

## APRIL E-NEWSLETTER

Hello – Welcome to a different E-Newsletter this month.

This one is just informational. Unfortunately our previous editor – Sharon Rose – is not able to do the editing for our E-Newsletter any longer. She did such a great job and she will be missed. If you or someone you know is interested in being our editor on a volunteer basis, let us know. The E-Newsletter goes out once a month and all information is forwarded to the editor for assembly and review. The editor adds artwork, trivia, etc. as appropriate and then sends it back to us for proofreading before we send it out. If this sounds like something you could do, let us know. We want to continue to send those great newsletters!

A special thanks to **Sharon Rose** for editing our newsletter for so many years. We certainly appreciated all your hard work and hope you stay in touch with us. Good luck to you in your future endeavors!

Open House at the Baumgartner Museum will take place on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. We will have vintage hats on display and will be selling Easter decorations and some of our jewelry. Lots of nice things were donated.

Many thanks to Councilwoman **Kathy Blanke** for her cash donation, which will be used for the upkeep of the museum.

Vendors wanted for our spring Flea Market that will be held on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., (rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>). Spaces to rent are \$20.00 for a 10 foot X 10 foot area. Applications will be sent out after Easter. Call Chairwoman, Marilyn Wright, at (586) 293–7477 for more information.

We are seeking donations of household items and jewelry for our Barn Sale. Items may be dropped off on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

It is with great sadness we report that our former Historical Commissioner, **LaRue Berkley**, passed away in March. LaRue was the Assistant Manager of the State Bank of Fraser for over 25 years. She always volunteered to help at our many events after she retired from the Commission. She will be missed by everyone at the Museum.

Calling all gardeners, it's time to dust off your shovels and rakes. Our garden clean up will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> and then again on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. After that, we will be working in the garden every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until dark (weather permitting). Anyone that loves to garden or is in need of Community Service hours or Honor Society hours, is welcome to join us. Working in the garden is a great opportunity to meet a lot of new friends and get lots of gardening tips from our very own Master Gardener, **Betty Slominski**. Betty can be reached at (586) 293-8753 for more information.

### WHAT EASTER MEANS

Spring and Easter brings new life to the world. The name Easter comes from a very old Anglo-Saxon word which means goddess of spring and light in whose honor gay spring festivals were held long ago. The purity of a white spring lily has become the symbol of our resurrection, and the rabbit and the Easter egg are the symbols of new life. In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century German immigrants brought the tradition of dying eggs to the country. They extracted the dye for their eggs from plants and berries growing in the woods. Goldenrod Marigold, Hickory bark, Pokeberry, Sumac, Beet and Onion skin were just a few of nature's sources used for dye. To give an egg is an ancient tradition symbolizing man's faith in life's renewal – an age old expression of love.

Easter greeting to everyone from the Historical Commission.

### News from the Fraser Historical Society

Fraser Historical Society will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12, May 10, August 9 and September 13 at 1:00 PM. That is the second Wednesday of the month. Join us for interesting topics and support your local Historical Society. Membership is \$5.00/year. All are welcome.

On April 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM, the Fraser Historical Society will be holding an event at the Depot located on Masonic and Kelly Rd in Fraser. Paul Bukowski, from the Prosecuting Office in Macomb County, will be sharing **Senior Scam Alerts**. Join us for an interesting and informative time. Refreshments are served.



Lorraine Fradle presenting a thank you certificate to Sabrina Chuhran for her informative presentation in March on Human Trafficking.

The 59th Annual Michigan History Conference on March 3 and 4, 2017 was attended by Julie Racine and Lorraine Fradle. Come hear about Headstones and Histories, what they tell us. Hear about the mineral baths in Mt Clemens and also shipping on the Great Lakes.

Visit the **Warren Historical Research Center & Museum Gallery** located at the beautiful Warren Community Center located on Arden (2blocks north of Chicago Road) between Mound and Ryan. (Best entered from Mound Road.) 5460 Arden, Warren, MI 48092. If you have any questions or need more information, please leave a message at the Historical Gallery Research Center 586-258-2056.

**The Macomb County Heritage Alliance: (MCHA)** Board is putting together a list of all of Macomb County's cities and townships and the dates the towns were founded. List will be published when completed.

**The Crocker House Museum** is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the first Sunday of each month, excluding holidays, March-December. Call 586-465-2488 for more information.

# Prelude to the Arsenal

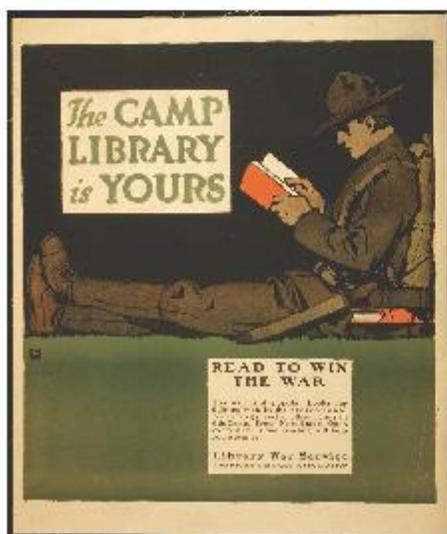


Thursday, April 6  
6:30 pm  
Community Center  
Cafeteria



On April 6, 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany and the United States entered World War I.

Join Christopher Causley, President of the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society for a presentation about how Michigan's industry answered the call for war products during WWI.



Registration is required for this program. To register, please visit the information desk, [www.warrenlibrary.net](http://www.warrenlibrary.net), or call 586.751.5377.

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