

# JHA MEMBER NEWS

October 2014

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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 AUGUST 21, 2014

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

### Association Business

Approval of September Agenda: Ken motioned to approve, Nellie seconded with the addition of Ornament update and Holiday decorating. Motion carried.

Review August Minutes: Ken made a motion to accept as written, Mike seconded with the clarification under the Maintenance Report. To read as “special electrical breakers are needed for additional fire safety.” Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Barb motioned and Gene seconded to approve with the updated corrected report including the pencils. Motion carried.

### Curator/Historian Report:

- Ken shared a video preview of the ‘Glimpses of Early Hudsonville’ display completed for our Sept./Oct. Open House, featuring the railroad depot, churches, schools, ‘Pike 51’ now M121, muck farming and the ’56 tornado.
- Presented his ideas on possible timeline project showing important local history events.
- Open House 2015 Themes: Jenison Museum, Stephen Lowing and the Civil War 3rd MI Infantry Regiment, John Piers as Manager of the Hanchett properties, Downtown Jenison, River Landings, the Grand Lady Boat outing and Christmas.
- A Cornerstone College student, Emily, send an email offering to make a video documenting the history of the house. She had filmed in the house previously as part of a school project. This time it would be for our use. Ken contacted her with a request to expand the project to include Georgetown Township. He will report the status of the request at the October meeting.
- Ken shared copies of the third grade study book from the Hudsonville schools on the history of Hudsonville.
- On October 17, a Puppet Show is scheduled for the Jenison Christian School 2nd graders and a tour of the house on October 21.

### Master Plan Report:

- Cleaning/Painting Office – Yvonne has set Saturday, September 27 as a ‘Work Day’ for painting the office ceiling and general cleaning. All were encouraged to come at 10am.

- Timeline – See Ken’s report
- Fix potholes in parking lot – Mike reported there are issues with the property line and David Maier who actually owns the area where the pot holes are located. He is working with Dan Carlton for a solution.
- Inventory – Ruth reported she is very close to the end of list.

Books recommended by Jarrett Zeman: Liz has researched the list of reference books given to us by Jarrett and found they are quite expensive and are probably textbooks. They are not available through the library. It was suggested we file the list for future research needs.

501(c) (3) Update: Liz has contacted lawyers here in Jenison for input.

Community Expo: Liz emailed the chairman of the committee and we are signed up for the October 25 Expo. The registration fee has once again been waived. Further discussion about this will take place at next month’s meeting.

Upcoming Elections: Liz shared that elections for Ken, Ruth, Barb and Yvonne’s positions on the board will be coming up soon.

Ornaments Update: Ron will be making copies for the advertising flyer of the ornament/souvenir of the “Jenison Mill.”

### **Museum Business**

Maintenance Report: Mike’s report on the parking lot pot holes (see above).

Midstate Cards: Nothing is being changed so new cards are not necessary.

September Open House: See Curator/Historian report above

October Open House: Same as September display

2015 Open House Schedule/Themes: See Curator/Historian report above

Holiday Decorating: Barb proposed Saturdays, November 8 starting at 9:30 a.m. and November 15 for completion, if needed. Members were asked to put these dates on their calendar to help get the house ready for the holidays.

Jenison Electric Park Books: Yvonne made a motion to purchase 10 more books so we have them in stock for the holidays. Seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Mike shared information on a presentation on “Riding the Interurban Railway” by Norm Krental, on October 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Wyoming Kent District Library History Room.

### **Note:**

**Elections for 2015 are at hand. If you are interested in running for a board position, please contact Liz Timmer, or come to the October Board Meeting on October 16 at 6:45 PM**

**We will be publishing the Christmas edition of our newsletter in November, if you have any special historical stories you would like considered for the newsletter, please contact the editor at [rlowing@aol.com](mailto:rlowing@aol.com).**

**Jenison Historical Association  
Treasurers Report 9/16/14 thru 10/13/14**

Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>					<b>\$3,787.14</b>
10/4/14	Deposit	Deposit	May 2014 Open House Donations	Donation:Open House	\$57.00
			School Tour May 2014	Donation:School Tours	\$20.50
			Book Sales: Jenison Park	Gift Store: Books	\$56.00
			Sept 20, 2014 Open House	Donation:Open House	\$45.00
			Donations: Other	Donation	\$1.00
			2014 Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornament	\$60.00
Activity for report period					\$239.50
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>					<b>\$4,026.64</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>\$4,076.64</b>
<b>2012 Retained Earnings</b>					<b>\$4,508.31</b>
Total Income 2013					\$3,526.45
Total Expenses 2013					(\$3,054.99)
<b>2013 Retained Earnings</b>					<b>\$4,979.77</b>
Total Income 2014					\$3,469.10
Total Expenses 2014					(\$4,422.23)
Petty Cash Box					\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>					<b>\$4,076.64</b>
Receivables					\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>					<b>\$4,076.64</b>
<b>SPECIAL RESERVE FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE January 2014</b>					<b>\$132.68</b>
			4/25/2014 Donation L D'Angelo	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$480.00
			5/15/2014 Donation Barb Semeyn	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$100.00
			6/17/2014 Donation Ruth Lowing	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$100.00
			5/15/2014 Print Restoration	Repairs:Restoration	(\$711.00)
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (note, this balance is part of the total Cash on Hand above)</b>					<b>\$101.68</b>

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

## Upcoming

**October Open House**

We will be exploring “Glimpses of Early Hudsonville, our neighbor to the West”.

**Christmas at the Museum**

Once the October open houses are done, we will begin to decorate the house for Christmas. We are already beginning discussions, so if you would like to assist in the decorations, please join either the October meetings.

**Restoration Fund**

We are beginning to rebuild our restoration fund, while we watch for the next restoration project.

**Time and Talent...**

If you have any hobby or other skill that might benefit the Historical Association or wish to assist in the upkeep of the museum, we would love to hear from you. Volunteering at your local museum actually doesn't take a lot of skill, it takes a desire to give back and an hour or two of your time each month, we can help you fit your skill to our needs. Thanks for considering the Jenison Historical Association as a place to stretch your wings and become a volunteer.

**Jenison Museum Souvenir's**

Our newest souvenir ornament is now available for sale. This year we are highlighting the Jenison Mill. Our previous design is also still available. Our previous design of the Museum is also still available



**Prices:** New design \$15 each  
 Previous design \$12 each  
 Purchase one of each for \$25

**Find us on Facebook at Jenison History Association and become a friend.**

**JHA TRUSTEE'S****Chair**

Liz Timmer (16)  
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**Vice Chair/Curator**

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Joyce Klawiter  
 457-9018

**Co-Archivist**

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 457-9343

**Maintenance/Historian**

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**Trustee**

Yvonne Williams (14)  
 772-6523  
 Gene Kort (16)  
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**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)

**Organization Membership in the  
 Historical Association of  
 Michigan**

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



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### **2014 Meeting Schedule**

**All meetings begin at 6:45 PM at the Georgetown  
Library with exception noted.**

Thursday, October 16 2014

Thursday, November 20, 2014

No Meeting in December, 2013

### **2014 Museum Open House and Activity Schedule**

October 18, 2014      2-4 PM Glimpses of early Hudsonville

December 6, 2014      1-4 PM Christmas at the Museum

January 10, 2015      2-4 PM Christmas Encore

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

Call to volunteer your time at the open houses