

Spreading the..... Farm Museum Newsletter

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MELISSA WILSON

Melissa, a homemaker and home educator, who enjoys gardening, crafting, camping and horseback riding, has been a Museum member since 2014. As a proud mom, Melissa is very supportive of her children and shares their love of the Museum. Her love of history, farming, teaching and volunteering in her community are a few of the reasons she became a member of the Museum.

Currently serving on the Museum Board of Directors, Melissa likes spending time with other members, working together on events and developing new ways to reach the community and educate others about the old ways of farm

life.

The Museum projects and events that Melissa loves helping at include Fall Harvest Days, Sleigh Days, Pumpkin Fest, Earth Fair and in the concession stand at the various events. Melissa also enjoys lending a helping hand at the Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and can often be seen organizing and working with youngsters at the various "kids' activities" at many of the Museum events.

Melissa's daughter Cate, one of the youngest members of the Museum, has long been interested in horses and has had the opportunity to help out Kim Schultz with the horse events. Sleigh Day is a time when

Cate can be seen taking visitors on a sleigh ride. Melissa became involved as a result of this interest after seeing what a great experience all of her children have, how much they learn, how much they enjoy volunteering and the joy they get from service to the Museum.

Melissa grew up with her own garden and has seen the value of land and the ability to produce and preserve the fruits of her labor. We are so glad that Melissa is always willing to share those fruits, and her children, with other members and visitors of the Museum. Thank you Melissa for all you do to help the Museum.

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The St. Clair County Farm Museum Presents:



Fall Harvest Days

August 22, 23, 24, 2025

2025 FUNDRAISER Raffle

1st. Prize
2025 Uforce 600 Side by Side

2nd. Prize
\$500 Gift Card

3rd. Prize
2 Collectable John Deere Toys

Drawing
August 24, 2025 - 4pm
at Harvest Days Event
Do not need to be present to win.
Winner must pick-up prize within 30 days of drawing.

TICKETS
\$5 ea.
or
5 for \$20
Available at Museum Events
or from Museum Members

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THE RAFFLE QUEEN

If anyone deserves a big thank you, it would be Dianne Peasley. It is through her hard work and dedication that the FHD raffle is a huge success. Thank you Dianne for all you do.



Dianne at the Lexington Craft Fair

THANK YOU

Plow Day

Plow day held on May 11 was a huge success. Several members were in attendance either helping with the chores or offering support as many spectators and participants watched on. This year marks an important milestone as a few of the Museums relics were in the field working. Kyle Slifco had the Rumely pulling a disc while Aric Vantroostenberghe drove the Fordson which he recently restored to running condition. Matt Ballard drove the Case C which has been made to run while Tommy Wilson brought out his Minneapolis Molene. A volunteer brought a Farmall Cub with a single bottom plow to turn over the soil. Dennis and Ron VanNuck plowed with their newer Ford-New Holland. Another

Ford, operated by Christian Gunst, helped with the plowing. Other Museum tractors were used by Fred Peasley, and Terry Dunn. All together, a lot of soil was turned in preparation for the planting season. Thank you to all who participated.



Birds eye view of plow day

Museum provided a tasty lunch and snacks from the concession stand. Other members gave barrel train & people mover rides to many young visitors. Other members helped by selling raffle tickets. Thank you to all who helped out at this event.



Concession stand at Earth Fair

Earth Fair

Several members helped out at this years Earth Fair where the

Photos

Thank you to new member Marty Victor for sharing the many wonderful pictures of the Museum events. See Pg. 4

UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

Membership Meetings

July 22, 2025
 August 19, 2025
 September 16, 2025

Board Meetings

July 2, 2025
 August 6, 2025
 September 3, 2025

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.

Notice

A reminder that the July general membership meeting is the fourth Tuesday in July due to the 4-H and Youth Fair the previous week.

And.....

While you are thinking of the 4-H and Youth Fair, the concession stand will be if high gear that week and many, many people are needed to work. Even if you can only give a few hours, your efforts will go a long way to help the Museum raise money to support all of the good things we do. Contact Yvonne Markel if you can give a few hours of your time.

And.....

Now that you are aware of the 4-H and Youth Fair, the sawmill will once again be giving demonstrations and your help in that venue is also welcomed.

And....

The Museum barns will be open to the public during, you guessed it, the 4-H and Youth Fair. It's a good place to sit and relax after you spent all of that time in the concession stand and sawmill. Hope to see you at the Fair!

Fall Harvest Days

Mark your calendar for the 2025 show. August 22, 23, 24. And don't forget to spread the word that admission is free this year.

THE POLLINATOR PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

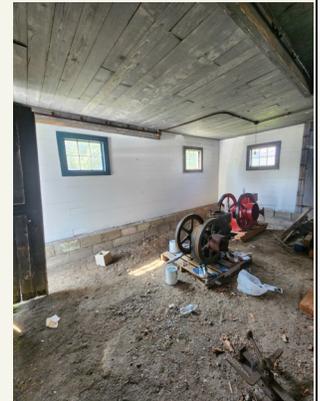
The Farm Museum is proud to partner with “The Pollinator Project” to benefit both the farming operation, the county park and the Pollinator Project. Ken Meyer gave a short presentation at the June BOD meeting about the benefits of placing honey bee hives near the farm crops. Citing the fact that bees which pollinate all varieties of plants can increase production of fruit of the various crops raised

at the park including the pumpkins planted for Pumpkin Fest. The park will enjoy an increase in flowering plants and trees while the project organization will be able to offer educational opportunities to park visitors about apiculture. Museum members will help to lay-out and set up the hives and eventually work to create the learning environment. To learn more about the Pollinator Project and their mission, visit:

thepollinatorproject.org

ENGINE SHED

A new attraction will be open this year at harvest days. We're busy repainting and remodeling the West side of the “T” barn building. Folks will be able to walk through the building and watch engines run and see them on display. Many artifacts and literature explaining how important these engines were for life on the farm from the late 1800s through the 1940s will also be on display.



COFFEE SCOOP CHALLENGE

Calling all blacksmiths and blacksmith wannabes. The challenge is on to see who can design and construct the best coffee scoop in a 2 hour time period during the Fall Harvest Days Show. Using a given piece of iron, and forge time, you can get as creative in your scoop as you want. Scoops will be judged at the end of the show on Sunday. Smiths should have some experience especially if between the ages of 12 & 18. All must sign a liability waiver and adhere to all safety rules. There are only 11 open times, so if you are interested, please contact Scott at rustyforgeblacksmith@gmail.com for contest rules, waiver form and times available. Please indicate CHALLENGE on the subject line.



The St. Clair County Farm Museum Presents:



Join Us At The Fair

Come see us at
the St. Clair County 4-H
and Youth Fair

July 14th - 19th, 2025



- Stroll through the barns and see the Museum artifacts,
12 - 6 Mon - Fri, 9am-6pm Sat
- Check out the newly restored tractors & the machinery display
- Get a bite to eat at Melanie's Diner
- See the Port Huron steam engine powering the Port Huron sawmill,
5:30-7:30 Thurs & Fri, 4-6 Sat



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Please consider joining to help us preserve the heritage of the farming communities of rural St. Clair County

SCENES FROM PLOW DAY



Christian Gunst on his Ford



Terry Dunn on the International Farmall 756



Aric VanTroostenbergh on the Fordson



Fred Peasley on the International Farmall 806



Tommy Wilson on his 1940 Minneapolis Moline RTU



Kyle Slifco on the Rumely

SCENES FROM EARTH FAIR



Dennis VanNuck gives people mover rides



Fred Peasley gives people mover rides



Dianne Peasley selling raffle tickets



Youngsters board the barrel train for a ride



Bob Sullivan cooking up good food



Terry Dunn gives barrel train rides

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Melissa Wilson, Treasurer

Keith Barnhart
Yvonne Markel
Kyle Slifco
Matt Ballard

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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