



The Journal



Society Has Great Year in 2012!



The Historical Village was visited by a Model A tour this September.

The Chesterfield Historical Society had many activities in 2012. On June 9 and 10, the **Ste. Claire Voyageurs** had a campout in the village for the second year in a row. The Voyageurs illustrate how the original settlers in this area arrived and how they lived after settling in the area.

On August 11 and 12, also coming to the historical village for the second year in a row, was the **Civil War Re-Enactors**. With 150th year anniversaries of many of the milestones of the Civil War forthcoming, it is always educational to see the re-enactors present one of the iconic wars of our nation.

The annual **Harvest Dinner** was held on October 25 at Zuccaro's Banquet Center on Gratiot in Chesterfield. Wyatt Hood of One-A-Chord Music Store and Eddie entertained with guitar and vocals, and there were auctions and door prizes.

The society will be conducting its annual **Poinsettia Sale** again. Christmas wreaths and poinsettias are on sale now. Six inch pot single stem, 7 inch pot double stem, 8 inch pot triple stem, 10 inch pot quadruple stem, 12 or 14 inch fresh pine wreaths with pinecones and 10 inch hanging basket of greens are available. Bulk orders available for churches and orders of 15 or more. Contact Dolly Allemon at 586-465-0780 or email dallemon15@att.net to order or for more information.

Chesterfield Township will hold its annual **Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. Dec. 7** at the township offices.

The schoolhouse will be open, refreshments will be served, and holiday songs will be sung!

Civil War Re-enactors



New Shed in the Village



The Historical Village of Chesterfield Township saw lots of activity in 2012. On the previous page are pictures from the Civil War Re-enactment held in the village on August 11 and 12. Many of the battles and political events of the American Civil War have their 150-year anniversaries in the next few years. The above pictures are of the new shed built in the historical village to house the many antiques and artifacts the historical society has accumulated. We are happy for all the donations we have been receiving. In the picture below is pictured a wedding in the Weller School in the Historical Village on August 18.

Wedding in the Village



Model As in the Village





The Chesterfield Township Historical Society presents

Winter Schedule 2013

Little Bit of History

Free History Programs at the Chesterfield Twp. Public Library on the first Thursday of the month. Programs start at 6:30 pm and end around 7:30 pm.

Please call (586) 598-4900 and let us know you are coming to give us an idea on how many to expect.

On **January 3, 2013**, the Little Bit of History presenter will be Alan Naldrett, talking about the progress on the New Baltimore history book he is working on with Bob Mack and Richard Gonyeau. He will be illustrating the presentation with rare and interesting photos of early New Baltimore. (They are still able to accept a few more photos, so if you have an interesting photo of early New Baltimore you think deserves to be included in the history book, please bring it to the library to have it scanned. You will be given the picture back right away.)

On **February 7, 2013**, Gene Buel will discuss the Marine City history book he wrote with his grandson Scott. A lifelong resident of Marine City, Mr. Buel has been with the Marine City Rotary over 40 years and has been involved with other major Marine City history projects. He and his grandson Scott, who inherited his grandfather's love of history, also maintain the website *Scenes from the Past*.

On **March 7, 2013**, Cindy Sue Donahue, historian of Macomb County, will present on the *Bath Houses of Mt. Clemens*. She will explain how around 1873, mineral waters were discovered in Mt. Clemens. Because of the reputed healing powers of the water, many bath houses sprung up around the city, causing Mt. Clemens to be known as *Bath City USA*. Many celebrities of the day came to Mt. Clemens to take advantage of the mineral baths, including Babe Ruth, Clark Gable, Mae West, and Jack Dempsey.

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

MAY 08, 2013, WEDNESDAY

17TH Annual Pasta Dinner, 5:30 - 7:30, held at the Chesterfield Twp. Senior Center, catered by Mark Miller - Culinary Expressions. Includes two pastas, salad, bread and homemade desserts. Tickets are a donation of \$10.00 and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Treasurer's Office or from any member.

JUNE 8 & 9, 2013, SATURDAY 10:00 - 5:00 SUNDAY 10:00 - 4:00

We will host the **Ste. Clair Voyageurs**, French Fur Trade re-enactors, 1750 era, in a living history re-enactment on the Village green, to help promote the learning and understanding of the Great Lakes fur trade era. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is requested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

JUNE 30, 2013, SUNDAY - MICHIGAN LOG CABIN DAY and the BAY-RAMA PARADE

The log cabin will be open from 1:00 - 4:00 for Log Cabin Day. We will have our float, an exact replica of our one room school house, in the Bay-Rama Parade in New Baltimore at 1:00.

JULY 14, 2013, SUNDAY, 1:00 - 3:00

The village will be open for touring.

AUGUST 10 & 11, 2013, SATURDAY 10:00 - 5:00, SUNDAY 10:00 - 5:00

We will host the 15th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and the 8th Arkansas Infantry. The re-enactors will participate in a living history encampment, including battle skirmishes and cannon firings. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is requested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2013, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:30 - 3:30 HERITAGE DAY

There will be pony rides, donkey petting games and crafts for the children, horse shoeing, music, craft demonstrations, candle making, antique engine drag sawing and corn grinding, classic and antique cars. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is requested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

OCTOBER ??, 2013, THURSDAY (Exact day will be announced)

Harvest Dinner at Zuccaro's Banquet Center 46601 N. Gratiot, 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., dinner served at 6:15. Entertainment, live auction, silent auction and door prizes. Tickets are a donation of \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Township Treasurer's Office or from any member.

POINSETTIA SALE - ONGOING

For information contact Dolly Allemon at 586-465-0780 or dallemon15@att.net

The Ste. Claire Voyageurs



The lac Ste. Claire Voyageurs held an encampment at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village for the second year in a row on June 9 and 10.

Their reenactment of the days of the French fur traders in our area is a very accurate depiction of what life was like for many of our ancestors.

French settlers first arrived in the Michigan area in the early 1700s as Cadillac settled Detroit in 1701. One of the earliest settlers was Pierre Yax, who had one of the first land grants in the area of Chesterfield and New Baltimore. The French settlers had their own settlement at the peninsula where the Salt River connects with Lake St. Clair. Called *La Saline*, this settlement was also known as the *Salt River Settlement*.



The Ste. Claire Voyageurs have been holding encampments in the Macomb County area for over 16 years. Through their study of the ways of our French ancestors, they re-create the experience in their encampments, which have been held not only in the Historical Village of Chesterfield, but also in Richmond, and Sanilac. Their main encampment is the last weekend of August in Lake St. Clair Metropolitan Beach.)



Becoming a re-enactor has become a popular past-time for many people. The Voyageurs demonstrate craft skills, cooking as it was done back in the day, blacksmithing, candle and soap making and many other arts of the French voyageur and their families are reenacted. Other illustrations of the French Voyageur lifestyle include canoe, firearms, and bow and arrow demonstrations. The Voyageurs are very meticulous and knowledgeable in their depiction of the early French fur era.



Harvest Dinner 2012



General Announcements

Website: www.chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org

The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society's meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and are open to everyone! They take place at the Senior Center at the Chesterfield Township Office Complex, 47275 Sugar Bush Rd. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served. 50/50 drawings conclude the meetings.

Reminder: No meetings are held in January, February, or March.

Our Facebook page is under

[Chesterfield Historical Society of Michigan.](#)

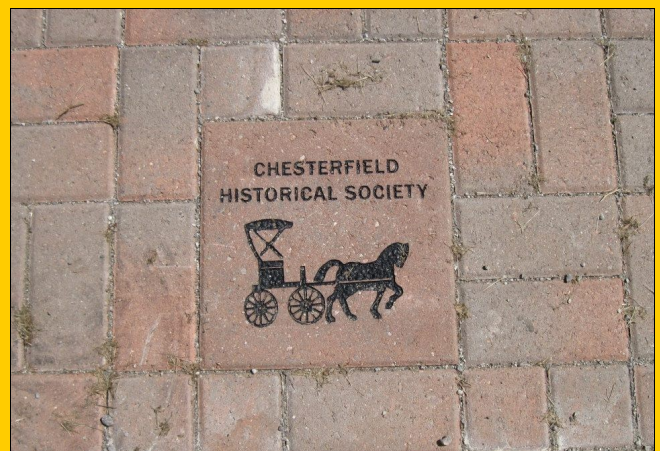
Our e-mail addresses are chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com and/or

royfrivard@yahoo.com

Tracy Antrikin is looking for photos of the May 8, 1963 Chesterfield Tornado. If you have any please contact her at tracyant11@comcast.net. She will scan the photo and then return it.

Brick Pavers

The fall order of engraved bricks is in place in the walk and we are now taking orders for the spring. They are \$ 50.00 for a 4 x 8 brick, and they make GREAT Christmas and Birthday gifts, as well as memorials.



Membership Types and Annual Dues

Student \$5.00

Individual \$15.00

Family \$25.00

Business/Organization \$30.00

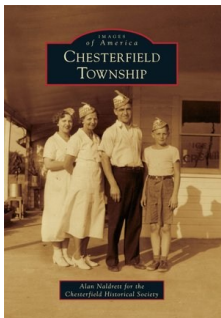
Individual Life \$100.00

Family Life \$150.00

*Membership expires one year from when first paid.
You do not need to be a member to attend meetings.*



At the New Baltimore History Fair, Sept. 2012



*Photos in this issue by Tracy Antrikin,
Duane Vosburg, Brenda Rivard, Roy
Rivard, & Alan Naldrett.*



Images of America: Chesterfield Township, a history of Chesterfield Township, is available at the Chesterfield Twp. Public Library, the Chesterfield Treasurer's Office, and also at historical society events. Purchasing at one of these locations benefits the historical society. Also available is George Furton's book "*Can't Keep My Feet on the Ground*" about growing up in Chesterfield Township.



Christmas in the Village

Don't forget-Chesterfield Township will hold its annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at 7 pm, Dec. 7 at the township offices. The Weller Schoolhouse will be open with refreshments and other holiday cheer!

