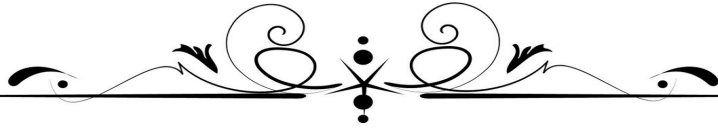


Winter 2022

# The Crocker Chronicle

## THE MACOMB COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CROCKER HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS



Hello Members,

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Crocker House Museum's 2021 Holiday events. After closing the museum for 19 months, it was wonderful to open the doors and see all of you. We hope you enjoyed these events.

We look forward to the 2022 Holiday season and seek suggestions for these events. We plan to have more outside activities for the holiday open house including a smores bar and a children's Christmas tree. Do you have an idea? Please email us at [info@crockerhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@crockerhousemuseum.org).

While we'd hoped to keep the museum open for tours and events in January, the COVID surge caused us to reverse that decision and the museum is currently closed until further notice.

We are using this down time productively and are busy cleaning, reorganizing storage areas and renovating Sue's office. The museum was the happy recipient of furniture that Huntington Bank wanted to donate. A desk and work counters that fit in the office were received. Thank you Huntington Bank! The office is getting a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting. We also discovered a "secret door" in that office space. It was hidden behind the file cabinets. We think it was the original door to the side porch.

Progress is underway to hire a new museum director. The hiring committee met in January and the job announcement will be issued soon. We look forward to welcoming someone with a passion for history and new ideas for the museum.

Please see the flyer on the April 2 Pottery

Lunch. Tickets are on sale now. We hope to see you at this wonderful event. There will be amazing tables with decorations inspired by the theme "My Favorite Read."

Note that if we do not sell enough tickets or find at least 30 table decorators, we may need to cancel this event. Please call Barb Dempsey at 586-465-4918 if you are interested in decorating a table.



Top: Ross Champion and Bev Bishop clearing out the back storage room in the basement of the Crocker House.



Center: The 'secret door' found in the office.



Bottom: Brian Korth seen not wearing his trademark bowtie.

### The Crocker House Museum:

- The Crocker House Museum is currently closed due to COVID-19 precautions. Once we reopen, we will resume hours of Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., excluding holidays.
- This newsletter is provided for the benefit of Museum and Society Members. Other benefits include free admission to the museum and member-only discounts as noted in the newsletter.
- Volunteers are an important and essential part of our daily operations. We welcome you to call us to discuss the many opportunities of community service we have here at the Crocker House.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Crocker House volunteer Annette Castillo. Annette started with the Crocker House crafting group six years ago; she later became a museum volunteer. Annette has worked various events as a server, helping in the gift shop and at the Victorian Christmas Bazaar.

Born in Belfast, Annette's family moved to England when she was three years old. In 1972 she visited relatives in the United States and met her pen pal, Alfred. Four months later Annette and Alfred were married. They were married for 45 years until he passed away from dementia in 2018.

Annette is very creative and enjoys embroidery, knitting, crocheting, quilting, quilling and making jewelry. She is a Master Gardener and has an English style garden. Being of an inquisitive nature, she welcomes the opportunity to learn new things and is currently taking a computer security class and a stained glass course.

Annette has one daughter and lives in a reproduction Victorian Style home in Macomb Township.



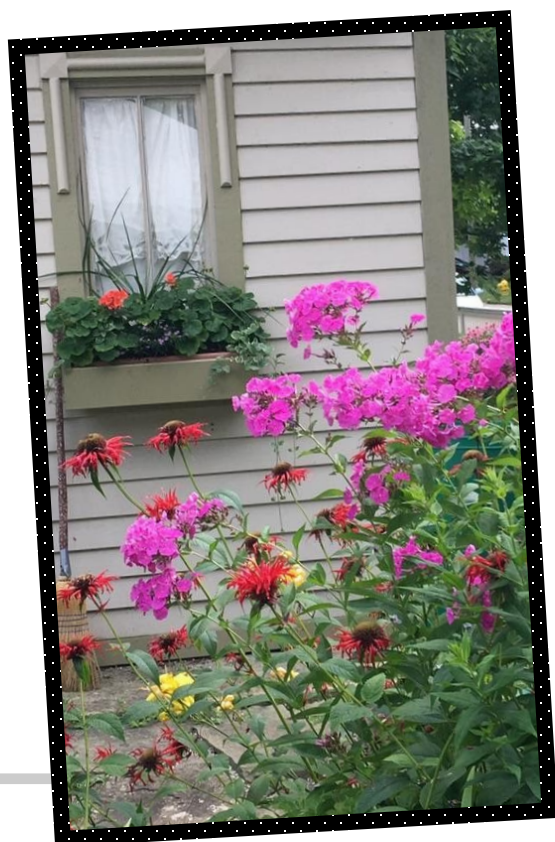
## ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Saturday, June 25, 2022

With all the cold snowy weather we have all experienced this January and February, it can be hard to imagine strolling through the garden. Rest assured—the Crocker House Museum annual Garden Walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2022!

This fun event exhibits neighborhood gardens in a casual tour at your own pace. It's also a great opportunity to get ideas for your own garden or share ideas with other gardeners.

Are you a gardener and proud of your beautiful garden? Would you like to share it with others? **We are looking for gardens for our annual Garden Walk in June.** Please call the museum for more information 586-465-2488



# ANNUAL PORCH WALK

Saturday, August 13, 2022



The third annual Porch Walk is in the works. We are looking for a Mount Clemens neighborhood to hold this year's porch walk. If you allow your home to be featured on porch walk, we will provide the historical research to tell the story of your home and its past residents

We encourage homeowners to share their home's history during porch walk. If you do not feel comfortable doing this or if you will not be home during the tour, a volunteer could tell the story on your behalf.

Please know that porch walk attendees do not enter your home. The story is told from the front of your home or porch. Attendees typically stay on the sidewalk while listening to your home's history.

Are you interested in learning the history

of your home and sharing it with others on porch walk? If so, please email us at [info@crockerhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@crockerhousemuseum.org). Provide your name, contact information and address so we can get in touch with you.



# FROM OUR ARCHIVES

These treasures were found when we were cleaning and organizing two of the museum's basement storage rooms.

A spinning wheel on the left and a yarn winder and a spool holder on the right. These are early acquisitions as they have accession numbers that predate the museum's electronic archiving system (Pastperfect), currently in use.



We will be sure to take proper care with these lovely pieces and perhaps you will see them on display sometime in the future. The Crocker House Museum has an extensive collection of photos, books, document and artifacts that we plan to share with you in the months ahead.

## MY OLD HOUSE RESTORATION CLUB

The January 19, 2022 My Old House Restoration Club meeting was canceled due to concerns with COVID and the new variant. We expect to reschedule this meeting in a few months and will notify participants. If you are interested in this club, please call the museum or email us.



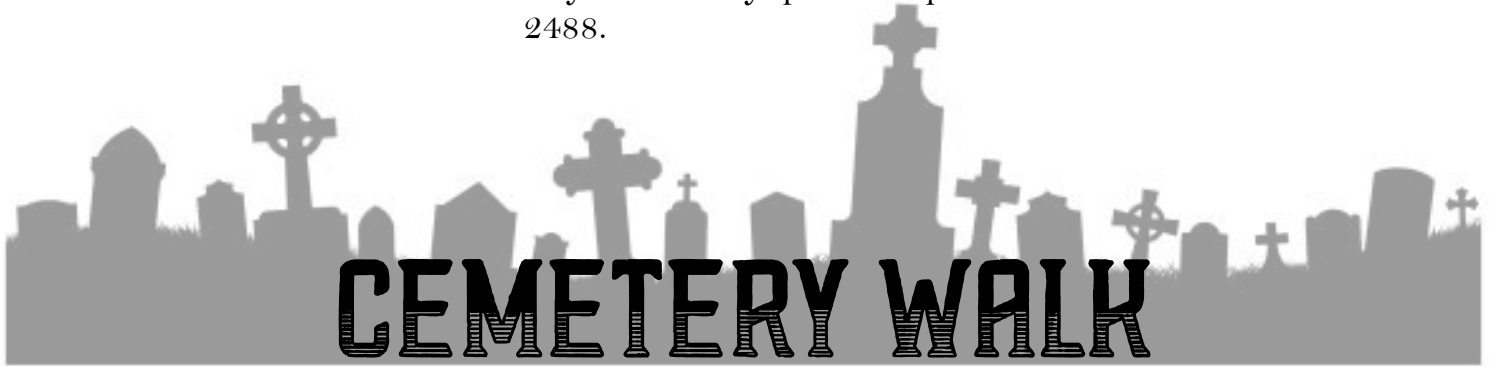
# Reminder-Membership Renewal



Last October, the Board of Directors standardized the Ma-comb County Historical Society, Crocker House Museum and Gardens membership cycle so everyone's membership year runs concurrently with the MCHS fiscal year which is May 1 through April 30.

Unless you started or renewed a membership after October 1, 2021, most memberships will be up for renewal and run through April 2023.

Membership renewal forms are included with this newsletter. If you have any questions please call the museum at 586-465-2488.



The Crocker House Museum will conduct its Cemetery Walk this year! We have contacted Clinton Grove Cemetery and reserved Saturday, October 1 for this event. Save the date and more information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

We look forward to bringing back this annual tradition!

## Save the Date for 2022 Events

April 2: **Yvonne Leslie Pottery Lunch**, Zucarro's Banquet Hall

June 25: **Annual Crocker House Museum Garden Walk and Breakfast**

August 13: **Third Annual Porch Walk**

October 1: **Cemetery Walk**

Look for a special **Halloween event** later in October!

We are planning additional workshops and events throughout the year.

Check our website and follow our new Facebook page.





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The Crocker House Museum follows health department recommended guidelines to keep our guests and volunteers safe from COVID-19. Face masks are available to guests. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required.