

# THE STRAIGHT FARMHOUSE CRIER

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## **Santa Exhibit**

Throughout the month of December the Straight Farmhouse will feature the Santa collection of Mr. Dan Dare of Lansing. Mr. Dare has been collecting for decades and has generously loaned this rare collection to the Farmhouse for the Holiday Season. His collection includes Santas from artists Lynn Haney, Thomas Kinkade, Kurt Adler, Richard Simmons, and Boyds to name a few.



Santas on display will range from a few inches tall, to over three feet tall. Some are wearing elegant costumes; some are set in amusing scenes.

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The Members Preview Party will be held Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with wine and cheese served. This exhibit opens to the general public Saturday, December 7 during regular Museum hours. The Farmhouse is very fortunate to have Mr. Dare in attendance both days to meet guests and answer any questions about his collection.

If you would like to submit articles or announcements for consideration in the *Farmhouse Crier* please submit them via email to:  
[Straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:Straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com)

Be sure to include a visit to this exhibit into your plans this Holiday Season. If you cannot stop by during regular Museum Hours (noon– 3pm Wednesdays and Saturdays) please contact Kim or Jerry Marquette at (734) 522-1226 to schedule a private tour. There is no cost to tour this exhibit.



## *Skeletons on Review Sponsors*

This year, for the first time, The Straight Farmhouse had individuals and companies sponsor the *Skeletons on Review* exhibit. The Farmhouse would like to thank the following sponsors who made this exhibit possible:

### **Corporate:**



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**Jordan Street, Jake and Jenna Hill**

**Mike & Sharon Lawrence**

**The Marquette Family**

**Betty Mann**

In addition to the individuals and families that toured *The Skeletons on Review* exhibit, we had groups schedule tours this year. Two of them were A chapter of The Red Hat Society, and a group from Burger School (which included over five classrooms!). The children from Burger School (who walked here from their school) were given a short presentation on the history of Halloween by Kim Marquette, toured the skeletons and museum, and then held a Halloween party/dance before returning to school.

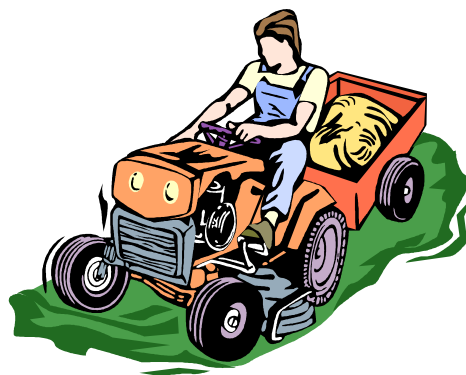
Thank you again to our sponsors for making this exhibit and these tours possible!

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**Watch the website for information on our first exhibit of 2014– a celebration of the 80th Anniversary of Garden City Becoming a City!**

## Kudos to our Lawn Guys!

Many thanks to Mr. Jim Doddie and Mr. Todd Clarey for their hard work this year in keeping the grounds of the Straight Farmhouse mowed, trimmed and edged. Todd even went so far as to aerate the entire lawn so the fertilizer would be effective in the Fall. Their diligent efforts in making sure the lawn looks good each week during the growing season are evident and shows how much they care.



Thanks again Jim & Todd! We appreciate all you do for the Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum.

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## Thank-you Westland VFW

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum (and the *Skeletons on Review!*) would like to thank the Westland VFW for their donation of Halloween decorations. They will certainly come in handy each October!

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## All Hands On Deck!



As stewards of the Straight Farmhouse, the Friends are continually repairing or maintaining some part of the circa 1866 Gothic farmhouse. In early October 2013, volunteers Marshall Hill and Bob Taylor replaced the weather-worn wood on the east porch deck of the farmhouse with new pressure-treated wood, handrails and stairs. Fortunately, the understructure was still solid, so the decision was made to save the structurally sound framing joists and purchase new deckboards, railings and steps. As you can see from the accompanying photo, the new porch deck complements the Straight Farmhouse and is now a safe exit from the sun porch/resale shop. Total cost of the lumber for this project was just under \$250. And we are very grateful for the hard work and donated labor of both Marshall Hill and Bob Taylor. Job well done!

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Farmhouse.

now elevates the DDA to the highest donor level - *Curator Level*) at the Straight  
Museum is one such recipient. Many thanks to the DDA for the donation (which  
local charities and non-profits. The Straight Farmhouse/Garden City Historical  
they were very busy! Proceeds from the beer sales are donated by the DDA to  
and Jerry Marquette) worked the beer tent for a two hour shift. Needless to say,  
Three volunteers from the Straight Farmhouse (Mark Hammar, Mike Lawrence,

Detroit Mini Donuts, local merchants, live music and a beer tent.  
The event feature a chili cook-off, bake sale, car show,

On October 12, 2013 The Garden City  
Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held it's  
6th Annual Chili Cook-off Event at the Farmer's Market  
from 11am-6pm. Attendance was fantastic!



## DDA Chili Cook-Off

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