

# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## Calendar

### March-April-May 2019

#### March

(Historical Society is closed)

#### March 20

Board Meeting 1:00

#### March 30

**Fashion Show 11:00 a.m.  
Silver Lake Golf Club  
(See Article on Page 2)**

#### April 3

Hatchery House opens  
for the season  
10:30-2:00

(Weather Permitting)

#### April 17

Board Meeting 1:00

#### May 1

Historic Village Opens

#### May 15

Board Meeting 2:15

#### June 5

Newsletter Mailing

#### June 19

Board Meeting 2:15

#### June 29

Log Cabin Workday  
10:00 a.m.

#### June 30

**Log Cabin Day  
12-5 p.m.**

## President's Notes

*"In winter I plot and plan. In spring, I move"* –Henry Rollins. And, pretty soon you will see us moving, right into our open season.

We are gearing up for the Fashion Show on March 30. This is a lovely event and fundraiser so please think about attending with friends and neighbors. Call Betty Seymour for tickets 248-666-4265.

On April 3, the Hatchery House will be open for regular Wednesday hours, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please remember, even as we go into better weather, if the Waterford School District is closed, we are closed. Safety first in our parking lot.

Our Village opens on May 1. We can always use some spare hands to help us shake out the cobwebs, so to speak. Stop by in April if you have some spare time and the notion. Many hands make light work, of course.

We also need help with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school tours happening in May & early June. This is easy and fun. The kids love visiting and learning about "long ago". Please call me if you are interested.

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> brings our annual Log Cabin Day Festival. We celebrate the State Log Cabin Day and raise the flag over our own Log Cabin. Mark this on your calendar and plan to get involved in this family friendly event. We need you!

Hope to see you soon,

*Sally Strait*



## Board Members

### President

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### Recording Secretary

Becky Morgan 248-673-2689

### Corresponding Secretary

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### Bookkeeper

Cheryl Stoutenburg 248-623-0414

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Gary Wall 248-674-6201

Norman Watchpocket 248-673-5310

Tammie Wolfe 248-842-1664

Dorothy Webber 248-666-4907

## Reminder...

**Annual Memberships**

**expired on  
December 15, 2018.**

Renew now to keep your membership and newsletter subscription current. **Please let us know if your address changes.**



## Help Requests: Log Cabin Day Sun June 30, 2019



We are already planning for Log Cabin Day 2019! Help from members would really be appreciated. Here are some things that can be done to help make Log Cabin Day a success:

- **Help sort/price** White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday starting in April.
- **Help clean a building** Wed. June 12, 19 or 26.
- **Help set up tents** or the White Elephant Sale Sat. June 29th.
- **Sign up to work a Log Cabin Day shift.**
- **Attend Log Cabin Day.**
- **Tell friends / family / neighbors** about Log Cabin Day or attend with them.
- **Help take tents down** Sun. June 30th at 4pm.
- **Consider giving a monetary donation** to help with Log Cabin Day expenses. The shuttle bus alone is a big cost.

## WANTED for Log Cabin Day

1. **White Elephant or Boutique items** to sell. Bring it any Wednesday from April 3 to June 5. Boutique items are a bit more 'upper scale' than White Elephant items.
2. **Cookies baked** for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them on Sunday, June 30th.  
**The cookies always sell!!!**

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## Thank You Newsletter Sponsors!

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Thank you so much!!!

Like to sponsor a newsletter? Send a check of \$25 to:



Waterford Historical Society  
PO Box 300491  
Waterford MI 48330-0491

Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.  
(Donors may stay anonymous if they wish.)

## Celebrate Spring at the Fashion Show Fundraiser for the Waterford Historical Society

Saturday, March 30th - 11:00 a.m.

Silver Lake Golf Club

2602 Walton Blvd Waterford MI 48329

(for directions go to [silverlakegc.com](http://silverlakegc.com) or call 248-673-1611)

Fashions by: The Clothing Cove

Tickets are \$30.00 per person

(Lunch is included in the price)

Come join us for the 18th Annual Spring Preview Style Show and Luncheon. The latest fashions will be presented by the Clothing Cove of Milford.

Enjoy a lovely lunch, a fashion show with the latest styles and great company all while raising money for the Waterford Historical Society.  
Tell a friend or neighbor!



For tickets:  
Call **Betty Seymour**  
at **248-666-4265**



# Waterford Historical Society 2019 Schedule

**We are closed in inclement weather. We are closed if the Waterford School District is closed.**

The Hatchery House, research library, offices and our Log Cabin store are open April through early December on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Village is open from May through the last Wednesday in September each year.

### January

Closed

### February

Closed

### March

Closed

20 Board Meeting 1:00

30 **Fashion Show 11:00**

### April

3 Hatchery House Opens

17 Board Meeting 1:00

### May

1 Historic Village opens

15 Board Meeting 2:15

### June

5 Newsletter Mailing

19 Board Meeting 2:15

29 Log Cabin Workday 10:00

30 **Log Cabin Day 12-5**

### July

17 Board Meeting 2:15

21 Summer Sunday 1:00-4:00

### August

18 Summer Sunday 1:00-4:00

21 Board Meeting 2:15

### September

4 Newsletter Mailing

15 Summer Sunday 1:00-4:00

18 Board Meeting 2:15

25 Village Closes for Season  
after this Wednesday

### October

9 Board Meeting 1:00

18 **Christmas in October 10-4**

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### November

20 Board Meeting 1:00

27 No Workday

27 Newsletter Mailing

### December

7 **Christmas Sale 10-4**

11 Last Wednesday open

12 Christmas Lunch noon

Christ Lutheran Church  
(Annual Mtg & Election)

**Closed December 11-March 26, 2020**

### April 2020

2 First Wednesday Open

16 Board Meeting 1:00



(The schedule could be kept on the refrigerator so monthly activities could be seen all year.)

## COLLECTION PURCHASED AT A MEADOW BROOK ESTATE SALE

This incredible collection found its way home after a late night phone call, some unseemly begging and five people's love for history and preservation.

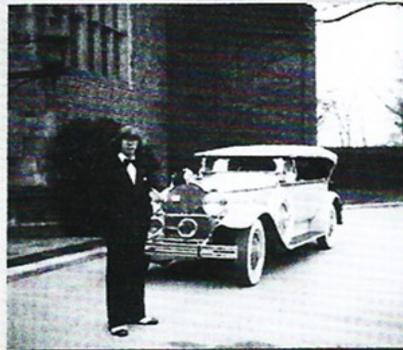
When his mother volunteered to work at the estate sale at Meadow Brook in 1974, 18-year old Richard Welsh jumped at the chance to help. He thought it important to note about the sales items: "People should not get the idea they were selling off Tiffany lamps or the Wilsons' finest silver. The selection included cases of monogrammed cribbage pads, odd numbers of monogrammed napkins, chipped crystal, worn bed linens, stained table cloths...." He and his mother purchased some things from the sale, including: a 1926 travel typewriter believed to have gone to England with Matilda and Alfred when they were looking at homes for inspiration before designing Meadow Brook Hall; suitcases belonging to Matilda, Alfred and Barbara Wilson; embroidered hand towels, damask table linens, handkerchiefs and sheets embroidered "Meadow Brook Farms;" a leather and brass pencil sharpener; a bridge card; a wire waste basket, and more.

Richard volunteered at Meadow Brook Hall for a couple more years, as a host at the first Holiday Walk and a tuxedoed doorman at the first Gatsby Weekend (right).

In 1995, Richard constructed a full size replica of the Drayton Plains (Michigan) Depot building, built in 1908 and demolished in 1965. Later a volunteer at the Waterford Township Historic Village, Richard moved the train depot there in 2001 and outfitted its lobby, office and loading dock with antiques, including the typewriter and suitcases he'd purchased from Meadow Brook.

Meadow Brook volunteer Steven Lindsey noticed the suitcase inscriptions in the Waterford exhibit, setting into motion the curator's frenetic phone call to Waterford Historical Society President Sally Strait (who responded wonderfully), a subsequent visit to the Village and a generous donation of all of the objects from Richard. The care Richard took of these objects and the preservation of their provenance for 43 years are invaluable. As tides have changed and house museum visitors become more interested in the everyday artifacts that were used by family and staff, the return of these objects and their stories helps museums provide a more well-rounded interpretation of daily life.

*Gift of Richard Welsh*



*From top right: Meadow Brook Curator Madelyn Rzakowolski and Waterford (Michigan) Historical Society President Sally Strait with the donations. Middle: Richard Welsh at The Hall's "Gatsby Weekend" fundraiser, 1974. Bottom: The Drayton Plains Depot today.*



## Help Us By Shopping



We appreciate everyone who participates in the **Kroger** Community Rewards program.

Members already using the number (82795) my keep using it on their **Kroger** card.



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Thanks for your help!

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*Waterford Historical Society*  
Upcoming Events:

Log Cabin Day 2019  
Sunday, June 30, 12:00am—5:00pm

Summer Sundays in Village 2019  
Village open for walking tours  
Sundays 1:00pm—4:00pm  
on the following dates :  
July 21, August 18, September 15

Christmas in October 2019  
October 18 & 19 10:00am—4:00pm

Christmas Sale 2019  
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am—4:00pm

All take place in Waterford Historic Village  
Located in Fish Hatchery Park  
4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford  
Open Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
For Information call 248-683-2697

## Renew Your Membership... Or Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society may clip and fill out the form below. Bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to:

Waterford Historical Society  
P.O. Box 300491  
Waterford MI 48330-0491

All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2019. This entitles members to receive the WHS newsletters. There is much going on. Don't miss out!



**Join us...  
Help keep history alive.**

### Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application - New Address? Check Here:

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

## Waterford Historical Society

**WHS opens to the public the first Wednesday in April weather permitting.** We will be 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:  
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)  
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## Village Schedule

The Hatchery House and Research Library are open to the public starting the first Wednesday in April, weather permitting. If **Waterford Schools are closed, we are closed.**

The Village re-opens the first Wednesday in May.



## Upcoming Local Events:

### ◆ **St. Pat's Luncheon 50+ :**

Wednesday, March 13th - 12:30 to 2:00pm  
Waterford Recreation Center (C.A.I.) (248-674-5441)

### ◆ **Waterford Historical Society Annual Fashion Show:**

Sat. March 30th - 11am at Silver Lake Golf Club (248-666-4265)

### ◆ **Used Book Donation Drop-Off :**

Saturday, April 13th - 10am to 1 pm,  
Waterford Library Community Room

### ◆ **Sheep Shearing & Pancake Breakfast :**

Saturday, April 27th - 9 to 11am at Hess-Hathaway Park  
(248-674-5441)

### ◆ **Waterford Historic Village Opens Wed. May 1st:**

Open on Wednesdays - 10:30am to 2:00pm  
(May through September)

### ◆ **Golden Age Club Plant Sale :**

Friday, May 17th - 10am to 2 pm  
Saturday, May 18th - 1pm to 4pm  
Waterford Recreation Center (C.A.I.) (248-674-5441)

Our Mission Statement:  
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of  
Waterford Township for the interest and education  
of present and future generations.

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