About Our Organization

The Cobblestone Farm Association is a 501(c)3 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.

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!

Events at the Farm

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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:

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.

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.

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

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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

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 refer 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.

Exfluncticate: to utterly destroy.

Gallnipper: a large mosquito.

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