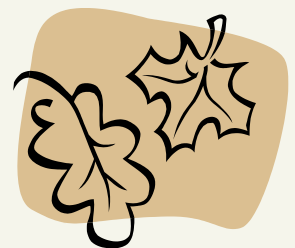


LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

October 2022

HAPPY FALL!



Lansing Historical Society begins our year with Autumn Fest
at Fox Pointe!

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~**Tony DeLaurentis**

Summer has ended and that means the programs and activity for the Lansing Historical Society have begun. Barb Dust and Sue Bovino have put together a variety of great programs for the coming months. We thank them for the work they always do to make sure the programs are relevant and entertaining.

The "June Brides" display was outstanding as usual. Thank you to Barb and her crew of helpers who helped set up and take down the displays.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in many different ways. We can always use people willing to work as museum guides either on a regular schedule or as a substitute.

Changing the displays at different times of the year require a lot of work and volunteers. Please consider giving some of your time to help with the upcoming setting and decorating of our annual Christmas tree display. During December we increase the number of days our museum is open and volunteer guides are needed. No experience as a guide is required. Working together we can keep the museum the active, informative, and vibrant place that draws not only Lansing residents, but out of town and out of state visitors as well.

See you at our next meeting and program on October 24!

Tony

Barb Dust ~ Museum Curator

We had a busy time at Autumn Fest this year thanks to Dan Bovino's efforts to secure a site near the main pavilion where many people saw our display. The "Lansing Then and Now" boards attracted a lot of attention. We engaged so many people in conversation about our town and learned a lot ourselves. Kids enjoyed the old-fashioned candy and also the spinner toys that Jan Bockel made. In addition, Jan Bockel and her daughter, Diane Baginski, made charming centerpieces for the fall and winter holidays which we raffled off. Thanks to the members who helped set up and take down our booth and to those who manned it to talk about Lansing History.

Our presence at Autumn Fest really helped bring people together to make it a community of Lansing event.

2022 – 2023

Officers

PRESIDENT:	Tony DeLaurentis
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CURATOR:	Barb Dust

PROGAMS FOR 2022-2023

September 26th: “The Life and Legacy of Jackie Robinson” by Art T. Burton

October 24th: “The History of the Lansing Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary”

November 28th: “Festival of Lights, Christmas around the World” opening with Music by TF South Choir

January 23, 2023: Ken Schoon will discuss his new book, “Pullman, the Man, the Company, the Historical Park”

All programs are held upstairs by the stage in the Lansing Public Library, 2750 Indiana Ave. Lansing, IL

All programs are FREE, so bring a friend!



This year LHS introduced a new Exhibit celebrating June 19 as “JUNETEENTH”, the emancipation of enslaved people.





The Lansing Historical Society is building a database of items we have in the Museum. This past summer, Matthew DiGrispino, has been entering documented donations into the database. We are very grateful for Matthew's dedication to this project and have recently awarded him with a plaque to show our appreciation. There are currently over 1,600 items entered, spanning years 1990-2022. Previous to the database, all donations were manually written on paper and filed in binders. This required at least three (3) different forms to be filled out – the log, the accession form, and the deed of gift.



Now that we have a database, all we have to do is type in the donated information, and by the click of a button, print the deed of gift. We will now be able to analyze our inventory to help us make decisions, for example understanding what we have, what we don't have, what we have too much of, and where everything is stored. There are many benefits to this process, which will be ongoing.



Nicholas DiGrispino gave a very interesting account of his employment at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.



Art Burton gave a presentation on "The Life & Legacy of Jackie Robinson" on Sept. 26.

MUSEUM GUIDES NEEDED

We are in need of additional museum guides and substitute museum guides. No experience needed, just a willingness to meet the public and make them feel welcome in the museum for a couple of hours each month. Substitute guides would be asked to volunteer their time on an as needed basis. The museum hours are Mondays, 5:30 to 7:30 and Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering. **We really need your help to keep the museum open.** If you can spare 1 or 2 hours a month, that would be wonderful. You can give Barb Dust a call at 708-474-7497 or email her at barbd@aol.com.

AUTUMN FEST



The Lansing Historical Society is continually involved in all aspects of the Community of Lansing, as shown in Autumn Fest 2022.

Welcome to Our New Member:
Mario Bovino

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Lansing Historical Society meetings and programs are normally held the fourth Monday
of most months.

No meetings are scheduled in June, July and August.

We welcome new members! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come see what
we're all about!

New Museum hours:

Mondays: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.