New Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum

The 1970s was a decade filled with drama and intrigue. Explore Plymouth in the 1970s in depth in our next exhibit, "Let Freedom Ring." The special exhibit will be on display at the Museum from July 13 until November 6, 2022.

The exhibit is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main and is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Admission is $7 for adults; $3 for children 6-17; free for children 5 and under, and free for members of the Museum.
The Plymouth Historical Museum is a privately funded 501(c)3 charitable organization. We receive no government funding. We always have a “wish list” of things that help us as we work to preserve and share the history of Plymouth.

Here are some of our common purchases to provide inspiration:

- 1 Roll Postage Stamps $58 per
- IT/Network support $300
- ½ month heating bill $375
- ½ month electric bill $475
- 1 month employee salary $600

To donate, make your check payable to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Thank you for supporting the Plymouth Historical Museum

We appreciate your support!
Archives Upgrade

The upgrade to the Museum’s archives is moving along and nearing completion. In May, movable storage and more shelving were added, greatly expanding the capacity for our collections.

Our maintenance volunteers have been working hard for several weeks to assemble the new desks for the archives, to make the rest of the space more user-friendly and practical.

Meantime, archives staff and volunteers have been working hard to process the large Pere Marquette Historical Society archival collection we received last summer.

We are planning to have a soft reopening of the archives on July 13 when the Museum’s new exhibit, “Let Freedom Ring” opens. If you’ve been waiting to do research in the archives, you might want to call ahead to make sure there is room for researchers, as we still have limited space and can only handle 4 or 5 researchers at a time. Call 734-455-8940 x3.

Thanks to the hard work of archives staff and volunteers and maintenance staff and volunteers, this project will soon be complete!

New Board

The 2022-2023 Plymouth Historical Society/Museum Board of Directors convened on Wednesday, June 1. Two new members joined the Board: Margaret Harris and Ivy Orca Lung.

New Marketing Director

In the category of “what’s old is new again,” our former marketing director, Mike Woloszyk, has returned to work at the Museum as our new marketing director! You will see his work later in this newsletter as the “Volunteer Spotlight” has returned. Each issue we like to highlight 2 of our wonderful volunteers. In this issue we are highlighting two new volunteers. Welcome back, Mike, we’re so happy you saw the light and came back to work with us!

The Board elected new officers:
President—Tim Tingstad
Vice President—Stephanie Hoff
Secretary—Margaret Harris
Treasurer—Jim Burroughs

The Board of Directors would like to thank outgoing President Kathy Sullivan and outgoing Director Carol Souchock for their six years of service on the Board.

Ticket Sale Dates for Upcoming Events

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Volunteers Make a Difference

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Thank you for the following generous donations that were received between March and May 2022:

**The Lincoln ($1,000+ )**
- Robert Gotro (Archives Upgrade)
- Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth
- Merrill Lynch
- Jay Qualman (Archives Upgrade)

**The Starkweather ($500–$999)**
- Kevin Burek
- Fritz Milhaupt (Archives Upgrade)
- Tim Parker (Archives Upgrade)
- Port Huron & Detroit Railroad Historical Society (Archives Upgrade)

**The Penniman ($250–$499)**
- Dearborn Jewelers
- Ferman Optometry
- Elizabeth Kerstens
- Roy Pilkington

**The Kellogg ($100–$249)**
- Anonymous
- Luan Brownlee
- David Camp
- Clark Chapin
- Frank Cozza
- Mary Fritz
- T. J. Gaffney
- Hugh Hales
- Cynthia Hartsig
- Geraldine Kilsdonk
- Judith Morgan
- Cecilia Nelson
- Dan Packer
- Fred Reinhart
- Arthur Souter

**Under $100**
- Marilyn Alimpich
- Cynthia Churches
- Chris Dobbs
- Barbara Fortune
- Thomas Grambau
- James Keefer
- Jane Libbing
- Melody McCann
- Brian Mitchell
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- Geraldine Pritchard
- Cindy Reinhart
- Barbara Rogers
- Veralou Scott
- Barry Southwood
- Chad Thompson
- Bob VandeVusse
- Dolores Vincent
- Takeda Yoshido

**Sponsorships**

**Archives Upgrade Sponsorship ($2,500)**
- Pere Marquette Historical Society
- Plymouth Rotary Foundation
- David Thoms
- Varnum LLP

**Plymouth Fair ($2,000)**
- Blackwell Ford

**Red Ryder ($1,500)**
- O’Donnell Electric

**Hamilton ($600)**
- Alphagraphics
- First Financial Strategies
- First Merchants Corporation
- Forest Place Optical
- Packaging Corp. of America

**Mary Todd ($400)**
- Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center

**Family Fun ($300)**
- Comparti’s on the Park
- Executive Property Maintenance
- Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
- Hock Family Dentistry
- Inch Memorials
- MI Roots Real Estate Group

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**60 Years Ago**

**June 1962**

*Plymouth Mail*

**Three Schools Close Forever This Week**

In June 1962, Three historic Canton Township schools closed forever. Hough School, located on Warren Road near Lilly Road. Cherry Hill School, located at Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road. And, Canton Center School, located on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill Road. The Canton Center School was listed as the only fulltime one room schoolhouse remaining in Wayne County. In September 1962, students attending the three schools were transferred to the newer and larger schools in the expanding Plymouth School District.

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*In 1962, Canton Center School was listed as the last fulltime one room school house in Wayne County.*

*In 1962, Canton Hough School was listed as the last fulltime wood framed school house in Wayne County.*
In June 1967, British Consul Mr. R. V. Juchaw, who was a first-time visitor to Plymouth, said the downtown “Village Green” displayed the real heart of Plymouth.

“Village Green”

In June 1947, Plymouth Mail

75 Years Ago
June 1947
Plymouth Mail

Regrets to Leave City of Plymouth

“It is with much regret that we are leaving Plymouth. We have lived here for 15 years and we have enjoyed every minute of it” stated Abe Goldstein yesterday.

“But doctors told me sometime ago that the time had come for me to quit business if I wanted to improve my health. and of course health comes first.

“Plymouth people have always been good to me and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for their kindly treatment. We have enjoyed a good business here and I am sure that the young women who have taken over my store for the purpose of conducting a dress shop will also do well” stated Mr. Goldstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein and their son will live in South Haven where their daughter and her husband are in business. He does not expect to enter business again for a number of years. Mr. Goldstein has always been active in Plymouth’s veterans affairs, being a member of the American Legion.

354 S. Main
Plymouth, Michigan

Goldstein Dept Store

We Must Sell Out

MUSEUM MEMO

75 Years Ago
June 1947
Plymouth Mail

Make Dad Happy with one of our New Shirts—and a Tie to complete the Gift Box.

DAVIS & LENT

Father builds his children’s world with vision... "Where your money’s well spent"

Father knows little things count and little things take time. He spends hours in irreplaceable companionship... giving needed information based on his integrity and experience. He shares triumphs with restraint and corrects defects with justice... always the masterbuilder of our children’s futures. That’s why there’s a Father’s Day in our calendar. This year remember it...SUNDAY, JUNE 15th.
We are happy to welcome Doug Willett, one of our new volunteers at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Doug is working closely with the archives, digitizing Museum records, which will safeguard our valuable records and photographs for generations to come.

Born in Howell and raised in Wayne-Westland area, Doug attended Wayne Memorial High School and Central Michigan University. Formerly living in Howell, Doug has been a Plymouth Township resident with his wife Theresa since 1996. Doug and Theresa have two grown children, Adam and Sarah, who still live in Michigan.

Doug first got into the digitizing business working as a trusted photographer for the Google Business View program and creating outside 3D digital views of the businesses in Plymouth. He expanded this idea by adding 3D interior views that allow the computer user to explore building interiors.

Doug decided to form his own company, LunaTech 3D, and sell this service to businesses. You may have already seen his work when you are able to “walk through” a home in a real estate ad. Besides real estate companies, Doug’s customers for his business include hotels, restaurants, service centers, or any company that wants to give their customers a 3D walk-through of its business.

When not digitizing records, Doug enjoys doing genealogy, flying drones, and digitizing historic buildings and attractions in 3D for future generations.

Our Museum is very fortunate to have Doug’s expertise. Welcome aboard!

—Written by Mike Woloszyk, marketing director

Volunteers Make a Difference!
Volunteer Spotlight

Rick Schubatis

Our Maintenance staff at the Museum has recently added a very capable volunteer, Rick Schubatis.

Rick comes to us after his recent retirement from Henry Ford Health, where he practiced Internal Medicine since 1985. Rick has handyman skills that he acquired from his father, an electrician.

Rick and his wife, Darice, have been residents of Plymouth Township for the last 33 years. They have a daughter, Paula, who is an art teacher at Emerson School in Detroit and a son, Adam, a CPA.

Rick, born and raised in Dearborn, was already familiar with volunteering at the Museum because his mother, Virginia, was a longtime volunteer in the archives. Virginia will be turning 100 years old this year.

Rick has many side interests besides volunteering. He has been active with the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth for the last six years, currently acting as its vice president.

His other interests include cooking, gardening and furniture restoration. Rick and his wife also love to travel, focusing upon US National Parks as well as Europe. They plan to travel to Ireland this year for the first time.

Our Museum is very proud and appreciative of our volunteer staff and look forward to working with Rick for many years.

—Written by Mike Woloszyk, marketing director

Volunteers Make a Difference!
Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company, died at the age 83 on April 7, 1947 at his Fair Lane estate in Dearborn, Michigan.

Henry Ford's Plymouth factory, located at Wilcox Road and Hines Drive, was in operation from 1923 until 1948. The factory manufactured taps for the Ford Rouge Plant.
55 Years Ago
May 1967
Plymouth Mail

Death Takes Last Of ’98 War Vets

Plymouth resident, Thomas Gray, served in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

75 Years Ago
May 1947
Plymouth Mail

William “Billy” Rogell, (1904–2003), was a professional baseball player who played 14 years in the Major Leagues; primarily as a shortstop for the Detroit Tigers from 1930 to 1939. Rogell’s best season of his career was in 1934, when he batted .296, and drove in 100 runs for the Tigers. After ending his playing career in 1940, Rogell served 36 years as a member of the Detroit City Council.
On June 6, 1944, as World War II continued to rage across Europe, the Allied Forces began the critical and strategic invasion of Normandy, France. Code named “Operation Overlord,” the invasion was the largest seaborne landing force in world military history. The invasion, which became known as D-Day, launched the foundation for the decisive Allied victory in Western Europe in the spring of 1945. U.S. Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, along with military leaders in Britain, planned and directed the historic invasion.
Remembering the Historic Plymouth Hotel

June 1937
Demolition of One of Plymouth’s Last pre-Civil War Buildings

In June 1937, workmen began the razing of the historic Plymouth Hotel, at the northwest corner of Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail. The Plymouth Hotel was located across the street from the Mayflower Hotel. A new two story structure, costing $30,000, was planned for the site, consisting of both office and retail space. Demolition of the hotel marked the passing of a historic downtown landmark, and one of Plymouth’s last pre-Civil War buildings.

A 1937 architectural drawing of the new building proposed for the northwest corner of Main St and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. The ambitious plans for the building were eventually downscaled. The first operational phase of the building was completed in 1939, and was leased to the D & C Five and Dime company.

Because of the historic significance of the famous Mayflower Hotel that previously stood at the southwest corner of Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, the northwest corner of Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail is often overlooked when reminiscing about the history of Plymouth. The unsung corner was once the home of a prominent downtown hotel—the long forgotten Plymouth Hotel.

The history of the hotel dates back to 1853, when the hotel was known as the Root Hotel, operated by James Root. In 1856, a fire started in the hotel. The blaze swept north on Main St. and destroyed most of the buildings on the west side of the street. A few months after the fire, the hotel was rebuilt and reopened in 1857. In 1859, William Adams sold his farm west of Plymouth, and purchased the hotel. The hotel became known as the Adams House, and was eventually renamed the Plymouth Hotel.

During the Civil War, the Plymouth Hotel was a popular stop along the stagecoach line. One folktale about the hotel’s stage service occurred on January 1, 1863, when the temperature was 37 below zero. As the hotel stage and horses slowed up in front of the hotel, returning to Plymouth from a trip to Wayne, it was noticed the stagecoach driver wasn’t moving. The driver, unprotected from the extreme cold weather, had frozen to death in his seat on top of the stage.

The Plymouth Hotel, circa 1900. During the Civil War, the hotel was a welcomed stop along the often travelled stagecoach line; including daily passenger service to Ann Arbor. In the mid to late 1800s, the west side of Main St, across from Kellogg Park, was known as the Phoenix Block. An apropos name, considering the business block was twice resurrected after devastating fires in 1856 and 1893, severely damaged the buildings. After the fire of 1893, the block was rebuilt with brick buildings.

The D & C Five and Dime Store was built at the former site of the Plymouth Hotel; northwest corner of Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, across from the Mayflower Hotel. Circa 1940s. In the 1950s, the Five and Dime building was torn down and replaced with a Kresge Department Store.
Calendar of Events
Events are at the Museum unless otherwise specified. Tickets can be found at http://plymouthhistory.org/events/upcoming-events/.

June
26—Last day of “Connecting at the Speed of Life” exhibit.
27—Museum closed for exhibit changeover.

July
12—Members-only Let Freedom Ring Wine & Appetizer Reception. 6-8 pm. Members can sign up for 2 free tickets, but you must sign up as there is a limit on space and food. Reservations are going quickly.
13—“Let Freedom Ring” special exhibit opens.

August
21—“What’s in Your Pantry” Tea, 2-4 pm. Tickets are $30 for members/$35 for non-members. They are on sale to members now and to the public July 4.