

HELENA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 2024

Spring Greetings!

As we prepare to open the Depot Museum for the 2024 season, we want to share plans for the season and invite you to stop in and see our progress. **Spring is also time for the annual membership renewal.** *We are grateful for your continued support and membership, which enables us to provide the community and summer visitors with a museum we can all enjoy.* Stop in any Wednesday and lend a hand! We look forward to working beside you this summer.

Plans for the 2024 Season

- Prepare & open the new Family History Center in the Depot
- Finish Helena Township's Pioneer Families exhibit: Focus on Coy and Lyon families
- Complete boxcar renovation & open exhibit to public
- Sponsor annual Cottage Sale and August Train Show
- Encourage more volunteer participation at the depot; concentrating on finance, fundraising, outreach and education, communications, building and grounds, and collections management
- Participate in DABA events (parades and Holiday Illumination)

You may also be interested to see our growing photo collection on the Face Book page (search for Alden Depot and Helena Township Historical Society) or on our webpage www.aldendepot.com.

*BONUS: An ongoing benefit of your membership is access to the terrific weekly zoom lecture series, "**History Hounds**", **provided by the Historical Society of Michigan, of which HTHS is a member.** Log in to their website (hsmichigan.org) and use HTHS as the member organization! Recorded versions available.

History lovers welcome!

Our Volunteer Committees open the Depot every Wednesday from 10a-12p. We spend the time working on committee projects and always welcome your participation and energy! Please check a box below (the reverse of the membership cut-off). Seasonal residents welcome-*we can always use fresh ideas and input!*

Please see reverse for calendar events and the tear off membership renewal form which you can return in the envelope provided. Alternatively, you may use the QR code, or go to the webpage to pay with a credit card

I would be interested in helping with:

- Wednesday Workdays 10a-12p
- Finance Committee (budget, fundraising, sales, marketing)
- Communications Committee (social media, advertisement, public relations)
- Collections Team (artifacts and archival material management, exhibits)
- Community Outreach (events, educational Programs)
- Building/Grounds Team (maintenance/repair)



Helena Township Historical Society Schedule of Events for 2024

Museum is open Memorial Day thru Labor Day
Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm

May 27 Monday.....Depot Museum opens 1-3:00 for Memorial Day Parade

June 22 Saturday.....Antique & Cottage Decor Sale Depot Park 9 - 4:00p
(NOTE: Sellers pick up tickets on June 20 & 21 at Depot from 10a-12:00p)

Aug 10 & 11 Sat/Sun.....Annual Model Train Show and Swap Meet 10a-4:00p

Aug 17 & 18 Sat/Sun.....Annual Model Train Show 1-4:00p

Aug 24 & 25 Sat/Sun.....Annual Model Train Show 1-4:00p

Sept 2 Monday.....Museum closes for the year 1-3:00p

Oct 4 Friday.....HTHS Annual meeting/election of Officers 10:00 @ Community Center

Oct 12 Saturday.....Alden's Harvest Festival -- Museum open 10a-2p

Nov 30 Saturday.....DABA Holiday Illumination, Depot Display @ Alden UMC 2-5

While admission to the museum remains free, donations are always appreciated. Membership remains \$15.00 per family annually. Please consider becoming a member.

2024 Family Membership Annual Dues

\$15.00 Your added generosity appreciated



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