-fashioned fun for all ages at Orchard Lake Museum. Ongoing activities from 1-4 pm: arcade games, archaeological activities, farm chores course, History Mysteries, lawn games, vintage clothing photo op, Soda Fountain

2:30 Green School Bell Unveiling, Josh & Roy Show [www.joshandroyshow.com](http://www.joshandroyshow.com)

\$2 per person, Free for GWBHS and Time Travelers members.

### **Vintage Cars Open House**

*Sunday, August 11, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Interested in seeing and learning about vintage cars? View an exhibit about early auto entrepreneur Walter Flanders, who summered in West Bloomfield. All are welcome to bring vintage cars for a showcase in the parking lot. Includes Carriages to Cars 20-minute presentation at 2 pm & 3 pm (During the late 1800's the Pontiac Carriage Industry experienced tremendous growth and achieved a national presence. This industry developed into over 30 motor vehicle companies, most significant were GM Truck and Pontiac Motors. Restoring a 1901 Pontiac built carriage uncovers this fascinating and forgotten piece of our history). Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

### **Historic Inn at 97 Winder Tour & Tea**

*Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 12:15 - 3:30 pm, Recreation Activities Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road*

Board the bus for a trip back in time to the Brush Park mansion, once home to John Harvey (an affluent pharmacist) and his wife Jessie (daughter of Caroline Linn and Colin Campbell, who once owned Orchard Lake's Apple Island). This

11,000-square-foot residence was built for the Harveys in 1887 and retains many of the original details and finishes. Today it is a luxury boutique hotel. Join historian and descendant Catherine Cangany, PhD for a guided house tour and complimentary tea in the front parlor. Inn has stairs and is not accessible. See the WB Parks Summer Guide for details and registration or click here to register online.

### **Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show**

*Saturday, July 27, 2019, 10 am - 6 pm, and Sunday July 28, 2019, 10 am - 5 pm, Daley Road*

Visit the show and stop by the GWBHS table sponsored by West Bloomfield Township. Society merchandise is available for purchase.

### **Meet your Senator: A Conversation with Jim Runestad**

*Friday, July 19, 2019, from 10–11:30am, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

State Senator Runestad will share information on current issues and legislation and welcomes constituents' thoughts, opinions, and ideas to take back to Lansing, where he represents Michigan's 15th Senate District.

### **Sleeping Beauty Spinning Wheel Open House**

*Sunday, July 14, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Would pricking a finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel really cause Sleeping Beauty to fall into a deep sleep? See a Great Wheel demonstration and learn the history behind the fairy tale and spinning wheels. Read Sleeping Beauty books and see parts of the film. Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

### **Apple Island Tours**

*Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10 am-3:30 pm (with a bus driver break from 12:30 - 1 pm)*

*Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Self-paced, guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$20 adult ticket donation, \$10 child 5-12 years ticket donation (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members ticket donation. Bus transportation provided by West Bloomfield Parks. More information here.

### **Apple Island National Register of Historic Places Celebration**

*Friday, June 7, 2019, 10 am*

*Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society and the West Bloomfield School District invite you to join our community in celebrating the history of Apple Island and its recent listing in the National Register of Historic Places! An RSVP to [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871 is appreciated but not required.

### **Apple Island Docent Training**

*Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 7 pm, 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, June 5 to Gina 248.622.7570. No charge.

### **National Trails Day Walk**

*Saturday, June 1, 2019, 8:30 - 11 am, 7601 Walnut Lake Road*

Celebrate National Trails Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail's scenic and historic rail-to-trail path. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum. Walkers meet at Walnut Creek Middle School to sign in and receive their free t-shirt. Visit [wbparks.org](http://wbparks.org) for more information.

Sponsored with WB Parks. No charge.

### **Join the Memorial Day Parade(s)**

*Monday, May 27, 2019, 9 am - noon*

Walk, bike or drive your vintage car in the Monday Memorial Day parades! To participate contact us at: [contact@gwbhs.org](mailto:contact@gwbhs.org) or 248.757.2451.

### **Greater West Bloomfield MI Week Community Awards Breakfast**

*Friday, May 17, 2019, 7 am*

Attend the breakfast highlighting community volunteerism. GWBHS supports the event as a Copper Sponsor.

### **Paper Doll Cut-outs Open House**

*Sunday, May 12, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Karen Pushie and Brian Pushie share their Mother's extensive 1920-2010s paper cut-out doll collection. Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. No charge.

### **History of Summer Camps in West Bloomfield, 1910-1960s**

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room*

Learn about the Detroit Free Press Fresh Air Camp on Sylvan Lake, GFS Holiday House on Pine Lake, the Protestant Children's Home Camp Tinega which served Detroit children. Historians Helen Jane Peters and John and Patricia Hartwig share their camp involvement stories. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Lace Museum and Mill Race Village trip with WB Parks**

*Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 9 am - 3:15 pm, depart from West Bloomfield Recreation Activities Center*

Join GWBHS and WB Parks for a trip to The Lace Museum and historic Mill Race Village, in Northville. The Lace Museum features a visual feast of treasures – from a 19th-century Edwardian wedding gown made of Belgian lace to an orange Victorian walking dress. The curator, Mary Salmon, opened the museum to honor the unsung makers behind the intricate handcraft. The 1,000 square foot space curates collars, tablecloths and assorted American and European lace. An additional stop includes a docent-led walking tour of the historic Mill Race Village. Please note: all buildings are

handicapped accessible. Lunch is included at Tirami Su. See the WB Parks Winter 2019 Activities Guide or this link for details and registration.

### **Spring Nature Walk**

*Sunday, April 21, 2019, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink and Herbalist Jen Green in discovering the hidden gems and healing herbs in the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

### **Lace Through the Ages**

*Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Mary Salmon shares her love of antique handmade lace with a presentation of Lace Through the Ages. Mary is the Curator of THE LACE MUSEUM Detroit, located in Northville, which hosts both permanent and rotating exhibits of handmade antique lace and fashion. Mary recently returned from the Lace Congress in Bruges Belgium and will have on display various styles of 19th Century Belgian Lace, as well as Irish Crochet Lace and Italian Needlelace. Available for purchase will be handmade lace sachets, Edwardian table linens, Victorian lace trims, buttons, beaded purses, cards, and smaller gifts with a lace motif. All proceeds benefit the Lace Museum. Mary is a member of the International Organization of Lace Inc., Kantcentrum Bruges Belgium, and Great Lakes Lace Group Inc. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library and WB Parks. No charge.

### **Ohio/MI Border Dispute: A WBSD Finalist Project from MI History Day Open House**

*Sunday, April 14, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See what this dispute was all about in the award winning exhibit describing the conflict that almost caused a war. Student Jacquelyn Foreman led the WBSD team to national finals for the 2018 MI History Day by the Historical Society of Michigan. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **1818 Expedition into Oakland County**

*Sunday, March 24, 2019, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

In 1818, a group of men traveled northwesterly from Detroit to confirm or dispel reports that Oakland County was a swampland, unworthy of settlement. Hear why this expedition took place; how they named our lakes; and what they reported. Presented by John Marshall, an 1818 Expedition Into Oakland County committee member. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Motorcities Heritage Wayside Exhibits Open House**

*Sunday, March 10, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Twenty-five outdoor exhibits share our interesting local history. Small versions of these signs are exhibited. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Traditional Maple Sugaring & Pancake Breakfast**

*Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 12, 1, or 2 pm, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Road*

Celebrate early spring with a sap to syrup demonstration over an open fire and then enjoy a hot pancake breakfast. Featuring local Native American storyteller Genot Picor. \$8 per person. 45 minute outdoors. Registration required. Please visit [wbparcs.org/maplesugaring](http://wbparcs.org/maplesugaring) or call WBP at 248.451.1900 today!. Offered in partnership with the West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Commission, the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society, and the Copperhead Craft Guild.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 2, 2019, 10 am, 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. No charge.

### **A Time of Terror: The Black Legion & Deadly Racism in Detroit, 1920-30s**

*Sunday, February 17, 2019, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

During the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan was revived and became a powerful institution in Michigan, including Detroit. During the 1930s, their violent stepchild, the Black Legion was born, and they left a trail of murders throughout the state. Please come and hear historian Jamon Jordan as he discusses the history of these two violent white supremacist organizations during their height of influence in Detroit. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **Indoor Games Open House**

*Sunday, February 10, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

What games were played inside historically? Come play: Shoot the Moon, Jacks, Tiddly-Winks, and Native American Skill Game. Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting & Donut Dolly Vietnam Presentation**

*Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10 am - noon*

*Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting with presentation by Joann Puffer Kotcher, one of the first women allowed in a Vietnam combat zone. She helped staff recreation centers as an American Red Cross Donut Dolly. \$15 brunch ticket donation. Make brunch reservations by January 21. RSVP to: [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.

### **Ice Harvesting Open House**

*Sunday, January 13, 2019, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Prior to modern day refrigerators, ice was the only means to keep our perishable groceries cold and fresh. The area lakes provided not only local residents and businesses ice for refrigeration, but much of the ice was loaded on trains/cars and shipped to Detroit for the meat processing industry. Ron Hanson shares his family's ice cutting saw and photos of the saws being used on Orchard Lake and Pine Lake. Try cutting a block of ice and make an ice cone! Temporary and permanent exhibits interpret local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.



### **Vintage Wooden Toys Open House**

*Sunday, December 9, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy our vintage wooden toy collection, along with other vintage toys, this holiday season. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Centennial of "Detroit's Own Polar Bears" Military Intervention in Russia**

*Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

The "Polar Bears" of the US Army's American North Russia Expeditionary Force (ANREF) were sent to North Russia in Sept. 1918 by President Wilson to participate in the Allied Intervention in the Russian Civil War. Many of their battles with the Bolshevik Red Army were fought after the Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918. Learn about the reasons for the intervention, how they survived the harsh conditions while fighting on enemy soil and how public pressure eventually brought them home. The presentation will also include maps, contemporary photos, as well as recent photos taken at some of the battlefronts. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Military Memorabilia Open House**

*Sunday, November 11, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Do you have military memorabilia to share during the Open House? We will exhibit some World War I relics and welcome anyone to bring in their military memorabilia from any time period. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 14, 2018, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac 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.

### **1817: Finding Oakland County Open House**

*Sunday, October 14, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the 1817 West Bloomfield Township Survey with Helen Jane Peters, which measured and marked the boundaries of the 25 townships in Oakland County and its significance to the settling of the area. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Pine Lake Cemetery Tour**

*\*\*\*time updated\*\*\* Saturday, October 13, 2018, 11 am - 1 pm, Northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Road*

Learn about the deceased buried at Pine Lake Cemetery. Docents at gravesites will explain the lives of sports figures, founding residents, and prominent people now at rest in this historical setting. A \$5 donation is requested. Optional restaurant gathering afterwards. For more information, call 248-757-2451. Weather permitting; no rain date scheduled.

### **Carriages to Cars**

*Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Mike West illustrates the rise and fall of the carriage industry, the beginning of motor vehicle manufacturing, and the reminders that can be still be seen today. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **One-Room Schoolhouse Open House**

*Sunday, September 9, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Ray Lucas shares research about one-room schoolhouses in Oakland County, with plot maps dating back to 1872, with over 40 photos of schoolhouses that are still in existence. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Vintage Cars Open House**

*Sunday, August 12, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Interested in seeing and learning about vintage cars? View an exhibit about early auto entrepreneur Walter Flanders, who summered in West Bloomfield. All are welcome to bring vintage cars for a showcase in the parking lot. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Orchard Lake Fine Art Show**

*Saturday, July 28, 2018, 10 am - 6 pm & Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10 am - 5 pm, Powers and Daly Roads, West Bloomfield*

GWBHS is participating in the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show. Visit our table to purchase some beautiful pieces!

### **Appreciation Reception**

*Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6-8 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Members, supporters, & volunteers are invited for refreshments to this GWBHS appreciation reception. Complimentary drawing ticket included for choice of multiple prizes. RSVP by July 9 to [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871.

### **Orchard Lake Museum Open House**

*Sunday, July 8, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Apple Island Tours**

**Note: the tours have been canceled for Saturday, June 9 due to inclement weather. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

*Saturday, June 9, & Sunday, June 10, 2018, 10 am-3:30 pm*

*(bus/boat drivers take a break from 12:30 - 1:00)*

*Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Self-paced guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$20 adult ticket donation, \$10 child 5-12 years ticket donation (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members ticket donation. Partnered with West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

### **Apple Island Docent Training**

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### **Join the Memorial Day Parade(s)**

*Monday, May 28, 2018, 9 am - noon*

Walk, bike or drive your vintage car in the Monday Memorial Day parades! To participate contact us at: [contact@gwbhs.org](mailto:contact@gwbhs.org) or 248.757.2451.

### **Early Irons Open House**

*Sunday, May 13, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Roberta Cassell shares her collection of over 50 old and unusual pressing irons, with exhibits. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Guided Group Tour Visit at Chaldean Cultural Center**

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 7 pm, Chaldean Cultural Center, 5600 Walnut Lake Road*

Come take a guided group tour and visit the Chaldean Museum, which is part of the Chaldean Cultural Center. Experience 5000 years of Chaldean history, including 5 galleries, exhibits, artifacts, immersive environments, and interactives to help tell the Chaldean story. No charge; donations will be accepted.

### **Spring Nature Walk**

*DATE CHANGED Sunday, April 29, 2018, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers. Sponsored with Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

### **Apple Island Research Update**

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Apple Island researchers Dr. David Brose and Mark Hooch, PhD. candidate, will share their findings on island use by early Native American and 20th century summer vacationers, respectively. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Michigan Military Academy Open House**

*Sunday, April 8, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

The Michigan Military Academy (MMA) was an all-boys military prep school, built on the shores of Orchard Lake. It was founded in 1877 by Captain J. Sumner Rogers and closed in 1908. See our collection of MMA photos. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **From Hastings to Home: An Introduction to Detroit's Early Jewish History**

*Sunday, March 25, 2018, 2 pm, West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

The presentation begins in the 1760s with the arrival of the first Jewish settlers in Detroit and follows the movement of the community, up to the 1950s. Using slides and film, the narration includes explorations of the obstacles and opportunities the Jewish community faced and mounted, why they came to the area and where they settled. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **West Bloomfield Tornado Open House**

*Sunday, March 11, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the F4 tornado that damaged dozens of West Bloomfield homes and businesses on March 20, 1976. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10 am, 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. No charge.

### **Tuskegee Airmen: Flying for Freedom**

*Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7 pm, West Bloomfield Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Macon-Thomas-West Bloomfield Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.'s President, Maj. William (Bill) Burnett, (Ret), will discuss the personal stories and fading memories of some of the remaining Tuskegee Airmen - African American pilots, mechanics, and servicemen who served valiantly in World War II - only to return home to a beloved country that yet refused to treat them as equals. Clips from "Flying For Freedom: Untold Stories of the Tuskegee Airmen" will be shown. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Vintage Valentines Open House**

*Sunday, February 11, 2018, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Valentine cards reflect the times, through popular themes, poetry, humor, art and cultural values. Come and see a collection of 1930's Valentines and experience nearly 100-year-old love stories. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting & Pontiac Asylum Presentation**

*Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10 am - noon, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting. Bruce Annett presents Pontiac Asylum, discussing how in 1878 one of the nation's foremost hospitals served patients with mental illness, most recently known as the Clinton Valley Center; was a city within a city, imbued with the optimism and exuberance of an America celebrating its centennial. It is the story of how enterprise, stewardship, and innovation created 19th century Oakland County's first non-agricultural "economic engine." \$15 brunch ticket donation. Make brunch reservations by January 24 by clicking "Add to Cart" below, [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org), or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.[content\_block id=9248 slug=annual-meeting-2018]

### **Nutcrackers Open House**

*Sunday, December 10, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See a selection of nutcracker-themed music boxes and snowglobes. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **World War II Letters Open House**

*Sunday, November 12, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

In 1942, Mr. Glenn Husted, Whitfield School Principal, began writing to his former students who were serving in World War II around the world. As the servicemen and women wrote back to him, he shared their stories. He saved each letter. All but eight of the original letters were returned to the families. The Open House features these letters and their stories.

Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Italian Evening**

*Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 6 pm, Gino's Restaurant side room, 1999 Cass Lake Road*

Enjoy Gino Santia's personally prepared gourmet Italian dinner with homemade wine. Travelogues. Limited seating for 40 with \$50 donation tickets available at [gwbhs.org/events](http://gwbhs.org/events). Proceeds support GWBHS.

### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 15, 2017, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

### **Treasures in the Trunk Sale & Open House**

*Sunday, October 8, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Trunk sale in the museum parking lot. GWBHS fundraiser. To rent space, contact Sue, [sue@gwbhs.org](mailto:sue@gwbhs.org) or 248.757.2451. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Aromatherapy History**

*Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Kirsten Douglass shares the history of essential oil use and their many benefits. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Quilts Open House**

*Sunday, September 10, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

So many quilts, so little time. Learn about the history of quilting, including the Harger history, and see beautiful local quilts. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Vintage Cars Open House**

*Sunday, August 13, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Interested in seeing and learning about vintage cars? Featuring exhibit boards on Model T and Flanders cars, along with a wealth of information about vintage cars. All are welcome to bring vintage cars for a showcase in the parking lot. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Orchard Lake Fine Art Show**

*Saturday, July 29, 2017, 10 am - 6 pm, & Sunday, July 30, 2017, 10 am - 5 pm, West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road*

GWBHS is participating in the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show. Visit our table to purchase some beautiful pieces!

### **Appreciation Reception**

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 6-8 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Members, supporters, and volunteers are invited for refreshments to this GWBHS appreciation reception. Complimentary drawing ticket included for choice of multiple prizes. RSVP by July 10 to [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871.

### **Michigan Logging Open House**

*Sunday, July 9, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

As a booming industry, this open house looks at Early Michigan Logging Equipment. Focusing on some early tools recovered from Michigan logging camps, such as saws, axes, and pulling and horse equipment. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Lake Archaeology Open House**

*Sunday, June 11, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Local lakes have claimed many treasures throughout our history. Come see some long, lost treasure that has resurfaced through the efforts of local residents: jewelry, historical tokens, tools, an array of interesting bottles, lanterns, artifacts. What else is buried underwater? Find out at our March Open House. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10 am, 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. No charge.

### **National Trails Day Walk**

*Saturday, June 3, 2017, 8:30-11 am, Walnut Lake Road entrance of WB Trail*

Celebrate National Trails Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail's 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 Parks and Recreation Brochure for more information. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. No charge.

### **Join the Memorial Day Parade(s)**

*Monday, May 29, 2017, 9 am - noon, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake*

Walk or bike in the Monday Memorial Day parades! Or bring your vintage car! To participate, contact DuAnne, 248.683.1542 or duannesonneville@hotmail.com.

### **Apple Island Tours**

**All tours have been CANCELLED for SUNDAY, MAY 21 due to thunderstorms.** *Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21, 2017, 10 am - 3:30 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Self-paced guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is last departure. \$15 adult ticket donation, \$10 child (5-12 years, no kids under 5) ticket donation.

### **Apple Island Docent Training**

*Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7 pm, 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 16 to Gina 248.622.7570. No charge.

### **Farmington Junction: A Trolley History**

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Local historian Brian Golden explores the interurban, a light-rail system which ran from downtown Detroit, through Farmington, and then to Pontiac. Sponsored with the West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **Spring Nature Walk**

*Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers. Sponsored with Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary. No charge.

### **Iraq to West Bloomfield**

*NEW DATE: Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Salma M. Ajo, PhD, shares her life experiences growing up in Iraq during the 1950s-60s and her life in West Bloomfield. No charge.

### **Lake Life: History of Our Local Lakes - Open House**

*Sunday, April 9, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Information and artifacts about Cass, Sylvan and Orchard Lakes will be displayed and shared by Open House hosts. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **March Open House**

*Sunday, March 12, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10 am, 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. No charge.

### **History of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion**

*Sunday, February 26, 2017, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Historian and Lecturer Jamon Jordan looks at Detroit racial history, noting the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Rebellion. No charge.

### **Indoor Games Open House**

*Sunday, February 12, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Play indoor games: Shoot the Moon, Jacks, Tiddly-Winks, and Native American Skill Game. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting & This Place Matters Presentation**

*Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10 am - noon, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting and This Place Matters presentation by Ron Campbell. \$15 includes brunch. Reservations by January 24 at [www.gwbhs.org/events](http://www.gwbhs.org/events), [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge. Parking: enter from Commerce Road and park in the first west parking lot, close to this year's dining room.

### **Ice Harvesting Open House**

*Sunday, January 8, 2017, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Prior to modern day refrigerators, ice was the only means to keep our perishable groceries cold and fresh. The area lakes provided not only local residents and businesses ice for refrigeration, but much of the ice was loaded on trains/cars and shipped to Detroit for the meat processing industry. Ron Hanson shares his family's ice cutting saw and photos of the saws being used on Orchard Lake and Pine Lake. Permanent exhibits will be featured interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER - Open House with a Nutcracker Theme**

*Sunday, December 11, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

See a selection of nutcracker-themed music boxes and snowglobes. Experience permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.



### **Military Memorabilia Open House**

*Sunday, November 13, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Do you have military memorabilia to share during the Open House? We will exhibit some World War II relics and welcome anyone to bring in their military memorabilia from any time period. Also featured will be permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with City of Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

### **Antique Saws Open House**

*Sunday, October 9, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Come and see an extensive collection of antique saws dating back to 1890 that was started by Jerry McManus in 1976 in Iosco County (the Tawas area). That area is rich in lumbering history and a beautiful part of Michigan. A friendship formed with Neil Thornton, whose family used to own The Tawas Herald and the Oscoda Press, and the antique saw collection's history came to life. Come learn a wealth of information about antique saws, and also experience some permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Pine Lake Cemetery Tour**

*Saturday, October 8, 2016, 10 - 11:30 am, northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Roads*

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.

### **Kit Homes in Michigan**

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Join Sears kit homeowners and enthusiasts Andrew and Wendy Mutch as they explore the fascinating history of kit and catalog homes. Learn about Michigan's role in the kit house industry and see examples from vintage catalogs. See a photographic tour of the many kit homes located in West Bloomfield area communities. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Edible Wild Plants Open House**

*Sunday, September 11, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the edible or medicinal plants that grow wild, perhaps right in your backyard. Come and see what Jim Cherfoli has found this year. Also featured will be permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Pleasant Lake Improvement Association History Open House**

*Sunday, August 14, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

The Lake Improvement Association (LIA) was a summer cottage community started by Eastern European Jewish Immigrant families looking for a quiet place to spend the summers away from the city. Each member had an unobstructed view of the lake, and a similarly sized lot to bring out or build a cottage on. This year they celebrate their 75th anniversary. Come learn more about the LIA's history at our August Open House. Also featured will be permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Appreciation Reception**

*Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 6 - 8 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Members and volunteers are invited for refreshments to this GWBHS appreciation reception. Complimentary drawing ticket included for choice of multiple prizes.

### **Antique Kitchenware Open House**

*Sunday, July 10, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Imagine what food preparation tools would have been used in the kitchen in the late 1800s. See a original collection from our presenter, Gwynne Cherfoli, and her Iowa family with kitchen tools over 100 years old. Also featured will be permanent exhibits interpreting local area history and culture. Hands-on activities. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, June 11, 2016, 10 am, 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. 2017 events are being planned now! No charge.

### **National Trails Day Walk**

*Saturday, June 4, 2016, 8:30 - 11 am, Walnut Lake Road entrance of WB Trail*

Celebrate National Trail's Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail's 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 Parks and Recreation Brochure for more info. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. No charge.

### **Join Us In a Memorial Day Parade**

*Monday, May 30, 2016, 9 am - noon, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake*

Walk or bike in the Monday Memorial Day parades! Or bring your vintage car! Contact us to participate.

### **Apple Island Tours**

*Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22, 2016, 11 am - 5 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Semi-guided tours of Apple Island. First come, first served. No reservations. 3:30 p.m. is the last departure. \$15 adults, \$10 children 5-12 years (no kids under 5). \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members. Sponsored with West Bloomfield School District, West Bloomfield Library, City of Orchard Lake and Orchard Lake Schools.

### **Docent Training**

*Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 7 pm, 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 17 to Gina, [gina@gwbhs.org](mailto:gina@gwbhs.org) or 248.622.7570.

### **History LIVES in Grandma's Button Basket**

*Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Michigan Button Society garment fastener collector-historian Chris Parham shares her buttons and extensive knowledge. Q&A. Bring your family buttons for identification and care suggestions. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **Spring Nature Walk**

*Sunday, April 17, 2016, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers. Sponsored with City of Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

### **April Open House: Our School History**

*Sunday, April 10, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Our School History is a project of Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society to document the history of West Bloomfield School District. Project Chair, Christy Forhan, will share what she has learned during her research to create school history panels for each of the district's schools. No charge.

### **Celebrating Our School History with West Bloomfield Schools**

*Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 7 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Celebrate the unveiling of each of the West Bloomfield Schools historical information exhibit panels with WBSD. Brief presentation. Sponsored with West Bloomfield School District and West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

### **March Open House: West Bloomfield Tornado 40th Anniversary**

*Sunday, March 13, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the F4 tornado that damaged dozens of West Bloomfield homes and businesses on March 20, 1976. No charge.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10 am, 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. Learn about Apple Island Tours volunteer opportunities.

### **The History of African Americans in the US Marine Corps**

*Sunday, February 28, 2016, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

The Montford Point Detachment, a Detroit-based, nonprofit veterans' organization with the first African Americans to serve the Corps, share their history. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **February Open House: Vintage Valentines**

*Sunday, February 14, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Valentine cards reflect the times, through popular themes, poetry, humor, art and cultural values. Come and see a collection of 1930's Valentines and experience nearly 100-year-old love stories. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting and Presentation: Historic Photos of the Area**

*Saturday, January 30, 2016 10 am - noon, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15*

Annual meeting and photo presentation of 1900s West Bloomfield area by Dave Walls. \$15 includes brunch. Reservations by January 26 at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org), [rsvp@gwbhs.org](mailto:rsvp@gwbhs.org) or 248.518.0871. Call with questions. No charge for annual meeting only.

### **January Open House: Sylvan Lake Inn and the Pewabic Pottery Connection**

*Sunday, January 10, 2016, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about how the Sylvan Lake Inn, designed by William Stratton in 1893, is connected to Pewabic Pottery (Mary Chase Perry Stratton). This interesting connection and the vast history of this building, now the Sylvan Lake Community Center, will be explored at the GWBHS January open house. No charge.

### **December Open House with Spinning Demonstrations**

*Sunday, December 13, 2015, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

You are invited to hear docent DuAnne Sonnevillie talk about spinning. Besides a brief history, she will demonstrate how to turn sheep's wool into yarn using a drop spindle, a Saxony wheel, and GWBHS's recent addition, the Bryce Wheel. You will also learn many other things associated with this craft, including the original meaning of the many words, phrases, and adages that started as part of the lexicon of spinning. No charge.

### **November Open House**

*Sunday, November 8, 2015, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Enjoy Orchard Lake Museum's temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Speaker Gina Gregory will share her great-uncle's mementos from World War I. See the photos, souvenirs, personal notes and songs of a soldier from the Army 321 Supply Company unit from his time in France, as the war ended (1918-19). No charge.

### **Autumn Nature Walk**

*Sunday, October 18, 2015, 2 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Find for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore autumn seasonal beauty. Sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary and Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

### **Michigan Military Academy Morning**

*Saturday, October 10, 2015, 9 am - noon, St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, Commerce Road*

MMA author Brian Bohnett and St. Mary's historians, Marcin Chumiecki and JJ Przewozniak, share their perspectives and recently found artifacts from the 1880-1905 military prep school, known as the "West Point of the West." Event includes brunch, presentations, artifacts exhibits, and MMA focused guided campus tours. \$15 per person.

### **Vintage Fashions**

*Saturday, September 19, 2015, 1-3 pm, Recreation Activities Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road*

The Questers historical organization volunteers model elegant authentic 1860-1940's garments. You'll gain awareness of what it was like to dress during the Victorian era and why fashions changed so dramatically during the 1900's. \$10 per person includes refreshments.

### **Archaeology for Adults**

*Saturday, August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015, 9 am - noon, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Detroit Center of Public Archaeology offers in-depth learning about archaeology in your community; the convergence of archaeology and historic preservation; including visits to archaeological sites. Up to 18 adults, ages 14+. 1:10 ratio. \$50 per person.

### **Archaeology for Tweens**

*Saturday, July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2015, 1-4 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Learn about the science of archaeology through hands-on, interactive projects, outdoor activities, and visits to a local laboratory and an archaeological site with Detroit Center of Public Archaeology. Up to 18 students, ages 10-13. 1:6 ratio. \$40 per person.

### **National Trail Day Walk**

*Saturday, June 6, 2015, 8:30-11 am, Park at Walnut Creek Middle School, 7601 Walnut Lake Rd.; shuttle returns you to your car.*

Celebrate National Trail Day by walking the West Bloomfield Trail from Walnut Lake Road, along the historic rail-to-trail path, to Sylvan Manor Park. Step off the trail to the Orchard Lake Museum for refreshments. See Pathways for more information. No charge.

### **Apple Island Tours**

*Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17, 2015, 11 am - 5 pm, Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Guided tours of Apple Island. First come first served. No reservations. Last departure at 3:30 p.m. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Schools. \$15 adults, \$10 children 5-12 years. \$5 GWBHS and Time Travelers members.

### **Docent Training**

*Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 7 pm, 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.

### **Spring Nature Walk**

*Sunday, April 19, 2015, 2-3 pm, Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers.

Sponsored with Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

### **Apple Island Spring Forum**

*Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7-9 pm, Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road*

Anthropologist LouAnn Wurst, Ph.D., shares 2014 Western Michigan University Apple Island Archaeological Dig Project findings and MI and National Register of Historic Places designation progress. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Schools. \$5 donation.

### **Dear Friend, A Romance Through Words**

*Sunday, March 29, 2015, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Journalist Hildred Corbett recounts the 1913-1914 correspondence courtship of her grandparents and how this became a book. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **Heart Basket Class**

*Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10 am -12:30 pm & 1 - 3:30 pm, Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road*

Participants will make an 8" reed heart basket with professional crafter DuAnne Sonnevile and learn techniques involved in making a spoked basket. Class size limited to eight. \$20 includes materials.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Meeting**

*Saturday, March 7, 2015, 10 am, 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 and Vintage Fashions.

### **The Underground Railroad Michigan Connection**

*Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2 pm, WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road*

Former Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne highlights southern fugitive slaves and the Michigan abolitionists and free Blacks that assisted them via the Underground Railroad. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Library. No charge.

### **Annual Meeting and Presentation: Farmington Junction - A Trolley History**

*Saturday, January 31, 2015, 10 am - 12 pm, St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, Commerce Road*

Annual meeting and presentation by historian Brian Golden about the Detroit United Railway interurban system. \$15, includes brunch.

