



Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

April

Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

April 16

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

April 30

Pot Luck Noon

May 7

Newsletter Mailing

Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00 HH

May 14

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

May 15

General Meeting

Speaker and Pot Luck

6:00 pm

May 26

Memorial Day Parade

May 28

Pot Luck Noon

June 4

Newsletter Mailing

Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00 HH

Spring has sprung at WHS. I am so excited about so many projects...I don't know where to start!

I think what has struck me lately is technology. WHS is moving into the millennium and I'm going to carry all of you with me! As I wear my pioneer dress in the school classroom I am using a laptop and projector to show the almost 200 year old history of Waterford on a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Our website is being revamped as we speak and you can now download our Waterford Historic District walking tour from the internet on another site. In fact, if you bring your flash drives to the Chamber Expo in April, you can download the tour right there while you will be watching our history playing on another laptop.

If you didn't understand a word I just said, know this, the possibilities are endless as we move forward...stop by on a Wednesday and catch the future!



Sally Strait

Our 7th Annual Preview Spring & Style Show is over for another year. Great memories are left of the beautiful models dressed in lovely fashions. This was once again a day to relax and enjoy the lunch and friendship. And, not to be believed, our raffle made \$426.00!!! Total profits for the day were \$1328.00. Thank you to chairperson Aunt Sally Crake, all the ladies who decorated the tables, the models for their time, and all the members and friends who bought a ticket. We hope to see you next year!



Visit our booth at the Waterford Chamber of Commerce's 2nd annual Business & Home Expo taking place on April 10th from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Waterford Mott High School. We will be hawking our wares and getting our name out there to the community. This is a fun event and I encourage you to stop by and see all the local businesses and organizations that work for you. We have free tickets available and the Hatchery House or you can download a ticket on the chamber website: www.waterfordchamber.org

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Magazines lay blame on booze for World War I

Many of our parents or grandparents may have been part of World War I. Some may even have mementos from that great conflict that had been handed down through the generations. Much has been written about this war so that we may understand the hows and whys.

As I was reading "The Literary Digest" of January 12, 1918, I came across some interesting facts about the war that our generation or even the generation before us did not personally witness.

There was a shortage of food, clothing and fuel so the people who could not physically "go to war" could help on the home front.

One article addressed the closing or combining of churches as a way to conserve on heating fuel. This was not a favorable suggestion.

"...The authorities are granted the perfect right to make the request; but the Church reserves the right to retort that they 'ought to close when every institution of less value to the community has closed and there is still dire need of fuel."

The article goes on to mention a few establishments that should be asked to close before the churches such as the saloons.

"The saloons are open 16-18 hours per day in six days while the church is only open a few hours a week. By all means close the churches, but close the saloons and breweries first."

This was their answer to such an idea.

In answer to the closing of breweries, the following paragraph was in an article titled, "The Brewer's Campaign of Righteousness."

"Beer is the ideal beverage for the masses of the country. As long as men prefer society to solitude, as long as relaxation

must follow work, beer is as much of a necessity as bread. But whiskey is a drug and should be treated as a drug. The man who drinks whiskey instead of beer is like a man who takes morphine instead of a cigar."

The cigar and cigarette advocates of today would certainly enjoy publicity like that with the controversy going on today about the dangers of smoking.

The Anti-Saloon League was in favor of the breweries waging war on the distilled beverages. By the time each was through pointing out the faults and dangers of the other product, it would hardly be necessary for the advocates of prohibition to make any further arguments. No one would want to indulge in either product.

The following comment was made in an editorial from the "Minnesota White Ribbon." I thought it to be amusing and a bit far-fetched, but nevertheless published for public reading.

"...The unthinkable barbarism of the German armies in this present war is, in all reasonableness, to be accounted for largely by their centuries of beer-drinking, which has deadened their moral sense and coarsened their moral fiber..."

I wouldn't go so far as to say beer drinking has caused a race of people to wage war on the world, but it certainly does our youth no good to indulge in such beverages.

The next establishment to come under fire were the pool rooms.

"Close the Churches? Yes, but close the pool rooms first. We have heard of no command that these festering spots on our streets, these schools of vice, should be closed. For saloons and pool rooms are not moved by humanitarian appeals, unless the proprietors chanced to be the humans benefitted. Why not ask them to combine? The fewer the better, fewer places for young sports and toughs to hand out. Close them up for the winter and some mother's boy will be saved."

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Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

Date	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Individual
Name		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Family
Address		<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Patron
City, State, Zip	Mail payment to: Waterford Historical Society P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Organizations/Businesses
Make Check Payable To:		<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 Lifetime per family
Waterford Township Historical Society		<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Lifetime per person
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 Lifetime per couple
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 Lifetime Org./Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 Lifetime Patron

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
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Please save your VG's and Tenuta's receipts and bring them to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. This is free money for us!



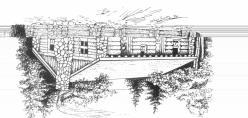
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