

SUBJECT: Bancroft-Stranahan Museum Seeks Money for New Roof

Nestled on a picturesque Romeo street, the Romeo Historical Society's (RHS) Bancroft – Stranahan Museum is a rare community asset. Each room of the Victorian-era home is filled with donated treasures offering visitors up-close knowledge of the community's earliest residents and how they lived. Unfortunately, the museum's roof is falling apart and the RHS needs to raise \$ 4,400 to replace it by winter.

Located at 132 Church Street, the museum is a collaborative effort. Donated paintings by local artists, furniture, clothing and a wide array of objects have been carefully arranged to create something truly unique. "Each donation breathes new life into the museum," said museum curator Joan Beringer. Additional support has come from volunteers, who have worked with Beringer to arrange these items into exhibits and have helped with tours during special events. With the community's support the museum has grown into a local asset for all to enjoy, free of charge, on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. "Through its support the community is not only honoring the past, it's creating something special for the future," said Beringer.

Effective immediately, the RHS will be collecting donations for a new museum roof. Contributions should be mailed to the Romeo Historical Society: P.O. Box 412, Romeo, MI 48065. Please make the check payable to the Romeo Historical Society, and indicate it is a contribution to replace the roof. Donations will also be accepted at Kane's Town Hall Antiques and the Romeo Arts and Archives Center, which is open every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

About the Romeo Historical Society

The Romeo Historical Society is a 501 c3 organization dedicated to the preservation of Romeo's exceptional heritage. The Society is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historical Society of Michigan and the Macomb County Historical Alliance. RHS supports three museums in downtown Romeo, the Bancroft Stranahan House at 132 Church Street, the Clyde Craig Blacksmith Museum at 301 N. Bailey and the Romeo Arts and Archives Museum (RAAC) at 290 N. Main Street. Each museum offers a unique experience showcasing Romeo's history. All three locations are within walking distance of historic downtown Romeo, and are open for events and by appointment.

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