

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

Saturday, December 7
Christmas Sale
10:00 -4:00

December 11

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

December 12 at Noon
Pot Luck Luncheon
Christ Lutheran Church
5987 Williams Lake Road
(see article inside newsletter)

December 18 - January 14
Historical Society Closed

January 15
First Wednesday Open
in 2014

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

January 29
Fashion Show Meeting 10:30

Feb 5
Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

Feb 19
Board Meeting 1:00

President's Notes

"City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style. In the air there's a feeling of Christmas". I hear that song as I pull into Fish Hatchery Park! Not only because Christmas is in the air, but because we have some new sidewalks poured in the Village. A beautiful new ramp up to the Log Cabin and playhouse, and another stretch along the Print Shop, Hardware and all the way to the Depot. There is also a nice new coat of red paint on half of the Caboose! I do feel like it's Christmas.

This is my time of reflection. And like every other year, I stand in awe at what is going on. Sometimes, I have a hard time wrapping my mind around all the work that gets done! You guys and gals are top notch and I am so, so lucky and honored to be part of your group. I just can't tell you or express this enough, but know it is from my heart.

We are truly lucky to be in Waterford. We have a wonderful community but it does not happen by telling other people what to do, or complaining about what is not done. We are doers. So, think about other parts of the community as we roll into the Christmas season. We are the examples. Help and do what you can, for that is the meaning of Christmas.

I wish you Joy and Peace for the season.

Sally Strait



Village Schedule

Waterford Historic Village closed for the 2013 season September 30th. It will reopen April 16th for the 2014 season.

The Hatchery House, research library, offices and our Log Cabin store continue to be open on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. **WHS will be closed from Dec 18 through Jan 14.**

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Reminder...

Annual Memberships expire December 15, 2013. Renew now to keep your membership and newsletter subscription current.



Christmas Sale



Our Christmas Sale will take place on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 from 10 am - 4 pm. The sale will take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin. **This sale is a fundraiser and all proceeds will go to the Waterford Historical Society.**

Shoppers will find many handmade items as well as other unique holiday related items. These include holiday decorations, ornaments, gift baskets, pet items, aprons, gently used children's books, Waterford attire, our Waterford Historic Village afghan, historic maps, children's items, candles, historic children's toys, homemade cookies, handmade greeting cards, stocking stuffers, ready-to-give gifts, vintage collectibles and hand thrown Michigan mugs. We carry Michigan made jams, honey and maple syrup, soup mixes and salsa.

Hope to see many of you there. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! It is a great place to finish up your holiday shopping and find those last minute unique items for those hard to shop for persons on your list.

Cookies WANTED

We need cookies baked for our popular **Cookie Sale**.

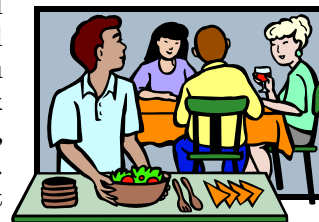
If you can, please bake and put four cookies in a baggie and bring them to the Log Cabin on Saturday, December 7th anytime during the sale. Cookies will be priced at \$1.00 a bag.

These are quick and our customers love them! **We sold every cookie we had at Christmas in October!!!** Thank you to all who baked.



Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon

The Waterford Historical Society would like to thank all our members by inviting you to a **Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon** on **Thursday, December 12th at noon**. The luncheon takes place at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.



Please join us if you can. This is one of the times we can all get together and just enjoy each other's company. **Bring a friend or neighbor interested in learning more about the historical society.** All are welcome.

The WHS provides the meat, beverages and place settings. **Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass.** People attending the luncheon in the past have loved the variety of dishes provided by our members and look forward to the special dishes that are shared.

We will be gathering donations for the Waterford Goodfellows again this year for their Holiday Food Basket Program. If you wish to donate to this program you may bring canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, or games & toys to our luncheon. Monetary donations to the Waterford Goodfellows are also welcome. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

Hoping to seeing a big crowd at our holiday gathering!

Schoolhouse Building Fund 'Sponsor a Plaque' Program



What a wonderful way to build a schoolhouse... by recognizing teachers who made a difference in the lives of their students.

Our Schoolhouse Committee has come up with a very unique and fitting 'Sponsor a Plaque' program to help raise funds to build our one room schoolhouse.

For \$200.00 a donor may purchase a plaque to recognize a teacher or other educator who made a difference in their life. These plaques will be proudly displayed in our finished schoolhouse.

A plan has been drawn up based on a turn of the century schoolhouse in the Greek Revival style. Thank you to those who have already given to this fund. All donations to this fund are earmarked and can only be used for the schoolhouse.

Anyone interested in recognizing a special educator with a plaque please use the 'Sponsor a Plaque' donation form enclosed in this newsletter.

Fashion Show Alert

Save the date:
Saturday, March 29th

**Tickets are \$30.00 per person
(Lunch is included in the price)**

**Keep this date open and spread the word!
This event is a Fundraiser for the WHS.**

**Location - Bartelli's in the 300 Bowl Complex
Fashions presented by - The Clothing Cove**



Reflections from 2013



**Log Cabin Days
Encampment**



**Log Cabin
Days
Exhibit**



**Log Cabin
Days
Hands-On
History**



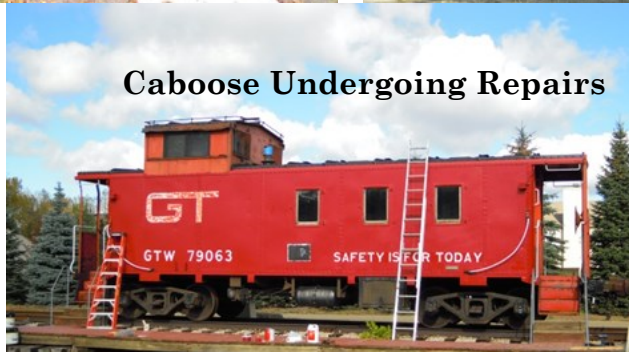
**New
Walkway to
Log Cabin**



**WHS Crew Working on
Village Walkway**

**Thank You to Our
Caboose Crew**

- Bob Nelson
- Bob Swartz
- Stu Magy
- Scott Roberts
- Tracy Crothers



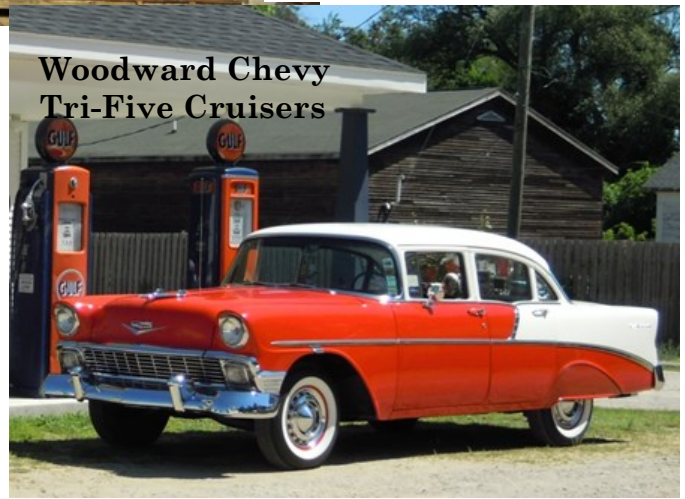
Caboose Undergoing Repairs

**Thank You to Our
Cement Crew**

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| Bob Allen | Jim Powers |
| Bill Clark | Bob Ranzilla |
| Scott Clark | Scott Roberts |
| Tracy Crothers | Harold Russell |
| Bill Hayter | Bob Singelyo |
| Stu Magy | |



**Model A Restorer's Club
Dust-Off Run**



**Woodward Chevy
Tri-Five Cruisers**



Christmas Cookies *



History

Christmas cookies are traditionally sugar biscuits and cookies (though other flavors may be used based on family traditions and individual preferences) cut into various shapes related to Christmas.

The first cookies were conceived 10,000 years ago when the Neolithic farmers baked food comprising of a grain/water paste on hot stones. Cookies are believed to be descendants of this food.

Modern Christmas cookies can trace their history to recipes from Medieval Europe biscuits (cookies), when many modern ingredients such as cinnamon, ginger, black pepper, almonds and dried fruit were introduced into the west. Cookies spread all over Europe by 1500. By the 16th century Christmas cookies were all the rage in medieval Europe, with *lebkuchen* (gingerbread) being favored in Germany and *pepparkakor* (spicy ginger and black pepper delights) in Sweden, while in Norway *krumkake* (thin lemon and cardamom-scented wafers) were popular. The word cookie comes from the Dutch word *Koepkje* [koekje] meaning small cake.

The earliest examples of Christmas cookies in the United States were brought by the Dutch in the early 17th century. Due to a wide range of cheap imported products from Germany between 1871 and 1906 following a change to importation laws, cookie cutters became available in American markets. These imported cookie cutters often depicted highly stylized images with subjects designed to hang on Christmas trees. Due to the availability of these utensils, recipes began to appear in cookbooks designed to use them. In the early 20th century, U.S. merchants were also importing decorated lebkuchen cookies from Germany to be used as presents.



Since the 1930s children in Canada and the United States have left cookies and milk on a table for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. The cookies are often cut into such shapes as those of candy canes, reindeer, and holly leaves.

Popular Christmas Cookies

Gingerbread (*lebkuchen*)

Gingerbread has existed in some form since sugars and spices were brought back to Europe from soldiers in the Crusades. After Queen Victoria and Prince Albert included it with a variety of other German Christmas traditions the gingerbread cookies became associated with Christmas.



Krumkake



Krumkake are centuries-old cookies from Norway. They were originally baked over open fires using decorative irons. Modern cooks use electric or stovetop irons to bake these wafer thin biscuits. Krumkake are wrapped in a cone shape and are named for the crumbs left after the first bite.

Pepparkakor

Pepparkakor are crisp, thin gingersnap biscuits from Sweden. They are traditionally cut in flower and heart shapes. Place a cookie in the palm of your hand, make a wish, then tap the cookie. If it breaks into three pieces, your wish will come true.



Pfeffernüsse



Pfeffernüsse originate in Scandinavia and date from medieval times when spices were used exclusively in holiday baking.

Pizzelle

Pizzelle are traditional Italian waffle cookies flavored with vanilla, anise, or lemon zest. They have a snowflake imprint on both sides. Pizzelle can be hard and crisp or soft and chewy depending on the ingredients and method of preparation. Pizzelle are popular during Christmas and Easter.



Repostería



Repostería is a Mexican type of shortbread-like cookie that's lightly baked and dipped into a cinnamon sugar blend until the cinnamon sugar surrounds the cookie. These are often served with coffee or hot spiced Mexican chocolate.

* Sources: wikipedia.org; christmas carnivals.com; allculinaryschools.com



Community Share

We really appreciate all of you who participate in community savings programs by shopping at Kroger, VG's and Tenuta's. This is free money for us. Thank you so much for your help!

Tenuta's shoppers please continue to bring receipts to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the address below. Kroger and VG's shoppers keep using your store card.



WHS Wants to Thank You!

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who sorted, marked, priced, donated, baked, sewed, knitted, crocheted, crafted, set up or worked a shift to make our Christmas in October fundraiser sale a big success!
- ◆ A big thank you to the Helpful Hookers knit & crochet group from the White Lake Dublin Community Senior Center for their wonderful donated items.



We are very grateful to all who helped!



Need Plastic ???

Need colored plastic bags for knitting or crocheting projects? Come see us at the Hatchery House any Wednesday we are open between 10:30 & 2 or call Sherrie Stringer at 248-622-7054.

Can you help?



Annual Giving

We are including our Annual Giving form with this newsletter instead of sending out an additional mailing.

Our annual giving is a yearly plea for help with the day to day expenses like electricity, gas and insurance.

All our funding comes solely from donations by generous people interested in preserving the history of Waterford.

Maybe you are a member who cannot volunteer on Wednesdays or at our special events. Or maybe you are a lifetime member who might be able to give a little more. This is your chance to help us out. Your donation is just as important as volunteering!!!

We thank you for helping us continue to be an organization of which we all can be proud.

Renew Your Membership... Or Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Would you or someone you know like to renew their membership or become a member of the Waterford Historical Society?

All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2014. We have much going on and don't want anyone to miss out!

Clip and fill out the form below and bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to :



Come join us!

Waterford Historical Society
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford MI 48330-0491

Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

- \$15.00 Individual
- \$25.00 Family
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$50.00 Organizations/Businesses
- \$150.00 Lifetime per family
- \$100.00 Lifetime per person
- \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
- \$250.00 Lifetime Org./Businesses
- \$500.00 Lifetime Patron

Date

Phone

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Mail payment to:
Waterford Historical Society

Make Check Payable To:

Waterford Township Historical Society

P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Waterford Historical Society

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

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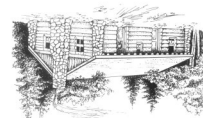
This newsletter is brought to us in part by Bob Nelson. Like to help sponsor our next newsletter? Send a check for \$25 to WHS at our address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line. Donors may stay anonymous if they wish.

Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Tree Lighting & Santa Visit:** Tues, Dec 3rd
6-8 pm Waterford Township Hall
www.twp.waterford.mi.us
- ◆ **Christmas Sale:** Saturday, Dec 7th
from 10 am-4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park
www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
- ◆ **Santa in the Woods:** Saturday, Dec 7th
Drayton Plains Nature Center
- ◆ **WHS Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon:**
Thursday, Dec 12th
noon at Christ Lutheran Church
(see article in this newsletter)
- ◆ **Kettering High School Band Concert :**
December 3rd, 7 pm
Kettering Performing Arts Center
www.waterford.k12.mi.us/pac/ (248-673-4205)
- ◆ **Mott High School Holiday Showcase :**
December 18th, 7 pm
Mott Performing Arts Center
www.waterford.k12.mi.us/pac/ (248-673-4205)

Our Mission Statement:
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of
Waterford Township for the interest and education
of present and future generations.

Waterford Township Historical Society
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, Michigan
48330-0491





Waterford Historical Society

Annual Giving 2013

The Annual Giving is the way in which members and friends of the Waterford Township Historical Society go the extra mile for HISTORY. Your generous donation enables us to continue our preservation, growth, and research of history for Waterford Township residents.

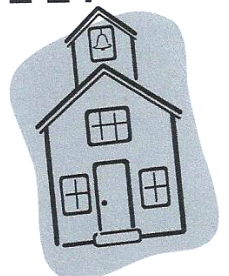
Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Please make checks payable to and mail to: _____ \$250
 Waterford Historical Society _____ \$100
 P.O. Box 300491 _____ \$50
 Waterford, MI 48330-0491 _____ \$25
 _____ other

Waterford Historical Society

Schoolhouse Building Fund 'Sponsor a Plaque' Program

In recognition of an area teacher or educator a plaque in their honor is being purchased to help build this schoolhouse. This educator's dedication made a difference in the lives of many of their students. *Please use one order form per plaque.*



Name of Teacher/Educator: _____
 School District _____

Donor Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Please enclose a check for \$200.00 payable to Waterford Historical Society.
 Mail with this form to:
 Waterford Historical Society P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491

WHS 2014 Schedule

EVENT DATES

Are Subject to Change
Please Check Newsletter

The Hatchery House, research library, offices and our Log Cabin store are open year round on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Waterford Historic Village will close for the season to tours after September 24, 2014, and will re-open on April 15, 2015.

January

- 15 First Wednesday Open
- 15 Board Meeting
- 22 Fashion Show Meeting

February

- 5 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 19 Board Meeting 1:00

March

- 5 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 5 Newsletter Mailing
- 19 Board Meeting 1:00
- 29 **Fashion Show 11:00 a.m.**
at Bartelli's

April

- 2 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 16 Board Meeting 2:15
- 16 Village Opens for Season

May

- 7 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 14 Board Meeting 2:15
- 15 **Annual Membership Meeting and Election 7:00 p.m.**
- 26 Memorial Day Parade

June

- 4 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 4 Newsletter Mailing
- 18 Board Meeting 2:15
- 27 Log Cabin Workday 10:00
- 28 **Log Cabin Days 10-5**
- 29 **Log Cabin Days 10-5**

July

- 2 Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00
- 16 Board Meeting 2:15

August

- 20 Board Meeting 2:15
- 27 Christmas Oct. Mtg 10:30

September

- 3 Newsletter Mailing
- 17 Board Meeting 2:15
- 24 Village Closes for Season after this Wednesday

October

- 15 Board Meeting 1:00
- 17 **Christmas in October 10-4**
- 18 **Christmas in October 10-4**

November

- 19 Board Meeting 1:00
- 26 No Workday

December

- 3 Newsletter Mailing
- 6 **Christmas Sale 10-4**
- 10 Board Meeting 1:00
- 11 Christmas Lunch
Noon
Christ Lutheran Church

Dec 17-Jan 14 Closed

January 2015

- 21 First Wednesday Open
- 21 Board Meeting 1:00
- 28 Fashion Show Meeting
10:30 a.m.