



# Clinton County Historical Society

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## IN THE NEWS: MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY COUNCIL PLANS CONFERENCE

The Michigan Oral History Council welcomes oral historians everywhere to "Oral History for Michigianians, A Conference - Oct, 2-3" at the Sheraton, Lansing.

The official state Sesquicentennial event is funded in part by grants from the Michigan Department of Commerce and the Michigan Council for the Humanities. It is receiving support from other organizations too.

Donald A. Ritchie, national Oral History Association president, will highlight the program with an address: "When Does an Interview Become Oral History." Alferdteen Harrison, director of the Institute for the Study of History, Life and Culture of Black People, Jackson State University, will speak on the "Uses of Oral History to Interpret Black Culture."

The program begins Friday morning with workshops on oral history, storytelling, folklore, and poetry.

Conference sessions also include the Upper Peninsula, experience in oral history for genealogists and community historians; projects conducted at Michigan State University; interviewing prominent people Michigan pioneers as oral historians; oral history from a lawyer's point of view; and as a research tool for recording and preserving history and romance of "planes, trains and weathervanes."

Those arriving Thursday night will be treated to "A Stone Circle Chautauqua: Salute Michigan."

For information call (517) 321-1746

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our June meeting we had a slide show on barns by Jack Worthington. I was not aware of the many varied styles of barns, including octagon shaped. Unfortunatley, some of the barns have disappeared since the slides were taken.

We have a committee studying by-laws to recommend changes. If there is anything you want changed, please let me know.

We are also preparing a membership booklet. You must have your dues paid to be included. If you are not sure, call Janet Tiedt, our treasurer. (Randy Phelps, president)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Aug. 20: 7:30 p.m. Capitol Federal Savings & Loan in St. Johns. Program by Consumers Power especially for nostalgia fans

### GENEALOGY

Aug. 3 Potluck picnic at Almond Cressman farm, 2327 West Price Road, St. Johns at 6:30 p.m.

ARCHIVES (DeWitt Township Hall)  
Open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Mondays thru Wednesdays

PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM  
Maple Street across from Courthouse in St. Johns  
  
1-5 p. m. Sundays and  
1-8 p.m. Wednesdays  
Open for Mint Fest Aug. 8-9.

### FESTIVALS COMING UP

Paine Gillam Scott Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9 for the St. Johns Annual Mint Festival.

The third annual event honors area mint farmers with activities sprawling through the city.

Included will be mint farm tours, arts/crafts show, flea market, kids games, bingo tent, dancing, 10 K and fun runs, queen's contest, hot air balloon launch, and a tour of the John Hicks (Giesecke) Mansion.

ARTrain will be at the depot in St. Johns Aug. 6 - 9.

The "Cran brook Vision, Past and Present" exhibition is a reminder that Michigan has both the nation's only museum on a train and an internationally acclaimed design academy.

For information call 224-7302.



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