

*It Takes A* **VILLAGER**    
**TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE**  
*where history lives*

## SINCE OUR LAST MEETING...

**Our fall intern, Andrea, has completed her internship!** She organized the Gloria Anderlie collection, digitized a few small collections, and helped move artifacts.

**2,500+ students / 525+ chaperones / 110+ teachers participated in our education programs within the months October, November, December.** Many of these students participated in our school craft activities that our amazing volunteers have put together!

**Stephanie & Tom got married here at the Village!** Don't worry, I've included a pic on page 4.

**Volunteers helped distribute marketing materials** to over 12 local libraries, over 14 hotels, & over 5 community centers.

**The Tuesday Crew** has been working hard on transforming the wagon that used to be in the Town Hall into a puppet show stage.



**Our spooky season programming was all sold out!** The Union Corners Cemetery Tour, Curious & Macabre, Lantern Tour, and the Dramatic Retelling of the Edmund Fitzgerald were enjoyed by all.

**Scarecrow Row was taken down at the beginning of November.** We're sad to see them go, but as we all know, Scarecrow Row season will begin again before we know it!

**PreHistoric Trick-or-Treat was a record breaker!** More info on page 3.

**The Troy Garden Club** provided the festive greens for the Village again this year. A beautifully decorated tree along with masterfully crafted wreaths tied it all together!

**Volunteers from HSS (Hindu Swayams- evak Sangh - Balagokulam)** have been spending each Tuesday morning with us for the last few weeks. They've been hard at work preparing our school & event craft supplies!



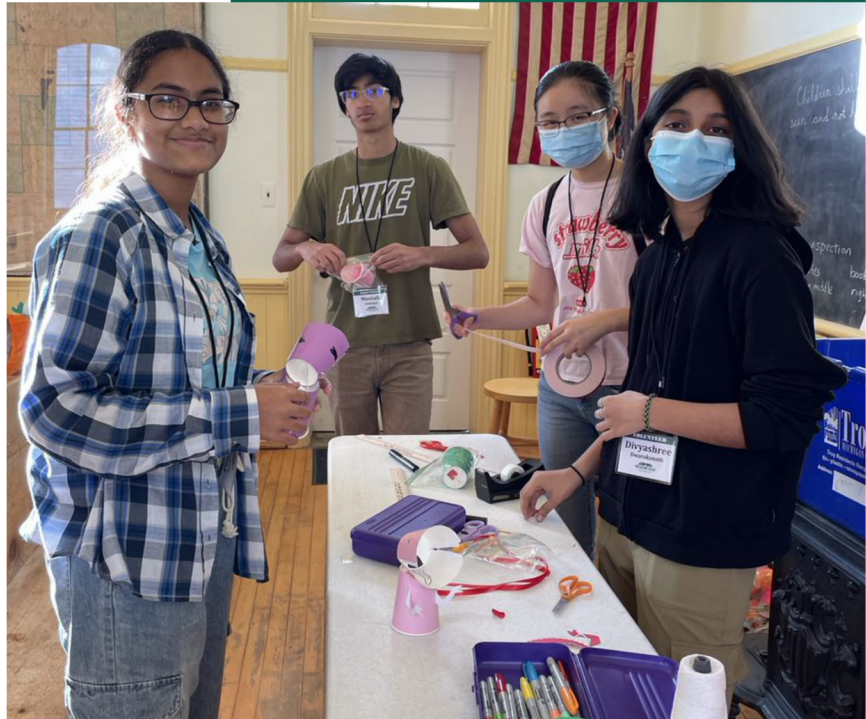


**Cocoa & Crafts with Santa** was also a record breaker! More info on page 3.

**Victorian Christmas** was a successful three day affair full of professional reenactors and smiling guests! More info on page 3.

**In December, we welcomed Indigenous Presenters** to share their culture and history with Troy 5th graders! More info on page 4.

**Volunteers decorated the Village** and it looks so beautiful with the dazzling lights and sparkly baubles.





## PREHISTORIC TRICK-OR-TREAT

An estimated \$500+ value of treats and goodies were donated from our volunteers and Scarecrow Row Sponsors, and over 900 guests joined us over the two days! WOW! We had so many adult and student volunteers help us prepare for the event, donate goodies, and also spend time with us during the event.

## COCOA & CRAFTS WITH SANTA

Over 300+ guests came to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Village and participate in a bunch of new fun activities like snowman bowling, make your own holiday card, & Digger's Spot the Difference game. Lots of our guests were visiting after joining us for Trick-or-Treat, so double thank you to our volunteers for creating such a fun program that folks wanted to come back and visit!



## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

On December 16, 17, & 18, the Village was transported back to 1865 where guest reenactors lived inside the homes of the Village for the weekend. Our volunteers guided guests through the program, and we couldn't have done this without our volunteers! We are so excited to say everyone had a great time!



## INDIGENOUS VOICES

Indigenous presenters used Village buildings to share their culture and history with Troy 5th graders! This program was the first of its kind at the Village, and we are so honored to facilitate this connection between Indigenous presenters and students. We plan to make this a regular fall activity with all of Troy's 5th graders! Looking forward, we hope to design the program in the style of Civil War Days where students will have 6 different sessions to learn about indigenous culture, tradition, and histories.

## STEPHANIE & TOM

Stephanie, our Adult Programs Director, and Tom, one of our History Interpreters, got married in October inside the Old Troy Church. Don't they look great?



# UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## HOLIDAY UN-DECORATING JANUARY 10, 2023

It's hard to believe we are already preparing to take down holiday decorations! Please add this date to your calendar as a save the date - a sign up will follow!

## JANUARY FIELD TRIP CRAFT PREP ONGOING

Starting in January, our education team will be hitting the ground running and will be super busy with field trips! That means we need help preparing field trip crafts like dipping candles, taping tin, folding foil, and taping sticks to strings.

The second Tuesday of each month at 10:30am, we will invite volunteers for a group gathering where we will prepare school crafts while getting to know other volunteers! If you can't make this date, we will have other sign ups, so stay tuned for both!

## MIDWINTER BREAK OPEN HOUSE

Please save the date for these two days for our Midwinter Break Open House! We will have more updates as the date gets closer.

## PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS ONGOING

We are seeking energetic and compassionate people who enjoy cleaning to help us maintain some of our collections! Some duties may include dusting, sweeping / mopping, cleaning baseboards / walls, and other general housekeeping duties inside of our historic structures. We will provide all the supplies. If you're interested in helping, please contact Barbara!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**We will not have a volunteer committee meeting in January!**

Our next volunteer meeting will be on **Tuesday February 7th, 2023 at 10:30am!**

Starting in February, we will have volunteer committee meetings every **FIRST** Tuesday of each month in the Niles-Barnard House at 10:30am (unless otherwise communicated). We hope you'll join us!

More information about upcoming Volunteer Opportunities including links to sign up will be sent out via email. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@thvmail.org](mailto:volunteer@thvmail.org) or call the Village at 248-524-3570.