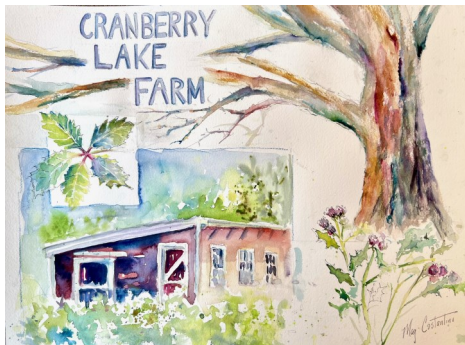


CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT

A community historical center - work in progress for you. Come out to the farm!
 For more information contact the Historic District Commission office 248-608-6807
 Check the website www.oaklandtownship.org or Facebook: #CLFDistrict



The Plein Aire artists were out at CLF during the recent workshop to study views of multiple areas and design a collage. The workshop was run by Janet Almstadt-Davison. (From left is Meg Constantine's watercolor, Betsy Marsh's oil, and below is the talented group!) Anyone can join, our next artists workshops are on Tues, July 19, Aug 16, and Sept 20 from 10am to 2pm. \$25 reserves your spot. We ask that you arrive by 9:45am to set up and be ready for the demonstration which begins promptly at 10am. Bring your lunch. This is rain or shine event as the barn and main house will be open.



SPEAKING OF TALENT It starts at all ages! The Junior Girl Scouts came out to the farm to earn their **Art in Nature Badge**. The Scouts had to use natural items to create a picture, invent a new creature using a farm animal, design musical instrument made from natural materials—all while enjoying outdoor nature. The fun day was lead by Lisa Grandstaff, office assistant for the Historic District Commission.



What's up next in the historic park?



Croquet at the farm on Friday, August 5, 2022 from 6pm-8pm. A free event for the entire family! Please RSVP so we have enough sets. Rules and game play will be available.

Vintage Dancing in the Flumerfelt Barn, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 from 6pm to 8pm. Rain or shine! The Ruffwater Stringband will be performing with Glen Morningstar calling the moves.



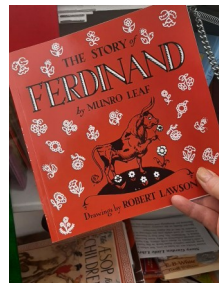
Down on the Farm is Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 11am to 2pm. FREE family fun! Hayrides, pumpkins, apple picking, chickens, horses and farriers, corn shelling, blacksmithing, spinning, outdoor games, beekeeping, tractors, plein aire painters, spinning, and much more! Live music featuring the talents of Harmonica George and 18 member Ukulele band. **** New Program**—Moons of the Anishinaabeg in the month Nov 4th at 7pm. What did the Michigan Native American tribes and their lunar calendar mean? Learn all about the history behind it—with more details to come!



CRANBERRY LAKE FARM WELCOMES FERDINAND THE BULL



In Oakland Township, we enjoy making time to relax under shade trees in our acres of parkland filled with delightful views of wildflowers. We are celebrating the addition of Ferdinand the Bull to our Story Garden. HDC Col. Mark Gerhard made the road trip to deliver the carved bull safely from woodcarver Steph Collins shop. “He will be a welcome addition to that storybook section of the garden based on *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf. We just hope he doesn’t get stung by any bees,” he joked referring to the book. Copies of Ferdinand are located in the Little Library designed and constructed by Mark Davison. These books are on loan to borrow or leave the books in the little library so others can read them when they visit the garden—thank you!

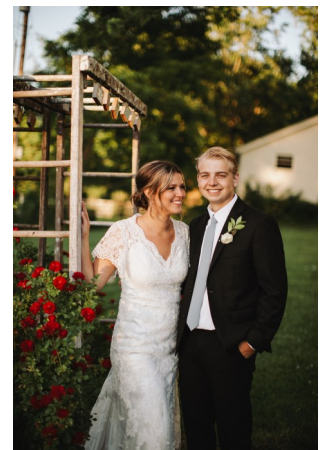


Your trash is our treasure! So the table is plastic... We LOVE it in The Secret Garden section of the Story Garden. The garden is themed around Helen S. Williams recommended children’s books.

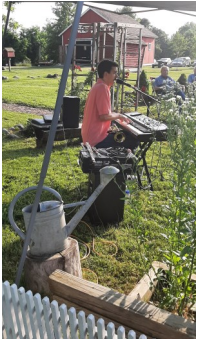


Congratulations to Emma and Kyle!

All photography by Megan Ross Portraits and wedding images used with permission. The farm can be rented for your special day! However, be prepared we have a no alcohol policy in all township parks, so please plan accordingly! Information and fee schedule, as well as rental application can be found on the www.oaklandtownship.org under HDC department heading.



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We listened to the smooth tunes of David Thomas playing multiple instruments for us in the Story Garden on July 8th. Playing flute, trumpet, piccolo, and keyboards, everyone was entertained with a relaxing evening. Watch for more performances in the Story Garden and for having David out to the farm again for your enjoyment!

Eagle Scouts are doing amazing things at CLF:



Above: Joseph Ferrara before and after rehabilitation of the Milk House with roofing repairs, faceboard replacement, trim, windows, cleanup, major masonry pointing and mortar repairs, restore hardware, painting, pathway, and site plantings.

Below: Michael Dreon created a new picnic area by the Hen House and constructed two picnic tables with one having access for Americans with Disabilities. The tables are made from treated lumber and have already had a good share of picnics.



Historic District Commissioners: Bob Bowen, Col. Mark Gerhard, David Phillips, Peter Jarzyna, Board of Trustee Lana Mangiapane, Ron Bargy. The top right picture has Commissioner John Sanderson and Preservation Planner Barb Barber.

Huge Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 60. We appreciate the Scouts!

MI HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAM PA 343 OF 2020 is open for applications for our protected historic sites listed in Ordinance 37A, or has a State Historical Marker, or in the National Register of Historic Places. The new program will help support place-based projects while promoting the preservation of Michigan's historic resources. The credit has a 5 million cap each year and available as MI Personal Income Tax Credits for up to 25% of the total qualified rehabilitation expenditures. State credits are available for ALL capital improvements made to and within the historic resource. Contact the HDC office for more information.



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Cranberry Lake Farm is open for your enjoyment, relaxation, and exercise. Walk the grounds and see the treasures on display with old implements, stone barbecues, picnic areas, and historic surroundings. Located at 388 West Predmore Road in northern Oakland Township. The sixteen acre historic district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and represents a rural farmsteads evolution into a recreational retreat.

Cranberry Lake Farm—A historic park, at your fingertips!



Generosity abounds in Oakland Township! This park bench was donated by Geraldine Lee and completely restored by Mark Davison to be a perfect place to sit and relax! Thank you so much Geraldine and Mark!

In other generous donations, we have huge many thanks for CLF donations: Clay Ottoni for his gift of \$100 donation towards the dwarf apple orchard; Joseph Ferrara for his \$416 donation to use on future projects; Patti McGowan for finding another park bench and her many donations of vegetable plants and flowers for the Story Garden; Kristi Barnes for picnic table, shovels, and animal crate for Down on the Farm; Jane Quigley for front hill garden plants; The

Dimovski family for hoses for watering all these gardens; Mary Asmus for her sewing talents for Peter Rabbit's jacket; Camryn Brent antique milk bottle; and Kim Zajac's antique milking stool. *Sorry if we missed you will catch in the next newsletter.* **Speaking of donations**, the Oakland Township Historical Society is collecting items for their annual Flumerfelt Flea Market which is going to be held on Sept 17 and 18. If you have an item to donate to the Flea Sale you can contact the Oakland Township Historical Society at othsmember@comcast.net.



When the MI DNR held their Run for the Trees fundraiser, we decided to offer a course set up throughout the historic district and Cranberry Lake Park. Pictured is Jes Kasperzak who came out with her friends wearing their Bob Ross t-shirts and medals. "Despite the rain we had an amazing time supporting a great cause. 10/10 I would do it again! (Hopefully with two good legs)"

In other township preservation news, Oakland Twp Historical Society has raised over \$10,000 for the Big Red Logging Wheels restoration project! The community supported over \$5k and the Society is donating \$5k. The HDC will be planning the next steps for the full restoration of the wheels. Thank you OTHS! Stay tuned into history!

