Living historians Larissa Fleishman and Ken Giorlando will be the featured guest speakers at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 PM.

The title of their presentation is, “Farm Life/City Life. What would your daily life be like had you lived 150 years ago?”

Renowned for their knowledge of daily life of the 19th century, Fleishman and Giorlando will draw you into their world of horses & carriages, oil lamps & candles, and hoop skirts & top hats, as they bring back, by means of sight and sound, the every-day life of long ago.

They will compare the daily tasks of life between farm and city, including daily chores, food preparation & preservation, social interaction and events, and the differences in city and farm clothing for men and women.

Through entertaining exchanges, replica artifacts, fun-filled facts, and a bit of humor, they present the contrasting Victorian work-week between farm life in the country and urban life in the city.

Discover the cost of goods for city people and the reality of self-sufficiency for the farm families.

Fleishman and Giorlando dress in accurate period clothing and give their audiences a thoughtful regard of the era.

They have been students of history for several decades, and have been involved in the practice of historical presenting and reenacting for nearly as many years.

The talk is open to the public and admission is free.
Antique Appraisals
by Doug Dalton Auctioneer

Wednesday, September 23
10 AM–4 PM
Appointment required

Bring in your movable antique furniture, art, and small objects for an oral appraisal. Limited appointments are available, so call now if you’re interested. Appointments are every 15 minutes, with a maximum of 4 items per time slot. No Coins, Stamps, or Jewelry Please.

Oral Evaluations are $10 per item

Plymouth Historical Museum
155 S. Main Street
Call for Appointments:
734-455-8940

New Members—Welcome!
Ryan Kaltenbach, Plymouth
Gary Rembisz, Plymouth
Michael Woloszyk, Northville

Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List

1 Roll Postage Stamps $49 per
Adopt a Mannequin $150
1/2 month heating bill $375
1/2 month electric bill $475
1 month employee’s salary $500
To donate online, please visit the Museum website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html

Tea Party Needs

Demitasse spoons
Salad or dessert forks
3-inch diameter shallow bowls for fruit or sauce
Luncheon plates (about 7-inch diameter)
Tiered serving plates
Round, colored table clothes
This year we’ve hit the jackpot with topics for our teas and special events. We’ve taken some popular culture themes and used our own blend of living history and magic to create these winning events.

As mentioned in the March/April 2015 Museum Memo, our Downton Abbey Tea and Fashion Show in March was a rousing success, selling out 6 weeks before the tea. Our first Frozen Princess Tea, in May, sold out in 3 days, thanks to the power of social media. I posted the event on the Museum’s Facebook page. It was shared on the Facebook pages of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. The Chamber’s post was then shared more than 80 times, which accounts for why the tea sold out so quickly.

The May Frozen Princess Tea was held the Sunday before Mother’s Day, so the children made gifts for their mothers, in addition to getting their photos taken with Princesses Elsa and Anna from the movie Frozen. Our tea caterer, Diann Dupuis, outdid herself with fantastic tea delicacies.

Since the first Frozen Princess Tea was so successful, we decided to offer it again in July. This time it sold out in 2 days, thanks again to social media! As usual, Leslie Ryder, education coordinator, and her volunteers kept the children busy with a make-and-take activity, photos with the princesses, and even a singalong. Lots of happy little princesses.

We had noticed comments on the Chamber’s Facebook page about little boys being in love with the princesses, too, but they would not be interested in coming to a tea. So we dreamed up a scavenger hunt inside the Museum, “Help Olaf Find the Princesses.” While this did not immediately sell out, it was ultimately another sold-out event run by our great Special Events Committee. Thankfully Disney has announced there will be another Frozen movie, and there will always be more 4-year-olds, so we’ll be able to continue to ride this wave.

Back to Downton Abbey. Since the first tea was so successful, we decided to offer something different, but still with that theme. On October 4, we will host “A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey,” which is a murder mystery acted out by 14 members of the Plymouth History Troupe. We are excited to give this a try! Once again, this tea has sold out, this time 3 months in advance of the tea! I think we’re on to something….

Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk

While our annual cemetery walk is not taken from popular culture, it is incredibly popular also. It’s coming up on Saturday, October 24. Last year, we sold out of tickets 3 weeks in advance. If history repeats itself, we’ll again sell out of this great event, so please don’t wait to buy tickets because you’ll probably be disappointed. If you haven’t attended one of our events, why not? We’re having some fun here!
The following generous donations were received between June 2015 and July 2015:

**The Dunning ($2,500 +)**
Community Financial
Manderachia Estate
Plymouth Lions Club/Foundation

**The Starkweather ($500–$999)**
Sanford Burr

**The Penniman ($250–$499)**
Bob Bake
Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan
Detroit Elevator Company
Hagerty Management, LLC

Robert McLeese
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Betty Wilson
Mark Wira
Karen Witmer

If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer three hours of service at the Museum each month, please let us know.

Please phone the Museum at 734-455-8940 and leave a message. We will return your phone call as soon as we are available.

Thank you for your support, and thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers!
‘Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day’

Historians Jack Dempsey and Brian James Egen will present their new co-authored book, *Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day*, at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30 PM.

America’s single bloodiest day was at the Battle of Antietam. Fought on September 17, 1862, the battle was a decisive engagement in the American Civil War that halted the Confederate advance on Maryland.

The battle took its name from Antietam Creek, which flows south from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to the Potomac River in West Virginia.

Michigan soldiers and civilians played a prominent role during the battle, and suffered extraordinary losses; including one regiment losing half its strength at the epicenter of the battle.

Jack is a lawyer and Michigan native. He co-founded and is the president of the Michigan Civil War Association, which is dedicated to erecting a Michigan monument at the Antietam National Battlefield. Jack is also president of the Michigan Historical Commission, and board member of the Michigan History Foundation.

Brian is executive producer at the Henry Ford and a Michigan native. He is a co-founder of the Michigan Civil War Association, chairman of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and member of the Michigan Historical Commission.

The talk is open to the public and admission is free.

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**Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015 7:30 PM**

**Guest Speakers Jack Dempsey & Brian James Egen**  
**Michigan at Antietam:** The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day

Open to the public & Admission is free

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**Plymouth Historical Museum’s Annual Craft Show**

**Saturday, December 5, 2015 10 am-4 pm**

Crafters Needed!  
This is a juried craft show. We have limited space. Please apply early. $50 per table.

The application to reserve a table is available on the Museum web site. Questions? Contact Melody McCann, 734-455-8940 X 0
Plymouth Days Gone By
Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

**100 Years Ago (July 1915)**

**Plymouth People Will Soon Be Using Gas**

The Plymouth & Northville Gas Co. have quite a force of men at work installing the service work to residences preparatory to furnishing consumers with gas. Many people who did not sign up contracts when the solicitor called upon them are now doing so, and many others will do likewise when they realize what a great convenience has been brought to their door. There is nothing that can equal gas as a fuel for cooking purposes.

**50 Years Ago (July 1965)**

**Westland Shopping Center**

Westland Shopping Center located at the intersection of Warren and Wayne Roads in Nankin Township will open Thursday, providing shoppers with about 50 stores — all under one roof.

The shopping center was built by Shopping Centers, Inc., a subsidiary of The J. L. Hudson Company, and was preceded by Northland in 1954 and Eastland in 1957.

**50 Years Ago (August 1965)**

**Citizens seek more City policemen**

The City Commission agreed to study the need for more police protection after hearing a handful of residents from the Hough Park area complain about high speed driving on their streets at the regular meeting of the commission Tuesday night.

Among those complaining at the meeting were Dean Manley, 1260 Linden, and George Spaniel, 705 McKinley.

Acting city manager Kenneth Fisher, who doubles as public safety director, was asked to make a full report of the City's police protection, and make some recommendations as to possible additions.

**100 Years Ago (August 1915)**

**Largest Saturday Night Crowd of the Summer**

There was a very large crowd in town Saturday night, and it was estimated by Marshal Springer, in charge of the traffic squad, that the number of vehicles on the streets would reach very close to the 400 mark. The splendid music by Schaffer's band and their willingness to respond to encoranges and the high-class pictures shown are drawing people to Plymouth for a distance of ten miles in every direction. The Plymouth merchants enjoyed a splendid trade Saturday night. That the view of others may not be obstructed, owners of autos and buggies should please remember and lower their tops after lining up on Main street in front of the picture screen. If they will do this it will let the other fellow see too.
From the 1890s until the 1930s, passenger train service was a common occurrence in Plymouth, as shown in this photo, circa 1900s. The railroads were established in Plymouth in 1871. They aided the local economy by providing a distribution network for area farmers and manufactures, and offered convenient passenger service from Plymouth to other regions of the state. Image from the Plymouth Historical Museum archives.
Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html.

September
17–19—Thurs, Fri, Sat, Nostalgia sale at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 9 AM–4 PM, Donations welcome.
23—Wednesday, 10 AM–4 PM, Antique Appraisal Clinic. Appointments required. $10 oral appraisal per item.

October
4—Sunday, “A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey,” Plymouth Historical Museum, 2-4 PM. SOLD OUT.
24—Saturday, Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery. Walks begin at 4 PM, with small groups departing every 15 minutes. Hamburgers and hot dogs available for purchase, 3:45 and 6 PM. The walk lasts 60 -90 minutes. Tickets are $10 in advance; $15 at cemetery, but tickets sold out in September last year so don’t wait!

November
1—Last day, “The Fair That Changed America.”