

FIELD NOTES



President's Notes

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COBBLESTONE FARM
ASSOCIATION

by George Taylor

Events of the past year:

Winter Evening was attended by some 40 people. Candlelit rooms throughout really made the evening special.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Barn. The featured program was presented by Bradley Taylor, assistant director of the UM Museum Studies program.

Spring Fling meant games on the grounds and some cleaning of the house. Bed ticks and rugs hung on the line for beating.

Independence Day: The reading of the Declaration of Independence was highly anticipated. There were games for children, tours of the house, and cooking in the kitchen.

Our fundraiser for restoration of our gig and sleigh: went well but yielded insufficient funds for the

restoration. Activities were held in the house and Barn with the help of Vendors.

Hallow Harvest had its usual activities. There were more decorations in the house than in previous years, especially in the parlor and bedrooms.

Country Christmas the house was decorated for an 1855 Christmas that Dr. Ticknor may have celebrated. We had some new additions to this event. There was a sock maker who uses a 1880s sock knitting machine, a weaver, and a spinner on site in the house.

February: saw the arrival of the UM Museum Studies class under the direction of Bradley Taylor. The students got a taste of what a small volunteer-run museum was like. They are scheduled to return in 2016.

New additions to the house this year: display boards lighted with battery powered LED strip lights provided by the staff at Batteries Plus on Packard Rd.

A new computer and printer, along with word processing software, were purchased with funds generated from wedding

events at the Farm.

The Cobblestone Farm Farmer's Market operations and finances were separated from the Museum operations with the hiring of a Market Manager by the Market team. The Market continues to provide reporting to the CFA Board.

This year we supplied artifacts for an exhibit at Brecken Village Memory Support Unit. Another exhibit at the Museum on Main Street, highlighting Washtenaw County historical sites, will run through the end of February 2016.

The website had been up-dated with all of our events for the 2016 year.

Please join us for our activities in the coming year.

Volunteers are always welcome to work on our website, collections, filing, and as tour docents and support staff with regular events and special projects.

There is a lot to do at the Farm; and we would like to have you join us.

See you at the Farm!

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Special points of interest:

Annual Meeting



Treasury Notes

Financials:

Memberships and donations increased 100%.

Event participation was up by 40%. **Gift shop sales** were up 100%.

We ended the year with a surplus; which will be used to start a display of period clothing beginning with a ladies dress from the 1850s.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the Cobblestone Farm Association will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, in the big barn. It will be held jointly with the Washtenaw County Historical Society (WCHS). The guest speaker will be Dr. James E. Davis, President of the WCHS. His topic will be: **Understandings of the American Frontier**.

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

Winter Evening at Cobblestone Farm

On Friday, February 5th, the Cobblestone Farm Association hosted Winter Evening at the Cobblestone Farm Museum. The event, held from 5 to 9 pm, featured the house lighted nearly entirely by candlelight. Fifty two (52) guests toured the house with room interpretations by Association docents and members of Girl Scout Troop 40091.

Thanks to their generosity, Barbara Schultzgruber (weaver), Beverly Larsen (1880 sock knitting machine), Linda Losse (hammered dulcimer), Kevin Gilson (dulcimer), and Diane Labut (spinner). Our visitors were able to ask questions of each demonstrator, even enjoying the feel of lama wool being spun into yarn.

The house was abuzz with activity. The Girl Scouts rotated among the rooms, helping with interpretation of the second floor, weaving demonstrations, and cooking. Jane created, with Girl Scout help, a delicious vegetable soup, which was enjoyed by the staff.

Country Christmas Celebration

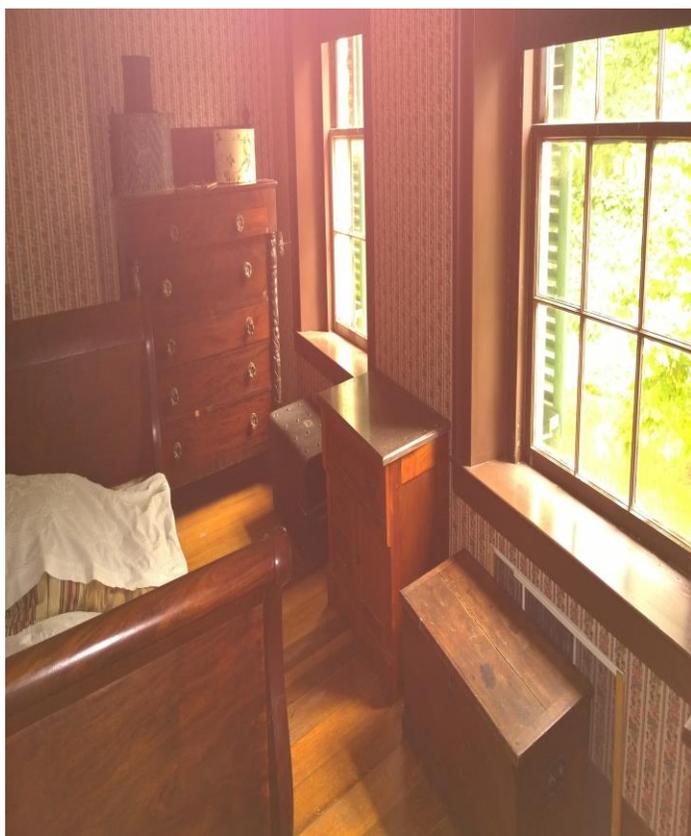
On December 6th, The Farmhouse was decorated much like it might have been when the Ticknor's lived here. The small table top tree, decorated with items found around the farm, is surrounded by the presents and is located in the Parlor for family and guests to enjoy. Following the German custom, the tree was likely decorated by Dr. Ticknor and Gesie and not revealed to the children and guests until after church services on Christmas Day.

Strung popcorn, nuts and homemade paper ornaments were typical as were miniature furniture pieces and ribbons. A few European-made ornaments might also be used. When guests arrived, the smells of holiday cooking would mingle with the wood smoke and burning candles to create a festive atmosphere. Music would be the familiar carols of Europe along with new seasonal songs by American composers like William Billings and Supply Belcher, both of whom were from Connecticut.

E.J and Antoine, our new gourmet vendors!



Our Gig, in desperate need of restoration.



New furniture donations and our sleigh (needs restoration)

Events at the Farm

by Tracey Miller

MARCH		14 BOARD MEETING
APRIL	11 BOARD MEETING	17 ANNUAL MEETING
MAY	1 SPRING FLING	9 BOARD MEETING
JUNE		13 BOARD MEETING
JULY	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	11 BOARD MEETING
AUGUST		8 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER	22 HALLOW-HARVEST	BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER		14 BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	4 COUNTRY CHRISTMAS	12 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!