



ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

Spring 2019

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. It's that time of year Mother Nature likes to challenge our patience. We want warm weather and she still sends periods of snow and some not so nice weather. My daffodils are coming up so I know nice weather is approaching. We must be patient.

At the museum I have four great summer programs in store. I am still looking for another program possibly in September. There are a variety of programs to spark your interests. You will see a listing of what we have in the newsletter as well as our website. Join us this summer to hear some wonderful speakers. The programs start with Amelia Earhart when she visited Michigan, information on our state capitol building and the women who worked there, haunted lighthouses, and folk lore about our state and area. I hope I have chosen programs that will bring you to our museum and enjoy the programs as well as all our displays and artifacts. Thanks to the Iosco Arenac District Library. They provide funds for us to help pay for the programs we present.

We enjoy new visitors and guests who show interest in our historical society. We are looking for volunteers to help us. We also welcome all donations. Donations help with the cost of keeping up our museum and its artifacts as well as the day to day operation of the museum. We apply for grants to help us but many are of a specific nature such as the Maser Family Funds. These funds only apply to restorations to old historic buildings in Arenac County. We cannot use these funds for any type of daily operations. We have received grants from other foundations but again they are specific and cannot be used for daily operations. So you see your donations help us beyond what you see at our buildings.

Ye Olde Court House in Omer is surely looking grand again. The volunteers and local area people are continuously working on the building to keep it looking as grand as it did over a hundred years ago. We just had new furnaces installed in the museum and we are glad we did. One of the furnaces had issues and was emitting carbon monoxide. Thank goodness we didn't open the museum much this winter. It could have been a horrible situation. We are good now and it is warm and cozy. Thanks to the Maser Family Trust through the Bay Area Foundation that supplied enough funds for us to complete the project. Another big thank you goes out to McBride Heating and Cooling whose installers did a great job putting in the new furnaces. We will be investigating other areas that need fixing and updating. Old buildings need a lot of up keep and repairs as well as a lot of tender loving care.

We look forward to seeing many of you this summer as well as throughout the year. If I sound like a broken record I will apologize. Michigan has some wonderful history as well as sights to see. Take a road trip this year and enjoy all that Michigan has to offer. We have so much in Arenac County too, fishing, boating, swimming, camping, canoeing, kayaking and many other events to enjoy. Take a little time to enjoy some of them.

Thank you!!!
Sandy Proulx-President

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GIVE LOCAL BAY – MAY 7th!

We are once again participating in Give Local Bay on May 7th, an opportunity to add to our endowment fund through donations and a percentage of the incentive pool. Our committee established this fund with the Bay Area Community Foundation to provide for the future of the Courthouse. The Ye Olde Courthouse committee has worked very hard for several years to restore this historic structure and with this fund we can assure ourselves that there will be money to maintain and operate it well into the future. Give Local Bay is a 24 hr. fundraiser beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 7th. You may donate three different ways. On line during the 24 hour time period go to GiveLocalBay.org, enter Arenac County Historical Society in the box on the right and follow the directions. Master Card and Visa only, credit & debit accepted. You may call to donate by phone (989-893-4438) on the 7th between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and donate using your credit or debit card. If you wish to donate by check, date your check for May 7th, 2019 made out to Bay Area Community Foundation and mail it to Joann Gulau, 2274 Bay Ridge Drive, Au Gres, MI. 48703 by April 26th. If you have any questions, please contact these committee members: Brenda Matt, 989-846-0501, Phyllis Klender, 989-653-2762 or Joann Gulau, 989-876-6468.

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

The Ye Olde Courthouse Committee is busy preparing for our many events we will be holding in 2019. We were open on April 6th & 7th for Sucker Days. Our first bake sale of this year was a success and many of our friends and members enjoyed chili and hot dogs with us. Our guests enjoyed shopping at our mini "Junque" sale consisting of Easter and spring items.

Mark your calendars for May 3, 4 and 5 for our first big Junque sale of this year and May 24, 25 and 26 for our Memorial Day "Junque" sale. Our members have been pricing our new to us merchandise to prepare for these sales. The building will be full as well as several tents. We will hold a bake sale on Memorial Day weekend also.

The Courthouse donates throughout the year to other non profits and community programs. During 2018 we donated home health care items to the Senior Center in Omer and Christmas items for the children at the Head Start Program in Omer. The children come to the Courthouse and shop for their families. We give Beanie Baby toys to the Head Start Program and some are sent to Operation Shoe Box at Christmas. Baby items are donated to the Baby Pantry in Standish and our nicer left over items are taken to the Senior Thrift Store in Newberry and to other thrift shops in our area.

We have been concerned for years about the very old electrical wiring in the Courthouse and the possibility of losing this historical structure and our extensive collection of documents and pictures to fire. Thanks to our hard working committee, our very generous donors and a \$6,000.00 grant from the JOHN AND CATHERINE MASER HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND OF THE BAY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION the building has been completely re-wired and all of our light fixtures have been replaced. We replaced the furnace in December and now feel we have done everything possible to insure the safety of the building.

An application has been made to the Maser Fund for some interior upgrades to the building. Painting the main room, the entrance, stairway and kitchen, replacing our countertops and adding two cabinets to the kitchen were included in the grant request. The grant committee has met and we will be notified in May if the grant was approved.

The Courthouse Committee meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse. You may contact any committee member for information or questions.

Brenda Matt, Committee Chair 989-846-0501
 Phyllis Klender, Recording Chair 989-653-2762
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Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2019

Feb 28, 19

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Certificate of Deposit

CD #2

10,527.35

Total Certificate of Deposit

10,527.35

Courthouse Checking

30,390.55

General Checking Account

1,333.02

Money Market (Savings)

15,861.41

Petty cash

150.00

Total Checking/Savings

58,262.33

Total Current Assets

58,262.33

Other Assets

BACF Endowment Fund

Courthouse Agency Fund

4,150.00

Courthouse Agency Revenue

661.92

Courthouse Agency Spend...

-116.00

Total BACF Endowment Fund

4,695.92

Total Other Assets

4,695.92

TOTAL ASSETS

62,958.25

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Building Fund

4,325.05

Courthouse Fund

35,186.47

General Fund

8,269.27

Memorial Fund

15,177.46

Total Equity

62,958.25

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

62,958.25

Bay City Evening Press – Sept 8, 1880

There are some 75 men now at work on the Gerrish Railroad near Standish, and it is to be put through without delay. It will run in a North Westerly direction into Gladwin County and deliver its logs to Wigwam Bay.

DANCE

At Dallas Tavern

Two Miles North of Sterling on M-76

Every Saturday Night

FISK'S CORN HUSKERS

Furnish the Music for

OLD TIME DANCING

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Arenac Heritage Route Authority Standish Historical Depot

Spring has arrived, spring flowers are popping up and the Depot is preparing for a busy season. Josette Rang of the Standish Gateway Destination Group is organizing volunteers to help with spring clean-up and maintaining our landscaping. This is a big job here at the Depot and we appreciate Josette for organizing this project.

GIVE LOCAL BAY

Our non-profit, The Friends of the Arenac Heritage Route Authority will be participating in Give Local Bay on May 7th, for the second year. This is an opportunity to donate to our endowed fund with the Bay Area Community Foundation to provide for the future of the Standish Historical Depot. Please email the Depot at info@stanshdepot.org or call 989-718-3021 for more information.

FARMER'S MARKET

Gateway Destination will begin hosting the Farmer's Market in our parking lot on May 24th. Hours are 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Ray Koroleski of Gateway is the market manager. Applications are available at the Depot, and Standish City Hall. Ray may be reached at 989-313-7696.

FUN IN THE SUN

Fun in the Sun is another event we have added this year. This is an opportunity for direct sellers, crafters, artists, and bakers to rent space on our grounds to sell their goods. This begins on Saturday, May 25th at 10 am. Other dates are June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 19 & 24, and September 7 & 21. Applications are available at the Depot or by calling Sue Stein at 989-329-1255 or 989-846-0514.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our Summer Concert Series kicks off on June 20th with Rhett Yocom, a local blues band. On June 27th, Stix and Stone, a variety band, will entertain. The ever-popular Sunshine String Band is scheduled for July 11th; and back by demand, The Reliks will be here with great country music on July 18th. Another requested local band, Point Blank, is set for July 25th. The always entertaining Steve Drzewicki Polka Band will be here on August 8th. On August 15th, Shades of A Kind, Elvis impersonator, will thrill the crowd. Our last concert will be held in Omer at the Omer City Park with a county favorite, Omer City Limits Band, on August 22nd. All concerts are free and are from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening with us.

MODEL A & MODEL T CAR SHOW

Our Eighth Annual Model A & Model T Car Show will be held on July 13th from 10 am to 4 pm. Registrations are coming in and we look forward to another successful car show. This is a fun event and an opportunity to view these restored vehicles and visit with their owners. Lunch is available on the grounds as well as an ice cream social. Admission is free.

AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES

We received a \$2500.00 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities from the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, on behalf of Arenac County Farmers, Don and Mary Wojtowicz. The Grow Communities program partners with farmers to make a positive impact in farm communities across the country by supporting local nonprofit organizations. Many thanks to Don and Mary and Monsanto for their generosity.

SPARTAN NASH DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS

The Standish Depot has received \$1000.00 from the Direct Your Dollars fundraiser by collecting receipts from Family Fare. Our friends and members collected \$150,000.00 in Family Fare receipts to be eligible to receive this donation for the Depot. Several organizations in the area participated in this fundraiser and have also been awarded \$1000.00. We appreciate Family Fare for their interest in our community. We will continue to participate in this fundraiser by continuing to collect receipts.

Watch the Arenac County Independent, our website, and Facebook for our upcoming events. Anyone wanting more information can email the Depot at info@standishdepot.org or by calling 989-718-3021. Volunteers are always welcome for staffing, cleaning, and landscaping. The AHRA Board meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Standish Historical Depot.

-Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

World War I 5-9-56
Veterans to Meet

World War I Veterans will meet Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Adams Township Hall. Commander Louis Chaltraw said the group would discuss plans for the usual Memorial Day services honoring the nation's war dead.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Pioneer Picnic & Homecoming - Au Gres – 1942 - Published for the annual Pioneer Picnic in Au Gres. 20 pg bklt	\$ 3.00
<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

Mail orders, please include the following shipping and handling charges in addition to the price at the right of each item:

\$5.00 for "A Point to Remember - A Pictorial History of Point Lookout, Michigan"

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\$4.00 for "Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957"

\$3.50 for "A History of Arenac County, Michigan"

All other items:

\$3.50 for the first item

\$0.50 each additional item

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Au Gres, Michigan 48703-0272

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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) _____

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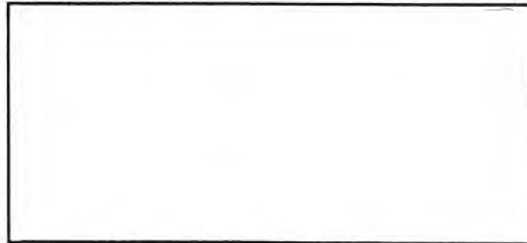
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STUDENT (under 18 years)	\$3	PATRON	\$250
SENIOR (over 55 years)	\$10	BUSINESS	\$50
SENIOR COUPLE (over 55 years)	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (individual)	\$150
INDIVIDUAL	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (couple)	\$225
COUPLE/FAMILY	\$20	LIFE - 55 And Under (individual)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

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COMING EVENTS

May 4th & 5th ; 9 am to 4 pm : Junque Sale, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

May 7 : GIVE LOCAL BAY DAY!

May 24th , 25th , 26th ; 9 am to 4 pm : Memorial Day Junque & Bake Sale, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

June 4th , 7 pm : Al and Dave Eicher present: "*When Amelia Earhart Came to Michigan*"; at The County Museum in Au Gres

July 11th ; 7 pm : Valerie Marvin presents: "*Women In The Capitol Building*"; at The County Museum in Au Gres

Aug 8th , 7 pm : Jenifer Strauss presents: "*Michigan Legends and Lore*"; at The County Museum in Au Gres

Aug 27th , 7 pm : Dianna Stampfler presents: "*Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses*"; at The County Museum in Au Gres