



Fife Lake Area Historical Society
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2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & NEWSLETTER

FIFE LAKE HISTORICAL MUSEUM, SCHOOLHOUSE, AND FIRE BARN

HOURS: Saturdays & Sundays, 1:00-4:00 - Memorial Day thru Labor Day plus July 4th, (FREE)

BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Schoolhouse: 3rd Monday (May – Sept), 7:00 pm

Fife Lake Area Historical Society and the Fife Lake Library

present three **free** programs at the Fife Lake Library at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars for:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20: Michigan State Capital: Construction, Evolution, Restoration, Renewal

Valerie Marvin, Michigan State Capital Historian and Curator, travels through nearly 150 years of Capital building design and construction history. See how our Capitol was, progressed, and is today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18: The Birth, Rise, and Decline of Walton Junction

Join author Randy D Pearson as he discusses how Walton Junction sprung to life as a train junction in 1880 and was essentially gone by the 1920's, but still earned the moniker of Hell during those tumultuous years. Pearson will also do a reading from his latest novel, Trac Brothers, a fictional story about two brothers who use a 19th century handcar on modern day train tracks in the Fife Lake/Walton Junction areas. (Annual Meeting precedes the program.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15: The Architect who Designed the Fife Lake Brick School House

Author Julie Schopieray will travel back in time to tell us about Traverse City resident Jens C Peterson, Northern Michigan's first licensed architect. Mr. Peterson, who was a brick mason at the North Michigan Asylum, went on to school in Chicago to earn his degree and brought back his new modern style of architecture including the design of the Fife Lake brick school house.

July 4th Buffalo BBQ: Stop by the Museum for this delicious lunch before the parade. Thank you to Linda Bridson, her family and friends for organizing our largest fund raiser. Also see Fife Lake's oldest and newest fire trucks.

PLEASE be a member of the *Fife Lake Area Historical Society* (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

Name(s) _____ **Phone #** _____

Address _____ **e-mail** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

\$10 Individual \$12.50 Couple \$15 Family \$250.00 Lifetime Membership

\$ _____ Gift to Operation's Fund

(All donations are Tax Deductible)

_____ **I would like to be a volunteer, we need YOU!**

Important: Please make check payable to *Fife Lake Area Historical Society* and mail to:
Fife Lake Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 305, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Please turn over for our informative newsletter.

BOARD MEMBERS

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of our Board Members.

Pres: Joyce Freiwald, Vice Pres: Noreen Broering, Sec: Pam Wentzel, Treas: Linda Bridson, Curator: Craig Bridson, Trustees: Brandon Deike, Linda Forwerk, Kenny Kosla, Rod Larr, Dan Weaver, and Marie Voice.

School House Painted:

We hope you notice our beautiful school house that has been painted because of your generosity and the generous gift of \$3,500.00 from our **FOREST AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**.

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Community Service Scholarship Update:

This program is designed to provide \$1000.00 scholarships for further education or training to Forest Area High School students in return for community service with the Historical Society. Four students; **Kyle Ingersoll, Kelsey Mills, Anne Nietling, and Delaney Peters** successfully completed the program in 2016 and 2017 and earned the \$1000.00 scholarship. **Sandra Graham** will return this year and we look forward to the addition of 2 sophomores, **Lilley Koby and Ember Poole**. Because of your generosity and the generosity of area organizations the 2018 campaign raised over \$3,000. THANK YOU!

Curator's Corner:

Craig Bridson, Curator, and Ken Kosla, Museum Committee Member, have added some new displays in the last couple of years. Be sure to check out the 1918 blueprint of our old brick school house, the film projector from the former Lake Theater, the GR & I, Manistee & Northeaster RR and CCC Camp displays, and the beautiful chandelier from the famous Hobb's Hotel which was donated through the generosity of the Hanthorn/Richardson family. Early this summer, John Kelley's 23' x 5 ½' historic collage mural of Fife Lake will be installed. As always, don't forget to look at the large showcase of pictures honoring all the people in our area who have bravely served in the military.

A Beautiful Marriage:

We are so delighted that the **newly formed** Fife Lake Emergency Service Authority Fire Department has volunteered to take care of and restore our **old** fire truck and fire barn. Welcome and thank you!!!

Never too Young to Learn About Our History:

May 24, 2017: Mary Hollow and Sara Schwarz's Forest Area fourth grade classes came to the Fife Lake Historical Schoolhouse to experience a day similar to one in an 1800's one room school. Teacher Mrs. Pamela Wentzel, assisted by Mrs. Judith Ruskus, taught lessons in the 3 R's, history and cursive penmanship. The students were also given guided tours of the Fife Lake Museum by Dr. Arthur Van Eck and the Fire Barn by Mrs. Noreen Broering. Mr. Richard Wentzel played the guitar and led the children in old fashion songs. The children ended their day with a walk and a treat at the dairy bar.

Genealogical Information: The Historical Society has its Family History information available on CD's at the Fife Lake Library (Julie at 231-879-4101) as well as the books at the School House.

A big THANK YOU to Gordie Stryker for printing this Membership Drive/Newsletter.