

THE STRAIGHT FARMHOUSE CRIER

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3rd Annual

Skeletons on Review

The skeletons gave us the ‘thumbs up’ to announce-
They are coming back!

This year’s exhibit opens October 1st and runs until October 29. Our *Members Only* night will be Saturday October 4th at 7p.m. (Members are welcome to bring guests)

Again this year, businesses, individuals, and families will have the opportunity to be a sponsor of this exhibit for only \$25. This year’s theme is “*Then and Now*”. Our skeleton friends will help us take a look back at 1933, the year Garden City officially became a City. 1933 was also the year prohibition ended in the United States (some of the skeletons just might be celebrating the passing of the 21st Amendment!). We will take a look at a few ways life has changed in the past 81 years.



Don’t worry if you can’t stop by during regular museum hours, Wednesday and Saturday from noon – 3p.m.. We plan on opening the museum three separate week nights (October 22, 28, and 29) from 6:30-8:30p.m., or you can call Kim or Jerry Marquette at (734) 522-1226 to schedule an evening visit.

This is a great way to celebrate Fall with family, friends, and neighbors and it’s FREE!

We hope you can join us!

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Welcome New Board Member

The Board of Directors of Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are pleased to announce their new Board Member, Ms. Penelope (Penny) Klei. Penny has been a volunteer at the museum for some time, and generously agreed to join the Board. Ms. Klei is a Garden City resident, and also serves on the Board of the Garden City DDA.

We are very fortunate to have her on the Board.

President's Annual Report for FY 2013

As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, the Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum (FGCHM) is required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to file an annual 990 EZ tax return by May 5th of each year as a way of reporting on financial operations of organizations exempt from income tax for the previous tax year, and to provide transparency to its members and supporters.

For the past five years, Knepp and Associates Tax Services Inc. of Livonia, MI has prepared the 990 EZ tax return and the results of that return are listed below:

2013 Revenues:

Memberships	\$ 600
Support Plan	\$ 2,595
Matching Grant Donations	\$ 6,920
Grande Parlour Banquet Hall Rentals	\$17,026
Lathers General Store	\$ 1,185
Fundraisers	\$ 7,174
Miscellaneous Donations	<u>\$ 1,578</u>
	\$37,078

2013 Expenses:

Straight Farmhouse Mortgage	\$22,617
Loan Payments	\$ 6,000
Utilities/Insurances	\$ 9,729
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 6,108
Operating Supplies	<u>\$ 3,570</u>
	\$48,024**

Please know that we are grateful for your continued support in helping us maintain the Straight Farmhouse as a museum in Garden City which will preserve the history of the community and serve as an educational and resource center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Hammar, President
Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum

****Even though 2013 Expenses exceeded Revenue, all financial obligations were met using the 2012 surplus.**

The Friends

(of the Garden City Historical Museum)

Want You!



The Friends are currently in need of volunteers for a variety of projects and services. If you can spare a Saturday or Sunday a month, we are looking for a host or hostess for the Grande Parlour Banquet Room. This would involve greeting renters of the hall as they arrive, assuring they are aware of our amenities throughout the banquet hall, serving room and kitchen, and then performing a final walk-through inspection at the conclusion of their event.

We are always looking for volunteers to perform light housekeeping around the Straight Farmhouse, such as vacuuming carpets, cleaning the wood floor in the kitchen and serving room, setting up the banquet hall dining room for upcoming rentals, and cleaning and restocking the restrooms. Our goal is to make the Straight Farmhouse a clean, inviting place for the public to visit and learn.

The Friends are currently seeking members who would like to serve on the Board of Directors, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This is a good way to have a role in the decision making of the organization and to make a real difference in guiding the Friends to sustainability.

If any of these opportunities intrigue you, please contact the Friends at (734) 838-0650 or contact us online at straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com.

Flea Market Manager Diane Thurner Makes the Event a Success!



Ask any vendor on a Flea Market Saturday at the Straight Farmhouse what they like about the venue and I'll bet one of the things on their list is the friendly Flea Market manager Diane Thurner. In the last four years since the Flea Market moved to the Straight Farmhouse, she has helped make this fundraising event a success, with over \$6,600 going into the Straight Farmhouse coffers!

When Diane isn't patrolling the Farmhouse grounds to assure everyone is happy, she manages Craftique Mall in downtown Garden City. We are very appreciative of her tireless efforts in supporting the Friends organization and look forward to continued success with future flea markets.

Craftique Mall

The Craftique Mall, managed by Diane Thurner (see above) at in the Garden City Towne Center (5846 Middlebelt Road north of Ford Road) continues their generosity by donating a 3' x 3' booth to the FGCHM to sell items. The FGCHM are always looking for donated items to sell in our booth. Stop by the Craftique Mall. There is a variety of vendors offering very interesting things. The Craftique Mall is open Mon.-Sat 11-6, and Sun. 12-5. Stop in and check all there is to see!

On Sale Now!

Are you looking for a good book to curl up with by the fire this Fall? We have a great one for you. On sale now in the Lathers General Store is our latest shipment of *Michigan's Haunted Legends and Lore* by Best-Selling Author, Psychic Medium, and Life Coach Kristy Robinett. (Spoiler Alert!- Chapter 20 is about the Straight Farmhouse!) Pick up your copy now, but be quick. They sell out fast!



Your Donation Dollars

The FGCHM thought it important to remind our generous supporters that we operate solely on monies generated on the rental of the Grande Parlour, and private donations.

The Straight Farmhouse receives no City, State, nor Federal funds.



So, thank you for your continued support. We really mean it when we say "We could not do it without all of you!"

Photos and Yearbooks Needed! Can you help?

The Garden City Historical Museum is in need to some photos. Those needed are: Class Composites: GC East- 1970, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981; GC West- 1967, 1979- 1982; GCHS-1961, 1985-1994, 2006- 2013. We are also missing a few Yearbooks: GC East 1971, 1980; GC West 1977; GCHS 2011; Pictures can be donated in a few ways; you can donate the original, or bring in the original and we can scan it and return it to you.

Jack Kerstetter Celebrates 80th Birthday at Straight Farmhouse

It was a very special occasion to help the Museum's historian, Jack Kerstetter, celebrate his 80th birthday on Wednesday, September 3rd, which included the presentation of an engraved brick paver to Jack acknowledging his service to the Garden City Historical Commission.

Museum volunteers, along with Jack's daughter Tina, son-in-law Mark, and his son David, shared stories about Jack's tenure with the Historical Commission and the Museum over cake and coffee. Jack continues to amaze with his memory and recall of events and people of the Garden City community going back decades.

We wish Jack many more years of good health and lots of birthday candles on his cake! Thanks for the memories.



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