

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

June-July-August

WHS is Open
Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

June 5

Newsletter Mailing

June 19

Board Meeting 2:15

June 29

Log Cabin Workday 10:00

Sunday, June 30 Log Cabin Day 12-5

July 17

Board Meeting 2:15

Sunday, July 21 Summer Sunday At the Village 1-4

Sunday, August 18 Summer Sunday At the Village 1-4

August 21

Board Meeting 2:15

September 4

Newsletter Mailing

Sunday, September 15 Summer Sunday At the Village 1-4

September 18

Board Meeting 2:15

September 25

Last Day to visit Village
for the season

President's Notes

We seem to be in full swing with visitors and school tours. Every visitor comes and learns something new about "the olden days" in Waterford. It is a pleasure to help the learning process grow and to see Waterford through our visitor's eyes.

Log Cabin Day Festival 2019 is Sunday, June 30 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. How can you help? We set-up grounds on Saturday June 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. You can help take down at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. You can bake cookies and put four in a bag for our cookie sale. BUT where you are really needed is ... *in the buildings.*

Here comes my plea. We are a Historical Society and a Historic Village. We need people to staff the buildings to make the history come alive to our visitors. You do not need to learn all the history of Waterford! You just need a few tidbits that we provide. It is easy and fun. Call me if you are interested or need any more info about this! We truly need you anytime - but especially for Log Cabin Day. 248-683-2697.

On the horizon, *Summer Sundays in the Village* was a hit and will continue this year. We will be open from 1-4 on the following Sundays: July 21, August 18, and September 15. No hoopla, just history! People can enjoy the Village at a leisurely pace.

Hope to see you soon,

Sally Strait



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Village Schedule

The Waterford Historic Village, Hatchery House, Log Cabin, research library and office are all open every Wednesday 10:30am to 2pm May through September .



Ways You Can Help : With Log Cabin Day



We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Day 2019! We can use help from members at this time. Here are ways to help:

- **Help sort and price** White Elephant and Boutique items on Wednesdays. (June 5, 12, 19)
- **Spiff up a building any Wed. from 10:30 to 2.**
- **Help us set up Saturday, June 29 at 10 AM .**
- **Help us on Log Cabin Day (Sun. June 30th) by being in one of the buildings.**
(It is best to have one volunteer in each building.)

It is easy! Just push a button on the audio box & visitors will hear all about that building! **Stop in on a Wednesday (10:30-2)** or call Sally (248-683-2697) & sign up for a building.

- **Attend Log Cabin Day Sunday, June 30th.**
- **Tell a friend/family member or neighbor** about Log Cabin Day or bring them with you.
- **Help take down on Sunday, June 30 at 5 pm.**
- **Consider giving a monetary donation** to help with the cost of Log Cabin Day.

Cookies WANTED

Cookies baked for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to us on Sunday, June 30th.



The cookies always sell!

Log Cabin Day Parking

- **General Parking :**
Parking Lot
2303 Crescent Lake Rd
Waterford MI 48329
(Just South of Waterford Fire Station 1)

Free shuttle bus runs frequently
between there and the park.
- **Disability Parking in Fish Hatchery Park :**
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Waterford Historical Society
Upcoming Events:

Log Cabin Day 2019
Sunday, June 30, 12:00am—5:00pm

Summer Sundays in Village 2019
Village open for walking tours
Sundays 1:00pm—4:00pm
on the following dates :
July 21, August 18, September 15

Christmas in October 2019
October 18 & 19 10:00am—4:00pm

Christmas Sale 2019
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am—4:00pm

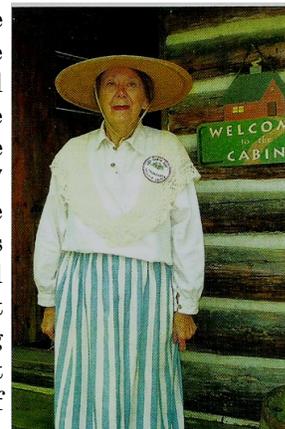
All take place in Waterford Historic Village
Located in Fish Hatchery Park
4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford
Open Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
For Information call 248-683-2697

Log Cabin Day & Virginia Handy

In the 1970's, Virginia Handy came upon Chilson D. Aldrich's "The Real Log Cabin" in a used Bookstore, thus inspiring her interest in this form of folk architecture. By 1981, her own log home — built from tulip poplar from the Fred Russ Forest Park near Dowagiac — was under construction. And by 1986, she was leading efforts to commemorate Michigan's log structures in preparation for the state's sesquicentennial.

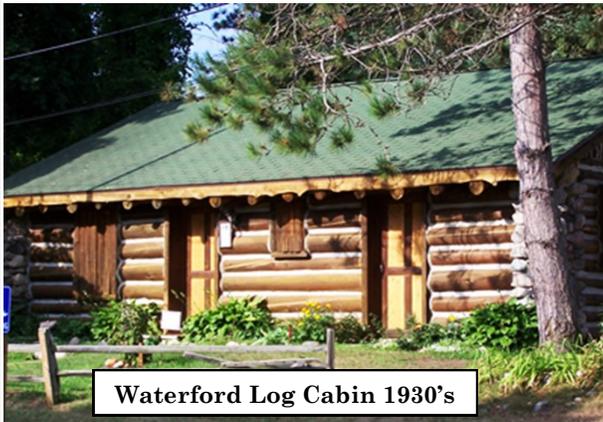
Handy was the editor, secretary, and treasure for the Log Cabin Society of Michigan and the author of her book about the subject: "From the Little Log Cabin in the Lane."

Log Cabin Day came before the society was established. The Berrien County Sesquicentennial for the state Executive Committee helped her organize Log Cabin Day in 1987 sesquicentennial. Former State Representative Lad Stacey was so thrilled by the idea, he wanted to hold it every year — and it just evolved from there. Now, Log Cabin Day is an annual event that occurs the last Sunday of June.





Log Cabin Story



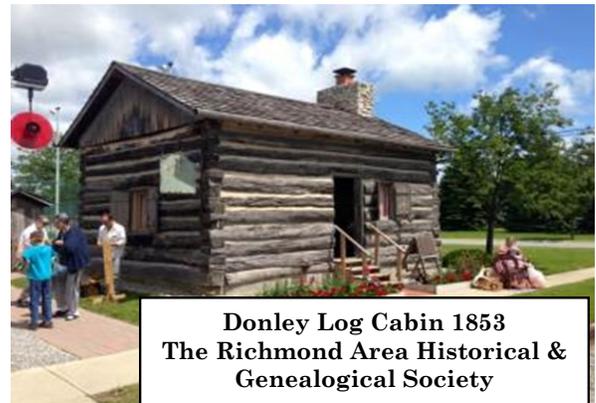
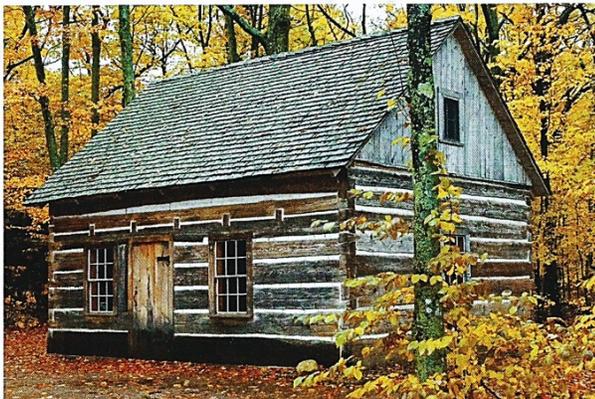
Waterford Log Cabin 1930's

The Log Cabin Story: On December 9, 1986, the Michigan Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming Log Cabin Day on June 28, 1987 for the Sesquicentennial of Michigan's 1837 statehood. Because of overwhelming public response, the Legislature passed a bill to make Log Cabin Day an annual event. The bill was signed by Gov. James J. Blanchard on June 15, 1989. As recorded in the statutes of Michigan: "the last Sunday of June of each year shall be known as 'Log Cabin Day.'"

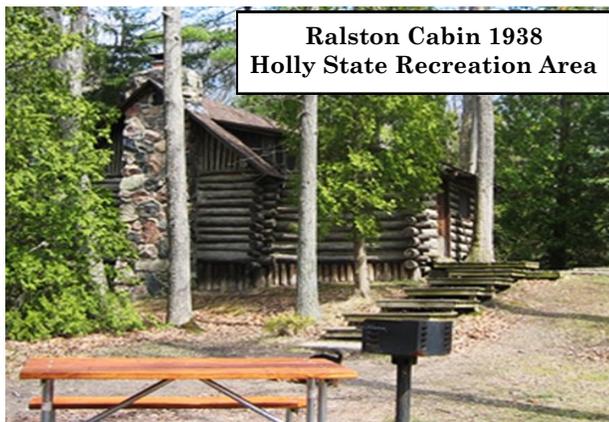
Michigan is the only state which has an annual statewide log cabin festival. There are currently 100 log cabins in Michigan participating. Some log cabins have tour guides, some are not open.

We are # 61 on the list with our 1930's Log Cabin built by Mr. James Stites for George and Agnes Flickinger as their home and store. Our Log Cabin sat on Dixie Highway across from where Andersonville Road ends before being moved to our site in 1994. We celebrated our first Log Cabin Days on June 29-30, 1996, when the American Flag was raised over the Log Cabin for the first time.

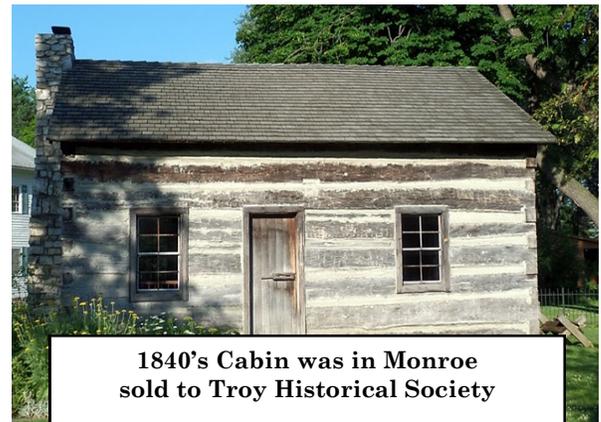
While the Log Cabin represents how the first Waterford settlers lived in 1819, our History Village represents the progress and prosperity of Waterford at the turn of the 20th century. *(Log Cabin Story by Sally Strait)*



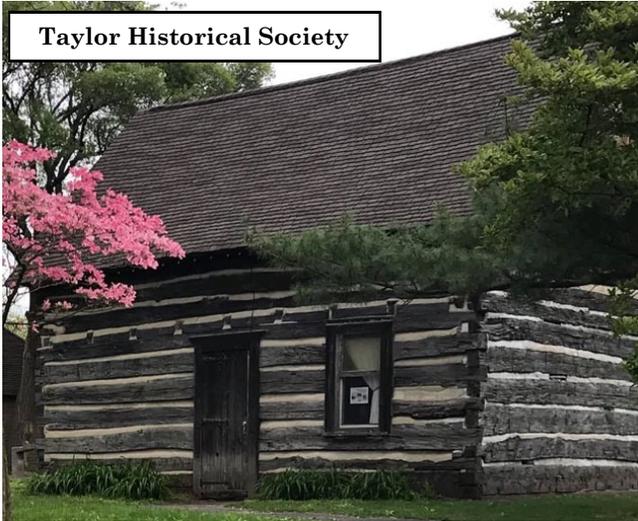
Donley Log Cabin 1853
The Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society



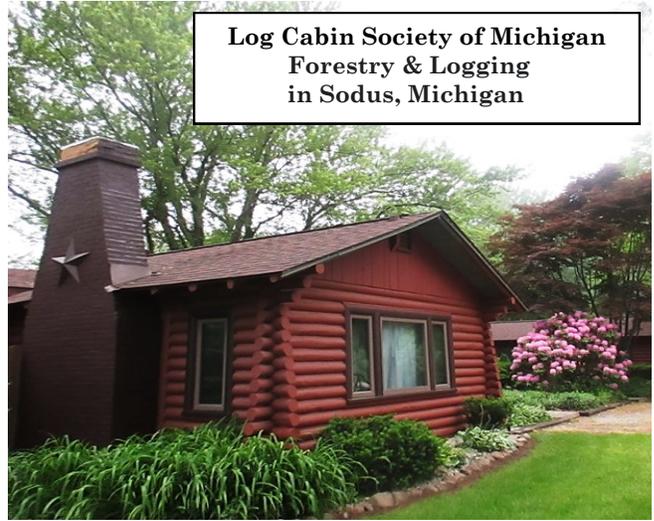
Ralston Cabin 1938
Holly State Recreation Area



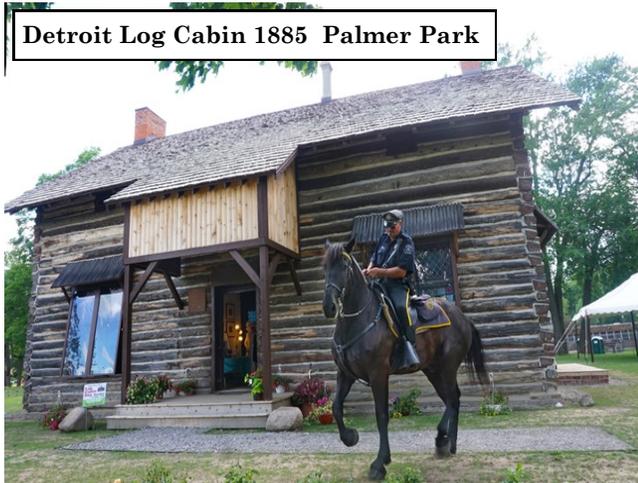
1840's Cabin was in Monroe
sold to Troy Historical Society



Taylor Historical Society



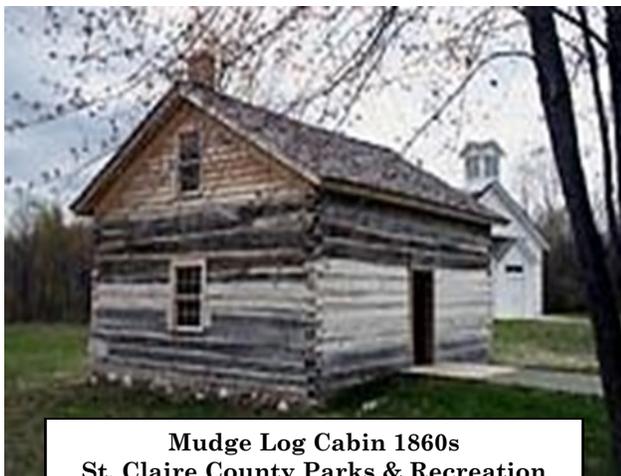
Log Cabin Society of Michigan
Forestry & Logging
in Sodus, Michigan



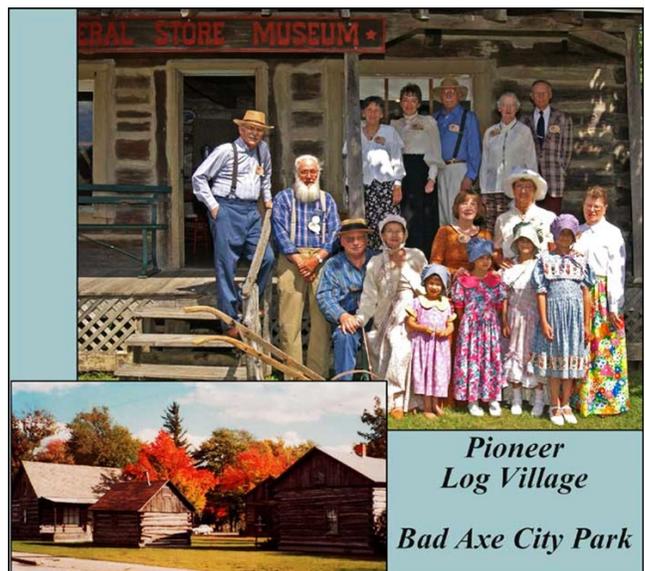
Detroit Log Cabin 1885 Palmer Park



1830's Log Cabin
Algonac/Clay Township



Mudge Log Cabin 1860s
St. Claire County Parks & Recreation



Pioneer
Log Village
Bad Axe City Park

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We appreciate everyone who participates in the **Kroger** Community Rewards program.

Members already using the number (82795) my keep using it on their **Kroger** card.



New members can enroll by searching the number (VE688) or our name (WATERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY). Please use your card every time you shop.

Kroger donates a percentage of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society.

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Thank you !!!



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Waterford Historical Society
PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491
(Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.)

Enjoy Summer Sundays in the Village

Join us on the following Sundays:

from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm,

July 21, August 18 and September 15.

Pack a lunch and enjoy the Village & the grounds at Fish Hatchery Park.

No hoopla just history!

4490 Hatchery Road

Waterford MI 48329

(between Frembes Rd & Dixie Hwy)



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

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society or renewing their membership may clip and fill out the form below. Bring it in on a Wednesday (10:30-2) or mail it to:

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

All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2019. This entitles members to receive the WHS newsletters.



Join us...

Help keep history alive.

There is much going on. Don't miss out!

Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application - New Address? Check Here:

		<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Individual
Date	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Family
Name		<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Patron
Address		<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Organizations/Businesses
City, State, Zip	Mail payment to:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 Lifetime per family
	Waterford Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Lifetime per person
Make Check Payable To:	P.O. Box 300491	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
Waterford Township Historical Society	Waterford, MI 48330-0491	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 Lifetime Org./Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 Lifetime Patron

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

www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
Non-profit 501(c)3 organization

SAVE THE DATE!

Waterford Parks and Recreation
50+ Recreation Program

APPLE PIE SALE
OCTOBER 21-25, 2019

Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Concerts at the Park:**
Concert in the Park Thursdays June 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 6pm at Hess Hathaway Park (www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Peace Fest Art & Music Festival:**
Sat/Sun, June 8 & 9 at L.A. Café 11am-7pm
5815 Dixie Highway, Waterford MI 48329 (248-623-1610)
- ◆ **Waterford New Horizons Concert Band:**
Sunday, June 9, 1:27 pm at Mott Performing Arts Center
- ◆ **Movies Under the Moonlight:**
Friday, June 21, 6:30 pm. at Pierce Middle School
Movie begins at dusk. (www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Log Cabin Day:** Sunday, June 30 from 12 noon - 5 pm at Fish Hatchery Park, 4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford MI 48329
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** July 5-14
Springfield Oaks County Park
12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg MI 48350
www.oakfair.org (248-634-8830)
- ◆ **Dave Bennett Concert:**
Thursday, August 11, @ Waterford Kettering HS
Call (248) 682-9450 for info
- ◆ **Summer Sundays at the Village:**
July 21, August 18 & Sept. 15 from 1 - 4 p.m.
at Fish Hatchery Park, 4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford MI 48329

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

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