

## Upcoming Events:

Sept 6-9:  
Oct 13:  
Oct 25:  
Mar 16:

G.O.D.  
Cemetery Walk  
Plastics - History and What's Next  
Historic Tea



# The Historian

## Living History Cemetery Walk

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**1:00-3:00 P.M.**



Watch history come to life at the City of Richmond Cemetery! Visitors will be escorted through the cemetery by tour guides, Max and Sandy Leunser, who will stop at five sites where some of Richmond's historical figures will come to life.

Portrayed by local talent, each character will spend a few minutes sharing information and telling stories about their character's life and life in Richmond. Period costumes worn by the portrayers will further heighten the experience with an aura of authenticity.

This year's walk will feature the following people:

**Lieut Cyrel Hicks(1836-1876)** portrayed by Dr. Pat McClellan

**Simon Heath(1840-1910)and wife Annis Beebe Heath(1945-1933)**-portrayed by Rich Weinert and Pattie Papuga

**Albert Lindke(1886-1972) and Rena Fanning(1889-1985)**-portrayed by Tom Clark and Sarah Lee

**Sarah Lutes,(1908-1999)** daughter of Charles Lutes portrayed by Mary Ellen Shepherd-Logan

**Mabel Fuller(1898-1978)**- "The Fuller House"- portrayed by Lucia Marshall

All sites will be tented with chairs available for sitting. There will be golf cart transportation for those who need assistance.

**Advance ticket purchase suggested:**

(time slots fill quickly)

**Contact Dianne Gibson 586-727- 7755**

Visit us any Thursday at The Village  
9:00-12:00

36045 Park St. Richmond, MI

\$15.00 (age 5 and under free)

Walking Tour: Every half hour

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& CREMATION SERVICES

For more information contact:  
Mary Ellen at 586-808-2953

The event is designed to be educational, and the Society takes every precaution to be respectful of the final resting places of Richmond residents.

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# President's Corner



## Good Old Days: Our Sponsors and Useful Parking Information

Please join me in thanking the following local businesses who are supporting RAHGS during Good Old Days Weekend:

Dr. Julie Cichoracki Family Dentistry:	Sponsor, 2018 Strawberry Shortcake Social
Shepherd Sales and Service:	Sponsor, 2018 Stuff Sale Tent
Kaatz Funeral Home:	Sponsor, 2018 Stuff Sale Tent

Their support means that all of the money raised by our activities is 100% profit. Let's show them our appreciation by supporting their business and mentioning their generous donation to RAHGS.

We were pleased to have Good Old Days Committee Chair and RAHGS member Matt Rix attend the RAHGS regular Board Meeting on August 6th. We talked with him about our activities for the Good Old Days Festival weekend, and Matt talked to us about the opportunities, challenges and the expenses of running the Festival. We shared ideas of how we can work together for a great weekend event.

Beginning this year, parking at the Village will be limited during the Good Old Days weekend. The new City lot (crushed asphalt) on Beebe Street is reserved for overflow parking of the tractor show, so naturally that is unavailable to us. We may be able to fit enough spaces for about 4-5 cars near the Stone Street on the Barn side of Park Street against the tall shrubs. Park Street will be closed from Stone St. to Beebe St. (as it has been every year), so there is no parking in front of the Village.

If you are working at the Village as a volunteer, docent, demonstrator, please consider parking off site if you are able. Tom Hebel will have a golf cart (with an official G.O.D. permit!) to use as he shuttles our workers to and from their cars. You may park at Rich Weinert's house at 70007 North Main, or at my house at 35351 Ridge. Just give Tom a call and he will deliver you to the Village and return you to your car when you are ready. That's easy! We think it is a good option for many of our members. You can find both Tom's and Rich's cell phone numbers on the front of this newsletter.

Thank you to Ken and Sue Simmons for the RAHGS luncheon. Sue's salads were the perfect fare for mid-August gathering of members who learned about the future plans for the Historical Society. Ken's information on the past and his discussion of ways everyone can become involved were well received. Thank you Rich Weinert for sharing with everyone our vision, and thank you Mary Ellen for lending your technical expertise and for your rousing cheerleading speech.

Happy Labor Day, Good Old Days, Back to School, and Columbus Day.

Christine



## Donations

DAVID VILLEME  
*Barn Donation*

CHARLOTTE WARD  
*Barn Donation*

FRAN PLAGENS  
*In memory of Betty Clausen*

ERIC GORDON  
*Barn Donation*

DR. JULIE CICHORAKI  
*Sponsor of Strawberry Social*

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*Sponsor of Stuff Sale Tent*

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REWALT-PESHEK  
FUNERAL HOME  
*Sponsor 2018 Cemetery Walk*

HAMILTON BICYCLES  
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## Acquisitions

GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
ARITHMETIC BOOK:  
*Ken Simmons*

POTATO PLANTER  
*Robert Kohlhagen*

HARNESS VISE  
*Joe Maranzano*

CRAFTSMAN BLOW TORCH  
*Elmer Villeme*

SURGE MILKING MACHINE  
*Ward Farms*

PHYSICIAN'S HANDY BOOK  
OF THERAPEUTICS  
*Dr. McClellan*

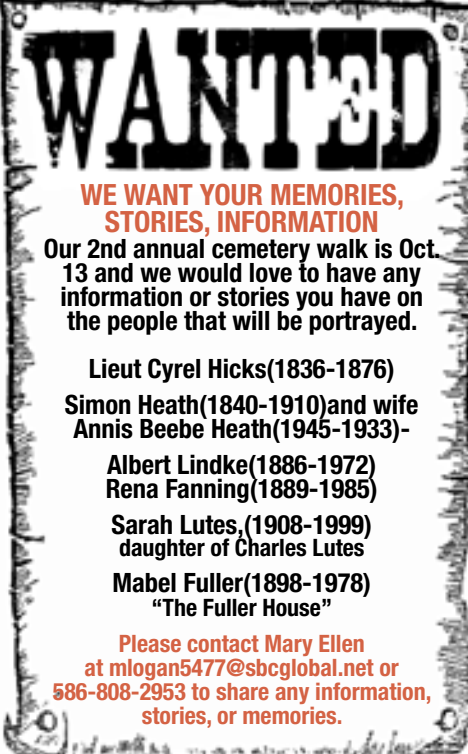
## Correction:

In the July/August issue of the Historian, the items listed as acquisitions from the Richmond DPW was incorrect. Those items were donated to the Society by George Fealko. Our apologies.

## Recent Brick Orders

Garden Grove Park Condos  
in memory of Glen Faligowski

Andrew Priestap  
In honor of Weeks and Priestap Families



**WANTED**

**WE WANT YOUR MEMORIES, STORIES, INFORMATION**

Our 2nd annual cemetery walk is Oct. 13 and we would love to have any information or stories you have on the people that will be portrayed.

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586-808-2953 to share any information,  
stories, or memories.



"Plastics-The History and What's Next" presented by Bill Ward, a research and environmentalist scientist.

Thursday, Oct.25, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

Do you really know what's in those plastic bottles?

## In Memoriam

Mary Elizabeth Hirt Weisheit: 1940—2018. "Mary Beth," daughter of Karl and Marie Hirt, died after an extended illness. She grew up in Richmond and graduated from RHS in 1958. She was a teacher for 42 years in the Walled Lake District. Her full obituary can be found at Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, MI.



Andrew Borkowski:  
Don Graham:  
George St. Onge:

Columbus, MI  
Lenox, MI  
Richmond, MI



# NORM'S PROJECT REPORT



## BARN UPDATE

The Amish have finished the barn's construction. We are currently getting it ready to paint. If the rainy weather holds off we will have paint on the barn before Labor Day. The Thursday afternoon work crew has volunteered to do the painting along with some other volunteers.

**Make A \$125 Donation To The Historic Barn Project And Receive A Historic Richmond Picture Framed In Wood From The Old Barn.**



## PULLEYS RESTORED

We restored these two pulleys that were donated by Marty Borkowski. We disassembled them, sandblasted and painted the metal parts, and greased the bearings. The lettering on both sides of the red pulley took many hours to do. We are planning to use these pulleys with the hay lift in our barn.



## BEAN SEPARATOR RESTORATION

This bean separator has been in the collection for a long time. This design was patented in 1902. Beans were put into the hopper and the worker would use the foot treadle to move a conveyor belt carrying beans towards him. Any unsatisfactory beans or other material would be put into the side trays. The good beans would fall into a funnel that fed them into a basket or bucket.

The base on this machine was very wobbly and it was missing the discard trays. We took the base apart and re-glued it. Two new trays were built using photos found on the internet as a guide.



## PORTABLE FORGE RESTORATION

We have had this portable forge, circa 1900, in the collection for a long time. It didn't work properly. The ratchet assembly would hang up, the blower fan rattled, and the leather drive belt was about ready to come apart. We fixed the cause of the hang up, adjusted the bearings which cured the fan rattle, and replaced the leather belt. It now functions very well. We will be able to demonstrate some basic blacksmithing to our visitors. Do we have any blacksmiths?

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## PEDAL GRINDER RESTORATION

Sean Buckert demonstrating the restored pedal grinder by sharpening a scythe blade. Almost all of the parts for this grinder had to be rebuilt by our Thursday afternoon restoration crew. This machine will make a great demonstration for our visitors.



## HARNESS MAKER VISE

This is a harness makers' vise (also known as saddle maker's vise when used for that purpose). The harness maker presses his right foot down on the lever and the jaws clamp the piece of leather, freeing up both hands so that he can sew or trim.

This vise was donated by Joe Maranzano. The joints were very loose and it was wobbly as a result. We took it apart and re-glued the joints. It has had some parts replaced over the years and there is some paint on it. We gave it a good coat of linseed oil to help condition the dried out wood.



## DISCARDED TRASH CANS RESTORED FOR HISTORIC VILLAGE

At RAHGS we even restore trash cans. When the City of Richmond acquired new cans, the old ones were offered to us at no cost, so naturally we took them. Tom dismantled them, had the iron work on them sandblasted and painted. He stained the boards, and then reassembled the cans. Now we have four

new-like trash receptacles around the Historic Village. And they look mighty sharp! Thank you, Tom.



# Don't Miss A RAHGS Event!

## Here's What's Happening

### Good Old Days

Sept. 7,8,9, 2018

- **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SOCIAL AND MUM SALE**

DAILY NOON-DUSK

- **VINTAGE AND MORE- "THE STUFF SALE"**  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 9:00-5:00  
SUNDAY 11:00-5:00

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**DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS:** Woodcarving, Lace Making, Rope Making, Corn Husking **ALL BUILDINGS OPEN**

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Richmond Community Center 36164 Festival Dr.  
Richmond

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### 7th Annual Historic Tea



**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Be prepared to enjoy a lively presentation that will most likely awaken pleasant memories from the past and learn how aprons serve as a billboard of the times in history. Expect to see up to 100 aprons ranging from the late 1800s to the present day.

Doors open: 1:00 pm  
Serving: 2:00 pm  
English Tea, Scones, Scrumptious Tea  
Sandwiches, Delicious Assorted Homemade Sweets  
Exceptional Raffle, Apron Contest, Prizes

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY:**

For ticket information and an opportunity to set a table, **contact Christine Rowley 810-392-0261**



# The VILLAGE GARDENER

Marsha Phillips



Where has the summer gone??? It has flown by way to fast. Some of the Garden Centers have mums for sale already. RAHGS will have mums for sale again this year at the Village during the Good Old Days! Make sure you come by and purchase yours.

July 28th, Saturday, was our 3rd Garden Walk at the Historic Village. It was a perfect day. The sun was shining and the weather was just gorgeous. The date for the Garden Walk was planned to coincide with the Richmond City Wide Garage Sales. This was perfect because there were a lot of people walking by to get to the sales on Beebe Street.

We were open from 10 am till noon. Many people came through and enjoyed our buildings and gardens!

Special "Thanks" to everyone who helped in the buildings and gardens!!

After four years of planting flowers that encourage a butterfly habitat, the Village has first Monarch caterpillar on our milkweed. I am proud to introduce this newest RAHGS member to all of you. Stop in and say hello.

Happy Gardening!  
Marsha



## Thank you, Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home

The banner that you will soon see hanging across Main Street advertising for the Society's Cemetery Walk is made possible by the generous donation from Trent Peshek of Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home in Richmond. The donation from this business enables us to not only buy the banner, but also covers the cost of printing flyers, posters, and signs, and it provides refreshments for the day of the walk.

The walk is Saturday October 13th. See the flyer on the front page of this newsletter for the details.



## **Our mission statement :**

- To share with others the legacy left us by our forefathers, the migrants from the East and the immigrants from Europe, who with foresight and conviction built a better future for themselves and their children, and for the generations that followed.
- To honor and remember those who cleared the land, grew the crops, educated the young, and to pay homage to those who fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for something they believed in.
- To encourage our community leaders to preserve the few historical building remaining today.
- To provide assistance to those who turn to us for help in finding their roots.



The general membership meetings/programs, which are open to the public, are held throughout the year. The Historic Village is open during Winter Festival, on Log Cabin Day, during Good Old Days, Thursday morning work bees, special events, and by special appointment. Watch the newsletter, the website, and Facebook for dates, times, and program information.

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