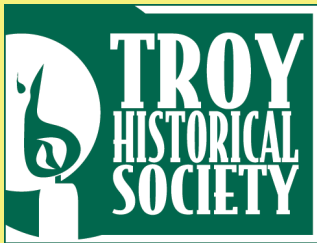


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## New Faces

This fall we are welcoming Amy McIntire to the Village in the Business Manager position. Amy most recently worked as the Accounting and

Finance Manager for SOCRRA and SOCWA and has experience working with all sized businesses as well as on the back side of non-profits. She also has a passion for history and old solutions to new problems. This past summer she spent 15 weeks living on one of Sleeping Bear Dunes' historic farms while managing a goat herd that ate invasive species across the National Lakeshore.

We are also welcoming Ken Meskin to the Troy Historical Society Board of Trustees. Ken has been serving as a volunteer on the Finance Committee for the past year and has enjoyed helping out at various Village events including Civil War Days. He is a retired CPA, CFO, Treasurer and corporate controller who enjoys teaching others the ins and outs of Excel, QuickBooks, and investments, and looks forward to supporting the board and Village.

**And some goodbyes...** Kirsten Barber, our previous Business Manager is stepping away to spend more time with her very busy family. We're grateful for the advances she made in our bookkeeping systems over the last 2 years. Ward Randol is stepping down after more than 10 years on the board. Ward was critical in setting the Troy Historical Society as operators of the Village and establishing best practices and sound processes to ensure outstanding programs would continue for years to come.

## Grant Updates

This fall we received a \$22,500 Operational Support Grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. These grant funds support all the programs we do at the Village and are primarily applied to staff and artists' salaries, enabling us to keep the costs of school field trips and programs affordable. We are thrilled that the Council and the NEA recognize and support the outstanding work of our staff in bringing quality programs to students of all ages!



## Thank You Scarecrow Row Sponsors!

Thank you to our business sponsors and volunteer build team who put together another great crop of scarecrows this year! If you missed viewing Scarecrow Row, check out the gallery of photos on the Village website at [www.troyhistoricvillage.org/gallery/](http://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/gallery/) We also encourage you to support the many businesses who supported us!

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# Executive Director...

## Jen Peters

### One hundred years on, what's next?

Over the last year we've been taking a deeper dive into 1920s Troy. While creating new programs through 2020 and 2021 we thought throwing a Roaring 20's party might be a fun and uplifting event at the Village, but in true Village fashion we couldn't leave it at that! In addition to the party, we created a 1920s mini exhibit for the summer of 2021 and wrote a 1920s tour that turned into a Thursday Tea and is now a Group Gather topic. But we haven't dropped our fascination with the 20s!

If you dropped in on Troy Corners in 1920 you would have found yourself at a pretty quiet crossroads on the verge of change. Still mostly farmland, Troy became increasingly connected to Metro Detroit over the decade. The Detroit Interurban Railroad (DUR) sliced through the township mostly along Livernois Avenue connecting farmers to city markets. As cars and roads became more reliable, subdivisions began appearing and businesses began sprouting up. And on the corner of Livernois and 17 Mile, a man name Morris Wattles championed the building of a beautiful new township hall. In 1927 the modern brick and slate building was visionary considering the surrounding farm fields and previous one-room clapboard Township Hall. While looking towards a promising future it simultaneously honored the past by incorporating a hearth and beams from local 19th century structures.

Nearly a hundred years later we're asking ourselves what's next for the Village? This past spring the Troy Historical Society worked on a new strategic plan (posted on the website) that envisions our next steps to become more financially stable, ready for change, and more in tune with our diverse community while

optimizing our resources. This summer the THS membership refreshed the mission, vision, and value statements. And this fall the City of Troy is working towards updating the Village's master plan. What exciting times!!

All of these actions require support. Not only the support of a board, staff, and membership that see the potential in the Village, but the support of donors who make great programs possible and a city that continues to invest in a true gem and asset. A generous bequest from Judy Siess enabled us to finally realize a goal we've had for quite some time—a Troy Historical Society endowment that will add to our financial stability. That is still only one piece of our budget that also relies on you, our members and donors, to support us annually to bring great stories like those from the 1920s to life. You'll hear more about this in the upcoming year-end appeal.

I hope in this issue of the Village Press you enjoy a look back at Troy in the 1920s and a look forward to the programs we're offering. I also hope you're as excited as I am about where we're going in the 2020s. From new programs and reimagining spaces to new THS goals and a new endowment, I want you to be inspired to continue supporting all we do at the Village. Most importantly, I hope to see you at the Village soon!



Troy Township Hall amid farm fields, c1928



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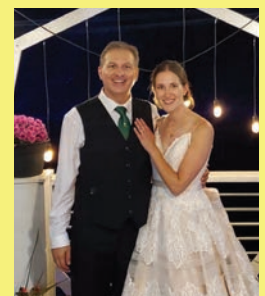
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#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Stephanie Suszek, Adult Programs Director, and Tom Arwady, History Interpreter who tied the knot in the Village Church on October 15th. The Arwady's celebrated with family, friends, and Villagers and we wish them well in this new chapter of their lives!

# A Polar Bear in Troy

by *Matthew Hackett, History Interpreter*

## Artist and the Setting

French sculptor Leon Hermant (1866-1936) made his American debut with major pieces for the French Pavilion at the 1904 St. Louis Fair. More than twenty years later, he collaborated with architect and fellow Frenchman Paul Phillippe Cret for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge across the Delaware River. It was the longest suspension bridge in the world until the Ambassador Bridge linking Detroit and Windsor was completed in 1929. For the 1926 bridge opening and celebration of 150 years of American Independence, Hermant created a bronze plaque.

About the same time in Detroit, during the great building boom of the 1920s, monumental architecture was transforming the Detroit skyline. Paul Cret was hired as the architect for the landmark Detroit Institute of Arts, slated to open in 1927. Leon Hermant was hired to provide architectural details for the DIA building itself, both interior and exterior, including a substantial sculpted shield of the City of Detroit, reliefs, and flourishes to the Kresge Court.

Hermant's artistic vision would soon coalesce with the outpouring of support for a more somber project. A new memorial park had been laid out on former farmland. This time, rural Troy Township was the setting. In a community where the largest cemetery was less than five acres, this 200-acre necropolis was enormous! Known as White Chapel Memorial Park, the grand scale of boulevards, entry arch, and large T-shaped mausoleum was nearing completion. Hermant got a commission to create one of the earliest pieces of outdoor sculpture for White Chapel.

## Veteran Incentive

The stimulus for the public sculpture was ten years in the making. Since 1919, the remains of American servicemen, commonly called the "Polar Bears," had laid in Russia. Former veterans, diplomats, and public support were finally making it possible for their remains to come home.

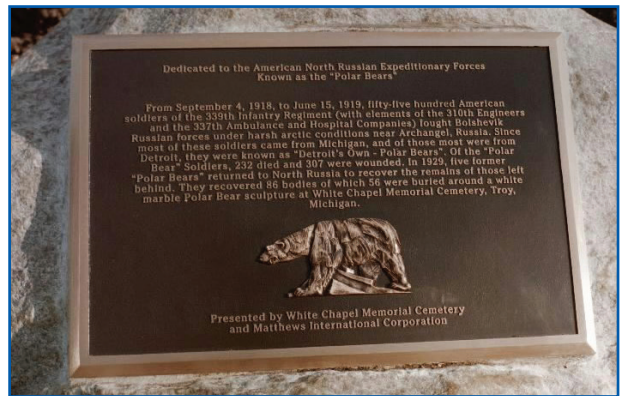
## Polar Bear Soldiers

To illuminate the Polar Bear story, it might do to start with the parable of the lost sheep. A shepherd with 100 sheep realizes one is missing. He seeks the lost sheep until he finds it and brings it back into the fold. In 1919, the United States returned hundreds of thousands of troops from the battlefields of Europe. The ceasefire to end the Great War was November 11, 1918. The main body of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) was headed back to American soil. Most of those men were home by Memorial Day 1919. Their homecoming was celebrated.

However, two groups of American soldiers were not celebrating the peace or a return home; **about 5,000** of them were deployed fighting the Bolsheviks in northern Russia. Another **almost 8,000** were in Siberia. Officially, the former were classified as American North Russia Expeditionary Force or ANREF, and the latter, AEF in Siberia.

The North Russia group came to be known as the "Polar Bears". With estimates that 70% of these men hailed from in or near Detroit, these men were also claimed as "Detroit's Own." They spent November 11, 1918 (The Armistice) in defensive positions along a river and railway south of the Russian port of Archangel. The AEF was not entirely home. Not only were they not scheduled for repatriation, but the ANREF Polar Bears were also not equipped with American weapons, American Army uniforms, or under the American flag. Their officers answered to Allied Command. When the decision was made in April 1919 to withdraw the American troops, it took until June to recruit British soldiers to replace the Americans.

Most Michigan Polar Bears came home to a hero's welcome in July of 1919; the ANREF headquarters officially closed in August. Some of the men did not live to return. Disease, including "Spanish Flu," and enemy encounters led to casualties. The extreme weather conditions took their toll as well. During their 19 months in Siberia, 189 soldiers of the Siberian force died from all causes. As a comparison, the smaller ANREF experienced 235 deaths from all causes during their 9 months.



## Local connections to Polar Bear Veterans include:

- Henry Duff who lived on South Blvd. in Avon Township. Duff was on the Board of Education for Stiles School. He also was invited to speak to students about his experience.
- The VFW post in Rochester, Michigan is named for Homer Wing, who lost his life in Russia.
- The Polar Bear Exhibit at the Detroit Zoo has a commemorative plaque.

It took years of negotiation to get direct access and return the bodies of American servicemen. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) was successful in organizing and conducting a recovery mission in the autumn of 1929 and brought out the remains of 86 U.S. soldiers. An additional 14 remains of AEF in North Russia soldiers were shipped by the Soviet Union to the U.S. in 1934.

The remains of 56 AEF soldiers were eventually re-buried in plots surrounding the Polar Bear Memorial created by sculptor Leon Hermant. Their 'homecoming' to Troy's White Chapel Cemetery provided a focal point for every Memorial Day since 1930.



# Celebrating 100-plus years of Women voting in Oakland County, Michigan

By Elizabeth Thornburg, Curator



*Marietta Gaston Elliot, late 1920s*

Within the Troy Historic Village archives, there is a single, slim volume full of women’s names, signatures, and interesting addresses—for context, rural mailing addresses in early 20th century Oakland County looked something like, “Route 4, Birmingham. Route 1, Rochester,” and so on.

It is not a guest book. This book is a Register of Women Electors: 1919-1924, and it represents a major shift in voting rights that began in the early 19th century with suffragists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. In parts of the United States, some women enjoyed the right to vote well before 1920. For example, women in Wyoming had the right to vote in local elections in 1869. Michigan suffragists were finally successful in procuring a women’s suffrage amendment to the state constitution by 1918.

Many women of Troy registered to vote with their mothers, sisters, daughters, and cousins. The requirements in the front of the book stated that in order to be eligible to vote, a woman must own property in the

county and pay taxes on that property – either alone or with their husband or another person, or be on land lease, paying property taxes, and over the age of twenty-one. After the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, white women had the right to vote, and some, but not all, leaped at the chance to participate in a realm that was so long denied to them.

One family of women who registered together were the Elliots: matriarch Marietta Gaston Elliott, 67, a widow, and daughters Lucy Elliott, 42, and Grace Elliott, 39. We know more about Marietta than many women of her time. She was raised in Detroit and was a charter member of Wesley Church in that city. She married George Elliott, a farmer, and successfully raised two independent daughters. She taught Sunday School for 66 years. Her home was in Troy, where she was a very enthusiastic member of Troy Methodist Church. She passed her love of teaching on to her daughters.

Lucy and Grace remained unmarried during their lives and committed themselves to the education of others. In the 1920 Census, the occupation of both sisters was listed as “City School Teacher.” It is known that Grace taught home economics at Northeastern High School in Detroit, and by 1930, Lucy was the Principal at Sheddard Intermediate School in Detroit. Lucy held a Masters Degree, obtained at the University



*Grace Elliott, date unknown*



of Michigan. Grace also attended University, though where remains unclear.

Sadly, Lucy was killed in an automobile accident in 1930. At the time of her untimely death, she was the first and only woman principal in Detroit. She was very active in her community, and very close to her mother, sister, and female companions.

Grace's life was quiet. She remained in the home she grew up in and had live-in helpers after her sister's death. By the time of the 1950 Census, she had no helpers in her household, but she did live with a widowed roomer, Elizabeth Riley, who was age 80. Grace died quietly at home in Troy in 1954 having lived 73 years and witnessed so much progress for women.

*Lucy Elliot, 1920 graduation from University of Michigan*

## Seeing the 1920s in Troy Homes

The 1920s was a booming time for America. Troy was still very much a farming community, but in the 1920s the farm fields began turning into subdivisions and the population began to take off. Of the approximately 27,400 homes in Troy, only 334 of them were built between 1831-1930 according to the City of Troy Assessor's Office. That's just 1% of Troy's housing stock, but you can find these 100+ year old gems scattered around the city. Popular housing styles in the 1920s included several revival styles (Tudor, Colonial, and Spanish), Cape Cods, and Fairy Tales, but around Troy and across America you'll mainly find the Craftsman Style house representing the Roaring 20s.

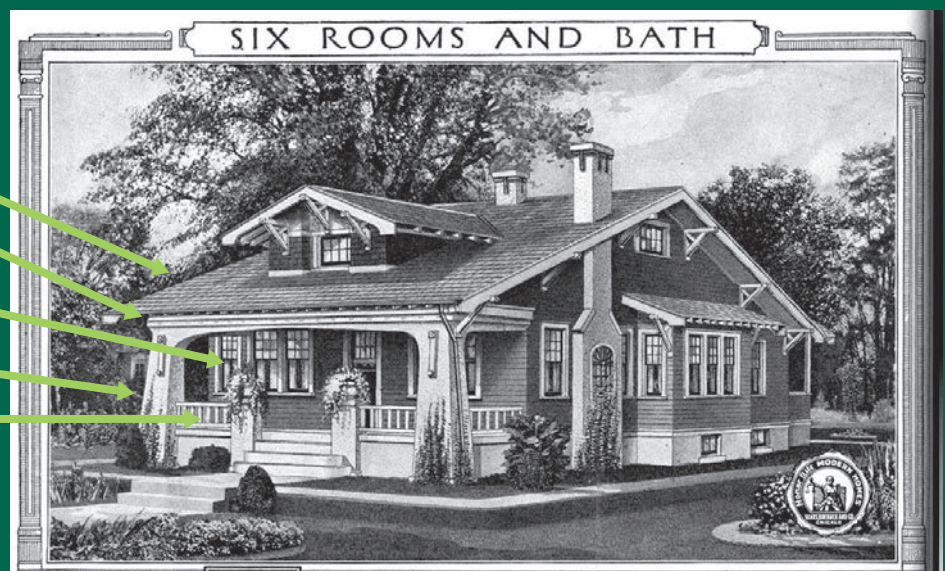
Large Overhanging Roofs

Roof Brackets or Rafter Tails

Double Hung Windows

Tapered porch columns

Often a long front porch





# HOMETOWN HISTORY: TROY IN THE ROARING TWENTIES

by *Stephanie Arwady, Adult Programs Director*

When you think of the “Roaring Twenties,” what comes to mind? Maybe it’s flappers, rum-running, and art nouveau. How about a dance known as the Charleston or the achievement of woman suffrage with the ratification of the 19th Amendment? Did you know that the phrase “Roaring Twenties” wasn’t actually used to describe this exciting decade until well after it was over? (The term was probably most widely disseminated in and after 1939, when Warner Bros. release the film *The Roaring Twenties* starring Humphrey Bogart and James Cagney.)

Nevertheless, the 1920s certainly “roared” in rural Troy Township! The population more than tripled during the decade and an influx of immigrants from places like Greece, Romania, Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Germany sparked a noticeable change in the number of languages spoken and variety of traditions practiced in Troy. Car sales increased exponentially in the 1920s and automobile travel caught on in our area – at least for a few seasons of the year! Troy resident Ford R. Bryan remembered that in order to avoid the hassles of winter driving, “some owners ‘blocked up’ their car in the barn, drained the radiator, removed the battery, and skipped the winter season entirely.”

While Troy was still very much a countryside in the 1920s, census records indicate that something along the lines of a farm-to-factory shift was happening here, just as it was in many other parts of the country. Even though many Troy families were still farmers in the 1920s, we start to see residents taking on different job titles, such as electricians, groundskeepers for golf courses and cemeteries, and even a movie theatre projectionist.

In 1920, Elmer Martin Schroeder and Henry Esemien opened a garage at Big Beaver and Rochester. Two years later, their business had expanded into a Ford dealership, and by 1923 they had also started selling auto insurance. Ford eliminated the dealership after WWII, but Schroeder’s son, Ollie, continued selling insurance policies, and passed the E. M. Schroeder Insurance company on to his daughter and son-in-law in the 1980s. It was the oldest operating family-run business in Troy until very recently.



*E.M. Schroeder Co., 1926*

During WWI, many women had started working outside the home in factory and clerical jobs for the first time, a trend that continued in the 1920s. In Troy, the 1920 census lists 20-year-old Jessie Aspinwall’s occupation as “office work” for a printing office. By 1930, she worked as a linotype setter for the *Royal Oak Tribune*. Like Jessie, most Troy women who worked outside the home were single, but this was not always the case. And some had it both ways, like Charlotte “Lottie” Miller, who opened Big Beaver’s first beauty shop and worked as a hairdresser in the home she shared with her husband and two daughters.

A number of Troy landmarks were created in the 1920s, such as White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery and Sylvan Glen Golf Course. A Presbyterian congregation purchased the old Lakie barn on Livernois Road near Wattles in 1928, removed the silo and added a steeple to convert the building into a house of worship, which nearly 100 years later is home to the Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation.





*Lottie Miller's beauty shop, c1920*

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*Lakie Barn adaptively reused as a church in 1928*

In the spring of 1927, the Royal Oak Tribune reported on “the most heated caucus in the history of the community,” in which incumbent township supervisor Morris Wattles and longtime Troy resident John Truesdell went head to head for the Republican nomination. Thanks in large part to the “heated campaigning by friends of the two candidates,” the Tribune estimated that about one thousand people attended the caucus, about double the eligible electorate and unheard of in a town where 100 voters was a typical turnout.

# Shake Up Your Parties & Rent The Village



## If you have a party in mind, the Village has you covered

Whether you want to book a small party soon or larger event later, the Troy Historic Village can accommodate your needs. Packages are customized to fit your event.

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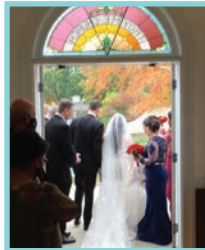
### Gatherings & Showers

The 1837 Niles-Barnard House features seating for up to 75 with flexible setups, a catering kitchen, audio visual equipment and Wi-Fi. The temperature controlled building also has modern, ADA compliant restrooms.



### Wedding Celebrations

Thinking smaller these days? Don't give up on the elegance of your wedding. The Village is available for simple wedding ceremonies in our beautiful 1800s Chapel or on the Village Green.



### Graduation Parties

The Village Green has two acres of space for your celebration. From graduations to reunions, meetings, birthday parties and most anything else that fits your needs.

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Have your winter Office Party or  
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For rental information please call our Events Rental Manager: Marian Nowosatko  
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# DECEMBER 2022

- Dec 1 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 3 **Cocoa and Crafts with Santa** 10:00am-2:00pm
- Dec 4 **Cocoa and Crafts with Santa** 11:00am-2:00pm
- Dec 7 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Dec 8 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 11 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Dec 15 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Dec 15 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Dec 16 **Victorian Christmas** 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Dec 17 **Victorian Christmas** 10:00am-4:00pm
- Dec 18 **Victorian Christmas** 10:00am-3:00pm
- Dec 24-Jan 1 **Village Closed**


# JANUARY 2023

- Jan 2- **Objects of Our Affection Self-Guided**
- Feb 28 **Monday-Friday** 10:00am-3:00pm
- Jan 4 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Jan 5 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 8 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Jan 11 **Beyond the Book: Book Discussion** 4:00pm
- Jan 12 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 18 **Hurricanes and Climate Change Talk** 4:00pm
- Jan 19 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Jan 23 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm
- Jan 26 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Jan 26 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm

# FEBRUARY 2023

- Feb 1 **Cheddar's Story Time** 10:30am
- Feb 2 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 7 **Beyond the Book: Book Discussion** 4:00pm
- Feb 9 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 12 **Constitution Café** 2:00pm
- Feb 14 **Objects of Our Affection Guided Tours**  
2:00pm-3:30pm or 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Feb 16 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 20 **Mid-Winter Break Open House**  
10:00am-3:00pm
- Feb 21 **Mid-Winter Break Open House**  
10:00am-3:00pm
- Feb 21 **History of Disaster Tourism Talk** 4:00pm
- Feb 23 **Thursday Teas** 2:00pm
- Feb 23 **Thursday Walking Group** 5:00pm
- Feb 27 **Preservation Conversations** 2:00pm

- Kids & Families
- Health & Wellness
- Adults & Seniors
- Artifact Tour
- Community Events




## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Friday December 16, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Saturday December 17, 10:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday December 18, 10:00am-3:00pm

Tickets: \$10/THS Member or \$12/Non-member

Experience Christmas during the 1850s-60s. Costumed reenactors will perform activities of the season like playing games, decorating, exchanging gifts, and calling on friends. Enjoy carols, kids' crafts, Christmas traditions mini-exhibit, and hot cider and cocoa. When you purchase your ticket, select a time to take your unique tour through our Victorian Village. Fun for all ages. Register at [www.TroyHistoricVillage.org](http://www.TroyHistoricVillage.org) or call 248-524-3570.






## Cocoa and Crafts with Santa

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

Sunday December 4, 11:00am - 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

Start your season of family fun and holiday tradition at the Troy Historic Village! Spend time with Santa, make a simple 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!

## Mid-Winter Break Open House

Monday February 20 and Tuesday February 21,

10:00am – 3:00pm | FREE admission!

Donations are appreciated.

Join us for fun demonstrations, activities, and crafts. Learn about our growing menu of family programs, events, and workshops.



## Cheddar's Preschool Story Time

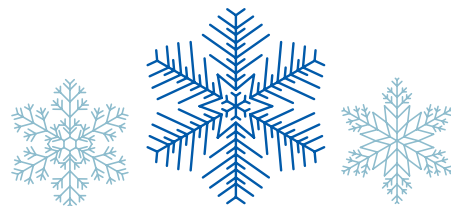
10:30 am | Ages 2-5

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

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

Come join Cheddar the Village Mouse for monthly story time. We will read a story, sing a song, do a fingerplay, learn about an object from the past, and other fun activities. We'll practice important skills like counting, categorizing, matching, fine-motor, manners, and more. A snack is included. Designed for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Troy Women's Association.

- **December 7:** Hot Chocolate
- **January 4:** Cars and Carriages
- **February 1:** Groundhogs and Woodchucks





## 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](mailto:ypd@thvmail.org) for more information and to arrange a date and time for your group's visit.

### Winter Pioneers

\$8/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!

### Shopping Back-in-Time

\$8/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!



## Bring the Whole Troop!

Individuals, troops, or packs achieve badges or electives through these fun, engaging programs. Call 248-524-3598 or email [ypd@thvmail.org](mailto: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

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

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.

## Objects of Our Affection Mini-Exhibit

Take a self-guided tour:

Monday January 2 - Tuesday February 28, 10am-3pm

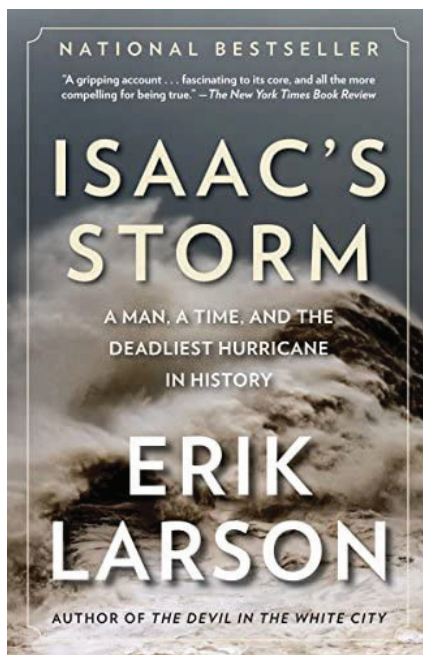
Find something to warm your heart through our exhibit showcasing items of attachment. We have a school-crush letter, poems of love, and items made to show connection. Multiple buildings house this exhibit, and a few artifacts tell their story. When you visit, tell us what your family saved for sentimental reasons! Free with general admission.

## Objects of Our Affection Valentine's Day Guided Tour

Tuesday February 14, 2:00-3:30 and 6:00-7:30

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

Have you ever retained something just for 'sentimental value'? While that's not the goal of our collections team, there are many items in the THV archive that were created or saved for the feeling they would engender. For example, the "Honey" love letter found in a Troy schoolhouse, items like doll houses, poetry for a loved one, and of course, Valentines! Bring your self (and your sweetie) to view what we showcase as "Objects of Our Affection." You are also encouraged to share an item from your own collection.



## Beyond the Book

This winter, the Village will host a variety of programs related to Erik Larson's book, *Isaac's Storm: A Man, A Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*. Whether you've read the book or not, you're welcome to join us for any or all of the following programs designed to take us Beyond the Book! Visit our website for more details and registration information.

- **Wednesday January 11, 4:00pm: Book Discussion #1**  
*FREE*

Troy Historic Village and Troy Public Library present the first of two free book discussions inside Niles-Barnard House at the Village. Join us for a warm beverage, a little friendly trivia competition, and lively group discussion on history, hurricanes, and other *Isaac's Storm* themes.

- **Wednesday January 18, 4:00pm: Climate Change as of 2023: Simple, Serious, Solvable**

THS Member: \$10 | Non-member: \$15

Climate change has impacted modern-day hurricanes. Join meteorologist Chris Edwards for a verifiable fact-based look at the scientific state of the issues and impacts involved in climate change, localized in many ways to Michigan and metro Detroit. We will explore a range of ideas to address the significant challenges we face, including what each of us can do.

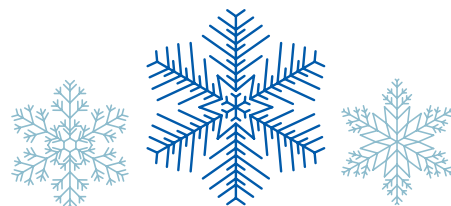
- **Tuesday February 7, 4:00pm: Book Discussion #2**  
*FREE*

Troy Historic Village and Troy Public Library present the second of two free book discussions inside Niles-Barnard House at the Village. Join us for a warm beverage, a little friendly trivia competition, and lively group discussion on history, hurricanes, and other *Isaac's Storm* themes.

- **Tuesday February 21, 4:00pm: "I think I will keep it": A History of Disaster Tourism**

THS Member: \$10 | Non-member: \$15

Postcards, stereoscope slides, books, film, and even a Coney Island attraction – all of these items let "armchair tourists" experience the 1900 Galveston hurricane from afar. The Johnstown flood, St. Louis tornado, San Francisco earthquake, and many Civil War battles similarly inspired an array of disaster memorabilia and souvenir-picking from scenes of devastation. Troy Historic Village adult programs director Stephanie Arwady explores disaster tourism in the 19th- and early 20th centuries.







## Thursday Teas

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

Join us inside Old Troy Church 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.

- **December 15: Christmas in the Victorian Era**

Christmas has changed a lot since it was first observed in North America. It isn't until the Victoria era that Christmas starts to look and feel familiar. Join Troy Historic Village youth programs director Alex Konieczny to learn how European royalty, a German immigrant, an American periodical, and a professor of Oriental and Greek literature gave us the Christmas we know today.

- **January 26: The Underground Railroad in Southeast Oakland County**

Join Donna Casaceli of the Birmingham Museum for the stories of freedom-seeker George Taylor and abolitionist Deacon Elijah Fish, two men recently designated to the National Parks Service Underground Railroad Network. Learn how research into their lives has revealed a much broader network of Oakland County abolitionists, including William G. Stone of Troy, and three freedom-seekers who settled in Pontiac.

- **February 23: The Evolution of Jazz**

Come along with The Oakland County Brassworks as they explore the creation and development of America's music. This program is a smooth blend of history and music performed live by a five-piece brass band!



## 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:

- **December 11:** Freedom of Speech
- **January 8:** Freedom of the Press
- **February 12:** The Right to Peaceably Assemble and Redress Grievances



## 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 this winter:

- **January 23: The National Register of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places: what does it mean and how do you get on it?

- **February 27: The Richardson behind Richardsonian Romanesque**

The heavy, rough-stone style was developed by H.H. Richardson in the late 1800s and used for a library or civic building near you!

\*Note our new afternoon start time!

## Walking Group

Thursdays | FREE | 5:00pm

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, please visit [troystory.org/programs/walking-group/](http://troystory.org/programs/walking-group/) or call 248.524.3570. Presented by Beaumont Health.

## Beaumont



# 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

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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:

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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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