



Review

Vicksburg Historical Society Historic Village & Depot Museum
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The Vicksburg Historical Society publishes this newsletter for all those interested in the history of the area. Feel welcome to attend the programs we sponsor throughout the year as part of our mission to interpret and present history in an engaging format for all to enjoy.

www.VicksburgHistory.org

7th Annual Harvest Festival

Sunday, September 27, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Vicksburg Historic Village

Join the fun this fall at the Vicksburg Harvest Festival held at the Historic Village with activities for the whole family. Bring your appetite for the pie baking contest, story-telling, and a petting zoo with a variety of animals. There will be hay rides, Model A car rides, vendors with many homemade items, food booths, music and more in celebration of the fall season. All the buildings in the Historic Village will be open to visit.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

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| 11:00 - 4:00 | Hay Rides Model A Car Rides Secret Word Hunt Scavenger Hunt Saw Mill Petting Zoo Food Vendors Farmers' Market Old Time Photographer |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Kzoo Folklife |
| 1:00 - 1:40 | BenJammin Kids ' Concert |
| 2:00 - 4:00 | Swan Creek Band |

Pie Baking Contest Application

Dust off those rolling pins, heat up those ovens and show us your skills in pie baking! Send us an application for your pie entry for this year's Harvest Fest. Send your name, address, phone, and the type of pie you will be bringing this year to Bob Smith at 269-779-7908. We need your entry by September 18. We are looking forward to some great entries this year, as we show off our community's outstanding bakers. All pies will be sold after the contest to benefit the Historical Society.

Historic Village Store

This holiday, give a gift of history with one of the many items in the Museum Store located in the Depot Museum, open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Browse among books, maps, postcards, ornaments, note cards, train signal charts, locomotive stickers, signs and more for special gift giving or holiday stocking stuffers.

This fall we are also looking at plans to put the store on-line on the Historical Society's website for easy shopping. Your purchases support the work of the Society in keeping Vicksburg's history alive.

Volunteers Needed

In addition to membership in the Historical Society, we need lots of hands to keep things moving. Please contact Karen Hammond 269-270-1522 if you can help us out in one of the areas below. Training will be provided.

- Event Setup
- Bake Sale (first Saturday in December)
- Docents for the Historic Village buildings
- Office help



Historic Speaker's Series

All programs take place at the Vicksburg Community Center, 100 S. Main St., unless otherwise noted at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. They are free, with light refreshments offered following the programs.

"Titanic: Michigan Connections"

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Well known historian Jay Follis, reveals countless details of the ship's construction, voyage, its tragic end, and connections with Michigan lives lost, rescued or forever impacted by the iconic disaster. Jay Follis has studied and written about the "RMS Titanic" for decades, captivated by its mystique when he was a teenager and passionately pursuing it all of his life. At the time of its construction, the "Titanic" and its sister ship, the "Olympic", were the epitome of marine engineering and construction. Its construction and launching commanded world-wide attention, climaxed by its tragic ending on its maiden voyage. Its grave undiscovered for over seven decades, the Titanic once again became iconic with its discovery and the opportunity it has provided for research in recent decades. In this gripping presentation Follis totally engages his audience with countless little known details.

Revisit Vicksburg's Frontier Days Celebrations

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Vicksburg has always been self-sufficient and independent and having its own local hospital was never in question. Under local leadership, the community came together to raise the one million dollars needed to build its own hospital as one of the cornerstones of Vicksburg's thriving small town.



President's Report

By Ted Vliek

We have a great line-up of events and activities planned for this fall. We are celebrating the 7th year of the Harvest Festival and anticipate over 4,000 visitors this year tasting pies, sampling homemade goods, getting up close at the petting zoo and enjoying a ride in a hay wagon or Model A car. The newest additions to the Historic Village this year are the General Store and a replica of the Doris Lee Sweet Shop which are nearly completed.

I want to thank all of our members who really make the activities happen from their generous membership donations, to giving of their time to bring history alive in Vicksburg. If you are not a member, we encourage you to become one and help continue the legacy of the Vicksburg Historical Society with its archives of thousands of artifacts and photographs, and the continued expansion of the Historic Village for thousands of visitors and school children each year. We currently have 174 members. Help us reach our goal of 300 by the end of this year at www.VicksburgHistory.org or call 269-649-1733.

Endowment

We encourage you to explore giving to the Vicksburg Historical Society's Endowment Fund, held at the Vicksburg Foundation. Endowments ensure the continuation of the Society's work for future generations, by providing on-going operation income from the interest earned from the fund. The Society currently has \$280,318 in its endowment but much more is needed to secure its future. Please consider giving a gift, memorial or include the Vicksburg Historical Society in your estate planning. Contact Warren Lawrence at 269-649-0349 or the Historical Society office at 269-649-1733 for more information.

