

Our Mission

The Waterloo Area Historical Society's mission is to foster an understanding and appreciation in children and adults of the pioneer farmers of Michigan, their family life, and their children's schooling.

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Pioneer Day October 13, 2013

It was a great day! Here are the photos if you missed it.
If you were there, wasn't it fun!



From the Pioneer Day Farm Wagon

The reason the 2013 Farm Wagon was a great success is the many individuals who took the time to cook, bake and grow. And then they delivered their hard work to the Farm Wagon. We had lots of canned preserves and baked goods. Additionally produce was for sale on the Farm Wagon. And my dog loved the homemade dog treats.

A father and son each selected a corn muffin, paid and then stepped out to enjoy their selection. They returned just moments later and purchased all the remaining muffins saying “they were the best corn muffins we’ve ever eaten”. I hope everyone who purchased goods from the Farm Wagon enjoyed their treats as much as this dad and his son.

Alma Back brought four pies to sell. She was not going to put them into the pie contest saying she had never won in the past. I asked if I could enter two into the contest for her and she agreed. Well congratulations to our pie contest winners including Alma Back, Sarah Barth, Rave Moulton and Audrey Timberlake.

Thank you and much appreciation goes to our judges; Craig Common from the Common Grill, Craig Goodlock from Farmers State Bank and Ben Vermeulen of Chelsea Community Hospital.

Many thanks to Ralph Schumacher, Ron Kaiser, John Ocwieja and Ron Tyrl for the set up of the tent, bringing in tables, moving barrels and straw bales to help set up our location (not to mention moving our Farm Wagon into place).

And finally I would like to extend my appreciation to the Farm Wagon Committee. It is a lot of hard work but we are a great team. Thank you Bob Mester, Nancy Ocwieja, Sally and Richard Long, Andrea Stickney, Maryanna Pappas, Helena Robinovitz, Denise Frahm and her daughter Kira.

Cheryl Greaney (Temporary Committee Chair)



Alma Back



**Audrey
Timberlake**



**Rave
Moulton**



**Sarah
Barth**



Dianne Moulton, CoChair for Christmas on the Farm

I volunteer at Christmas on the Farm because it begins my Christmas season in a way that reflects the 1885 holiday--peaceful, spiritual, musical--enjoying the holiday with family and friends.

Since it was the biggest event of the year for pioneer families, there was some hustling and bustling, to make sure the food was plentiful and tasty, and the mostly homemade gifts were just right for the intended recipient, but there was still time for singing hymns, reading scripture and enjoying visitors. That is the atmosphere we try to create at our event. All are welcome to leisurely view the log house and farmhouse, decorated authentically, and refresh themselves with complimentary cookies and cider. Many people must feel the same way, as they return year after year. We hope you can join us, too!

Christmas on the Farm means peace to me, and I've heard that from many visitors. It's taking a breath away from all the bustle of the modern holiday. The lovely drive out to the farm, the simplicity of the decorations, the aromas of the evergreens and the cider and cookies, the fresh air - all are a glimpse into a time gone by. But it's also a time many of us long for and wish to preserve.

Marsi Parker Darwin



The Waterloo Area Historical Society
Presents
Christmas On The Farm

Our Victorian Christmas will warm your heart and bring back memories of Christmas past. When you enter the 10 room Realy Farm House the rich smell of wood stoves burning and the home decorated as it would have been in the 19th century, with pine and evergreen decorations, will instantly take you back to the past. You may hear the organ playing Christmas carols in the parlor or sounds of harp and guitar coming from the dining room. There will be docents dressed in period costumes in each room to interpret life in this house. You can tour an authentic log house and other outbuildings at the Waterloo Farm Museum. Hand crafted greens, homemade baked goods and gift items will be available for purchase. Free light refreshments will be among the offerings. A full concession will be available. Make sure you take the time to visit Dewey School, a one-room schoolhouse which is completely decorated for Christmas. There will be a school marm there to show you what schooling was like during the late 19th century. So please visit the Waterloo Farm Museum and the Dewey School Museum, take a look back into the past and celebrate Christmas the way it used to be.

"I haven't traveled very far, but I've traveled far enough." J. Benjamin



Christmas on the Farm

Waterloo Farm
and
Dewey School Museums
December 7th and 8th
Saturday, 10am to 5pm
Sunday, Noon to 5pm



Admission: Adult \$5, Senior (62+) \$4, Children 5yrs to 12 yrs \$2
Children under 5 and Members of Society-Free

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Lantern Light Walk

The Lantern Light Walk will be Saturday, December 7th, starting 5:00 PM. The event will take you by lamp light to the Log House to spend time with the family and see the traditions of a German Christmas of the 1840's. From there you will travel to the Farm House to experience the festivities of the Christmas Eve celebration. You will interact with the family and partake in Living History. The cost of this event (including members) is \$5 for Adult, \$4 for Seniors (62+) and \$2 for children 5yrs to 12yrs. Not recommended for children under 5 years of age. Please call for reservation 517-851-8745 or 517-392-3195. Or email roarkaiser66@gmail.com Tours will begin every 15 minutes from starting time, with approximately 10 people to each tour. The tour will take approximately one hour. You may also sign up on Saturday at Christmas on the Farm at the Admissions table. Please join us for an evening to remember.



Meet Your Board Members

Mitch Planck has been a Waterloo Area Historical Society Board Member for five years and Board President for the past two. Although his current career is computer networking and administration, he has been interested in historic preservation for many years. He studied Architecture at Ohio State University but never pursued a career in that field, instead working at Borders, Domino's, and currently ForeSee Results in computer support roles. His love of old houses and historic preservation, along with his daughter's employment as a Waterloo Farm docent for several years, led him into contact with the Waterloo Area Historical Society (WAHS) and its hard-working volunteers. Along with running the Board Meetings as President, he built and maintains the WAHS website and recently helped put together an updated version of the book, A Memorial to the Michigan Pioneer Farmer.

The Making of the Greens

November 30th, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, we will be decorating wreaths, baskets, containers and many more items, with greenery and bows. These creations will be sold in the Ice House at Christmas on the Farm. Join us at the Farm Museum for a day of crafting and camaraderie. If you don't think you're crafty, we still can use your help. Many things need to be done to prepare the Museum for Christmas on the Farm. Lunch will be provided. Bring your hot glue gun, wire cutters and pliers.



A Call to Arms for all Bakers!



Arm yourself with hot mitts and baking pans and prepare the best baked goods you have in your recipe box. We need all the goods you can muster to sell in the Bake Shoppe at Christmas on the Farm. Breads, cookies, candies and more. Not a baker, that's ok. You can make Chocolate covered Pretzel Rods. Just dip large pretzel rods in melted milk, dark or white chocolate and you have a great treat we can sell. There are a lot of great ideas that do not require baking that are great treats for the holidays. I hope you will be creative and try something new.

We also need cookies for our annual "Free Cookies and Cider" area in the Hannewald Barn. If you have an extra dozen when you are done baking for the Bake Shoppe, drop them by the Hannewald Barn. You can drop off your goods, Friday, December 6th, or Saturday December 7th early in the day. Please Call 517-851-8745 for more information.

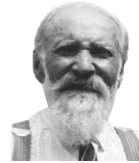
Have Your Picture Made with Our Victorian Santa

Santa's brief visit to the Log House at Christmas on the Farm, will be Sunday, December 8th, from 1pm to 3pm. Have a portrait made of your children or the whole family with Santa, by Brian Frazzini of Frazzini Photography. You can schedule a time for your photo by calling 517-851-8745 or 517-392-3195. The charge for this event is \$5 per sitting. You will have the opportunity to choose the photo you want, then have them printed at your own convenience and expense.



"My theory is, that if you look confident you can pull off anything-even if you have no clue what you are doing" J. Benjamin

Waterloo Wisdom from John Benjamin



Good Day Neighbor,

What a great year it was, plenty of nice weather, good rainfall, and warm when we needed it. Hayfields and pastures fared well, wheat and oats bountiful, and that corn yet to be harvested is the best in several years. Never remember a time when orchards were so heavy with fruit. Seems like Mother Nature has given us a reprieve from last year's drought.

Been a lot of socializin' goin' on too. The Realy place has had quite the gatherin's. Lookin'forward to their Christmas doin's, always a good time to be had then also.

The women folk been cookin' and cleanin' and bustlin' about, all excited 'bout celebratin' the upcoming holidays. The men, to stay out of harms way, been out in the workshop, making repairs, fixin' things that need fixin', and catchin' up on the local happenings. Sometimes takin' larger projects down to Waterloo to Mr. Rentchler who is quite the machinist and fabricator. There's nothin' he can't make or fix. 'Course that reminds me of a story.

Seems like a local fella would always avoid paying for services rendered, pickin' up his repaired equipment when no one was around. His reputation being, "He'd owe you a long dang time 'fore he'd ever beat you outa' your money".

So this fella left his machinery to be repaired, and after a time, came to retrieve it. The proprietor had secured aforementioned equipment with a very heavy log chain. Said chain was removed....after payment was made in full. Must be the need overpowered the greed.

Some folks need a little "encouragement" to act with honesty and integrity.

As the sun rises every mornin', the good Lord willin', we'll rise with it.

Regards,

Your Friend
John Benjamin

Fabulous Prizes to Be Given for Cookie Contest Winners!

This year's prizes for the Cookie Contest are the best ever. The only way you will have a chance to win one, is if you enter the contest. Please bring one dozen cookies to be judged and one dozen cookies to sell, to the Hannewald Barn no later than Noon on Sunday, December 8th. Contest judges will make their decision by 2:00 PM. There will be First and Second prizes given in The Adult and Junior Divisions. This event has become one of the highlights of Christmas on the Farm. Please consider entering, who knows you may walk away with a First prize!



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"A leading authority is anyone who has guessed right more than once." J. Benjamin



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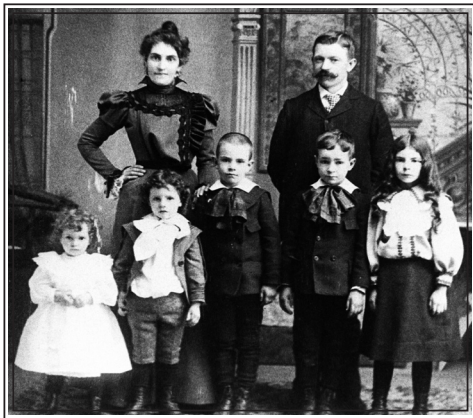
WAHS Events for 2013

December 7th & 8th - Christmas on the Farm

Tuesday, December 10th - Close the Farm for Winter

WAHS Board Meetings - held the third Monday, January through November, 7pm.

Locations TBA



*“Cleaning your house while your kids
are still growing is like shoveling the
walk before it’s stopped snowing.”
Mrs. J.B.*

