



Spreading the..... Farm Museum Newsletter

ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM MUSEUM
"PRESERVING A BIT OF YESTERDAY FOR TOMORROW"

THE RUBY GEMSTONE

In a marriage, forty years is an occasion that is a time to celebrate. Known as the ruby anniversary, it is a milestone for couples having spent four decades together. Included in a list of traditional wedding gifts, published in 1922 by the Chicago Tribune, the ruby anniversary origin celebrates enduring love and commitment of couples, sustaining their relationship through the trials and tribulations of life. The ruby gemstone is a symbol of the passion and love, loyalty and devotion, protection and prosperity, and energy and vitality that

couples share. It is a precious gemstone, prized for its beauty and rarity for centuries. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Fall Harvest Days event at the Farm Museum. Dating back to 1984, Fall Harvest Days has evolved from a small gathering of individuals getting together to thresh some wheat into the educational and entertainment venue that we witness the last full weekend in August. Few have endured the totality of the 40 years but there are still a few people around that started that first get together. During the year we hope to connect with those few pioneers and

learn of the beginnings of the Fall Harvest Days. Learning of where we came from will help us understand how we got here and may direct us to where we want to go. Planning is underway to make this year's Fall Harvest Days a celebration to remember. If you would like to be a part of the planning process, please get involved, contact another member and see how you too can be a part of this celebration.

Our fortieth celebration should show our passion and love for the Museum. Like that ruby gemstone, it should show our loyalty and devo-

tion to fulfilling the mission of the Museum; it should show that we can protect the artifacts that we have been entrusted with and will work to be prosperous in order to maintain the collection; and should show that we have the energy and vitality to continue the Museum's mission into the future.

The Museum is similar to that precious gemstone -- to be prized for its beauty and rarity for centuries. Without your help, this may be lost forever.

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39 years of dash plaques ----- missing a few

THANK YOU



Have you noticed any of the new signs that have been popping up around the Farm Museum? The artistic works are being hand painted by the very talented Mark Casey. Mark has donated his time to create the lettering on the steam engines, the scrolling decorations on the recently



acquired John Deere L, the blacksmith shop sign and others. Mark has an interest in sharing his

skills with others and teaching the art of sign painting. If you are interested in learning this dying art, step up and get involved. Thank you Mark for all of your work to "class up" the Museum.

Sperry's Christmas Parade



Christian's Ford waiting for the start of the parade

Thank you to all members and volunteers who helped out at the Christmas Parade in Port Huron on December 24th. And a big THANK YOU to Terry Dunn for his relentless efforts to promote the Museum. A chilly but good time in the parade.



Enjoying the parade route

Pumpkin Fest & Corn Maze



Bob Sullivan returning from the corn maze

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UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

Membership Meetings

January 16, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024

Board Meetings

January 3, 2024
February 7, 2024
March 6, 2024

Keeping in touch with the Museum happenings has never been easier. Information can be found on the Museum Facebook page or on the Museum's web site. As always, please consider joining us at one of our events.

Museum Work Days

The work days schedule at the Museum has been extended to include 2 days per month and the start time has changed. Commencing at 4:30 pm, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month have been selected for the work days. If there are conflicts with this time, individuals can work on projects at their convenience. Contact Terry (810)531-0971 or Fred (810)841-7561 for information.

Sleigh Days

Again this year, sleigh days will be held in Jan or Feb when there is snow. It's always a fun time to see the horses "dashing through the snow" pulling a "one horse open sleigh." Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and warm up around the campfire.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on March 24th 2024 from 9 am until 1 pm in the Community Center at Goodells County Park. Members and volunteers will be serving up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and drinks for all to enjoy. Kids activities, an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny will be on tap for the youngsters.



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Despite the damp and rainy weather, the 2023 Pumpkin Fest and Corn Maze was an enjoyable activity for many Museum visitors. After loosing the pumpkin crop to the wet summer and fall, the Museum purchased pumpkins so the show could go on. Visitors enjoyed a wagon ride, selected a pumpkin, got their shoes muddy in the corn maze, enjoyed a few crafts, had their face painted, rode the barrel train and indulged in treats from the concession stand.



Painting pumpkins is a big hit with the youngsters

Many members and volunteers helped to make this a huge success including founders Fred Peasley & Bob Sullivan. Terry Dunn, Dianne Peasley, Ray Theut, Yvonne Markel, Dennis VanNuck and several others helped to make this event a huge success. Thank you to all who helped.



Dennis gets his face painted

Also this year, the Farm Museum partnered with the local 4-H clubs to promote participation in both organizations. Several groups had displays of animals, projects and various activities available for youngsters in 4-H.



Prospective 4-H'ers check out the rabbits

Friends of 4 - H



Fred Peasley accepts the Friends of 4-H Plaque

Fred Peasley and the Farm Museum recently received the 2023 Friends of 4 - H award for their efforts in facilitating a positive working relationship with the St. Clair County 4 - H program. Through the cooperative efforts of both groups, we can both fulfill our missions in the area. Thank you to the 4 - H groups for this recognition.

New Members

The Museum would like to welcome a few new members to the organization. Welcome to Jeff, Kaleb, and Micah Adams, Elijah Blankenship, Dean Butterfield, Aric and JoLee VanTroostenberghe, and Thomas Wilson.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa, held on December 3, was a huge success. Many members and volunteers worked together to make this a memorable event. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Check out the short video of the event on Thumbcoast tv at www.ebw.tv



One of Santa's elves displays a raffle basket

Museum Projects

What seems to be an endless list of Museum projects seems to be getting shorter with the help of many members and volunteers. Thank you to Kyle Slifco, Matt Ballard, Terry Dunn, Ray Theut and Fred Peasley for their hard work in the mechanics barn working on the Ford and International tractors and their efforts on the Poor Farm Ford truck.



Farmall - A nearing completion

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The mission of the St. Clair County Farm Museum is to provide an understanding of our heritage, add to our areas cultural base and enhance regional tourism. This is achieved by acquiring, preserving and presenting agricultural and domestic equipment and related artifacts in structures and settings which will portray the origin and evolution of farming and rural living from when the area was first settled until about 1960.

The museum is a 501c3 charitable non profit organization which is operated entirely by volunteers. The museum always welcomes new volunteers to join us in achieving our mission. An agricultural background is not a requirement to become a member. Please join us at our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Community Building at Goodells County Park.

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