



ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

June 2018

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spring is here and summer is coming quickly. Time to spruce up our yards and flower beds. Trim the trees and shrubs and rake up the winter mess. My favorite time of year. However, it seems I just can't keep ahead of the weeds. Why is it that I can wait patiently for the flowers to bloom but get impatient with the weeds. I think Mother Nature is trying to teach me a lesson here. If you are a gardener, I hope you are having more success with weeds than I am. I was doing a bit of sprucing up in the museum today. As I was leaving someone stopped and commented how nice the flowers around the museum looked. I would like to give a big thank you to the Au Gres Garden Club and a local Brownie Troup who took charge of the flower garden and made it beautiful. We have a lot of organizations in our area who work hard to make our communities a great place to live. Thanks to all of you!!!!

We will be having programs this summer at the museum starting in June through August. Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer will continue with programs there in the fall. Look for the listings in our communities and in the newsletter. We try to pick programs that are interesting to us and the people who visit us. Many are about our great state of Michigan. These programs reflect on how life and our communities were like and what affect the topic given had or may have on us. Come visit us this summer. We will be open on the 2nd and 4th weekends from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and all our programs start at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you again. Bring your friends and families. It is always an enjoyable time. If you are looking for ancestors, we can help. If we can't find what you are looking for, we will try to steer you in another direction or forward your request to someone who may be able to help you. It's always interesting to see a story of a family unfold.

Throughout the year we will be working on some projects that will update and continue to keep our buildings structurally sound. Recently I had several contractors look at the museum and they all seem to feel the building is in good condition. We want to keep it that way. Many projects you may not notice but we will be making sure our buildings are safe and sound. Taking care of an old building is a continuous job. Your support financially would help us.

Get your tickets!!!! We are having a drawing at the museum at the end of the summer. First prize is a historical Henry 22 gun. This gun is a beauty. It is decorated with a scene from Arenac County on the stock and other information about the county on the gun. Second prize is a \$100.00 gas card. Third prize is a \$50.00 gas card and fourth prize is 2 collectable knives. We are only selling 400 tickets. So get one now and you have one chance in four hundred of winning. By purchasing a ticket you will be helping us preserve the history of Arenac County

Please get out there and enjoy all the events our communities have to offer this summer. If you get a chance, take a road trip and enjoy Michigan. As far as I am concerned we have one of the most beautiful states in the union. Safe travels!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sandy Proulx-President

WE HAVE A NEW WEB ADDRESS!

www.ArenacHistory.org

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

Our Courthouse Committee has been busy this spring. We began our busy season with a Junque Sale in March, a Junque and Bake Sale in April and another large sale Memorial Day week end. Thanks to all of our generous donors and great customers our "Junque Sales" this spring have netted us an income of \$3,778.85 and our total for the two bake sales, \$968.65.

Thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for the 2 % grant that provided the money to re-home our bats. The grant was for \$9,880.00 and it paid for professionals to install doors which allow the bats to fly out but not to re-enter and to remove the bat guano from our attic. Ted Pestrue made several bat houses for us that we painted and people installed in the Omer community. We want the bats to live in Omer and continue to consume mosquitoes and bugs at the rate of over 1,000 per night but no longer reside in our building and tower. We appreciate the City of Omer for allowing us to apply for this grant through them.

GIVE LOCAL BAY

Many thanks to all of our generous donors for the tremendous success of Give Local Bay to benefit the Courthouse. Donations totaled \$8,410.00, our % of the incentive pool added another \$3,099.79 for a total of \$11,509.79. This was added to our endowed fund with the Bay Area Community Foundation to provide for the future of our beautiful historic structure.

Our front porch floor has been replaced with the grant we received for \$5,469.43 from the John and Catherine Maser Historic Preservation Fund of the Bay Area Community Foundation. Our porch was badly deteriorated and unsafe. This was another step as we continue renovations to our historic building. The generosity of the Maser Family and their vision to provide for the future of historically significant buildings in Arenac County is very much appreciated.

Our Ye Olde Courthouse Committee is busy picking up new "Junque," marking it and arranging for our upcoming 4th of July sale. This sale will begin on June 29th. This will be another large sale with the building full as well as two tents. A great opportunity for bargains and fun shopping! Our wonderful Omer Bakers will be supplying us with their delicious baked goods for another great bake sale. Sales are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

We hope to see you during the 4th of July weekend. Shop our sale, buy some delicious baked goods and visit with us.

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GRANT AWARD

Great news for the Ye Olde Courthouse! The Arenac County Historical Society, Ye Olde Courthouse was awarded \$2,216.00 from the John and Catherine Maser Historic Preservation Fund of the Bay Area Community Foundation. This grant is to remove and replace the two small windows on the north end of the building and repair the boarded up window on the south end. The grants from the Maser Fund have helped tremendously in the preservation of our building, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Elmer Britt, senior member of the Iosco County Road Commission, was recently elected president of the 28th Senatorial District Road Commissioners and Engineers association at a meeting held at Clare. Other officers are: William Bowler, Clare County, secretary; and W. T. Kenny, Ogemaw County, treasurer. The second meeting of the association was held January 15 at West Branch. Over-all needs for roads and finances on the county road systems with especial emphasis on farm-to-market roads were discussed at the meetings.

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BOB PROULX is working out with the Madisonville, Ky., team in the Kitty League, a White Sox farm team. Bob has had a lot of amateur baseball experience and fans and former playing mates around this section are pulling for him to make good. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Proulx of Sterling.

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BAY CITANS PLAN SUMMER RESORT AT PT. AUGRES

Sandusky, May 5, 1923. Fred Warren and Stewart B. Warner of Bay City are developing Point AuGres as a summer resort. They have 54 lots platted for a half mile along the Saginaw Bay Shore and also plan on establishing a first class hotel and a natural park. The place will be known as Point AuGres Beach. This beach is one of the finest along the shores of the bay.

Arenac Heritage Route Authority Standish Historical Depot

Our busy summer season is here, concerts are underway and our Model A & Model T Car Show is scheduled for July 14th. The car show will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration forms are available at the depot and on line at www.standishdepot.org. The concerts began on June 21st and will continue every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 on the Depot grounds. Our last concert is scheduled for August 9 at the Omer City Park with our local band, Omer City Limits. Please check our website or stop in to pick up a schedule for more information. The Farmers Market is held on Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The City of Au Gres Music in the City Concert Series is held on Wednesday evenings at the Au Gres City Park Pavilion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schedules are available at the Depot.

The Depot is participating in the Family Fare Direct Your Dollars fundraiser. We need 150,000 in points to be awarded \$1,000.00. We are now at 105,000. Just 45,000 more to go! Please save your receipts for us, drop them off at the Depot or give them to one of our board members. Containers are also available at the Arenac County Courthouse, Whitney's Laundromat, City of Standish, Au Gres Township, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Willow Creek Apartments, and the City of Omer. Our raffle is in progress for this summer. Prizes include a Magline Hand Truck, a Kitchen Aid Mixer and two Adirondack Michigan Chairs with a U.P. table. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. They are available at the Depot or from our board members.

GIVE LOCAL BAY

Give Local Bay was held on May 1st and was a success for the Depot. Donations totaled \$3,010.00, we won a \$250.00 prize for most Unique Donor and our % of the incentive pool was \$1,201.58, for a total added to our endowed fund of \$4,461.58. Thanks to all our friends who donated for this opportunity to provide for the future of the Depot and the Bay Area Community Foundation for hosting this unique fundraiser.

The Depot lost a great friend with the passing of Mark Blehm. Mark volunteered here several years ago, and he contributed a great deal of research on our local history. He was also instrumental in setting up our face book page.

Our flowering trees were beautiful this spring and our flower beds are starting to bloom. Carrie Stodolak cut most of our dead foliage, volunteers from Arenac Opportunities continue to assist us, Angie Pienonziek and I planted the flower boxes on the windows, we added a large potted container and planted flowers in three containers to the north. Arenac Opportunities gave us a planter box and we purchased two additional boxes from them. They planted flowers in them and are maintaining them for us. Several other businesses participated with AOI and the planter boxes. Thanks AOI and your wonderful volunteers for helping to make our community attractive. Depot volunteer, Judy Siegrist has spent many hours cleaning our train cars. The new banners in our parking lot were purchased by the Standish Downtown Development Authority. They are beautiful, thanks DDA. We always need help with landscaping, maintenance and cleaning. If you would like to help, stop at the Depot and leave your name and number or call us at 989-718-3021.

The AHRA meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Standish Historical Depot. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

-Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

JOHN AND CATHERINE MASER HISTORIC PRESERATION FUND

The Friends of the Arenac Heritage Route Authority received a grant from the John and Catherine Maser Historic Preservation Fund of the Bay Area Community Foundation for \$5,262.00. This grant is to repair the fascia, eave and gutters on the south end of the Depot, paint the red trim on both buildings, and replace our ground lights that shine on our sign, the Depot and the railroad cars. This grant is specific to historically significant buildings in Arenac County. We appreciate the Maser Family for their thoughtfulness and vision in preserving our historic buildings for future generations.

Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2018

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #2	10,485.33
Total Certificate of Deposit	10,485.33
Courthouse Checking	38,887.85
General Checking Account	1,207.98
Money Market (Savings)	8,304.86
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	58,986.02
Total Current Assets	58,986.02
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	4,150.00
Courthouse Agency Revenue	335.89
Courthouse Agency Spend...	-116.00
Total BACF Endowment Fund	4,369.89
Total Other Assets	4,369.89
TOTAL ASSETS	63,355.91
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,315.80
Courthouse Fund	43,307.74
General Fund	586.00
Memorial Fund	15,146.37
Total Equity	63,355.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	63,355.91

Arenac Historical Society Books & Publications – Mail Order Form

The Society has a number of books and publications for sale related to Arenac County history and people. All of our selections are also for sale at the Museum, the Depot, and Ye Olde Courthouse.

Mark selection box in left column, and add price to subtotal for each item desired. Then add shipping as detailed at bottom.

Title & Description of Book or Publication	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> "A Point to Remember" - A Pictorial History of Point Lookout, Michigan - Val Korth, 2014 - Second Edition	\$ 30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957 - written and compiled by the ACHS; 2013	\$ 30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1906 Standard Atlas of Arenac County, Michigan: including a plat book of the villages, cities and townships of the county - includes index - reprinted by the ACHS; 2012	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Soldiers & Sailors of Arenac County That Served in the Great War. (WWI) -written and compiled by the ACHS 2010. 300pg	\$ 28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A History of Maple Ridge, Arenac County, Michigan - written & compiled by Marion Poole Maday & Friends; 2008 282 pgs	\$ 28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A History of Arenac County, Michigan - by Calvin Ennes; edited, compiled and amended by Paul Michalke; 2003, 208 pgs	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Wah Sash Kah Moqua, or Thirty-Three Years among the Indians - by Mary A. Henderson Cabay Sagatoo; 1897 - Reprinted by Printer's Devil Press. Content: 140 pages plus illustrations	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Standish and its People, 1876-1976 - by Allan McCready, 1976 – Reprinted. 108 pages plus illustrations.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Families of Standish Township, 1974 - Reprinted; Lots of family names and pictures. 32 pages.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Omer Centennial Book, 1872-1972 - Reprinted.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> History of the Sterling Area - by Virginia Adams, 1976 – Reprinted, 16 pgs	\$ 8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> History of the Sterling Area, Second Generation - by Virginia Adams, 1977 – Reprinted. 15 pgs	\$ 8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Handy Cook's Book – 1915 - by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, Au Gres.	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County "First County Fair" Premium Book - 4 ½" x 6", originally printed in 1885. Reprint	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 100th Anniversary - Omer Masonic Lodge #377 F. & A. M. – Reprint; Includes a history of Omer & Free Masonry	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Fair Premium Book – 1914 - Reprinted, Includes ads of the period, showing businesses in the County	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Short History of Arenac County Roads – 2004 - With 3 different color maps of the county. 30 pages.	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> This is the Way We Went to School; West and Northwest of Saginaw Bay Around the Turn of the Century	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One Room Country Schools, Arenac County, Michigan - edited by Marie Bauer & Friends of Arenac County Historical Society, 1992. Reprinted with additional photos, names and information. 4 volumes with illustrations and maps.	\$ 7.00 Per Vol.
<input type="checkbox"/> One Room Country Schools Map - Content: Map of Arenac County showing all of the 42 One (and two) room schools that were in the County at one time. 8 ½" x 11"	\$ 2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Directory – 1947 - Reprinted. Lots of local information. 90 pages.	\$ 8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> St. John's United Church of Christ - Au Gres 1912 – 1981 - Content: Known as "Old German Church", located on Delano Road. Later closed and now sits in park in Au Gres across the street from the ACHS museum.	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Plat Book of Arenac County - villages, cities and townships - circa 1920 – Reprint; aps showing land ownership + index	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Au Gres Centennial 1865–1965: From Timber to Tourists - History of Au Gres Area, 1965 – Reprint	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle River Centennial Sucker Festival, Omer Michigan, April 8, 9, 10, 1983 - Content: Schedule of events, committee members, history on Omer and sucker fishing, sucker recipes history on logging and more.	\$ 4.00
<input type="checkbox"/> POINT LOOKOUT, The Famous old Summer Resort located on the West Shore of Saginaw Bay. Unrivaled as a Summer Resort. - 12 pg booklet, to promote the area when the Steamers were bringing in tourists. Pictures, time tables and more.	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Au Gres Harbor Story - Short story of how Au Gres got the Harbor of Refuge and Marina, spanning 1945 –1973 12 pgs	\$ 3.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1883 to 1983 - Arenac County Centennial - One Hundred Years of Growth - Road Tour Guide; Small 12 page booklet	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Early Au Gres Area - A Series of maps with Buildings and Landmarks. Edited and Modified by Mike Melvin	\$ 5.00
Subtotal	
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Arenac County Historical Society (ACHS) was incorporated in 1971, and operates the County Museum in Au Gres, Michigan, and Ye Olde Courthouse and Masonic Lodge in Omer, Michigan. Membership is open to anyone. Dues are payable IN ADVANCE of each fiscal year, September 1st to August 31st. Dues of a NEW member joining after March 1st will be credited through the following fiscal year. Renewals are accepted at any time.

I would like to: _____ Join _____ Renew

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (with Area Code) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for the Membership circled below:

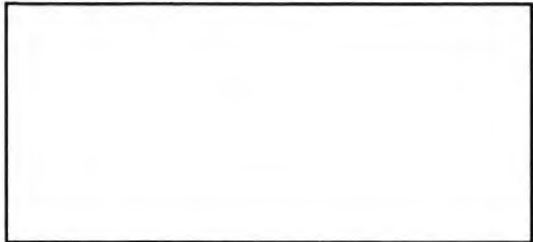
Category	Dues	Category	Dues
STUDENT (under 18 years)	\$3	PATRON	\$250
SENIOR (over 55 years)	\$10	BUSINESS	\$50
SENIOR COUPLE (over 55 years)	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (individual)	\$150
INDIVIDUAL	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (couple)	\$225
COUPLE/FAMILY	\$20	LIFE - 55 And Under (individual)	\$300
CONTRIBUTING	\$50	LIFE - 55And Under (couple)	\$400
BENEFACTOR	\$100		

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COMING EVENTS

June 14; 7 pm: Eric Jylha program, *"Forest Fires of 1871 and 1881"*, at The County Museum in Au Gres

June 29 thru July 1, 9 am to 4 pm: Junque Sale & Bake Sale, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

July 10; 7 pm: Al and Dave Eicher program, *"When Amelia Earhart Came to Michigan"*, at The County Museum in Au Gres

July 14, 10 am to 4 pm: Model A & Model T Car Show, at Standish Historical Depot in Standish

July 26; 7 pm: Valerie Marvin program, *"The Michigan State Capitol"*, at The County Museum in Au Gres

August 9, 6:30pm to 8:30pm: Final summer concert, featuring local band *"Omer City Limits"*, at Omer City Park in Omer

August 7; 7 pm: Dave Rogers program, *"Early Indians in the Saginaw Valley"*, at The County Museum in Au Gres

August 22; 7 pm: Sandy Proulx program, *"Sinking of the Sultana"*, at The County Museum in Au Gres

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Farmer's Market at the Standish Historical Depot: Every Friday from 2pm to 6:30 pm

Summer Concerts at the Standish Historical Depot: Every Thursday (June 21 through July 26) from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm

Music in the City Concert Series at Au Gres City Park Pavilion: Every Wednesday (June 6 through Aug 8) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm