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## HOLIDAY GARAGE SALE

**Green Oak Township  
Historical Society  
10789 Silver Lake Road  
South Lyon, MI 48178 in our  
Historic 1856 Hall**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> thru  
Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

You may drop off items for the sale at the above address on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and throughout the Sale.

Please contact Antoinette "T" Shelvey, GOTHS Vice-President if you have questions or donations for the sale. (248) 342-0978



All donations are tax deductible. Green Oak Township Historical Society is a 501 (c) (3) organization



**Sunday, October 23, 2016**  
Green Oak Township Historical Society

## Annual Meeting

1:00 pm Potluck Luncheon  
GOTHS will provide a meat dish, coffee, tea, silverware, and plates.

**Please bring a dish to share.**

2:00pm Society update . . .

2:15 pm Antoinette "T" Shelvey, GOTHS Vice President will talk about her display of salt and pepper shakers.

**Please bring your favorite salt and pepper shaker set.**

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**Green Oak Township  
Historical Society  
Board for 2016**

**The Board meets the  
second Wednesday each  
month except  
December at 6:30 pm.  
All are welcome to  
attend.**

President – Marilyn  
Harrington 248-446-0789  
Vice President – Antoinette  
“T” Shelvey 248-342-0978  
Secretary – Carrie Buatti  
313-790-3019  
Treasurer – David Huck 248-  
486-9121

**Trustees:**

Marieanna Bair 810-229-  
6402  
Bill Besso 248-486-0515  
Anna Ernst  
Walt Ernst 810-231-3273  
Erlah Lambert 248-437-0893  
Bill Lintner 248-231-6484  
Ruth Munzel 248-437-2421  
Stuart Schluckebier 248-  
486-6662

**GOTHS MISSION**

*The Society’s purpose is to  
bring together those people  
interested in history,  
particularly the history of  
Green Oak Township, and  
to promote a better under-  
standing and appreciation  
of our American heritage.*

**A Message to the  
Members of the Green  
Oak Township  
Historical Society**

*The Society will hold an  
election at the October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Meeting. Consider  
running for office as we  
could use a few more Board*

*members. Marieanna Bair  
(810) 229-6402 is chairing  
the nominating committee.  
Please call her if you are  
interested in serving on the  
Board.*

*The Society recognizes the  
current Board members work  
for GOTHS. They have spent  
many hours assisting our  
Society this year and many of  
them had outstanding  
attendance records at Board  
meetings.*

*The Society appreciates all of  
the support Green Oak  
Charter Township has  
provided.*

*The Society thanks the  
following businesses for their  
support on Green Oak Day.  
Costco provided the delicious  
cakes and Hungry Howie’s  
of Whitmore Lake provided  
the yummy pizza. Many  
organizations worked  
together to make this a  
special day for the public.  
The Vintage String Band  
performance was excellent.  
Unfortunately, we had a  
large rain storm come  
through in the early  
afternoon which limited the  
number of people attending.  
Thank you to all the  
participants.*

*The Society held three,  
second Saturday programs  
this year. “The Indians of  
Southeastern Michigan” had  
the best attendance. We will  
review these at the October  
meeting to decide if they  
should continue.*

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE  
BUSINESSES:

**Big PDQ** – For all your  
printing needs (810) 229-  
2989 [www.bigpdq.com](http://www.bigpdq.com)

**Bill Besso** – Stump Grinding  
and/or Snow Plowing (248)  
486-0515

**Cheryl’s Creative Custom  
Framing**  
[cabchidester@gmail.com](mailto:cabchidester@gmail.com)

**Costco** – 6700 Whitmore  
Lake Road Brighton 48116

**Country Water Treatment**  
(248) 437-9136

**Duncan Disposal Systems,  
LLC** (248) 437-8600  
[www.mygarbageguy.com](http://www.mygarbageguy.com)

**Green Oak Golf Carts** (248)  
437-8461

**Green Oak Gutter** (248) 437-  
9700 [greenoakgutter.com](http://greenoakgutter.com)

**Green Oak Tire Inc.** (248)  
437-1753 ...7480 Kensington  
Rd Brighton, MI 48116  
[greenoaktire.com](http://greenoaktire.com)

**Hungry Howie’s Flavored  
Crust Pizza** (734) 449-9100  
... 11930 Whitmore Lake Rd  
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189  
[hungryhowies.com](http://hungryhowies.com)

**Bill Lintner’s Hollow Oak  
Farm** (248) 231-6484 ...  
11900 Rushton Rd South  
Lyon, MI 48178

**Moll’s Asphalt Sealcoating**  
(248) 486-3518

**South Lyon Collision, Inc.**  
(248) 437-6100

[www.southlyoncollision.net](http://www.southlyoncollision.net)

**Check out our website:**  
[greenoaktownshiphistori-  
calsociety.org](http://greenoaktownshiphistori-<br/>calsociety.org)

## Notes from Marilyn Harrington, President

Thank you to Marieanna Bair, Mary Janssen, Erlah Lambert, and Sandy Miller for regularly assisting me with the work of organizing collections, creating room displays, cleaning, and refurbishing artifacts this past month. Thank you to Marieanna Bair, Carrie and Larry Buatti, Steve Harrington, Stuart and Elisabeth Schluckebier for their assistance this last month with the Society's landscaping. Thank you to the Green Oak Charter Township crew who seeded the island out by the street. Thank you to Antoinette "T" Shelvey, for chairing the Holiday Garage Sale. She has been working hard to get items for it. Please call her if you are able to help with the sale or have items to donate. (248) 342-0978 Proceeds from the sale will benefit future GOTHS projects.

Please check your mailing label if it doesn't say "life" or "2016" please send in your dues. The Society relies of the generosity of its members and friends to remain viable.

**The Society will have its Annual Meeting and Potluck luncheon on Sunday, October 23, 2016: 1:00 pm – Our own Antoinette "T" Shelvey will present: "Collecting Salt and Pepper Shakers". Please bring a dish to share. GOTHS will provide a meat dish, plates, silverware, napkins, coffee, tea and water.**

**On Sunday, December 11, 2016 we will meet at the Bar None Restaurant (11600 Grand River Ave. Brighton, MI 48116) at 1:00 pm. Reservations are necessary - call me by December 1<sup>st</sup> at (248) 446-0789 if you plan to attend.**

***The Mission of the Green Oak Township Historical Society Museum is to collect and preserve artifacts and publications with relationship to Green Oak Township and to build an awareness and appreciation of the history of Green Oak Township including the history of the people who settled here.***

### **Whiskey Cookies sent in by Lucy Zawrotny**

*3 cups light brown sugar  
1 lb. butter or margarine  
6 eggs  
2/3 cup whiskey  
2 lbs. dates cut up  
1 lb. light raisins  
6 cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
Cream together the brown sugar, eggs, and butter.  
Add the remaining ingredients. Bake for 12 to 18 minutes at 350 F.  
Top each cookie with 1/2 of cherry if desired.*

The Society's historic 1856 Hall with warming kitchen is available for rent for small groups (maximum capacity is 50 people). The rent is \$200.00 paid at least two weeks prior to your event. \$100.00 will be returned to you one week after your event as long as everything was maintained as before your event. Please call Marilyn Harrington at (248) 446-0789 if you wish to rent the Society's 1856 Hall.

From: Yesteryears of Green Oak 1830 – 1930

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"In the early 1880's carpenters made \$2.00 to \$3.00 a day, while bricklayers earned \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day. Wood cutters were paid \$22.00 to \$26.00 each month plus board, while farm hands earned \$16.00 to \$25.00 a month plus board. Female domestics were paid \$1.50 to \$3.50 a month with board."

Pg. 302 ...October 8, 1885 ... South Lyon Pickett

"It is reported that a lynx or wild cat had made his headquarters in Green Oak, and has several times been seen by different people."

The Yesteryears of Green Oak 1830 – 1930 is available for sale. It was published by the Green Oak Township Historical Society in 1981. It is available for purchase at \$35.00 each. Please call Marilyn Harrington (248) 446-0789 if you would like to purchase a copy. All proceeds benefit GOTHS.



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The Green Oak Township Historical Society relies on the participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to renew your membership, make a donation, or become a member please use this form. Mail form to: **Green Oak Twp. Historical Society 10789 Silver Lake Road South Lyon, MI 48178**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ \$2 Student \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Patron  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Business/Professional \_\_\_\_\_ \$350 Life

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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