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# Green Oak Historian

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Green Oak Township Historical Society

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## Calendar of Events (Meetings at the 1856 Hall except as noted with \*)

### March

6<sup>th</sup> Potluck Luncheon 1:00 pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Trip to Yankee Air Museum  
10:00 am – car pool\*

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

### May

11<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

### June

8<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Special Program 2:00 pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Potluck Luncheon  
1:00 pm

### July

9<sup>th</sup> Special Program 2:00 pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

### August

10<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Special Program 2:00 pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Green Oak Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm – Green Oak Township\*

### September

14<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

### October

12<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mtg. Potluck Luncheon  
1:00 pm

### November

9<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

### December

11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon  
1:00 pm - Bar None Restaurant\*



*Please join us and bring a friend –*

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

**Potluck Luncheon**

**1:00 pm**

Bring a dish to pass. GOTHS will provide coffee, water, and place settings.

***Susan Nenadic will present:  
Murder, Mayhem and Mischief: Crime in 19<sup>th</sup>  
Century Washtenaw County***

Green Oak Township Historical Society  
10789 Silver Lake Road  
South Lyon, MI 48178



## OUR 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 understanding and appreciation of our American heritage.*

### Continued from our last Historian: The Historic Township Hall:

During the 1950s a small cement block building was in place. In 1965 the Township purchased the acre of land where the Historic Township Hall stands. The Township had leased the land for \$10.00 back in 1855. The lease stated that the Township could use the acre property and the hall as long as it was used for a township hall. That agreement lasted 110 years.

In 1974 a 10' by 60' addition was added which included a kitchen area and room for several offices. In 1985 another addition approximately 10' was added across the back of the entire building. In 1997 the Green Oak Township Building Dept. was moved from rented quarters next door to a mobile office at the rear of the hall.

In 1998 the Township purchased 6.2 acres at the corner of Fieldcrest and Silver Lake Road for \$450,000.00. On July 14, 1999 the Township approved plans for a new Township Hall. Township offices were moved into the new hall in 2001. Before the move to the new hall Green Oak had the oldest Township Hall still in use in Michigan.

The Township leased the hall to GOTHS after much discussion as to what should happen to the Historic Township Hall. The Society is proud to have a building where artifacts are displayed, provide an archival research facility, continue the use of the hall for the benefit of Township residents, and maintain the mission of disseminating the history of Green Oak Township. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BILL LINTNER. HE WILL CELEBRATE HIS 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

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**Thank you to the Phoenix Players** for their continued support of GOTHS. Their next play will be "Stuart Little."

## **Notes from Marilyn Harrington, President**

We are very appreciative of the Township's current assistance with improving the appearance both inside and out of the Historic Township Hall. Of course you have seen the lovely portico on the front of the 1856 Hall, but we are also delighted to have new kitchen cabinets, stove and refrigerator. They will also be putting tile on the kitchen floor. We will have a lovely "Warming Kitchen"!

JoAnn Driver-Williams has decided to resign from the GOTHS Board. We can't thank her enough for her 13 years of service. (Luckily she assures us that she will help when she can!) She has been President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, and hosted or assisted with numerous Garage Sales. We appreciate all that she has done for GOTHS.

Ruth Munzel is our newest Board member. She is also on the Historic District Commission so we will be more aware of their activities. Shirley Karfis had hoped to serve on the Board also. Due to upcoming back surgery she has asked to not be on the Board this year. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

We are looking forward to having a few extra programs this year. We will have special programs on the second Saturday of June, July, and August. These will be geared towards adult entertainment, but children are welcome too. Please mark your calendar and come to learn more about the history of Michigan and Green Oak Township.

*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.*

## **THANK YOU to these Life members of GOTHS!**

- Marieanna Bair
- Robert and Jackie Chenoweth
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Check out our website:  
[www.greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org)



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Giftng Categories recognize donors to the Historic Township Hall Renovation - Restoration Fund. Contributions to the Fund are cumulative.

Platinum \$ 25,000	Bronze \$ 2,500
Gold \$ 10,000	Copper \$ 1,000
Silver \$ 5,000	Pewter \$ 500

Honorees and Memorials have been established to recognize donations made in the name of another person.

- Plaque in the 1856 Hall will display the names of those making donations over \$1,000.
- Paver will be inscribed with your name if you donate over \$ 500.

There are tax benefits for gifts to GOTHS. The Society is a 501 (C) (3) organization. Please contact, the Society’s treasurer or use the donation form on the last page of this newsletter. David Huck at (248) 486 – 9121 or [david.huck@charter.net](mailto:david.huck@charter.net)

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*\*Recognition of Major Donors will only appear in the first issue of the Green Oak Historian each year. (David Huck, the Treasurer works very hard at keeping track of each person’s donations.) THESE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.*

## Please save these dates:



**Sunday, March 6, 2016: 1:00 pm - Potluck Luncheon - Susan Nenadic presenting "Murder, Mayhem, and Mischief: Crime in 19<sup>th</sup> century Washtenaw County"**



**Wednesday, March 30, 2016: 10:00 am - Join us as we car *pool* to the Yankee Air Museum - We will stop for lunch after the tour. Please call Marilyn Harrington by March 24<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend so we will have enough drivers. Dave Huck organized this trip and will be our tour guide! Please note we plan to leave promptly at 10:00 am, so if you are going to be late please call her cell phone. (Marilyn's home phone is (248) 446-0789 or cell (586) 556-0116.)**



**Saturday, June 11, 2016: 2:00 pm - Barbara Vandermolen presenting: "Michigan from A to Z" Snacks will be provided by GOTHS**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016: 1:00 pm - Potluck Luncheon - Barbara Vandermolen presenting "Every County has a Story". Bring a dish to share.**



**Saturday, July 9, 2016: 2:00 pm - Program: *Vintage Stringband* Snacks will be provided by GOTHS.**

**Saturday, August 13, 2016: 2:00 pm - Al and David Eicher "Indian History of Southeastern Michigan" Snacks will be provided by GOTHS.**

**Saturday, August 27, 2016: *Green Oak Day* 10:00 to 3:00 pm Green Oak Charter Township 10001 Silver Lake Road Brighton, MI 481116**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016: 1:00 Potluck Luncheon Antoinette "T" Shelvey "Collecting Salt and Pepper Shakers"**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016: 1:00 Holiday Luncheon at Bar None Restaurant**



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