



The Journal

2012 Events

Wednesday, May 16, Pasta Dinner

Saturday & Sunday June 9 & 10, Ste. Claire Voyageurs Encampment

Sunday, June 24, Log Cabin Day & Bay Rama Parade

Sunday, July 8, Historical Village open

Saturday & Sunday, August 11 & 12, Civil War Encampment

Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16, Heritage Days

October-Harvest Dinner TBA

November-December, Ongoing Poinsettia Sales

Friday, December 7-Township Tree Lighting Ceremony

Other events include:

Saturday, April 28-Heritage Alliance in Richmond

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22-New Baltimore History Fair

In Memoriam



George Deeby

1953-2011



John Powers

1937-2011

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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 of the Chesterfield Township Office Complex, 47275 Sugarbush Rd. at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served. And 50/50 drawings conclude each meeting.

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Chesterfield Historical Society of Michigan

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Ste. Claire Voyageurs Encampment

These are photos from last year's encampment. This year's will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10.



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Civil War Encampment

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Obituaries



George Deeby (on right) and family

John Powers was not only the curator for the Chesterfield Historical Society, he was a member of the Michigan Transit Museum, as well as the owner of a classic Ford Model A and the member of antique car clubs as well. Many of the classic car people at our events were there at John's invitation. John's friendly smile and demeanor as well as his expertise in many subjects will long be missed at our events that he was always there to lend a hand for.



John Powers



*John's Model A.
Photo by Duane Vosburg.*

A generous man, always willing to lend a hand to support groups and people in his community, **George Deeby** had numerous admirers and a family that he adored and likewise. He had just become a first time father at the age of 57. George, 58, of Chesterfield Township, passed away on Aug. 22, following a two-year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Roula, and 15-month-old son, George Joseph Deeby Jr. His parents, Thomas and Eleanor Deeby; brothers Thomas A. Deeby, Charles Deeby, and the late John; sisters, Mary (Gerhard) Michler, Gloria (Gary Tandberg) Deeby and sister in-law Julia Deeby.

Deeby was the manager of Tom's Mini Mart in Chesterfield Township, a business he owned and operated for many years alongside his parents. It's a place where many in the community came to know the Deebys as just a wonderful, hardworking and giving family.

"They are just a fantastic family, I'll tell you," said Chesterfield Township Clerk, Jan Uglis. "They are always giving back and if anyone is in dire straits they are always there to help them out."

Deeby was a former trustee on the Chesterfield Township Historical Society board and a member of the township planning commission.

The street leading into the historic village in the township is named "Deeby Historical Drive" to honor George and his family's generosity to the community.

"He's going to be missed as a longtime member of the group and a good friend to the historical society," said society President Eileen Rivard. "And he will be missed as a friend of ours, too."

"Always eager to help out, whether it be in the form of hands-on projects or donations, the Deeby family, George in particular, was extremely loyal to the historical society."

"We could always count on George and his family, they've just really done a lot for us over the years," Rivard said. George was largely responsible for the blacksmith and cobbler shops being added to the historical village.

(This is largely reprinted from the excellent obituary in the Voice by Barb Pendleton).

Society Updates



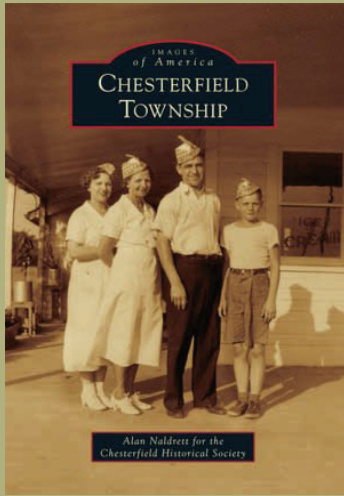
Miss Chesterfield 2011, Jennifer Jean Gerlando and court member, Lindsay Beltowski, outside of the schoolhouse.



The pedestrian bridge leading to the historical village made it easy to park and walk.



Roy and Duane.



On July 4, 2012, the *Images of America: Chesterfield Township* came out. Copies purchased from the Chesterfield Twp. Public Library, the Chesterfield Treasurer's Office, or Preston Auto benefit the historical society.



The Chesterfield Twp., New Baltimore, and New Haven/Lenox Historical Societies sponsored the 2011 Heritage Alliance meeting of Macomb County historical societies.

Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society 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.



Leo and Virginia Furton at the New Baltimore Historical Society History Fair.

Harvest Dinner 2011



The society once again held successful pasta and harvest dinners in 2011.



Photos by Brenda Rivard

Other Events

Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Home-schooled children of Chesterfield Township visited the Historical Village November 14, 2011. Many dressed in period clothes and the society provided bonnets for the girls. They had class in the Weller School, learned about blacksmithing, and patrolled the grounds of the Historical Village. Photo courtesy of Chesterfield Patch.

Heritage Days

Heritage Days in September drew a nice crowd to the Historical Village.



Kathy and Brenda making candles.



Photo by Brenda Rivard

Little Bit of History



Dr. Patrick McLennan of Richmond gave a presentation on medicine in the 1800s.



Karl Mark Pall talked about currency in Macomb County.

Programs take place on the first Thursday of the month in the Conference Room of the Chesterfield Public Library at 50560 Patricia St. near 23 Mile and Gratiot.

Programs start at 6:30 p.m. and generally last until 7:15-7:30 p.m.



Mary Hortos gave a presentation on nursing in Macomb County.

March 1-W.R. Davis will present his book, *The St. Clair River*. As the book says, "This photographic record of the St. Clair River relates the common historical experiences of the major communities along the American side of the waterway--from south to north, the St. Clair Flats, Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair, Marysville, and Port Huron."

April 5-Acclaimed historian Bill Krul will give a program titled *Putting Flesh on the Bones*, about writing your family story with an eye on history and the events that formed their lives.

May 5-Alan Naldrett will give a presentation on the History of the Village of New Haven. From the Power House that served as a movie theatre on the weekend to the restoral of the 1850s train depot, Chesterfield's closest neighbor New Haven has an abundance of interesting history.

June 7-Ron Rorah, will discuss the Ste. Claire Voyageurs, prior to their Chesterfield Township Encampment in the Historical Village on June 9 and 10.

July 5-Bill and Cherie Allen will discuss their latest book, *Macomb County Civil War Footprints*.

August 2-Hilary Davis will discuss her book *Images of America: Shelby Township*.

September 13-Norm Gibson and Lori Nye will discuss their book *Images of America: Richmond*.

October 4-Rich Gonyeau will talk about the various spirits and ghost stories connected with the New Baltimore/Chesterfield vicinity.