

Thank you

- To all the individuals and groups that helped with the Fall Flea Market to make it a terrific success
- Flat Rock Class of '59 for cash donation
- Walter Masson for match holder w/ American Manure Spreader ad
- Evelyn Rosentreter for husband's military pictures, uniform and cash donation for Wagar House
- Jan Friend for linens
- All the men that helped out with the Veterans' Day exhibit
- Marrs Dunne for loaning uniforms
- Lila for WWII replicas of jeep & truck
- Mary Lou Cornwell for a candy dish
- Nancy Chascsa for bottles, sausage stuffer, hand cultivator, shoe repair stand
- Sandy Gardner for school books
- Barb Swann for chaps
- Sandy & Jim Robin for 4 mannequins
- Cindy & Don Fesko for a "violet ray" medical kit & military insignia book
- Jim Diamond for 21 Munger Store ledgers (1880s)
- Leon & Pat Simeck for a mannequin, dining room table, brownie uniform, Naval uniform, crib mattress

Local History Room

Thanks to a donation from David Doss, Guardian Newspaper microfilm is now available for 1944, 1954, 1963 and 1969.

Donation of book State of Michigan Veteran Census 1894, by Paul Greer from Larry Dugan estate.

A new (lockable) bookcase and obituary file have been purchased for the local history room with money donated in memory of Joanne Mittlestat and Mary Lou Jones.

We obtained a picture of uniformed Benjamin Pierson, Civil War Veteran buried in Oak Forest Cemetery. If anyone has pictures of any local Civil War veterans, please submit for our records. They will be copied and returned.



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. Details are available at: www.detroitadventurepass.org or at the Library. All you need is a valid library card.

Gertrude Reading

In October, the Society obtained the portrait of Gertrude Reading that had been hanging in the Reading School for many, many years. Of course, the school was named for this lady who worked there as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. We are currently researching her history so that we can document this influential life.

We know that Gertrude C. Reading was born December 13, 1874, daughter of Andrew Reading (Supervisor & Treasurer of Brownstown Township) and Clarissa Amelia Chamberlin (her father was William, first postmaster of Huron Station (Rockwood)). She had a brother Carlos who was also a teacher at Flat Rock.

She was teaching in Flat Rock in 1900. and was Superintendent from 1916-1925. She attended EMU and MSU. She also taught in Traverse City, Ypsilanti and in the Science Dept. at Eastern Michigan. She retired at age 70 and died in 1967 at age 93.

If you have any information about her, please contact Lila Fedokovitz or Don Fesko.