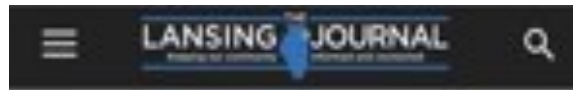


LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024



Congratulations to our own LHS members, Marlene Cook and Carrie Steinweg, who won multiple awards from the Illinois Woman's Press Association. They were featured in the Lansing Journal. Keep up the good work ladies! You make us proud!

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~**Paul Schultz**

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to another great year for our society. We have been very active during the summer months.

We participated in the library's block party in which kids enjoyed playing "old fashioned" games. A special thanks to Grace Bazylewski for making tags that let kids know they are part of Lansing's history. We, also, had a booth at the Multi-Cultural Celebration at Fox Pointe. LHS participated in Autumn Fest where we continued having guests pin point their heritage on our giant map.

Our first meeting was on Sept. 23 with Dan Cuthbert doing a trivia program. Our vice-president, Dan Bovino and Sue Bovino have worked hard putting some great programs together for the upcoming year. Come and join us and bring a friend. They are all free!

Thanks to all those that volunteer to be guides at the museum and those who volunteer to help out at different events!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

Enjoy the fall weather for winter will soon be here!

Barb Dust ~ Museum Curator

Summer at the Lansing Historical Museum means the lovely "Brides through the Decades" display is in place, thanks to the efforts of so many wonderful volunteers.

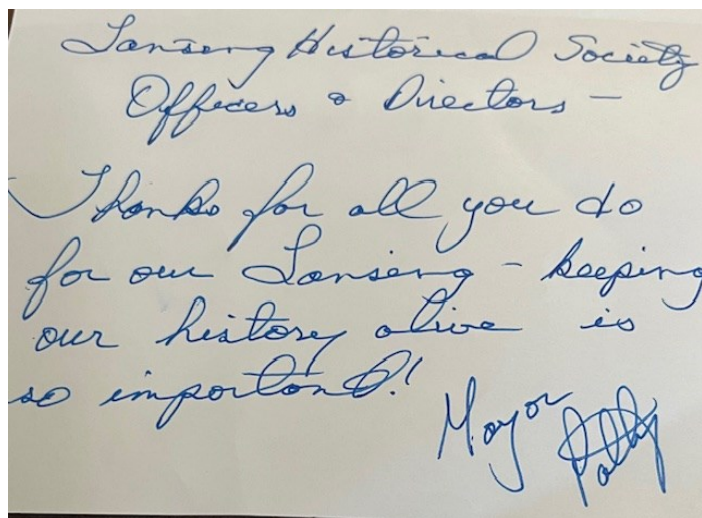
This summer the Historical Society also had a presence upstairs in the library. The library had asked us to provide pictures from Lansing History for their gallery wall. Dan & Sue Bovino reproduced 20 old photos and framed them for the upstairs wall. Dan also refurbished some of our more unique pieces from the museum and mounted them on movable platforms. The public got to see a 1936 Maytag wringer washing machine, a velocipede (pedal-powered) jigsaw used for cutting Victorian "gingerbread" house decorations, and an 1890's school desk.

Finally, we hosted an evening performance by the District 158 Time Travelers Summer School program taught by Mary DiCrispino. This year they studied the American Revolution and treated us to musical selections and readers' theater vignettes about Ben Franklin and the Boston Tea Party.

Currently, the museum has a "Back to School" theme featuring more old school desks, vintage school books, and pictures from each of Lansing's schools.

2024-2025 Programs

- Sept. 23 Trivia Trip through Lansing Legends
And Lore—Dan Cuthbert
- Oct. 28 Shifting Sands-Dr. Kenneth Schoon
- Nov. 25 No program
- Dec. 2 Festival of Lights (will run through
Jan.)
- Feb. 24 Buffalo Soldiers—Art Burton
- March 24 Casting a Historic Vote: Suffrage for
Women in Illinois—Jean Schultz Angel
- April 28 Geneology & Oral Family Histories—
Linda Swisher & Grace Bazylewski
- May 27 Annual Banquet



Just wanted to share a thank you note received from our Mayor Patty. It is very much appreciated!

2024 – 2025 Officers

- PRESIDENT: Paul Schultz
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Dan Bovino
- SECRETARY: Sharon Murphy
- TREASURER: Phyllis Drewno
- DIRECTORS: Marti Benne
Sue Bovino
Mario Bovino
- CURATOR: Barb Dust

A special thank you goes to our Lansing Library for the lended donation of a new computer, monitor, keyboard, and mouse to LHS. It was very generous and we are very grateful!

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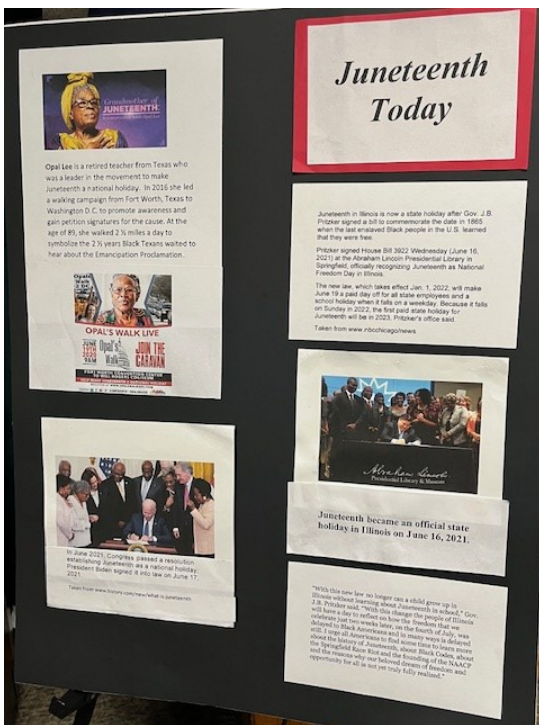
This year we were privilege to receive gowns from some very prominent people from Lansing's past. Beth Krumm who is a descendant of the Winterhoff family, gave us the bridal attire of Elizabeth Erfert when she married William Winterhoff in 1921. William opened a Ford dealership on Ridge Road and became the town's first fire chief, having created the first fire truck by mounting a water tank on one of the Ford flatbed trucks. He later served as mayor and Thornton Township trustee. Beth also gave us the gown worn by her mother, Lila Mae Winterhoff, when she married C.E. Peters. Lila Mae was known throughout the area as a talented softball pitcher for several women's team and also as an accomplished pianist and choir director for the Lansing Civic Chorus. All of this she accomplished despite the fact that she was born with only one hand. In all, there were more than 70 beautiful gowns and other fashions on display with photos and stories of the couples. It is such an enjoyable way to learn Lansing history!

By Barb Dust



TIME TRAVELERS

Once again, we were treated to a program presented by “The Time Travelers” directed by Mary DiCrispino. We were entertained with patriotic songs, and then a lesson on Ben Franklin and the American Revolutionary War. A job well done!



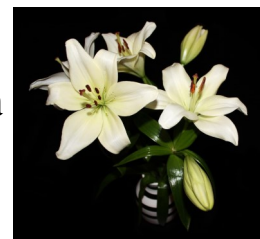
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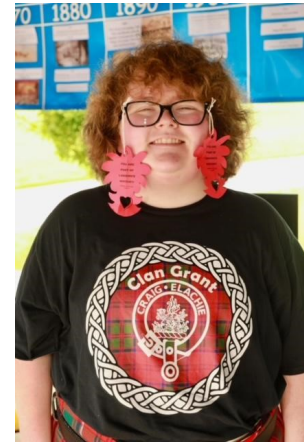
June 19th (known as Juneteenth) was showcased all of June in our museum. Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery (Emancipation Proclamation) in the United States!

As we start the new year for LHS, be on the lookout for the annual membership renewal forms. Your dues help us with the upkeep of the museum, pay bills, & put on the monthly programs. Your prompt response will be appreciated!

LHS extends our deepest sympathy to the families of our recently deceased members:

Butch Kooy
Jackie Protsma

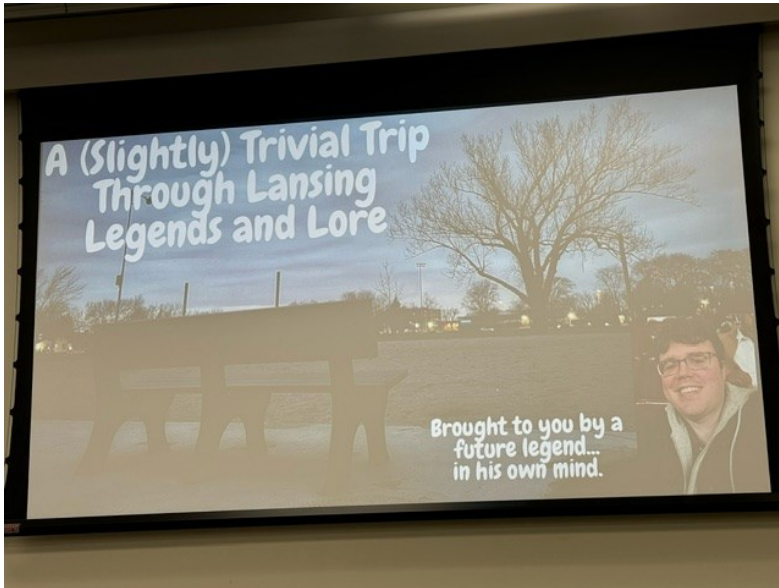




On August 17 Lansing held its first Multi-Cultural Celebration at Fox Pointe—and the Lansing Historical Society was there! Thanks to those LHS members who volunteered to set up, act as hosts, and then take down our booth. Even though there was a downpour, it didn't stop people from participating in the activities. Participants were asked to share their own cultural heritage on our huge map and timeline of Lansing History and by watching our great slide show presented by Dan Bovino. They were enthused to participate!



Sept. 23 was our first general meeting and program for the Lansing Historical Society. Our program, “A (Slightly) Trivial Trip Through Lansing Legends and Lore” was hosted by Dan Cuthbert.



Talk about history!



Host— Dan Cuthbert

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Lansing Historical Society meetings and programs are normally held the fourth Monday of most months.

No meetings are scheduled in June, July and August.

We welcome new members! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come see what we're all about!

New Museum hours:

Mondays: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Visits at other times can be arranged
by calling Barb Dust at 708-474-7497