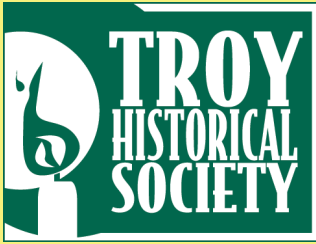


*Ada Buck and Sarah Lamb pose with their puppies*



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# THS News

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## Publishing Schedule

**Spring:** March - May

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**Enjoy your seasonal Village Press!**

## Work Around the Village

It has been a busy spring around the Village! In early March, the house on Lange Street that was used as storage space was finally removed. Adjoining lots were purchased by the Troy Historical Society back in 2008 in order to expand the Village for the Niles-Barnard House move in 2010. The southern house and lot on Wattles were quickly prepped for the move, but the northern house and lot remained. Removal of this house will enable us to move forward with our upcoming Master Plan!

In April, the City of Troy removed and reconstructed the ramp on the Old Troy Church. The previous ramp was sinking which made it difficult for those using wheelchairs or mobility devices. In addition, we found that a ramp heating system to melt winter ice had stopped functioning. With the ramp back to its proper shape, access to the Church has been improved!



## Focus on Fund Development

This season, we're highlighting how our Membership program supports Fund Development at the Troy Historic Village.

Memberships are an essential part of fund development for organizations like ours. In 2022, we received \$13,805 from membership sales. Our members also supported the Village through their contributions to our annual fundraising appeals. They participated in Blacksmithing and Watercolor classes, attended Thursday Teas and Cheddar's Preschool Story Time, and brought family and friends to Troy Traffic Jam, Trick-or-Treat, and Victorian Christmas. These member-generated funds allow us to carry out our mission to share and preserve our stories, artifacts, and buildings through creative, meaningful experiences.

It's not just the dollars, however. Membership here means you are a Villager, and that means you are part of an enthusiastic group of people who appreciate history, preservation, learning, and community! Every member is valued at the Village, and whether you are brand-new or a longtime member, an Individual Villager or a Barnard Benefactor, we are so thankful to have you as part of our Village family. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Members Meeting on Monday September 25 at 7:00pm--you're invited to come early and join us for an ice cream social hour starting at 6:00pm!

*Memberships are offered at different levels designed to meet individual needs ranging from Individual, Household, Patron to Barnard Benefactor. All members enjoy discounts, publications, invitations and free general admission to the Village year-round and other special perks. All memberships are for one year. We look forward to welcoming you!*

*For more information, please contact Sharon Snyder, Community Development Director at 249.524.3571 (direct line) or [www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership).*



# Executive Director...

## Jen Peters

### Is it worth the Drive? YES!

Many people are surprised when I tell them where I live. I live in Flint! We moved to the city back in 2015 for my husband's job and I decided that the transition was a great time to go back to school for a master's degree. I looked around for a program and found EMU...sure, it was a bit of a drive, but the classes were in the evening and that gave me the days to haul kids around, read, study, and write. Better yet, they had a great curriculum and even better faculty, so I jumped in!

And after three years, I ended up with some great experiences, a head full of ideas, and a diploma. Finding a job that could use all those things was my next step. As I slogged through the search process, my advisor suggested I check out Troy Historic Village. She knew it was a bit of a drive from Flint, but she said, "they're doing some great stuff." So, I headed down I-75 through the infamous S-curves to the Crooks Road exit for the first time.

What I found at the Village was a sample of seemingly simple buildings that did so much more than show off historic furnishings. The incredibly talented staff were using them to create everything from field trips to tours and history talks to community events. Luckily for me, there was also a job opening! Running the calculations, I found the benefits of working in my field with a group of creative and passionate people more than

outweighed the commute. More than four years later, I feel just as committed.

In my role as Director, I feel my primary job is to enable this great programming by providing my coworkers with the tools they need. In addition to our solid lineup of programs, we are always considering new



programs to reach new audiences. Some great examples include the multimedia Edmund Fitzgerald program last fall that pulled together audio and visual elements to tell the historic tragedy, or the upcoming

Old-Time Western Radio Show later this summer (see page 14).

To do even more, we've just sent out a **Special Spring Appeal** that will help fund upgrades to our twenty-year-old audio-visual system in the Church. Each year we hold more than forty programs in the church for thousands of visitors, but we know we are missing people who may have audio or visual disabilities—this system will dramatically improve their access! Thank you for supporting the **Advancements for All Appeal** and thank you for making the Village worth the drive for so many people!



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Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm  
Select Saturdays & Sundays  
for special events and rentals  
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**Admission:**  
Adults \$7, Seniors \$5,  
Children 6-17 \$5  
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Members FREE

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.

# Your Return Visit to THV: Twice As Nice!

By: Mike Imirie, [www.wordsmithllc.org](http://www.wordsmithllc.org)

**Fictitious 1st-time visitor to Troy Historic Village:** *"I toured the Historic Village in Troy for the first time not long ago, and I enjoyed my experience. I strolled the grounds, visited 11 different historic structures, admired the vegetable and floral gardens, and realized that the Village has done a terrific job capturing the spirit of Old Troy. Now that I've enjoyed all of those things, would I want to return?"*



*Watercolorists paint inside Niles-Barnard House*

Why, yes, 1st-time visitor. **You would want to return!** And here are some of the many reasons why.

Very generally, you might come back in order to introduce a friend, a neighbor, or a family member to a one-of-a-kind experience in our town. Or you might visit again to enjoy the unique exhibits which rotate in and out each year. Perhaps the distinctive, mid-19th century architecture examples would draw you in anew. Or you could decide to take a closer look at an intriguing artifact you remember seeing in the general store or maybe the print shop. Did you read somewhere in the *Troy Gazette* about new blacksmithing, watercolor, or yoga classes that THV offers? *Hmmm...*

Your next visit will be all about noticing, you see, bringing your fresh eyes to a truly unique experience in Troy.

Have you noticed, for example, the hand hewn beams in the log cabin? More specifically, that the indentations in the timbers are about five inches apart, each one indicating a single, energetic ax strike by a burly lumberjack?

How about the oversized, mid-nineteenth century map of Oakland County on the wall at Poppleton School, identifying individual owners of individual plots of land in old Troy Township? Did you feel a thrill when you noticed that many of those pioneering landowners had familiar-sounding, Troy-centric names like Wattles, Adams, Niles, and Poppleton?



*Kids solve a Village mystery inside Poppleton School*



*Have you spotted the coal door behind the Main Building?*

Was it a coincidence that the list of American presidents on the schoolhouse wall ended at 1877, when Rutherford B. Hayes served? Or was that roster truncated because President Hayes' term coincided with the time frame for building Poppleton School?

And then there's that peculiar 2' x 2' white metal square just above ground level at the back of the old Township Hall (i.e., THV's main building). Is that just a random structural support...or was it the door of an exterior chute for loading anthracite coal into that circa-1927 structure to keep it warm during Michigan's frosty winters?

Visitors remark that there's the remarkable architectural variety found in the Village. The Caswell House represents Greek Revival. The main building is Dutch



*Reenactors gather around the Gazebo*

Colonial. And our parsonage demonstrates the most colorful-sounding style of all: American Gothic! Some say that building architecture simply

supports and reflects functional lives. At THV, we understand that purpose very well, but we also see our eleven eclectic buildings as demonstrations of physical art!

Finally, have you ever been curious about your family's history? If you have roots in Troy, Troy Historic Village offers what's called a Family History Concierge to help you discover your heritage and family connections to the area. Drawing from the genealogy sources in our Village archives, yearbooks, maps, and over 200 years-worth of correspondence, our Concierge researchers will work to find relevant historical records to tell your family's story. How does creating a personalized and heirloom family history report sound as another very good reason for returning to THV?

These selected THV features and services represent but a small sample of the dozens and dozens of other special interest items just waiting for you and for history-lovers throughout metro Detroit to find and enjoy.



*Troy Adaptive Group visits the Pioneer Vegetable Garden*

Oh, it's quite true, fictitious 1st-time visitor, that your next visit... and the one after that...and the one after that... certainly won't be an exercise in **newness**.

Instead—and even better—each will provide a new exercise in **discovery**....your *personal* discovery...at your Troy Historic Village.

*Have you noticed the ax marks along the Log Cabin's walls?*



# Furry, Feathered, and Scaly: A History of Pet Fads

By: *Stephanie Arwady, Adult Programs Director*

Look through our photo collections at the Village, and it won't be too long before you come across the image of an early 20th-century Troy resident posing for the camera with their dog or cat. People have been taking pictures with their pets practically since photography was invented. In the 1840s, thousands of Americans flocked to daguerreotypists' studios to have their likeness captured with Fluffy and Fido. By the 1880s, pet photography had largely moved out of professional studios and into homes, as more and more people had access to their own cameras.

Picture-taking with your pets certainly continues today, but not all historic pet ownership fads have endured—and of course, not all pets were cats and dogs! Here are a few interesting pet trends:

## Squirrels and Other Wild Pets

The squirrel ownership craze goes all the way back to the colonial era when well-to-do families purchased the fluffy-tailed critters for their children. Squirrels appeared in paintings with their young owners, on



*Pete, the pet squirrel, at the White House, 1922, Harris & Ewing, Library of Congress.*

golden leashes, in cages, or running up and down the curtains. They were considered “frolicsome, neat, easy to take care of, and altogether bewitching” by one pet guide writer, although she noted that red squirrels could be “exceedingly inventive in pranks.” Their popularity as pets waned over time, but you could still find them in some homes into the mid-20th century—both Warren G. Harding and Harry S. Truman kept pet squirrels named Pete at the White House during their presidencies.

## Backyard Birds Move Indoors

Squirrels weren't the only wild animals to have a brush with domesticity. Olive Thorne Miller's *Our Home Pets: How to Keep Them Well and Happy* (1894) recommended raccoons, opossums, prairie dogs, badgers, and even skunks as good pets for children, although she cautioned that

Birds had also become popular pets by the mid-1700s. They fell into the two main categories of “talking birds” (i.e., imported parrots) and much more commonly, “singing birds,” which included native species like goldfinches, mockingbirds, and cardinals. Contemporary pet guide writers strongly recommended that would-



*Unidentified Man With Cat, 1840-60 ca. daguerreotype, Library of Congress*

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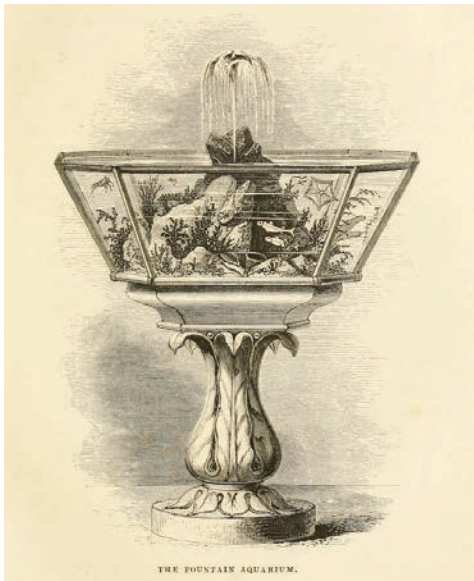


*White-Tailed Deer, possibly kept as pets by Jason Scott of Troy, 1910 ca.*

be pet owners kept birds acquired from a nest in the wild or raised in captivity rather than capturing an adult bird and trying to turn it into a pet. As Katherine C. Grier notes in her book, *Pets in America: A History*, in addition to looking and sounding pretty, the “apparent monogamy and devoted parenting” of caged birds set an example that 19th- and early 20th-century parents liked their children to see.

## The “Necessary Luxury” of a Home Aquarium

Pets came from the land, air, and yes, even the sea. The first aquarium



was invented in 1832 by Jeanne Villepreux-Power, a French seamstress turned scientist who needed a way to contain and study live aquatic animals. By the 1850s, home aquariums were a full blown craze. Henry D. Butler proclaimed in his 1858 book *The Family Aquarium, or Aqua Vivarium* that “The Aquarium has become, within a short period, almost a necessary luxury in every well-appointed household, both of Europe and America.” Aquariums could be anything from a fairly simple box shape to an eight-sided tank on an ornate pedestal with a working fountain. Families with multiple types of pets could even purchase a combination fish globe-bird cage to give the illusion that their canaries were singing underwater.



*Walter Miller and Duke of Big Beaver Village*

*Illustration from The Aquarium by Philip Henry Gosse, 1856.*

**You can explore weird and wonderful trends in pet ownership this summer when you visit our Village-wide exhibit, *Pets: A History of Companionship*. You can even participate in a relatively recent fad and make your own pet rock!**

**Visit [www.TroyHistoricVillage.org/visit](http://www.TroyHistoricVillage.org/visit) for more information about the exhibit and our special Pet Event days.**



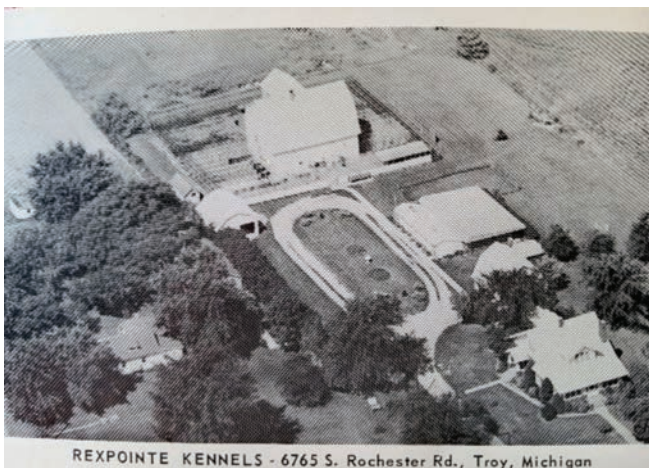
*Sarah Lamb of Troy, Michigan with cat*

# Kennels and Animal Care in Troy

**By: Matthew Hackett, History Interpreter**

**Troy has been a destination for boarding pets for many years.** Among the Troy kennels with a long track record are three pet-boarding establishments that local drivers will recognize even if they don't own pets or use the pet-sitting service. How did it happen that so many overnight pet care options are located in Troy?

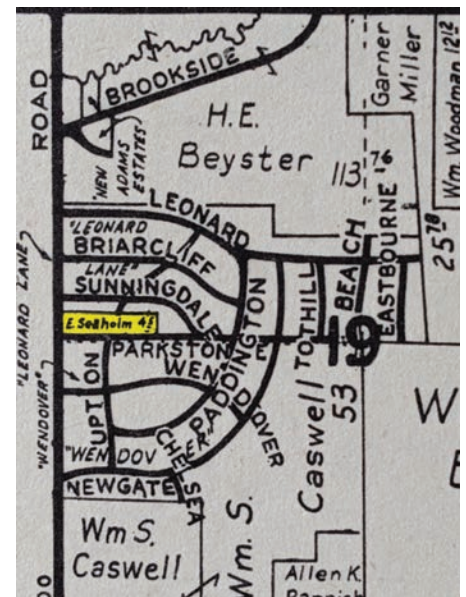
**Longview Boarding and Grooming** has been on Livernois Road (or Main St.) since 1956. It underwent a name change years ago (it was once known as "Vincent's Boarding"). However, the location and quality of service have not changed. Consistency is achieved through high standards and long-term management. According to their website, the Nouletts were owners/managers from 2001 to 2019. Transfer to current managers, the Russos, has them in charge in 2023.



With the same founding year, 1956, **Rexpointe Kennels on Rochester** near South Blvd. has stayed in the family. A third generation of this family is invested in its success. The Rexpointe website credits Edward and Alice Swiderski for Rexpointe's genesis. They owned a couple of businesses until finding an opportunity to purchase buildings and land (reputed to have been the private hunting area of the Fisher family). With a strong interest in animals (Alice was a world-renowned breeder of the American Cocker Spaniel), the Swiderskis built a service of caring for pets as owners took vacations or endured a lengthy move. Their daughter took over from them and their grandson has taken an interest in keeping it going.

**Jagersbo Kennels** are currently on Adams Road, hidden among trees at Palmerston Street. "Jagersbo" is Danish for "Hunter's Home." ("Jaeger" is a raptor bird of the north, too). At this site on a 1947 map of Troy [see middle left in image], four acres is owned by E. Seaholm. The Jagersbo website indicates association with AKC Breeds and long use of the acreage for animal care. The website credits Danish immigrant Erik Bergishagen, Sr. as starting this tradition in 1928.

More recent players in the pet care business are the Barkshire, Camp Bow Wow, and the K-9 Club. **The Barkshire** emphasizes its modernity for doggy daycare. **Camp Bow Wow** along Stephenson Highway encourages you to "unleash the fun." **K-9 Club** is visible to drivers along Maple Road in Troy. At K-9, there's grooming and a monthly newsletter. Why are all these businesses in Troy? The affluence of Oakland County and easy access to I-75 play a role. Kennels and care are a long tradition in the City of Troy.



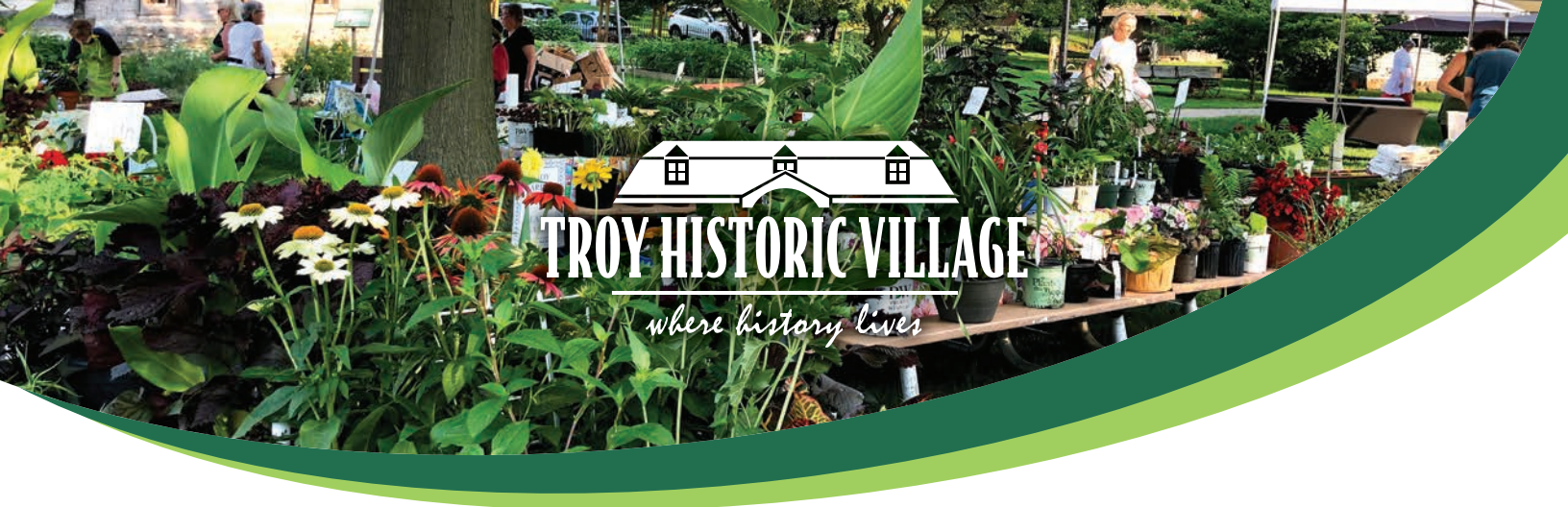


# Pets: A History of Companionship

## Memory Lane

This summer, discover the cute and cuddly history of pet ownership when you tour the Village. We'll explore some of the earliest recorded types of pets, pets with jobs to do, fads in pet ownership, and more. In the meantime, enjoy this sneak peek at part of the exhibit: our staff and Board pet picture gallery!





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## Troy Garden Club's 48th Garden Walk "Garden Stories"

Historically, on the second Wednesday of July, the Troy Garden Club, a nonprofit organization, celebrates the power of flowers. The club's 48th Troy Garden Walk, "Garden Stories," takes place on July 12th, rain or shine.

Six private gardens are open to ticket holders from 9:30a.m. – 3:00p.m. & 5:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. The Troy Historic Village serves as the garden walk's hub offering activities from 9 a.m. – 6p.m. Admission to the Village is FREE on July 12th. Guests may shop the Midsummers Arts & Crafts Boutique featuring handcrafted items. Shoppers will find a selection of member-grown plants at our Plant Sale. Visitors can admire the Student Art Exhibit featuring entries from the 13th Student Art Competition. You may also explore the buildings and gardens of the Troy Historic Village. The Troy Historical Society will host a fundraising raffle.

**Advance tickets** to visit the 6 private gardens are \$15 and available at Telly's Greenhouse, Uncle Luke's, Auburn Oaks Garden Center and the Troy Historic Village.

**On Garden Walk Day, July 12** tickets are \$18 and available ONLY at the Village

**Online Ticket Sales** offered from June 12th – July 10th

Info: [www.TroyGardenClubMI.com](http://www.TroyGardenClubMI.com)  
Phone 248-535-5955





# JUNE 2023

June-August **Pets: A History of Companionship Exhibit**

Monday-Friday 10am-3pm

- June 1 **Village Fitness Challenge begins!**
- June 1 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 5-July 17 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1** 6:30pm
- June 6 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- June 7 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- June 7 **Free Summer Kick-Off Open House** 5pm-8pm
- June 7 **Raffle Ticket Sales Open**
- June 8 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 11 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- June 11-June 25 **Adult-Child Blacksmithing** 1:00pm
- June 13 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- June 15 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 19 **Digger's Detectives Fitness Fun begins!**
- June 20 **Pet Event: Mystery Pets** 10am-12pm
- June 20 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- June 21 **Petoskey Stone Polish** 11:00am
- June 21 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- June 22 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- June 22 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- June 26 **Preservation Conversations On The Road** 2:00pm
- June 27 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- June 29 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm



# JULY 2023

- July 3-4 **Happy 4th of July! Village Closed**
- July 6 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 7 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- July 8-Aug 12 **Basic Blacksmithing Level 1** 10:00am
- July 9 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- July 11 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- July 12 **Troy Garden Walk: Village Open for Free!** 9am-6pm
- July 13 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 14 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- July 18 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- July 19 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- July 20 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 21 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- July 24 **Preservation Conversations On The Road** 2:00pm
- July 25 **Pet Event: Leader Dogs** 10am-12pm
- July 25 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- July 26 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- July 27 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- July 27 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- July 28 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm

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



# AUGUST 2023

- Aug 1 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- Aug 2 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Aug 2 **Petoskey Stone Polish** 1:00pm
- Aug 2 **Watercolor Class** 4:30pm
- Aug 3 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 4 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- Aug 6 **Troy Traffic Jam** 10am-3pm
- Aug 8 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- Aug 10 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 11 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- Aug 11 **Old-Time Western Radio Show** 7:00pm
- Aug 12 **Old-Time Western Radio Show** 7:00pm
- Aug 13 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Aug 14-Aug 18 **Intro to Coppersmithing** 10:00am
- Aug 14-Aug 18 **Intermediate Coppersmithing** 6:00pm
- Aug 15 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- Aug 15 **School Bookings begin!**
- Aug 17 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 18 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- Aug 22 **Pet Event: ReJoyceful Rescue** 10am-12pm
- Aug 22 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- Aug 24 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Aug 24 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm
- Aug 25 **Guided Tours** 10am & 1pm
- Aug 27 **Blacksmithing Sampler** 12:30pm
- Aug 28 **Preservation Conversations On The Road** 2:00pm
- Aug 29 **Handcrafted and Traditional Trades** 10am & 2pm
- Aug 29 **Museum Yoga** 6:00pm
- Aug 30 **Handcrafted and Traditional Trades** 10am & 2pm
- Aug 31 **Handcrafted and Traditional Trades** 10am & 2pm
- Aug 31 **Thursday Walking Group** 6:00pm



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## Pets: A History of Companionship Exhibit

June, July, and August | Monday-Friday 10am-3pm  
FREE with Admission

Humans and animals have held a unique bond with each other for thousands of years. Explore how we've evolved from a working relationship to companionship. Tell us about a pet that had a special place in your life and bring home your own pet rock. And join us for these special Pet Events, free with admission:

- **June 20: Pet Event – Mystery Pets, 10am-12pm**  
Meet some mystery pets! Find out what furry and not-so-furry creatures might make good pets, and which ones should be left in the wild. We'll have a range of small animals that you can see up close and maybe even pet!
- **July 25: Pet Event – Leader Dogs for the Blind, 10am-12pm**  
Meet Leader Dogs for the Blind! Learn how this local organization impacts the lives of individuals who are blind or visually impaired across the US and Canada. There will be dogs to pet!
- **August 22: Pet Event – ReJoyceful Rescue, 10am-12pm**  
Pet Adoption Day! Meet the available puppy dogs and kitty cats from ReJoyceful Rescue and learn about the fostering and adoption processes. Who knows, this foster-only animal rescue might have your new fur-ever friend!



## Summer Kick-Off Open House

Wednesday June 7, 5pm-8pm | FREE | All ages

Enjoy music by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band plus food and information about all sorts of great summer activities around Troy. Get your tickets for the Troy Historical Society's summer raffle. Grab dinner, listen to some music, and enjoy an evening at the Village!



## NEW! Kids Pedal Power 200 at Troy Traffic Jam

Sunday August 6 | \$15 per car/participant

This exciting event is open to all racers aged 3-8 years old with a pedal-powered car! This is a great summer family project with a racing finale. Check in as early as 9am, drop off your pedal car in our special pit area, and enjoy the Troy Traffic Jam car show until race time at 1pm. Don't want to race? Come and cheer on the racers! Troy Traffic Jam and the Kids Pedal Power 200 take place at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

## Petoskey Stone Polish

Wednesday June 21, 11:00am - 12:30pm or

Wednesday August 2, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Price: \$11/person

Polish up your very own Petoskey stone. Village staff will share some fun facts about Michigan's state stone and teach you how to smooth and polish a Petoskey stone to bring out its unique pattern. Stone and materials provided.





## NEW! Digger's Detectives Fitness Fun

June 19 – July 31 | FREE | Kids ages 5-10 with their families (involves some reading and writing)

Digger the Groundhog is the Village's mascot for elementary school children. She is friends with Cheddar the Mouse, our preschool mascot. Digger wants to be an archaeologist when she grows up, so she enjoys using clues and making observations to learn about history. She invites families to try 10 fun fitness activities that have you searching for things while doing exercises like walking, swimming, and biking. Visit our website to download and print your copy of Digger's Detectives Fitness Fun activities or stop by the Village to pick up a paper copy. If you complete all 10 activities by July 31, turn in your sheet at the Village to be entered into a drawing for a prize!

## Summer Daycare Programs

[www.troyhistoricvillage.org/summer-camp-and-daycare-programs](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/summer-camp-and-daycare-programs)

The Troy Historic Village would love to host your summer camp or daycare for a field trip! The Village offers many great summer programs in a fun mix of education and recreation. Do pioneer kid chores, play old fashioned games, make old-fashioned toys and more! Contact our education team at [YPD@THVmail.org](mailto:YPD@THVmail.org) for more information and to book a trip.

## School Bookings Start August 15th

The Village will begin taking field trip bookings for the 2023-24 school year on August 15 at 10:00am. We recommend calling as early as possible to book your field trip, especially for the spring months. Call our education hotline at 248-524-3598.

## 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 connected to 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. Approximately 60 minutes long.  
*Sponsored by Troy Women's Association*

- **June 7: Colors, Colors Everywhere**

**This month's book: *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina**

Come see the debut of our new puppet theater and do finger plays about color. Create pictures with big sidewalk chalk and make a mosaic ball, snack on colorful carrots, grapes, celery, and cream cheese, check out a paint box kit from long ago, and sort jumbo buttons by color and shape among other hands-on color-filled activities. Wear your favorite color or your most colorful clothes!

- **Aug 2: 123, ABC**

**This month's book: *Apple Pie ABC* by Allison Murray**

August is back to basics with ABCs and 123s! Have fun with our Village puppet theater, write letters or numbers in sand, make a fun apple pie craft with craft sticks, and count or make patterns with colorful dinosaurs. Learn about an abacus and enjoy alphabet cookies for snack. Come join us for other fun letter and number activities!





# TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE

where history lives

# SUMMER ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS AT THE VILLAGE

## Old-Time Western Radio Show

Friday August 11 or Saturday August 12, 7:00pm

THS Member: \$15 | Non-member: \$17

Live and in-person! Use your imagination to travel with us back to the 1940s for a mock radio show. Actors will perform scripts from classic radio westerns with commercials, live piano music, and sound effects. Includes desserts, coffee, and tea at intermission.

## Troy Traffic Jam

Sunday August 6,  
10am-3pm

FREE to the public

Car Participants:

\$25/vehicle

pre-registration,

\$30/vehicle day-of



Enjoy great cars, great music, and great food! The 15th Annual Troy Traffic Jam has become a summer classic for car enthusiasts. You'll experience everything from antiques and classics to muscle cars and high performance vehicles—all in one parking lot! Bring the kids – this year's event features a pedal-car race!

## Troy Historical Society Raffle

Tickets available: Wednesday June 7, 5:00 – 8:00pm (Summer Kick-Off Open House), Wednesday July 12, 9:00am-6:00pm (Troy Garden Walk)

You can also reserve tickets by phone starting June 7 at 248.524.3570, but payment and ticket pick-up must be completed in-person at the Village before 6:00pm on July 12.

Enter to win fabulous prizes while supporting the Troy Historic Village! Prizes are valued at \$100 or more and include compost delivery, items and gift cards from local nurseries, jewelers, restaurants and businesses, theatre tickets, a \$100.00 cash prize and more! Tickets (cash/check only): \$3 each; \$5 for 2 tickets; \$10 for 5 tickets; or \$20 for 15 tickets. Winners will be drawn and notified on July 12. Need not be present to win.

## 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 on select Sundays:

- **June 11:** Amendment VI and the Jury Trial
- **July 9:** Amendment VII and Civil Cases
- **August 13:** Amendment VII and Cruel and Unusual Punishments



## Thursday Teas

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

Join us on select Thursdays each month for history talks led by guest presenters or Village staff on a variety of topics. Sponsored by Oakmont Manor and Oakmont Sterling.



- **June 22: Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light**  
Join Anna Marck for 45 minutes of music, laughter, and simple honest storytelling with a play that highlights several spectacular stories of female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes.
- **July 27: Sears Modern Homes**  
From 1908-1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold around 70,000 build-it-yourself "Modern Homes" to customers across America. Join kit house hunters Andrew and Wendy Mutch for the fascinating history of the "Sears Modern Homes" program.
- **August 24: Yamasaki – Around the World and Right Here in Troy!**  
Did you know the nationally known architect of the World Trade Center was a Troy resident? THV Executive Director Jen Peters explores Minoru Yamasaki's architectural New Formalism, his projects in Michigan, and his involvement in the local community.

## Guided Tours

*July & August | Fridays at 10am or 1pm | Free with admission*  
Have you ever wished the buildings would speak to you? Join us this summer for volunteer-led tours, free with the price of admission. Volunteer docents will tell you a little more about each of the buildings at the Village, from how they were originally used to how they made it to the Village. Tours will be approximately 90 minutes long and include walking and standing. All buildings have ramp accessibility and limited seating inside. Register in advance or just drop in!

## Preservation Conversations: On The Road!

*Mondays, 2pm | THS Member: \$10 | Non-Member: \$12*  
See historic preservation in action this summer as we visit local sites and talk to those who have been caring for them. Some sites will include behind the scenes elements; walking and stairs will be a part of all visits. Pre-registration required. Prior to the event we will email you a parking location and meeting point (note: there will be additional parking fees for Wayne State, all other parking is free).

- **June 26: Meadow Brook Hall.** Visit Meadow Brook Hall, an Oakland County gem. See how they keep it in tip-top shape and what it took to restore the Gate Lodge.
- **July 24: Van Hoosen Farm.** Visit our neighbor just up the road—Van Hoosen Farm. Find out how they've restored and maintained this farm complex over the years.
- **August 28: Wayne State University.** Visit Yamasaki's Wayne State Buildings. Learn how these iconic campus buildings capture the essence of Minoru Yamasaki's architectural philosophy.

## Watercolor Classes: "Essence of Summer"

*Select weekdays | 4:30-6:30pm | THS Member: \$40/class | Non-Member: \$45/class | Ages 16 & up*

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

- **Tuesday June 6: Summer at the Lake** Night Heron Scene
- **Wednesday June 21: Summer Afield** Chicory and Fireweed -- Michigan wildflowers
- **Wednesday July 19: Summer on the Deck** A pretty pot of geraniums on the deck
- **Wednesday July 26: Summer at the Beach** Simple sailboats, water, sky, and beach
- **Wednesday August 2: Summer in a Vase** Cut garden flowers

## Blacksmithing Classes

Learn the art of blacksmithing in our historic Wagon Shop! Beginner and intermediate classes are offered in the spring, summer, and fall. Visit [www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/blacksmithing/](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/blacksmithing/) for class schedules and registration.

## Intro to Coppersmithing

*August 14-18, 10:00am-12:00pm | Ages 11 and up*  
*Price: THS Member: \$210 | Non-member: \$260*

## Intermediate Coppersmithing

*August 14-18, 6:00pm-8:30pm | Ages 16 and up*  
*Price: THS Member: \$210 | Non-member: \$260*  
*Prerequisite: previous Coppersmithing Workshop at the Village, or Basic Blacksmithing Level 1, or Adult-Child Blacksmithing*

## Handcrafted and Traditional Trades

*August 29, 30, and 31 | 10:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm*  
*FREE with admission*

Enjoy a collection of demonstrations around the Village featuring artists and craftspeople from southeast Michigan. Joining our blacksmith will be printers, calligraphers, fiber artists, quilters, carpenters, leatherworkers, and more!

## Healthy Communities

Health and wellness programs are sponsored by Corewell Health.



### Thursday Walking Group

*Thursdays | 6:00pm | 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, visit [www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/walking-group/](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/programs/walking-group/).

### Village Fitness Challenge

*June 1 – July 31 | Price: THS*

*Members: \$12*

*Non-members: \$14*

Explore local history and amazing places in your community

with this scavenger hunt-style fitness challenge! Complete the activities at your own pace this summer as an individual, family, or with a group of friends. Includes our Village Fitness Challenge t-shirt!



### Museum Yoga

*Tuesdays June 13 – September 12*

*(no class on July 4)*

*6:00pm | Suggested donation: \$10*

Instructors from Troy-based Explore Yoga studio will lead students through yoga postures and breathwork in classes appropriate for all levels of experience, from beginner to advanced. Yoga classes are held outdoors. Bring your mat and make sure to register in advance as space is limited.



# Become a Villager Today!

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*)  
Additional benefits include 4 tickets to the annual Barnard Bash and 1 free Workshop Rental for your business or social group

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Email my quarterly Village Press

## Already a Villager?

I would like to make an additional donation to the Troy Historic Village.

Please put \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the general fund to support preservation and programs at the Village.

### Payment Options:

Enclosed Check / Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Call the Village at 248-524-3570 or visit [www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/membership) to pay by credit card

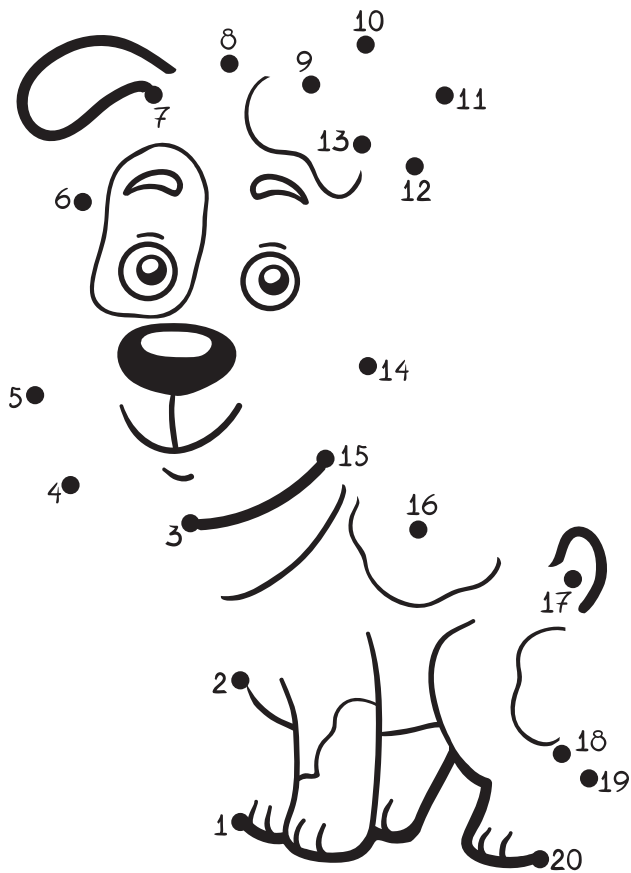
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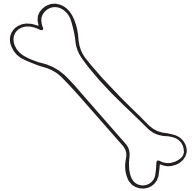
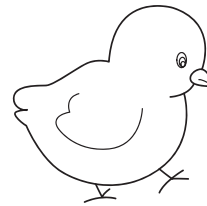
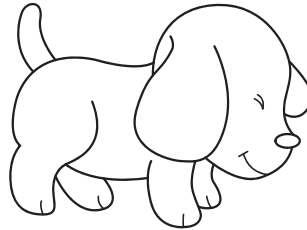
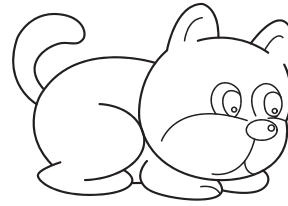


# Village Critter Corner





Which of these items goes with which pet?  
Connect the the item that goes with correct pet.



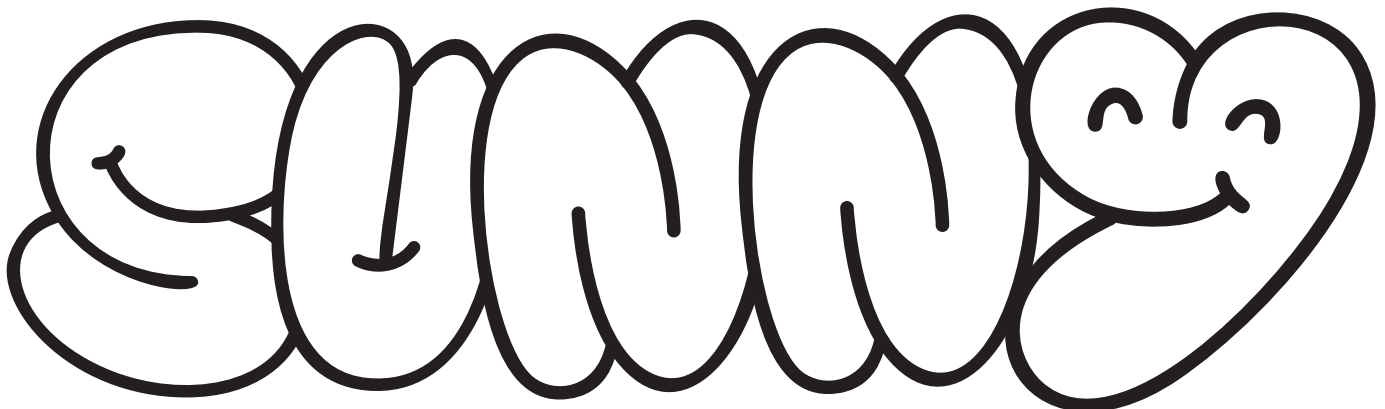
## Summer Scavenger Hunt

Find the following items: A shade umbrella, a bathing suit, a yellow flower, a colorful bug or insect, an ice cream treat, sunglasses.  
You can snap a picture of each item with a cell phone.

### Bonus

Tell someone three more things about one of the items you find.

- Ex. 1. I found these sunglasses at the beach  
2. They are black  
3. They were on my Dad's face



Color the word SUNNY – You could use bright colors or even patterns.

# Dig for Words

Help Digger find words about chores and fun activities pioneers did in the summer. Circle or highlight the words. They'll be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, or even backwards!

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S	P	O	R	C	E	H	T	R	E	T	A	W	B
A	O	E	P	D	W	E	E	D	I	N	G	C	U
P	E	E	H	S	E	H	T	R	A	E	H	S	T
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Cheddar and Digger collected seashells at the beach. Count how many and write the number here.

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STILTS  
SPINNING WHEEL  
BUTTER CHURN  
HOOPS AND GRACES  
CLIMB A TREE  
WHITTILING  
CHASE CRITTERS  
WATER THE CROPS

DIP CANDLES  
SHEAR THE SHEEP  
BASEBALL  
SEW  
CARDING WOOL  
WEEDING  
SWIMMING  
RUNNING



## What Did Digger Find?



This old object from our museum is used for someone's pet. Can you guess what animal would live in there?

Be sure to visit us this summer for our exhibit - "Pets: A History of Companionship!"

## Digger's Detectives

Digger wants you to come to Troy Historic Village this summer! When you visit, count how many historic and modern objects have connections to WATER (for example: bowls, pump, hose, etc.).

If you can't visit us this summer, you can do this activity at home, at another museum, or some other fun place!

# DID YOU KNOW?

**Here's a riddle: what does a squirrel,  
a raccoon, a possum,  
and a cow have in common?**

Well, they're all mammals, but they have also all lived in the  
White House!



This summer, the Troy Historic Village will be hosting an exhibit on pets. We have been doing a lot of research about people from history and their pets, and we have learned some pretty neat things. One of our favorite things we learned is that many presidents of the United States of America have kept pets in the White House. Many have had dogs and cats, and there have been quite a few birds and horses, but a few have had some pretty crazy animals, too! Here's a few:

- President Warren G. Harding (in office 1921-1923) had a pet squirrel named Pete (so did President Truman!)
- First Lady Coolidge (Calvin Coolidge in office 1923-1929) had a pet raccoon named Rebecca (image attached, from Library of Congress)
- President Hoover (1929-1933) had a possum named "Billy Possum"
- President Taft (1900-1913) had a pet cow named "Pauline"

Many animals don't make good pets, but if you could have any animal you wanted as a pet, what would you pick? Draw the animal down below.

Digger's Detectives Answer:  
This is a BIRD CAGE from the 1920s-it's about a hundred years old!  
Seashell answer: 33