

Events at the Farm

MARCH		13 BOARD MEETING
APRIL	9 ANNUAL MEETING	10 BOARD MEETING
MAY	14 SPRING FLING	8 BOARD MEETING
JUNE		12 BOARD MEETING
JULY	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	10 BOARD MEETING
AUGUST		14 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER		11 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER	22 HALLOW-HARVEST	9 BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER		13 BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	3 COUNTRY CHRISTMAS	11 BOARD MEETING

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About Our Organization

The Cobblestone Farm Association is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization that for the past almost 40 years has been dedicated to protecting, preserving, and sharing the long and varied history of the Ticknor-Campbell historic farmstead.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, and raising its own funds, the CFA researches the family histories, re-installs period correct interiors and cares for its many different collections of artifacts.

We are always looking for interested potential volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact us.

We can't wait to meet you!



FIELD NOTES

President's Notes

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COBBLESTONE FARM
ASSOCIATION

The 2016 event year at the Museum was our busiest. The following highlights the events of the past year:

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Winter Evening was a success with about 40 people in attendance. There was music in the parlor and cooking on the woodstove. Candlelit rooms throughout really made the event special.

The 2016 Annual Meeting was held in the Barn. This year the meeting was jointly held with the Washtenaw County Historical Society. The program this year was on pioneer settlement by Dr. James E. Davis, President of the WCHS.

Spring Fling meant games on the grounds and some cleaning of the house. Bed ticks and rugs hung on the line for beating. Cooking in the kitchen. **New this year**, a Girl Scout troop assisted with the lawn games while earning their History merit badges.

At our **Independence Day**

event, the reading of the Declaration of Independence is always eagerly anticipated. There were games supervised by our Girl Scout volunteers, tours of the house with a weaving demonstration on the second floor by Barb Schutzgruber, music in the Parlor by Linda Losse, and cooking in the kitchen.

Hallow-Harvest had its usual spooky activities with 62 people in attendance. A weaving demonstration was upstairs, music was in the parlor, and there was cooking in the kitchen. Outside activities run by our Girl Scouts along with cider pressing and a hot dog vendor.

Country Christmas showcased the house decorated for an 1850s holiday with Girl Scouts helping throughout the house. Music in the parlor was provided by Linda Losse on the Hammered Dulcimer.

This year the UM museum graduate school program came for another tour. Information was shared about running a small house museum.

We hosted 6 preschool to 3rd grade groups. This included

by George Taylor the entire St. Francis School 2nd grade class as part of their lessons on Michigan history. The students came dressed as if in the 19th Century.

We also hosted 25 wedding open house tours of the House. The fees collected added substantially to our budget.

I want to thank our Girl Scouts and their Leaders Sherry Mackay and Heidi Ellis. These two people are our newest board members. Sherry is working on our grant applications and Heidi is working on clothing displays.

I would like to personally thank Kevin Gilson for all his work at the Farm.

Looking ahead, please join us in 2017 for these possible happenings:

- Relocate our office to the more spacious room above the kitchen.
- Restore our 19th Century Owosso-made sleigh and Studebaker gig
- Aligning our student education programs with the Michigan Schools curriculum and cleaning restoring the 1837 Harris Log Cabin



Treasury Notes

2016 Summary Financials:

Total Revenue: \$563.75 Total Expenses: \$284.40 Total Donations: \$310.00

Memberships: \$45.00 Gift-shop Revenue: \$70.75 Events/Tours: \$138.00

We also sponsored the 6th year of the Cobblestone Farm Farmer's Market. The year was ended with a small surplus in the Market budget. We're all looking forward to next year. Kevin Gilson developed a letter for Giving-Tuesday which resulted in just shy of \$500 additional income and a thank you letter for the Members who responded. Many thanks to these generous members.

Interesting additional figures for 2016:

- 1,745 volunteer hours
- 1,703 visitors through the house - not counting Open Houses

Annual Meeting Scheduled for: April 9, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the Cobblestone Farm Association will be held on from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, in the big barn. It will be held jointly with the Pittsfield Historical Society. The guest speaker, Ed Wall will present a talk on the history of the Mallett's Creek settlement.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and tours of the farmhouse.

HAPPENINGS AT THE FARM:



The Cobblestone Farm Association is pleased to announce the first, of many, additions of period clothing to the displays at the farm house, created and curated by Board member Heidi Ellis. We are excited to show our new fan front dress now on display in the upstairs master bedroom.

Plans for future displays include: women's undergarments, a man's full suit of clothes, children's clothing, hired help clothing, as well as examples of accessories, foot wear, and outerwear. We will also be making new reproductions to replace many of the other household's textiles, many of which are in need of serious repair or replacing.

Fashion plays an important part in any culture at any point in history. The Victorian area was no different. One of the ways people (particularly in the middle-class) showed their wealth was through their clothing. In the 1850s there were fewer resources, and they were slower to get from the manufacturer to

consumer. For those that could afford it, they spent their money on better quality, finely woven fabrics, notions, and more colorful prints. Clothing and other home goods were still primarily made in the home, though store- bought ready-made goods were starting to reach this region.

We are very excited about the new and future additions to our period clothing display. If you are interested in contributing time or money to this project, please contact us at www.cobblestonefarm.org

Benajah's Back Page



Random items/facts/sayings that we hope you will find interesting, odd or amusing!

NINETEENTH CENTURY SLANG

Absquatulate: to take leave, to disappear.

Acknowledge the corn: to admit the truth; to confess; to acknowledge one's own obvious lie or shortcoming.

catch a weasel asleep, to: referring to something impossible or unlikely, in regard to someone who is always alert and is seldom or never caught off guard, e.g., You can't trick old Joe any sooner than you can catch a weasel asleep.

Exfluncicate: to utterly destroy.

Gallnipper: a large mosquito.

Whip one's weight in wild cats: to defeat a powerful opponent.