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THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS AUTUMN HOME TOUR

The Clinton County Historical Society presents an Autumn Fest Home Tour on October 6th from 12 noon to 8 p.m. In conjunction a Fall Festival, featuring arts and crafts displayed on sidewalks, will be sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association on the same day.

The county historical society invites the public to join them in a stroll through time as they view gracious homes from the past and present. The tour includes stops at Tom Motz Development, Inc., 1206 Hampshire Drive, Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, 106 S. Maple Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Milejczak, 405 W. State Street, St. Johns Episcopal Church, 400 E. Walker Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Schroufe of Classic Bed and Breakfast, 505 E. Walker Street.

The rural tour includes stops at Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, 2090 Yallup Road, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spaulding, 4117 W. Townsend Road and Mr and Mrs. Dan Clark, 3637 S. Francis Road.

All tourists are urged to take care while parking so not to obstruct traffic flow. CRV curb service is available. Also no smoking or eating in any of the homes. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at home sites. Donation \$8.00. For further information contact Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum at 224-2894 or 224-6342.

Each home tourist will receive a token for a free cup of Michigan apple cider and a donut to be redeemed at Beck's Cider Mill located 7 miles

north on US 27 and 1/4 mile east on Maple Rapids Road. Pumpkin luminaries will light the way to homes from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

Other area activities include a luncheon at St. Johns Lutheran Church from noon to 2 p.m. and a Quilt Show from noon to 5 p.m. The Downtown St. Johns Business Association will feature a Fall Festival Craft Show, downtown October 6th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Merchants will also have "Instore Specials" all day Saturday and will display antiques in their store fronts.

GENEALOGY CLASSES BEING HELD

Arlene Lounds is again teaching a class in Beginning Genealogy at Teresa Merrill every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The class began September 23 and will last for eight weeks.

At least one class night will be a field trip to a Lansing genealogy library.

LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT FOR GROWTH

Organizations grow and become meaningful under the right leadership. The Clinton County Historical Society has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1974.

Myrna Van Epps was kind enough to research and discover the past presidents of our association. They are as follows:

Doug Carpenter	1974-76
Bob Barnes	1976-77
Catherine Rumbaugh	1977-78
Alta Reed	1978-79

Hila Bross 1979-81
 Ford Ceasar 1981-83
 Betty Moore 1983-84
 Ford Ceasar 1984-85
 Charles Colletta 1985-87
 Randy Phelps 1987-1989
 Arlene Lounds 1989 to present

Many times those that step forward and offer leadership roles are not appreciated enough. We should all thank them for their time and talents.

NEWSLETTER

The Genealogy Committee has accepted the responsibility of the Clinton Trails. We are all looking forward to a new format. Many ideas were put forward at a recent meeting as to how to improve and better this publication. It is hard to realize the Trails is in its 5th year. We wish it continued success.



"Holy Helpers" painting has historic tie with Westphalia pioneers.



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