

# JHA MEMBER NEWS

November 2013

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JENISON HISTORICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
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Our mission is to learn about Jenison history, obtain artifacts relating to its history, and maintain the Jenison Historical Museum as a place to share and display our heritage.

## MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2013

Present: Ken Williams, Liz Timmer, Barb Semeyn, Nellie DeLaat, Ruth Lowing, Linda Droog, Yvonne Williams, Mike Timmer, Gene Kort, Ron Villerius

### Association Business

Approve October Agenda: Several items were added. Motion made and approved.

Approve September Minutes: Motion to approve as written was made by Mike, seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ken motioned to approve as written, seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

### Historian's Report:

- Sandy Hill School Tour is scheduled for tomorrow, the 18th. Ken has their invoice ready as requested
- The Hudsonville Library got the grant with which they will purchase a copier. If we would like to go in on it, the charge will be \$150/year.
- Ken met with Gil Dykstra, local cable station, regarding the Georgetown Journal. They did a 5 minute video tour.
- Calendar Project-quotes received for historical calendar at \$30/copy for 1 or \$12/50. Project tabled.
- Melissa, Hudsonville Librarian, found that the loom in our attic is like one she owns. She has offered, and already has started, to set ours up to be a working loom.
- In researching the inquiry of old pharmacy items, Ken's earliest reference found is from the "Shoppers Guide." It refers to Kugel's Drug Store as the first in Jenison located on Baldwin by Cottonwood.
- Ken shared his tour of the Zeeland Museum
- The red and white quilt was loaned to the Grandville Jenison Congregational Church for display during their 175th Anniversary.
- The house alarm went off again on Thursday, October 3, answered by Linda. Kitchen light was found on but nothing else found. Ken was notified and rechecked later.
- Jenison Heritage Trail Map - Ken has looked into price for reprint since the library has said there has been interest shown in it by the public. Ken was quoted \$.90/copy for 500 ordered. Discussion followed.
- Wendy Batchelder has requested the use of our museum to hold a one day sewing workshop for 6-10 girls to teach them "hand work." Discussion followed
- \*\* Yvonne made a motion to allow Wendy Batchelder to conduct a one day sewing class in February at the Jenison Museum, to abide by the guidelines and restrictions decided upon, and that she will compensate us

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20% of her profits. This was seconded by Gene. Motion carried. Liz will draft an agreement and send to Ken for review

- Ken highlighted this month's display of Georgetown family farms.

Township Representative's Report: Ron had nothing new to report.

Acquisitions Report: Barb has logged in 3 new items donated by Jerry Alberta.

Inventory: Ruth has been labeling cupboards, shelves and drawers for specific location purposes as she enters items into the system. These labels are on transparent tape. She also has a relative who is a high school student who would like to do volunteer work at the museum for credit for a school class. The board encouraged her involvement and suggestions were discussed on how to best use her.

Elections: Elections will be held next month. Liz, Nellie and Mike have agreed to run for their respective positions, Bev our recording secretary has declined the position for personal reasons. Gene Kort was also nominated for a trustee position. Ruth will send out a special election notice to all the members.

2014 Meeting Schedule: Dates have been confirmed, just waiting on location confirmation.

Celebrate Community Expo: We have a confirmed location in the high school cafeteria, no fee charged. There are 83 businesses involved and 6000 fliers will be mailed out to the community. Liz asked if we could bring down several items from the museum to be displayed at the booth. Discussion followed. Mike, Ken and Gene offered to transport and set those items up. Suggestions were for the mill replica and several clothing items to be displayed on the coat rack.

Tri-River Historical Museum Network: Liz had made inquiries into joining this network. There are no dues but we are required to attend 6 meetings per year. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at various museums within this area from Lansing to the Lakeshore. We are already too late for the 2014 brochure. Liz will follow up with meeting locations.

### **Museum Business**

Maintenance Report: Mike reported the toe molding in the master bedroom has been fixed. Ken suggested that a dead tree needs to be removed and also requested a spray foam be used in several areas outside the house to seal things off until they can be repaired.

Holiday Open House Decorating: Barb has people lined up for Saturday, November 9 starting at 9:30-10:00 with plans of finishing by noon.

2014 Open House Schedule: Ron is willing to print the copies for our 2014 Schedule. We are set for the Quilts/ Textiles for March/April, the Jenison Electric Park for May/June, the July River Boat ride and History of Hudsonville for the September/ October months.

**Jenison Historical Association  
Treasurers Report 10/16/13 thru 11/19/13**

Date	Account	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						<b>\$4,896.77</b>
9/16/13	Checking	2029	Courtney Crawford	Summer Intern	Intern	(\$64.00)
10/17/13	Checking	2030	Linda Droog	Cleaning Supplies	Misc:Cleaning	(\$7.47)
				Shade replacements (3)	Repairs	(\$40.86)
10/17/13	Checking	2031	Yvonne Williams	Acid Free Box	Misc	(\$42.38)
				Epson Ink	Technology	(\$90.93)
11/18/13	Checking	Dep	November Deposit	Expo Sales 10/26/13	Gift Store:Books	\$14.00
				Open House 11/5/13	Donation:Open House	\$19.00
				School Tours-Sandyhill	Donation:School Tours	\$42.00
				Open House 11/7/13	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$15.00
				Book Sales:Jenison @ the bend	Gift Store:Books	\$16.00
				Notecards	Gift Store:Stationery	\$3.50
				Open House 11/7/13	Donation: Open House	\$18.00
				Donation 11/9/13	Donation:Open House	\$7.50
				Notecards	Gift Store:Stationery	\$3.50
					Interest Income	\$0.00
					Activity for report period	(\$107.14)
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>						<b>\$4,789.63</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>						<b>\$50.00</b>
12/1/12						
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>						<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>						<b>\$4,839.63</b>
<b>2011 Retained Earnings</b>						<b>\$2,211.47</b>
					Total Income 2012	\$7,189.50
					Total Expenses 2012	(\$4,892.66)
<b>2012 Retained Earnings</b>						<b>\$4,508.31</b>
					Total Income 2013	\$3,286.45
					Total Expenses 2013	(\$3,005.13)
					Petty Cash Box	\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$4,839.63</b>
Aug-13	Writeoff ofReceivables-	Unpaid Dues of \$70	Unpaid Dues	Receivables		\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>						<b>\$4,839.63</b>
<b>SPECIAL RESERVE FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
			5/25 Puppet Show	Donations:Restoration Projects		\$25.00
			Restoration of Lucius/Lumen print	Repairs:Restoration Projects		(\$64.66)
			12/12/12	Donations: Restoration Projects		\$100.00
			9/1/13	Donations: Restoration Projects		\$6.00
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (note, this balance is part of the total Cash on Hand above)</b>						<b>\$66.34</b>

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

## Upcoming

**Elections**

Elections to the board will be at the November Meeting on Thursday. If you are interested in helping in the direction of the JHA, please be sure to be at the meeting.

**Christmas**

The stockings are hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that the visitors soon will appear! Volunteers are now needed to assist during the December 7th Open House. Please contact Nellie DeLaat if you can help. If you can't help, please come and visit, there will be some punch and cookies in the kitchen. We would love to see you! And don't forget, if you miss us in December, the decorations stay up for the January 11th Open House!

**Our neighboring museums**

Marshall Historical Society - Marshall is home to 11 museums; several are open to the public seasonally, some are privately owned and accessible by appointment only. Contact Sue VanZandt 269-781-8544 (email: [tours@marshallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:tours@marshallhistoricalsociety.org)) to arrange your tour. Their web site is [www.marshallhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.marshallhistoricalsociety.org).

**Restoration Fund**

Our Restoration Fund is still active with several pictures in need of some tender loving care. With your help we can fulfill the dream of restoring some of these special pieces so that generations ahead will be able to enjoy them.

## JHA TRUSTEE'S

**Chair**

Liz Timmer (13)  
457-3708

**Vice Chair/Curator**

Ken Williams (14)  
772.6523

**Treasurer/Editor**

Ruth Lowing (14)  
896-1447

**Social Secretary**

Nellie DeLaat (13)  
457-1193

**Recording Secretary**

Bev Potter (13)  
308-4490

**Tours/Co-Archivist**

Joyce Klawiter (12)  
457-9018

**Co-Archivist**

Barb Semeyn (14)  
457-9343

**Maintenance/Historian**

Mike Timmer (13)  
531-1218

**Trustee**

Yvonne Williams (14)  
772-6523

Tim Boelema  
669-5079

Linda Droog  
457-3016

**Township Rep**

Ron Villerius

(##) = year of re-election to the board

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

**Historical Association of  
Michigan**

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

Wishing you and your family a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!

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### 2013 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 19, Georgetown Library

Thursday, October 17, Georgetown Library

Thursday, November 21 - Georgetown Library

No Meeting in December, 2013

**All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted**

### 2013 Museum Open House Schedule

September 21 2013 2-4 PM

October 19, 2013 2-4 PM

December 7, 2013 1-4 PM 2013 Holiday Open House

January 11, 2014 2-4 PM Holiday Open House

ALSO: 1st Tuesday of the month April thru November -  
10 AM - Noon

Call to volunteer your time at the open houses