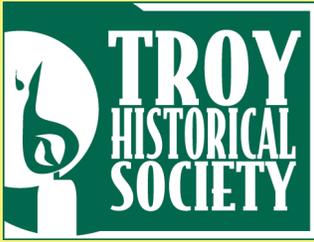


*Museum Employee
Paul Collins runs the
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Village Print Shop
sometime in the 1980s.*



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*Enjoy your seasonal
Village Press!*

New Master Plan Approved!

Through 2022 and 2023 The City of Troy has been working with the Troy Historical Society and OHM Advisors on a new Village Master Plan. With input from the staff, the board, volunteers, visitors, neighbors, community members, and the City of Troy, we've developed a plan that will work towards increasing visibility and parking, improving visitor flow and underutilized spaces, and incorporate a new visitor center. Though we do not have a specific timeline for any of these projects, the Master Plan will serve as a guide when resources become available and projects can be accomplished. The new Master Plan is posted to the website at <https://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/troy-historical-society/> or look to the next edition of the Village Press for more information!

Grant Awards

This fall we received a \$16,500 Operational Support Grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant supports all the Village programs and is primarily applied to staff and artists' salaries.

We also received a \$6,500 Community Partners Program Grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts to support our 2023 Indigenous Voices Program. This grant enabled us to bring Native American partners from across the state to provide a robust and exciting program to all Troy Public Schools 5th graders!

The Michigan Nonprofit Relief Fund, a collaborative fund of the Michigan Nonprofit Association and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Troy Historical Society. These grants went to non-profits across the state that were affected by the pandemic.



Annual Year-End Giving Opportunities

As the Holiday Season approaches, our thoughts turn to making year-end charitable gifts to the organizations whose mission we

believe in. In addition to traditional giving (that check you might put in the mail or drop in a donation box), you may be in the position to give in a way that benefits the organization and saves you on your taxes! Please remember the Troy Historic Society welcomes, needs, and appreciates *all gifts* from our friends and supporters, especially at this special time of the year.

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) that has a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year, you may be able to donate to your favorite charities directly from that account tax free! How does that work? Typically, you would receive IRA distributions directly to your bank account then report them as revenue on your tax return. Out of that revenue you might write checks to your favorite charities. By setting up a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) you send the money *directly* to your favorite organizations and skip the part where you are taxed on it! Up to \$100,000 per year may be donated directly to organizations through a QCD—tax free!

You could make your year-end gift to the Troy Historic Village or any of your other favorite charities and non-profits through this tax-free transfer. It's important to ensure that the charity meets the IRS criteria, so **please consult with a tax professional and your estate planner if you would like to set up a QDC so that you understand and take full advantage of this opportunity.** If you have questions regarding your gift to the Troy Historic Village, you can always contact Sharon Snyder, Community Development Director, at 248.524.3571 or ssnyder@thvmail.org.



Executive Director...

Jen Peters

27,484

With the end of our fiscal year on June 30th comes a flurry of counting and reporting. Our Business Manager Rhonda Wise works to close out the books, complete inventories, and get all the numbers to our Finance Committee and Auditor. Our Youth Programs Director Alex Konieczny combs through the field trips to finalize and review our student and school counts for the year. Our Adult Program Director Stephanie Arwady does the same for all the Teas, Constitution Cafes, Tours, Daily Visitors and more. All three are assisted by other staff because counting all these things is one heck of a job!

And what's the number? An AMAZING 27,484 attendees of Village Programs and Events in 2022-2023!

We saw 12,006 school children, teachers, and chaperones on traditional field trips last year. That's thousands of hands on, immersive learning experiences that helped kids better understand their community and their world. We've had high schoolers and adults come back for programs and volunteering opportunities tell us about the field trip they took years before. We are honored to provide experiences that stick with kids for life and give them some context to history and a broader world.

We've had 3,140 join us for tours, teas, story time, cafes, artisan classes and other programs in the last year. We know that learning never ends and we provide

opportunities for all ages of learners. We provided community events for 9,208 in the past year because our vision is to build a better community through our programs and activities. Other visitors joined us for rentals, healthy community programs, and other activities around the Village!

Many of you have joined us for one or more of these programs, but to truly measure the impact the Village has had, you'll

have to multiply your experience by 100 or even 1000! That's an amazing amount! 27,484 attendees means 27,484 experiences, 27,484 learning opportunities, and 27,484 community building opportunities!

And many of you are also financial supporters of the Village. Not only do you support us with the an annual membership or ticket you purchase, but you give that extra \$10, \$100, or even \$1000 to make sure we can

provide all of those programs for others at a reasonable rate. While we are excited to reach so many people, you should be excited and impressed by such fantastic return on your investment!

With our year-end appeal rolling out, I'm asking for your continued support in small and large ways. First, keep attending our programs! It's what we do and why we exist! Second, consider that additional financial donation. Your \$10, \$100, or \$1000 keeps the programs coming and enables us to build the community we know as the Village.



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Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm

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Admission:

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The Troy Historical Society engages the community and enables life-long exploration of history by sharing and preserving our stories, artifacts, and buildings through creative, meaningful experiences.

THV Print Shop: Where Quoins, Cuts, Dingbats and Words Come to Life

by Mike Imirie, Wordsmith LLC.org

These days, Google lists three full service print shops in Troy. The very *best* print shop, however, isn't mentioned, for it's hidden away on the grounds of Troy Historic Village.

Ever since German goldsmith and inventor Johannes Gutenberg introduced movable type in 1426, the world has been better informed. In all the years and all the places since, printing has been a pervasive tool for both disseminating information and building community, with profound impacts on people around the globe. Recognizing this, THV leaders decided in 1978 to add a print shop to the growing Village community.

But there was a problem; no early Troy print shop existed.

Hmmm... This circumstance called for a savvy solution. For many years, the present day Village grounds hosted Troy's Township Hall, on which was a small, brick workshop for testing water meters and equipment. The Troy Historical Society decided in 1978 to renovate that modest structure as a working Print Shop. It solicited donations of equipment from that trade, and was particularly grateful and pleased when a retired printer in Wolverine Lake donated a circa-1890 Chandler-Price Printing Press.



Transforming the brick water testing station into the Village Print Shop in 1978. THV Archives



Manually powered by a foot peddler, this iconic piece of printing equipment has a treadle, rollers, and two wooden trays on one end. In addition, a counter is mounted on top to inventory the number of finished items in any print run. The old press is capable of printing 500-1000 pieces per hour. With its 19th century industrial look, this machine is formidable! If a single artifact were to represent the printing trade at the turn of the 20th century, this vintage piece would do the job.

Of particular interest in the shop is an invaluable printer's tool called a proof press. Such a press was designed to create early job samples, thereby permitting the printer to check his work before committing to a full run. If there were spelling errors or letters typeset upside down or backwards, such prototype proof press copies would allow the printer to recognize and to remedy. Another antique tool is a 4 foot tall, cast iron printer's paper cutter manufactured by Challenger Machine Company of Chicago. Tall wooden cases of so-called "composing room equipment" house dozens of trays of different type fonts and type sizes. In addition, miscellaneous tools of the trade like quoins (type spacers), quoin keys, cuts (blocks of type adorned with illustration) and dingbats (ornamental type used for borders, separators and decorations) are on display. You might say that

Today the proof press is often used for school programs and an occasional "Wanted" poster.

authentic evidence of the print trade can be found in every corner of this tiny room.

Impressively, the printing equipment in THV's Print Shop is still in operating condition. Like all village print shops of the late 1800s, however, it's geared to limited runs of small jobs like handbills, posters, stationery, business cards and the like. Then as now, larger jobs like newspaper or textbook printing would need to be handled in bigger shops such as were found in cities, not rural townships like yesteryear Troy.

In our country, Ben Franklin was a Founding Father of many talents: inventor, scientist, philanthropist and politician. He was also an accomplished printer, having apprenticed in that trade with his older brother in Boston from the age of 12. Perhaps the most unexpected or subtle item in THV's Print Shop, as it turns out, *reflects* on that accomplished gentleman: an authentic 1952 Ben Franklin half dollar made of pure silver. It's on display in an inconspicuous place here as a modest tribute to that multi-talented Founding Father.

After you've admired the cases, tools, presses and duty aprons within our Print Shop's four walls, pause. Gaze around for a moment. Can you spy that gleaming Ben Franklin artifact?

When you do, you will have enjoyed and appreciated THV's remarkable little Print Shop to the full!



The Print Shop stands ready for the next print job.



Museum Employee Paul Collins runs the Chandler Press in the Village Print Shop sometime in the 1980s.

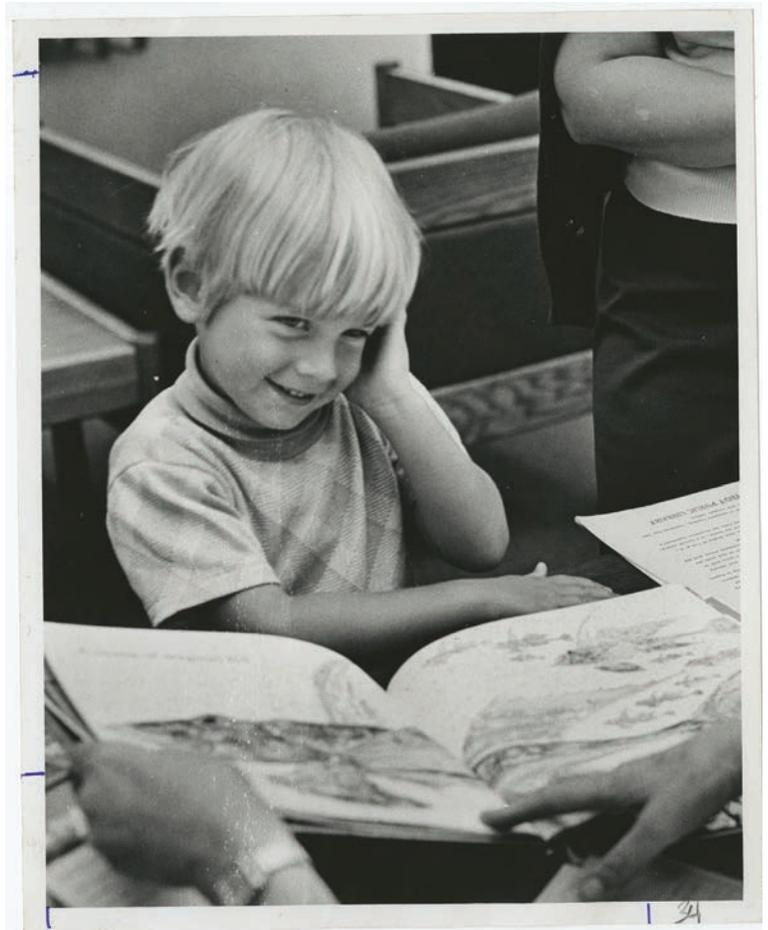


History of the Troy Public Library

by *Olivia Olson, Troy Public Library
Head of Community Engagement*

Troy Public Library users know the Library is a bustling place in our community. Each month, the library sees approximately 30,000 patrons come through the doors and lends out 75,000-90,000 items, making it one of the busiest libraries in our region. Patrons use the Library to study, meet friends, browse books, find some quiet time to read and reflect, attend programs, and more.

Therefore, it may be difficult to believe that when the Library was first founded in September of 1962, the collection consisted of a mere 1,000 books housed in two rooms at Troy High School. Only three years later, residents realized the space was not adequate for the City's growing population, so the Library moved to 61 East Square Lake Road. Two years after that, the expanding collection moved again to 5044 Rochester Road, north of Long Lake.



Bill Thompson reads, 1974. THV Archives

Finally, in 1970, the Troy City Commission voted to construct a new library building at its current location on Civic Center and Big Beaver. On May 16, 1971, the newly constructed Troy Public Library opened its doors for the first time to the public. The entire Library stood in the space occupied by the current Youth area.

Around that time, TPL hired Marguerite Hart, a Detroitier who was passionate about developing library services for the community's young population. As one of her first acts as the new children's librarian, Mrs. Hart wrote letters to dozens and dozens of famous actors, authors, artists, musicians, playwrights, religious figures, librarians, professors, and politicians. She asked them to write to the young people of Troy in honor of the soon-to-be-opened Troy Public Library, and her campaign was successful! Stop by the hallway outside of the current Youth Room to see letters of support from



notable people such as Dr. Seuss, E.B. White, Ronald Reagan, Neil Simon, and many more.

Troy residents have many people to thank for the ever-improving facilities. First and foremost, the Friends of the Troy Public Library acted as advocates from the very beginning. They formed in 1962 to raise funds and collect books, and in 1982, they successfully petitioned the City Council to expand the facility to its current size. To this day, the Friends continue to work tirelessly to raise all of the funds for Library programming through sales in the basement bookshop. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Friends or becoming a member of this historically significant group can visit wpc.friendstpl.org.

By looking at the history of our community Library, we can better understand the history of the City itself. As the population grew, the Library responded by improving facilities, adding to the collection, and responding to the needs of its patrons, a process that continues to this day.

In his Letter to the Children of Troy, novelist and poet Kingsley Amis wrote about the strong relationship between libraries and history. He says, "If you have any interest in what you are, you must know what has made you what you are, and the only way of knowing that is to know history: the history of your nation and of the civilizations that produced it. Then you will understand the present day and the world you live in. Then, in fact, you will be educated. So use your library, remembering that, whatever else you may not have, if you have books you have everything."

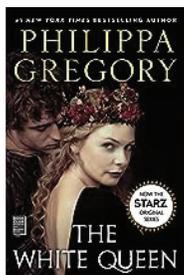


Above, Beth and Gayle Stephenson Reading at the Troy Public Library, 1970. Below, Troy Public Library in the 1970s. THV Archives



Staff Selections

Winter is a great time to curl up with a book! We thought you might enjoy a few selections from the Troy Historic Village Staff.



The White Queen by Philippa Gregory

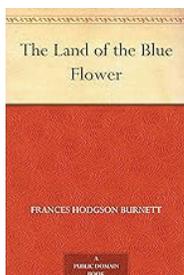
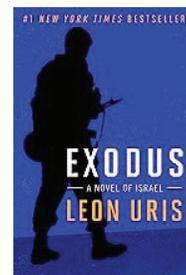
I LOVE good historical fiction! The Philippa Gregory books are well researched and hard to put down. In *The White Queen*, she brings Elizabeth Woodville and Edward IV to life in a way that makes the confusing Wars of the Roses a page turner (warning: several passages might make you blush).

~*Jen Peters*

Exodus by Leon Uris

A tale of Israel including stories of the Holocaust. I first read the book at age 15 which prepared me somewhat for a visit to Dachau, the WWII Concentration Camp. This was a life-changing experience and the book will stay with me forever. I highly recommend Exodus as historical reference.

~*Sharon Snyder*



The Land of the Blue Flower

by Frances Hodgson Burnett

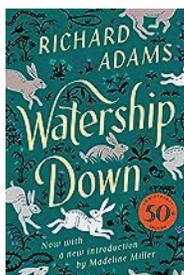
A short fairy tale about a boy who appears destined to inherit a land filled with sorrow, and a wise guardian who teaches him to plant seeds of kindness instead of anger. A beautifully illustrated edition featuring the work of Judith Ann Griffith is worth seeking out if reading with young ones.

~*Elizabeth Thornburg*

The Princes of Ireland: The Dublin Series by Edward Rutherford

Immerse yourself in eleven centuries of Irish history and culture told through the lives of fictional families! You will find me flipping to the front of the book to check a map or compare my family tree, or googling yet another word or event to get even more background information!

~*Carolynn Teufner*



Watership Down by Richard Adams

As a youngster, I enjoyed a few books with animal themes. I would recommend Watership Down for the politics and resourcefulness of rabbits overcoming systems of living that don't suit the protagonists. Adams invents an entire rabbit vocabulary...watch out for the 'hrududu'!

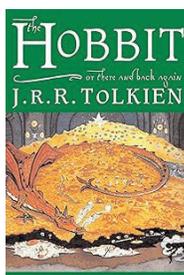
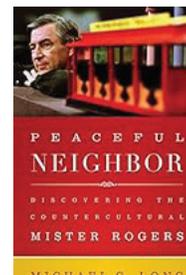
~*Matthew Hackett*

Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers

by Michael G. Long

Fred Rogers was one of my heroes. This book explores how he used his children's TV program to share his values of nonviolence, care for the environment, and unconditional love for all people.

~*Tom Arwady*



The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

The Hobbit balances the dangers and hardships of a trek across a monster-filled landscape to reclaim a homeland and a treasure from a dragon with a charming and lighthearted group of adventurers. Bilbo Baggin's homebody nature and aversion to discomfort makes him a delightful and relatable hero.

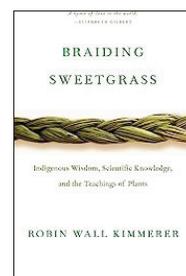
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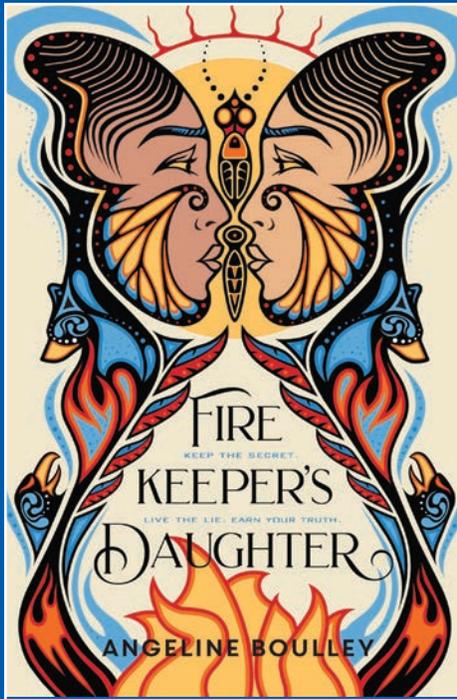
Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Did you know trees reach for each other underground so they can hold hands? By weaving history, biology, current events, and cultural references into each lesson, Kimmerer will have you acknowledging and celebrating our reciprocal relationships with the rest of the living world.

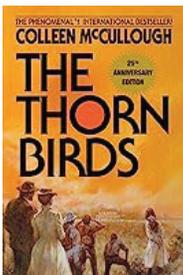
~*Barbara Hubbard*





The Village Joins the 2023-24 Great Michigan Read

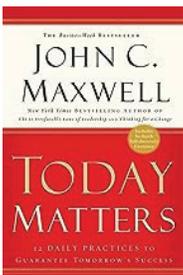
Since 2007, the Michigan Humanities Council has partnered with libraries, schools, book clubs, and museums to spark reading and discussion all over the state with its signature program, the Great Michigan Read. The Village first joined in on the fun over a year ago, offering book discussions, an exhibit, and history talks related to the 2021-22 Great Michigan Read book, *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell. We are excited to partner with MHC again this winter to offer programs related to this year's book, *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Cozy up with a copy of *Firekeeper's Daughter* this winter and join us for book discussions and programs designed to take us beyond the book, too! See page 14 for details.



The Thorn Birds

by Colleen McCullough

A robust and romantic epic saga of an Australian sheep country family in the early 20th century through three generations. For me, the greatest love story of all time! I even named my children after the ones in the novel. No time to read? You'll enjoy the movie just as much! ~Marian Nowosatko



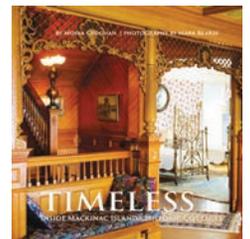
Today Matters by John C. Maxwell

I've read it twice at different times in my life and find it inspiring. I like the stories he uses about different leaders to illustrate his points. I've been able to apply some of his successful habits into my life. I'm still working on others. The book is easy to read and understand. ~Laura Boeberitz

Timeless: Inside Mackinac Island's Historic Cottages

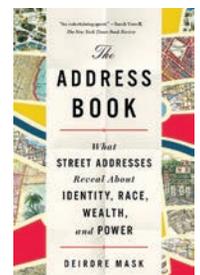
by Moira Croghan

Timeless is a book that showcases the beauty of the island and the beautifully restored homes on the East & West Bluff. On a visit to the island, the book was brought to life on a tour with a very knowledgeable local guide and a chance meeting with one of the cottage owners! ~Michael Nowosatko



The Address Book by Deirdre Mask

Did you know that most of the world's households do not have a street address? Deirdre Mask takes readers through time and around the world to explore how street names and numbers—or a lack of them—affect the people who have lived there. ~Stephanie Arwady



Goodbye, Kmart...

by Mike Imirie, Wordsmith LLC



Late August news releases reported that the demolition of Kmart's former world headquarters at 3100 West Big Beaver in Troy would begin in September. Troy's Kmart campus - an eight tower, modernist structure covering a whopping 978,000 square feet - spans 40 acres. The headquarters once staffed about 5500 employees supporting all aspects of Kmart's global business. It was built in

1969 and served as the heartbeat of the worldwide Kmart organization up until 2006, when the organization merged with Sears and moved its headquarters to Chicago.

Sources estimate that the demolition project will take up to a year to complete, with massive amounts of concrete and building debris needing to be hauled away for crushing or recycling.

The site, vacant since 2006, has been the subject of a number of alternate use proposals, but none has come to fruition. Seventeen years later, it's a promising thing that change is finally taking place. While no firm redevelopment plans have been announced, many city of Troy boosters welcome the prospect of a 'one day' renaissance at the intersection of Big Beaver and Coolidge!

footnote: *Kmart once boasted 2500 stores across the globe. The very first store opened in Garden City in 1962. The last Michigan Kmart was located in Marshall, and closed its doors in November of 2021.*



DECEMBER 2023

- Dec 2 **Cocoa & Crafts with Santa** 10am-2pm
- Dec 3 **Cocoa & Crafts with Santa** 10am-2pm
- Dec 6 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Dec 7 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 10 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Dec 14 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Dec 14 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 15 **Victorian Christmas** 6pm-8pm
- Dec 16 **Victorian Christmas** 10am-1pm
- Dec 16 **Victorian Christmas** 5pm-8pm
- Dec 17 **Breakfast with the Victorians** 10:00am
- Dec 17 **Victorian Christmas** 12pm-3pm
- Dec 21 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 25-Jan 1 **Village Closed**

JANUARY 2024

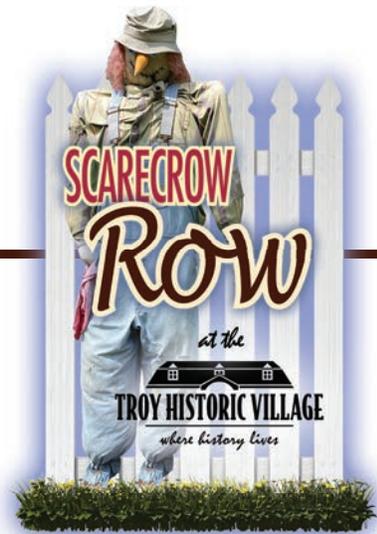
- Jan 2 **Village Reopens**
- Jan 3 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Jan 4 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 11 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 14 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Jan 17 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Jan 18 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 23 **Great Michigan Read Book Discussion** 4:30pm
- Jan 24 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Jan 25 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Jan 25 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 27 **Winter Pioneers** 10:00am
- Jan 29 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- Jan 29 **Beyond the Book Program** 7:00pm
- Jan 31 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm

- Kids & Families
- Health & Wellness
- Adults & Seniors
- Artisan-led Class
- Community Events



FEBRUARY 2024

- Feb 1 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 6 **Watercolor for Kids & Adult** 6:00pm
- Feb 7 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Feb 7 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Feb 8 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 11 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Feb 13 **Great Michigan Read Book Discussion** 7:00pm
- Feb 15 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 16 **Beyond the Book Program** 7:00pm
- Feb 19 **Mid-Winter Break Open House** 10am-3pm
- Feb 20 **Mid-Winter Break Open House** 10am-3pm
- Feb 21 **Watercolor for Kids & Adult** 6:00pm
- Feb 22 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Feb 22 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 26 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- Feb 28 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Feb 29 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm



THANK YOU SCARECROW ROW SPONSORS!

Thank you to our business sponsors and volunteers who put up a record-breaking crop of 87 great scarecrows this year! If you missed viewing Scarecrow Row, check out the gallery of photos on the Village website at www.troyhistoricvillage.org/gallery/ We also encourage you to support the many businesses who supported us!



Cocoa and Crafts with Santa

Saturday December 2, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday December 3, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Early registration: \$7/THS Member or \$9/Non-member

At the door: \$8/THS Member or \$10/Non-member

Free for Children under 2 years

Start your season of family fun and holiday tradition at the Troy Historic Village! Spend time with Santa, make a holiday craft, play holiday games, and sample the sights and smells of the season. Warm up with hot cocoa, courtesy of Troy Garden Club. Space is limited in order to give children quality time with Santa!

Sponsored by:



Free Mid-Winter Break Open House

Monday February 19 and Tuesday February 20, 10:00am – 3:00pm | **FREE admission!** Donations are appreciated.

Shake off some cabin fever and visit the Village free of charge. Explore historic buildings, go on a scavenger hunt, and see what fun programs are available at the Village. Great for all ages.

Winter Pioneers

January 27, 10:00-11:30 | \$9/person

Get hands-on with history and experience winter preparations, chores, fashion, and fire-building. Part of this program takes place in the log cabin, so please dress appropriately in warm layers. Outdoor games may also be included, weather permitting. Great for scouts and homeschools! This program can also be booked on request for small groups.

Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 am | Ages 2-5

accompanied by an adult

THS Members: \$5/child, \$3/adult

Non-members: \$6/child, \$4/adult

Join Cheddar the Village Mouse and Mrs. Laura for story time! This monthly program for preschool-aged kids features stories, games, activities, songs, crafts, and snacks that connect with each month's theme. Themes, stories, and activities are carefully chosen to be age appropriate and help kids have fun while they develop skills and learn about the world around them. *Sponsored by Troy Women's Association.*



- **December 6: Giving Gifts**

This month's book: *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by Freya Littledale

Play matching games, work with fairytale sewing cards, see tools that shoemaker's

used long ago, make a gift for someone special, play with playdough, and other holiday themed activities and snacks.

- **January 3: Teddy Bear Invasion**

This month's book: *Corduroy* by Don Freeman

Bring your teddy bear or favorite stuffy. Learn about a very old teddy bear inspired by a story about President Theodore Roosevelt, make teddy bear art using tweezers and cotton balls, snack on Teddy Grahams and fruit, play with playdough, and more!

- **February 7: Circles and Snowman**

This month's book: *Just a Snowman* by Mercer Mayer

Sort and make patterns with jumbo buttons, make a snowman paper plate craft, play a matching game with pretend doughnuts, cut snowman shapes out of playdough, and other activities. Examine a pair of very old ice skates and see what people wore in the cold long ago.



Watercolor Classes for Kids and Adults!

Price: THS Member: \$40/class | Non-Member: \$45/class

Join artist and art teacher Megan Swoyer for these kid-friendly watercolor classes! No experience is necessary; all supplies will be provided. Classes are for ages 8 and up; students 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Adults are welcome to register and paint with us, too!

- **Tuesday February 6, 6-8pm: Art with Heart**
Create Valentine's Day-inspired vignettes! We'll paint, cut, glue, and more as we create heart-themed paintings that can be slipped into an envelope and sent to a Valentine, or kept as your own h-art-felt creation!
- **Wednesday February 21, 6-8pm: Showy Shells**
If you can't be in a warm climate right now, why not paint a few remembrances or dreams of beachy bliss? Bring your own shells or borrow the instructor's to paint pretty shell vignettes. We'll do more than one painting in this class that focuses on shape, pastel hues, and values.

Book Your Own Adventure!

These small group programs are great for multiple families, scouts, and homeschoolers. Call 248-524-3598 or email ypd@thvmail.org for more information and to arrange a date and time for your group's visit.

Shopping Back-in-Time

\$10/person

Enjoy a make-believe shopping trip at our 1910s general store. We'll give kids various scenarios involving math, history, and economics (such as needs vs. wants, scarcity, bartering, and incentives) to make their shopping more interesting. Children will also receive an old-fashioned candy or toy to take home. Great for scouts and homeschools!

Spies, Lies, and Mysteries

\$12/THS Member or

\$15/Non-member

Learn a few of the tools and techniques of a spy, including fingerprinting and ciphers as you work with your group to solve a Village mystery. Great for upper-elementary age kids and scout groups! Meets "Detective" merit badge requirements.



Scouts Winter Offerings

Individuals, troops, or packs achieve badges or electives through these fun, engaging programs. Call 248-524-3598 or email ypd@thvmail.org for more information and to arrange a date and time for your group's visit.

Letterboxing Clues

\$9/person | Approximately 60-90 minutes

Find clues leading to hidden "letterboxes" all over the Village. You'll create your own personalized stamp, then trade and collect stamp images as you follow the clues. Remind you of geocaching? Ages 7 and up (readers). Meets "Letterboxer" merit badge requirements.

Playing the Past

\$9/person | Approximately 90 minutes

Be a student in the one-room school. Spend time in our Log Cabin while the fire blazes. Try chores from the past like making butter and carrying water with a yoke. Have some old-fashioned fun! Meets "Playing the Past" merit badge requirements.

Scouts Woodworking

\$8/adult, \$11/scout | Approximately 90-120 minutes

Available upon request with minimum 3 weeks' notice

Cut, hammer, and build as Cadette Scouts and Bear Scouts make an individual project, and one birdhouse for the den or troop. To schedule your troop or den, please give at least three weeks' notice for us to prepare materials. Meets GS Cadette "Woodworker" and Cub Scout "Baloo the Builder" belt loop requirements.

Earth Rocks!

\$10/person | Approximately 90 minutes

Utilize maps, minerals, and materials to show how Michigan rock resources are used. We introduce Geology to scouts and scholars. Explore Troy Historic Village with rocks and minerals in mind. Map Michigan's mining resources, use a rock hammer, take home rock samples, and smooth your own Petoskey stone with a take-home kit.

Night Owl

\$9/person | Approximately 90 minutes

Experience the Village after dark! Chat with someone who works late, explore signs of nature at night, and learn some cool nighttime history. This program can run late into the evening, depending on sunset that particular day.

WINTER ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS AT THE VILLAGE



Victorian Christmas

Friday December 15, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday December 16, 10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00-8:00

Sunday December 17, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Tickets: THS Member: \$10 | Non-Member: \$12

Experience Christmas during the 1850s-60s. Costumed reenactors will perform activities of the season like playing games, decorating, exchanging gifts, and calling on friends.

Also enjoy music, kids' crafts, Christmas traditions mini-exhibit, and hot cider and cocoa. Fun for all ages. Register at www.TroyHistoricVillage.org.

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Breakfast with the Victorians

Sunday December 17, 10:00am

Tickets: Check the website for pricing and booking!

Enjoy breakfast with the reenactors from Victorian Christmas. Breakfast on period-inspired dishes, chat with reenactors, and enjoy some period entertainment as you immerse yourself in the Victorian Christmas season. Includes admission to Sunday's Victorian Christmas program.

Walking Group

Thursdays 5:00pm | FREE

Weekly walks cover a variety of scenic 1.5-3 mile routes in or around Troy. Program is free, and all ages and levels of fitness are welcome! For meeting locations, route details, or to sign up for our email list, visit <https://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/walking-group/>. Sponsored by Corewell Health



Great Michigan Read

Select Dates and Times | FREE

This winter, the Village will host a series of book discussions and programs related to Angeline Boulley's *Firekeeper's Daughter*, the 2023-24 Great Michigan Read. Free copies of the book are available at the Village starting in December on a first come, first served basis. Call or visit our website for more information.



• Book Discussions:

January 23, 4:30-5:30pm and

February 13, 7:00-8:00pm

Join Troy Historic Village and Troy Public Library inside Niles-Barnard House at the Village for a warm beverage, a little friendly trivia

competition, and lively group discussion on *Firekeeper's Daughter*. Coffee and cocoa provided courtesy of Biggby.

• January 29, 7:00-8:30pm: Beyond the Book with

Wayne Hardwick Sault Ste Marie Chippewa tribe member, Eagle Staff Carrier, and Indigenous Voices partner Wayne Hardwick will share his culture and experiences to expand our understanding of the *Firekeeper's Daughter*. Join us for a presentation and informal question and answer time.

• February 16, 7:00-8:00pm: Beyond the Book with

Nathan Wright Join us for a presentation by Nathan Wright, a tribal member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. A descendant of medicine people on both his parents' sides, Nathan continues his ancestors' legendary plant medicine work by ethically harvesting and making medicines from the same areas as his ancestors.



The 2023-24 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Library of Michigan, Image Creative Group, and BiblioBoard.



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Preservation Conversations

Mondays, 2pm | THS Member: FREE | Non-Member: \$7

Do you enjoy old houses, good stories, history, and great places to visit locally and nationally? Come join the conversation as we learn more about preserving and utilizing our historic assets! Program takes place inside 1837 Niles-Barnard House at the Village. Join us on select Mondays for the following topics:

- **January 29: The Antiquities Act of 1906.**
With westward expansion, archaeological sites like Chaco Canyon and Casa Grande were at risk. We'll learn about this first piece of preservation legislation in America and how it's still used today.
- **February 26: Going Gothic!**
We'll look at the Gothic Revival style of architecture, inspired by European cathedrals and popular from the 1840s-1860s.

Thursday Teas

*2pm | THS Member: \$9,
Non-Member: \$10*

Join us on select Thursdays each month for history talks on a variety of topics, plus a cup of tea and a sweet treat. *Sponsored by Oakmont Manor and Oakmont Sterling.*



- **December 14: A Jane Austen Christmas**
December was a special time for Jane Austen, a time to celebrate both her birthday and Christmas. Join Barb Gulley of Barb's Tea Service for a discussion of Jane's life, residences, novels, and how the Austen family and characters in Jane's books celebrated Christmas during the Regency era.
- **January 25: History of the Detroit Opera House**
Explore the 100-year history of the Detroit Opera House! Michael Hauser, Marketing Manager of Detroit Opera, shares how this former movie palace has survived wars, the Great Depression, civil unrest, economic meltdowns, the abandonment of downtown, and most recently, a pandemic.
- **February 22: This Place Matters**
Become an armchair traveler to historic places in Oakland County you might never have known existed! Preservation Architect for Oakland County Ron Campbell spotlights nationally significant and personally priceless historic places and structures that hold special meaning and make our area unique.

Constitution Cafés

Sundays, 2pm | FREE

Utilizing the Socratic Method of inquiry, engage in civil discourse to explore different aspects of the Constitution each month. Sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Foundation. Join us inside Old Troy Church at the Village on select Sundays:



- **December 10: The Eleventh Amendment.** Limits on Judicial Power: Just who can sue who and where? Why?
- **January 14: The Twelfth Amendment.** Electing Presidents and the Vice President: The Electoral College!
- **February 11: The Thirteenth Amendment.** Slavery and Reconstruction: How shall we read the Constitution?

Watercolor Classes: Winter Birds & Blooms

Select Wednesdays | 4:30-6:30pm

Ages 16 & up

Price: THS Member: \$40/class or \$200/6-class series

Non-Member: \$45/class or \$250/6-class series

Artist and art teacher Megan Swoyer guides students in using a variety of watercolor techniques to create wintry scenes featuring birds and blooms. No experience is necessary; all supplies will be provided.



- **January 17: Mallards' Winter** Wading amid icy waters and a wintry scene, this duck family is all about staying together. We'll use cool blues, golden marsh colors, and snow techniques to create a wintry paradise for this floating flock of charm.
- **January 24: The Great Blue Heron** Slinking along amid pretty grasses, this Great Blue Heron is sure to shine in your watercolor rendition. We'll use a mixed-media technique for the grasses, as well as wet-into-wet and wet-into-dry methods.
- **January 31: Dahlia Divine** We can sure use a dose of pink right about now in our Michigan winter, so let's paint a divine dahlia in all its glory! We'll also feature leaves, stems, and buds for this painterly showcase.
- **February 7: Snowdrop Sensory** Those early snowdrops that poke amid the snow sure are pretty! Use various methods to showcase these pretties and learn how to create a soft flurry of snow, too.
- **February 28: Chickadee's First Frost** Chickadees stick around for winter and this one is certainly enjoying his day amid a frosty climate. We'll use lots of techniques to bring this bird and his perch to life!
- **March 6: Classy Clematis** A pop of purple is glorious come January – a sight for sore eyes! Use wet-into-wet techniques and mix up beautiful purples and blues to paint this flowy, stunning beauty.

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Support quality, engaging education for all ages and enjoy

- Free Admission to the Village
- Discounts on Public Programs
- Quarterly Village Press and regular news updates
- An invitation to the Annual Members Meeting and Ice Cream Social
- Additional benefits for each level as listed

YES! I want to be a Villager. Please process my Troy Historical Society membership at the following level:

- \$35 Individual**
Additional benefits include 2 “plus one” passes to select programs so you can share the Village with a friend and 10 complimentary high-resolution scans to start your family archive
- \$55 Household** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
Additional benefits include a 10% discount on a Simple Event Rental or Cheddar Birthday Party
- \$150 Patron** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
Additional benefits include 2 tickets to the annual Barnard Bash, 1 free Group Gather for your business or social group OR 10% discount on a Simple Event Rental or Cheddar Birthday Party
- \$350 Barnard Benefactor** (*Up to 6 adults and/or children*)
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Please Email my quarterly Village Press

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