

March/April 2015

'Elizabeth the Great of England'

Henry VIII's daughter; England's Gloriana. The first monarch to have an era



named after her. Visit Elizabethan England with a jewel-studded discussion of the life and times of the legendary Elizabeth I of England. Her steady course for England would set the foundation for the colonization of America.

In 2015, Maureen Esther celebrates her 23rd year of storytelling and has presented to more than 25,000 children and adults. She has no plans to slow-down and continues to pick new subjects to add to her repertoire, which also includes King Tut, King Henry VIII, American Civil War, Titanic and many more.

The lecture will be held at the

Plymouth Historical Museum. The talk is open to the public and admission is free.

Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker, Maureen Esther

Elizabeth the Great of England

Open to the public & Admission is free

May 2015 Board Elections

Elections for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors are coming up! Elections will take place at the Plymouth Historical Museum annual meeting on Tuesday, May 12.

You can also vote absentee! If you won't be at the May meeting, be sure to pick up an absentee ballot from the Museum beforehand and return it to the museum by 3:30 PM on Monday, May 11, or else your vote will not be counted. The absentee ballot will also be available on the Museum's website (<http://www.plymouthhistory.org/absentee-ballot.html>) after the April 14 monthly meeting.

The May membership meeting is a potluck dinner. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a side dish; if it begins with I-R, please bring a main dish; and S-Z, please bring a dessert. The Museum will provide beverages. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.



The monthly Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meetings are now held on the second **Tuesday** of the month instead of the second Thursday.

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Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 1-4 PM all days
 Open year round (except some holidays)

Board of Directors

Pam Yockey	President
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Monthly Drawing

Gary Rembisz and Sue Seelye are the winners of the March and April drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

Kroger Plus Card Donations

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards. This registration must be completed each year in April. If you have not yet re-enrolled, or want to become a participant in this program, you can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on “Michigan” and click on “Enroll.” You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We’ll be happy to help you get enrolled.

New Members—Welcome!

First Financial Strategies, Plymouth, Sponsor
 Benjamin Jakubowski, Plymouth
 Roose Animal Hospital, Plymouth, Sponsor
 Marge Stock, Plymouth

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 for these items and other items, 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



Candidates for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors



Jim Burroughs is running for reelection to the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Society Board of Directors. I have served several years on the Board as treasurer. My efforts have helped to ensure that we are able to pay our bills when they are due. We have also

worked hard to make sure that we are in good financial shape for future years. I also really enjoy contributing as an opener/closer for the Museum on the weekends. I am retired from the financial area of Ford Credit in Dearborn. My interest in the Museum developed from knowing Dr. Weldon Petz and his Lincoln collection.



Pam Yockey is a retired history teacher from Taylor Schools and is currently coaching in the Plymouth–Canton school district. Pam has a master’s degree in historic preservation with an emphasis in museum science, costume history, and historical interpretation from Eastern Michigan University. She worked in the costume studio at

The Henry Ford and has served five years on the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum board of directors. Her costume design business Kalico Kitten designs and markets historical clothing from Regency to Edwardian costumes. She has been lecturing for more than twenty years and has an antique clothing collection of more than 700 pieces. Pam is a 39-year resident of Canton, residing there with husband Mike.



Sally Fedus is a retired vocational/staff development counselor who has been active on the Board of Directors for several years and has been an active volunteer on numerous other non-profits for many years. Sally has lived in the Plymouth/Livonia community

her entire life, except for approximately five years in the Peace Corps in Bolivia and the Philippines. She has a desire to use her professional and personal skills to preserve and further develop the Museum as a pillar of the community.

**Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum
Annual Meeting &
Election of Board of Directors
May 12, 2015 6:30 PM
Meeting includes a Potluck Meal**

Please bring:

**Last names beginning A-H—Side dish
Last names beginning I-R—Main dish
Last names beginning S-Z—Dessert**

Nominations for Board of Director candidates will be taken from the floor at the April 14 meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum. According to the bylaws:

“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.

“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”

Plymouth Living History Troupe

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director



Kristen Mrozek, Ken Giorlando, and Darlene Lum act out the skit "Sex and Guns in Turn-of-the-Century Plymouth."

What is the Plymouth Living History Troupe, you might ask? It is a group of like-minded individuals who come together as needed to support fundraising events for the Plymouth Historical Museum.

For the most part, the individuals are Civil War reenactors that enjoy expanding their historical knowledge and sharing that knowledge with others. And, they love to get dressed up in clothing of by-gone eras!

We have been building our base of living history enthusiasts for several years through our ghost walks, educational programs, and history camps. Last year we decided to give the idea a name and call it the "Plymouth Living History

Troupe." Not surprisingly, those already helping us out at our various living history events jumped onboard enthusiastically and sign up eagerly when presented with fun living history opportunities. Since this is a volunteer commitment, we always understand when "real life" expectations get in the way of our fun!

To give you a sampling of what we've been up to just in the month of March, the photos on these two pages should give you a good idea.

A Night FOR the Museum

At the Museum's annual fundraiser dinner, "A Night FOR the Museum" on March 7,

the entertainment this year was a short, 10-minute skit called "Sex and Guns in "Turn-of-the-Century Plymouth." There was some intrigue and scandal surrounding William "Phil" Markham, the inventor of the Markham Air Rifle, his wife Carrie, and his paramour Blanche. Three members of the Plymouth Living History Troupe, shown above, gave an excellent performance, and contributed immensely to the overall success of the evening. Our tentative net profit for the evening was about \$28,600!

Downton Abbey Tea

Our first tea of the year, held Sunday, March 29, was a smashing success, and a sellout in about

Top: (L-R) Mary Thackston, Carolyn Paladino, Sue Lamkin, Janet Burns, Cathy Sekerke (seated), Leslie Ryder, Gail Smalley, Sofia Maly-nowskyj, and Jackie Schubert await the beginning of the Downton Abbey fashion show.

Middle: Kristen Mrozek in the Downton Abbey fashion show.

Bottom Left: Jim Salamay, the sole male in the fashion show, wore a tux.

Bottom Right: Pam Yockey (left) was dressed as an upstairs maid, while fashion show narrator Glenna Jo Christen flaunts her 1920s attire.

two weeks from when tickets went on sale! In fact, we were sold out six weeks before the tea even happened, and that's after we rearranged the seating to allow for more tables.

The Downton Abbey Tea was our largest tea so far at 78 people. It included a fashion show, with the fashions covering the popular PBS TV series "Downton Abbey" era of about 1910-30.

Members of the Plymouth Living History Troupe answered the call enthusiastically almost immediately when they heard what we were planning and several of them got to work sewing their new dresses for the tea!

What's Next?

- Members will be characters in the Ghosts of Plymouth Walk on April 25 at Kellogg Park
- One member will be Princess Elsa in our "Frozen Princess Tea Party" on May 3 that sold out in 3 days!
- Members are lining up to be in our upcoming "A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey"



**Donations Received
February – March 2015
Thank You!**

The following generous donations were received between February and March 2015:

**The Starkweather
(\$500–\$999)**

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Debra Neu
Sally Pinchock
Carol Russel
Paul Sincock
Yvonne Wood

*A Teatime Tragedy at
Downton
Abbey*

**Sunday, October 4
2-4 PM**



*Help solve a murder mystery performed by
the Plymouth Living History Troupe!*

- **Enjoy scrumptious tea delicacies**
- **Sip the Museum's own special tea, "Mary's Blend"—a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea blend in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln**

**Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Museum members;
\$30 for non-members by September 25.
Add \$5 to ticket prices after September 25.**

**Don't Waver—
Buy a Brick
Paver Today!**

We will soon be placing another order for landscaping bricks to be engraved, so please don't hesitate to purchase your bricks! The bricks are a wonderful birthday or holiday gift, or a memorial to a loved one, or to remember a Plymouth pioneer. We have plenty of available bricks for purchase; the proceeds all go toward helping to maintain the brick and mortar structure of the Plymouth Historical Museum, i.e. our Building Reserve Fund.

Bricks (4"x8") are \$100 each; 8"x8" bricks are \$250. The smaller bricks can have up to 14 characters per line on 3 lines; the larger bricks can have up to 14 characters per line on 5 lines. Come in today and order your bricks as we'll be placing our order in April!



The Plymouth
Historical Museum
presents ...

Ghosts of Plymouth

Walk Around Kellogg Park

Saturday, April 25
Walk begins at 5:00 PM*



*Walk circles
Kellogg Park and
lasts about 90
minutes.

Tickets \$10 in advance (\$5 for children under
10); \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park

Purchase tickets at
Plymouth Historical Museum
155 S. Main Street
Plymouth
734-455-8940 or

www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html



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Calendar of Events

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

Special Museum Exhibit

“Creative Hands, Busy Hands” — Exhibit on display until June 14, 2015.

April

14—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, “Elizabeth the Great of England,” with Maureen Esther, free admission.

25—Saturday, “Ghosts of Plymouth” Walk, Kellogg Park, tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the park.

May

3—“Frozen Princess Tea Party,” SOLD OUT.

12—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, and Board elections. Note time change. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a side dish; if it begins with I-R, please bring a main dish; and S-Z, please bring a dessert.

June

14—Last day of “Creative Hands—Busy Hands” exhibit.

15–25—Museum closed for exhibit changeover.

26—New special exhibit opens devoted to the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.



JANUARY 23 - JUNE 14, 2015