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Spring in ROMEO 2011!

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Join us for the 6th Annual Victorian Festival Sat. May 21!

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Don your best Victorian finery and celebrate Romeo's Victorian Heritage downtown on Saturday May 21!

On Main Street, at the Hammer-In at the Blacksmith Shop, in Village Park, at Gray's Opera House, at the Garden Party...but be there!

RHS holds the premier annual heritage celebrations in Romeo and this Festival is the first one in Spring downtown.

Children's activities are free and include the famous Fearnought Stick horse parade and rodeo.

The Civil War 150 year commemoration is



marked with a presentation by Thomas Mudd, a descendent of Dr. Samuel Mudd who set John Wilkes Booth leg after Booth assassinated President Lincoln. Hear the story at Gray's Opera House!

Enjoy crafts from the Victo-

rian Era? Help out at the Hammer In at the Blacksmith Shop off N. Main or help out at the Garden Party at Connelly's Creations on S. Main.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors downtown for the Society!

Richard Daugherty honored in Macomb Co.

RHS is pleased that their nomination of Richard Daugherty of Washington Twp. for the Alexander Macomb Award this year was successful!

Dr. Daugherty is well known to Romeo because of his contributions to the research and documentation of the Romeo's vast architecture heritage.

The Village of Romeo was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 due to his efforts and continues this great honor into the future.

Daugherty was presented with the award at the Macomb Historical Alliance annual conference and meeting Saturday

April 30 in Chesterfield Township form Kathy Vosberg, Macomb County Commission Chair and Ray Glime Chair of the Macomb Co. Historical Commission.

Congratulations to Richard Daugherty!!!

Video on our website!

**Three local museums
Romeo Art & Archives
Center**

290 N. Main Street.
(former state police building)

**Bancroft-Stranahan
House**

132 Church St.

**Clyde Craig Blacksmith
Shop**

301 N. Bailey St.

**RHS 2011
ANNUAL
MEETING AND
ELECTIONS**

**June 2, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

**Clyde Craig
Blacksmith Shop**

**301 N. Bailey
Park at 290 N.
Main Street.**

Potluck dinner

Be there!

**Society hosts visitors to historic
Romeo... *Bring your friends!***

The Society is pleased to hosts visitors to historic Romeo and this spring has been no exception. **Lake Orion Seniors** stopped in March for a walk around town and stopped to shop.

Ann Arbor University Women's organization visited on Wednesday May 11 and included some walking tours by our curator Richard Beringer and lunch at Younger's Irish Tavern. They were pleased to meet President Sue Kane and

Romeo DDA Coordinator Janine Saputo who welcomed them.

Visitors are impressed with the RHS museums, collections and



very surprised by our downtown treasure, Gray's Opera House. The owner Masonic Lodge have been gracious to allow tours of

their Temple upon our request.

Some Oakland Township residents toured Simpson Park on Campground Rd. recently and

drove downtown for dinner at Thee Office Pub and Cookery. They stopped to shop as well and enjoyed a full evening here.

Help spread the word and invite your associates to tour Romeo!

We love to show it off!

—Sue Kane

Day at the Museums...

Both *Bancroft Stranahan* and *RAAC* museums hosted a memorable William Gibbs art exhibit walking tour on April 8. Joan Beringer with Richard Beringer told the Gibbs story and analyzed about 15 of his works on display for the audience. RHS has a Gibbs collection and others were donated for the exhibit. Missed it? Watch the tour on WBRW Channel 6 web-

site under *organizations*.

Summer lawn maintenance for the museums will be accomplished by *Don's Lawn Mowing* and *Richard Sterling* of Romeo. Thank you!

Notice the spring tulips and daffodils in bloom at *Bancroft Museum*. Very period and very beautiful. You can volunteer to keep our flower beds in top shape this summer!

Contact Sue Kane at 586-752-4111. Help water too! It takes just minutes.

Bancroft Museum needs a new roof. We are taking quotes for the job and looking at our budget to cover it. Make a donation! The Village of Romeo has designated CDBG funds to fix the plumbing system at *Bancroft Museum* in July. Thank you to the Village!!

School Tour Transportation Grants available... *take the bus!!*

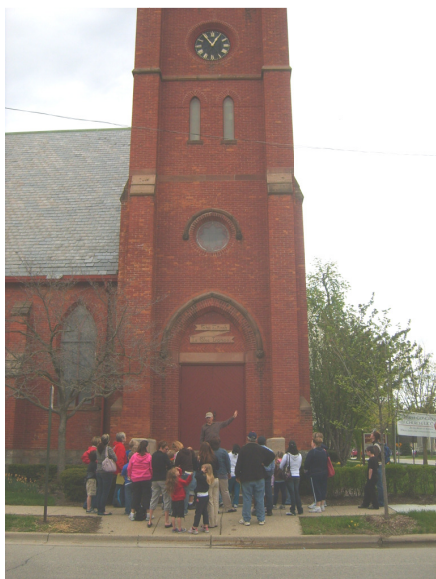
Grade school children get a chance to learn firsthand about local history with an assist from RHS. RHS offers each Romeo school a \$100 grant towards bus transportation for student tours of the three museums each spring. Adults are welcome too!

Tours are packed with information and conducted by our curators, Richard and Joan Beringer.

About 200 students and adults took advantage of the tours this April and learned about Romeo's contributions to our State's great history.

Amanda Moore School is located nearby the

museums and students walk over for the tours as pictured here in front of the First Congrega-



tional Church clock tower this May. The remarkable clock and bell are restored and chime on the hour as one of the high-lights of the walk. The group also toured Main

Street locations important to downtown Romeo.

RHS has offered these transportation grants to Romeo schools for over 20 years with positive feedback from the School system and parents.

Richard Beringer tour guide, is a former grade school teacher himself and loves to teach Romeo history!

Spread the word and make sure your children get this opportunity!

-Sue Kane, President

Psst! Speaking of tours...my garden is on the Library Garden Tour on July 16!

MI Trolley Company Tours

Get on Board!

JUNE 4

ROMEO ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Enjoy a comfortable riding tour of Romeo's most significant architectural neighborhoods showcasing the best of Midwest styles.

\$25 per person includes tour lecture and light lunch.

11:00am tour or 2:00pm tour.

Limited seating.

Tickets at Kane's Town Hall Antiques on N. Main St.

Open 7 days.

JULY TBA

Mt. VERNON WASHINGTON TOUR

Enjoy a driving trip to historic Mt. Vernon, a tucked-away historic community that has major significance in the state of Michigan. Stop at some surprising places!

\$25 per person includes the trip and refreshments. Limited seating.

Call and reserve 586-752-4111.

More to come!!!

June Flea 'N Tique Sale approaches!

Collect and donate your items and get ready to support the annual RHS **Flea N Tique** sale on June 11!

Romeo's reputation as a heritage center in the area draws the public here for this annual sale. It will be part of the four-day Garage and Antique Sale in

Bruce/Washington Twp. and Romeo. Let's continue the tradition!

Your contributions help forward our programs projects and archives!

Have time to help sell at our display in the front yard of Bancroft Stranahan Museum? Call me soon to let me know.

We are counting on you!

-Sue Kane

RHS President



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Preserve our Heritage!



EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Archives and House

Museums are OPEN!

**Send suggestions,
ideas and photos!**

Email addresses....

We need your email address to add to our membership files! Please, please send us a message with your email address to info@romeohistoricalsociety.org or make sure you write it on your membership renewal.

Thank you!

2011 program plans... we are busy!

Save this page!

May 21 - 6th Annual Romeo Victorian Festival. Mark this date down! A marker dedication, Main Street Promenade and Blacksmith Shop Hammer-In and exhibits.

June 4—Romeo Architectural Tour by Vintage Trolley

June 11 - Flea N' Tique Sale. Our flea markets sales at Bancroft Stranahan Museum help support our annual programs! Stop by!

June 18—Romeo Man-cave, outbuilding tour...behind the scenes in our historic neighborhoods! Take dad out to see some unique spaces designed for craftsmen, tinkers and collections. Ladies are welcome on the tour too

Join us and participate in some great events coming up! We need YOU!

—RHS Board members.

DUES ARE DUE!!!

Please renew your membership in Romeo Historical Society!

June is renewal month and we need your support!

Individual \$15.00, Family \$20.00,

Business \$25.00,

Lifetime per person \$250.00.

POB 412, Romeo, Michigan 48065

MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH!

CELEBRATE ROMEO HERITAGE!

Visit Kezar Library to see the vintage photo display!