

Flat Rock Historical Society

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In Memoriam

The Society suffered another great loss with the passing of Barb Fedon. The attached history page is devoted to her

General Member Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, from 6:00 to 8 pm at the Hotel. There will be a short meeting with the Historical Commission.

The meeting will be followed by a speaker, Tom Genova, who will talk about Televisions of the 20th Century at 7 pm. If you have an old TV and wonder about it, Tom will give an appraisal if you bring a picture or the make and model number.



Elected Officers for 2011

Pres: Don Fesko
V-P: Dave Maurer
Treas: Carol Klingel
Rec Sec: Cindy Fesko
Corr Sec: Louise Sale
Trustee(3 yr): Pat Simeck
Trustee(3 yr): Donna Neese
Trustee(2 yr): Gertie Younglove
Trustee(2yr): Phyllis Dasher
Trustee(1yr): Lila Fedokovitz
Trustee(1 yr): Dawn Bartok

Committee Leaders

Local History: Lila Fedokovitz
Membership: Kathy Fisk

Volunteer Recognition: Robin Gillis

Upcoming Events

We have changing exhibits every month. The Museum is open the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 pm. And we always need volunteers to act as docents.



Sunday, Feb. 13th: we will celebrate Valentine's Day, of course.

March: Quilts—March is Nat'l Quilt Month Appraisals \$10/quilt

April: Easter & vintage fashions

May 1: Flea Market—we are still looking for a team to park vendors and customers. If you know of any charitable organization interested in doing this for a fund raiser, notify one of the board members.

Quilt Open House

On March 13 from 1-4p.m, Velia Laurman will be at the Mungar Museum. She will give written appraisals for \$10/quilt. If you have a quilt you are willing to display that day, please contact Cindy. We will have many quilts and quilt squares on display. You are invited to sit in on appraisals and learn more about quilt dating and quilts in general.

Annual Dues

Remember, membership fees are overdue. Please get them in soon. You can mail them to the above P.O. Box using the form included in this newsletter. By the way, at the December General Meeting, a motion to raise the individual annual fee from \$7 to \$10 was approved starting in 2012.

Windmill

The Society installed a windmill in front of the Stable last year. Besides looking great, it pumps air (when the wind is blowing) into the retention basin in front of the Museum. It takes the place of the fountain that was supposed to keep the water aerated to control algae but has not worked for the past year. Besides, it draws no power and saves the City money. Ron Klingel was the driving force behind this addition to the historical district.



New Member

We have a very active new member whom you probably don't know if you didn't make the Christmas party or haven't been to the Hotel recently. Her name is Donna Neese and she was elected to the Board at the General Meeting and was just appointed to the Historical Commission as well. She grew up in Flat Rock and her parents were Donley and Katie Neese. She is now an adjunct professor of Art History at EMU. She has great enthusiasm for history and historical preservation. We're very thankful for her participation.

Thank you

- Darlene Goosen, Cindy & Don, and Carol McGee for loans of "small collections" for the January open house. We had a good turnout in spite of the cold.
- Monetary donations in memory of Barb Fedon from Mary Ann Bennett, Billy Williams, Carey Williams, Wendi Walthall, Betty Whisler, Ron & Carol

Klingel, Lila Fedokovitz, Betty Flayer, Scarlett O'Hatters, Bob Shrader, Lillian Woofenden, Nelson & Sue Brown, Richard & Kathy Fisk, David & Sharon Kurdziel, Louann Wallace & Joyann Leverly, Donna Neese, Edward & Nancy Brown, Dolores Beckinger, Adam Albright, Don & Cindy Fesko, Gerald & Carol Irvine, Don Fedon, Ruth Ann Vack, Deborah & Charles Abar, Daryl Justus, Merrick & Kristie Mossman.

- Monetary donations from Darlene Goosen, Pat & Leon Simeck, Katherine Bauman, Bob Schrader.
- Walter Masson for a "VanRiper-Hall Chevrolet" clipboard.
- Bob Ramsey for items in the Christmas display at the Museum.
- Bruce Raymond for a piece of wreckage from NorthWest Flight 255.
- Pat Simeck for making vintage clothing cover bags and cleaning (including dry cleaning-cost paid in memory of Barb Fedon) many of the historical clothes. Also for donating vintage children's clothes and toys.
- Mark Tooze made a monetary donation to the Local History Room.
- Gary and Sue Scheiwe donated 4 king seat chairs, an antique settee, oil lamps and Girl Scout memorabilia.

Museum Adventure Passes

Are still available at the Flat Rock Library. Passes for 2-4 people are available for many local museums. You check out a pass at the desk for seven days and then go to the museum free. You can get details at the Library or at www.detroitadventurepass.org. All you need is a valid library card. What a great idea for a dreary day.

E-mail Delivery

If you received this newsletter by mail and would prefer e-mail, **OR**, you received this by e-mail and would prefer regular mail, please notify Don Fesko at dcfesko@yahoo.com.

Local History

After months of work the book on Flat Rock is at the printers and will be available in mid March. It will be part of the Arcadia Heritage Series and has many pictures of early Flat Rock and goes up to the present time. We will soon be ordering the books and will have them available for purchase at the museum. If you are interested in purchasing one, please let any officer know so we will have an idea of how many books to order. The price will be \$20.



Barbara Fedon

It is with deep sorrow we report the death of Barbara Fedon on December 2, 2011. Born in Lincoln Park on September 1, 1938 to Ira and Mary Bogue, she married Don Fedon and they moved to Flat Rock where they raised five children. Throughout the years she took care of her family and worked as a secretary at Chrysler, Comerica Bank and retired from Auto Alliance International. In her spare time she was active at St. Roch's Catholic Church, Boy and Girl Scouts, The Eagles, Red Hatters and as a volunteer at Wyandotte Hospital.

Barb was very devoted to this community and served as the first woman on the Flat Rock City Council. She was a member of the Historical Society and served as an officer and trustee for many years. A baker and worker for our Country Store at our Flea Markets and as a bartender at our monthly open houses at the hotel, she will be deeply missed.

When the Historical Commission was formed ten years ago Barb agreed to be the chairman and oversaw the restoration of the Smith Hotel and Langs-Wagar house. The buildings stand as a testament of her devotion and work to our town history. The family has requested donations in her memory be made to the Historical Society