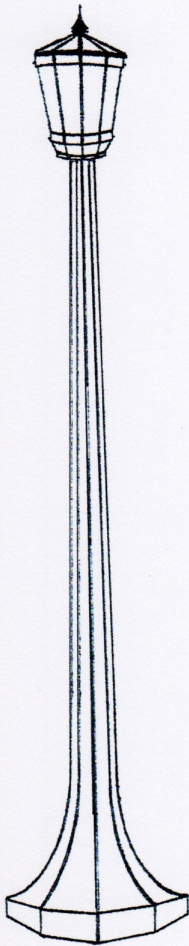


# Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 W Broad St - Chesaning MI

April 2016 Newsletter



## ...A Note from Our President

Dear Members:

April is the beginning of our new year here at the museum. It's time to renew our membership and to elect our Board Of Directors. This year we will be losing two of our Board Members. Mamie Brendahl (our curator) and Gus Brendahl ( a trustee) are both retiring. ( I think they want to go fishing together 😊 ). They have been working as volunteers for over 15 years at the museum. Both have done an awesome job.. Thank you so much..

If you or someone you know would like to fill one of these positions .. Please let

a Board Member know. We need your help.

There is some remodeling going on again at the museum. The basement is getting a "facelift" . There is new tile and new fixtures in the two bathrooms. The main room is getting new carpet and both stairways also. It really is looking nice. Please stop in and see it sometime this summer. ( it should be done by the time you receive this newsletter.)

We are talking about some programs for the monthly meetings. If you have some suggestions please share them with us.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Thank you ..Bonnie

## POTLUCK

### April 2016 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Monday April 11 at 6 p.m.

We Begin Our 32nd Year

Meeting location: LIONS CLUB

17200 Corunna Rd  
Chesaning MI

Coffee & Water Furnished

Bring table service &  
Favorite dish to pass

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.....Curator's Corner

Dear Newsletter Readers,

*The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes, and Ships, and Sealing-wax,  
Of Cabbages and kings.*

Maybe the poet, Lewis Carroll, had us in mind when he wrote that verse, because we have done lots of talking and now are at the point of doing. We have been working hard during the winter months cleaning the basement and eliminating lots of clutter, putting things away, filing several boxes of assorted materials, and getting ready for the new carpet. AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, even as we speak Fernando is busy installing the carpet and also the tile in the restrooms. Now we know that miracles do happen, Fernando has created a masterpiece in our basement.!!!!

It has yet to be decided exactly when the school children will be coming for their yearly tour of the Museum but hopefully it will be in May. This year the school children will be able to see our permanent displays, Peet Packing, Showboat, Old Country Schools, the Indian Display, and the Old Chesaning Dam display. We have several exhibits relating to the Civil War and examples of Civil War uniforms, both North and South, a real honest to goodness cannon ball

and the added pleasure of seeing President Lincoln in his office.

There are several WWII uniforms on loan that were worn by wonderful local Chesaning men who served in the Armed Forces.

We have, on loan, a lovely display of "Gone With The Wind" collectables, a display of beautiful Silver Tablewear, a special selection of old mustache cups, a collection of old cigar boxes including some pipes, a new display of Albee / Brady and Our Lady schools, a new display of Roycraft International, and our newest display of wonderful Old Farm Tools.

We have been looking through our various collections for interesting things to put in the displays cases for the coming year and there are several possibilities. Perhaps if any of you in our membership have a unique collection you would be willing to loan us for a display, it would be much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped over the past year or so in getting the Museum back in shape after the reconstruction and all the docents who helped throughout the year. I'm sure you will all agree that our little Museum is truly a beautiful place.

Please pray for our Beloved Country  
Country, sincerely, ....Mamie

Mamie, your articles will be missed, thank you for all your help-----Fran

.....*Update from you Treasurer*

The Castle Museum has changed their schedule of millage payments to our museum. In the past they have sent us a check every three months. Now they will send one check for the year. We received our check in mid February.

The total amount of millage received varies from year to year. This year instead of four payments of \$3,572.03 each, we received one payment of \$14,288.13

The millage amount has been deposited in our savings account & funds will be transferred to checking as necessary to pay expenses.

.....Nancy Rowe

March 22, 2016  
Board Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- Display sponsor notices have been put up in the altar, Civil War, and WWII displays.
- Bonnie is working on upcoming programs for our monthly meetings for this year

New Business

- Nancy will pick up fifty brochures from the Michigan Festivals and Events Association to have in the museum.

Memorials

In Memory of

Mildred Swartzmiller  
from:  
James Chludil

In Memory of

Mildred Swartzmiller  
from:  
Kev, Brenda & Lois Harris

In Memory of

Mildred Swartzmiller  
from:  
Gus & Mamie Brendahl

In Memory of

Mildred Swartzmiller  
from:  
Dianne Stanuszek

In Memory of

Mel Neumann  
from:  
Cliff & Eunice Wager

## DO YOU RECALL

In 1995 Sara LeRoux was considered a hero of sorts by many in Chesaning. Saginaw County Sheriff's Deputy, Sara LeRoux "will have a place in the village's history for her role in preventing The Heritage House from being destroyed by fire."

from an "Independent" newspaper article dated: April 16, 1995

## OUR MUSEUM IS NOW PART OF GEOCACHING

We have been asked to allow the hiding of an object for a modern day type treasure hunt. Folks do this all over the world & look for interesting places to stash their objects. We now have one on the grounds of our museum. It stays forever, so if you see people searching around our grounds you will know why.

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates attempting to find the (container) hidden at that location. Trinkets, pencil & coded paper is hidden into a weather proof box and hidden under a rock, behind a tree or who knows where?

## TO THE OLD BRIDGE

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Alas! alas! my dear old friend,  
They've torn thee down from end to end;  
But thou did'st stand well for many years  
Despite all their doubts and fears.  
Yet none had cause to feel alarm,  
Since none by thee e'er came to harm,  
For the people round, both far and near,  
Have crossed thee safe, from year to year.  
Still, some who've passed thee o'er and o'er,  
Alas, with us are now no more.  
And, as memory now their names recall,  
With kindest feelings toward them all;  
I wonder if from Heaven above,  
They now look down, with hearts of love,  
And mourn thy fate, the same as me,  
As they wreck and ruin now we see.  
For with ruthless hands they've torn thee  
down  
And thy mangled form lies scattered round.  
Thy friends oft tried to avert thy fate  
But our ev'ry protest came too late.  
The decree went forth that thou must die,  
And thy many friends had to comply,  
While in secret now we mourn and weep,  
O'er the loss of one we could not keep,  
But, since thou art gone 'tis no disgrace,  
That another stands now in thy place;  
A structure, noble, grand and new;  
Surpassing thee, by far 'tis true;  
A thing of beauty as we see,  
It stands a monument to thee  
My dear ol friend—to whom with tear dim'd  
eye,  
And moist'n'd cheek—we say good bye, good  
bye.

CHESANING, MICH, December 24th, 1884.