

The Averill Historical
Museum of Ada
is open for tours
Friday,
Saturday,
Sunday
from 1:00-4:00 pm

and other times by
appointment.



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Upcoming Events

April 24: Earth Day/Arbor Day Festival. We will join the Ada Township Parks and Recreation for a family-friendly fun day at Ada Township Park, 1180 Buttrick Ave. The event features horticultural exhibits and displays as well as games, crafts and lots of fun! 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

May 1st and 2nd: Tri-Rivers “Spring Into the Past” Tour. All museums in the network will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Stop by AHS for a brochure and map. Receive a coupon to have punched at each museum. Those who visit the most museums are eligible for a prize drawing!

May 15: Arts In Ada. From 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, we will participate in the annual celebration of performing and fine arts on Bronson St. Come browse the craft booths, enjoy some tasty treats and watch as area dance schools and musical acts perform.

Coming early this summer: Family Fun Night. Come play at the museum! From 6:30 – 8:30 pm, we will play old-fashioned games, make a craft, and listen to traditional folk tales from a professional Storyteller. Gather all generations to celebrate the start of summertime.

Music On the Lawn

Spring has sprung and Music On the Lawn is just around the corner! AHS has been busy scheduling for the 10th rendition of our Summer Concert Series. We have engaged some of your favorites from past seasons as well as some talented new performers.

Join us each Tuesday night throughout June, July and August for a different performance each week. Friday night, July 30th, we will enjoy a special performance with the return of *The Nowhere Band*, playing Beatles music.

Check out our website at www.adahistoricalsociety.org each week for the lineup or stop by the museum for a detailed scheduled of bands. Bring your family and your lawn chairs! Come enjoy the sounds of summer at Ada Historical Society's Music On the Lawn.





1st place for Scariest!

Congratulations!

The Ada Historical Society hosted several fun-filled events this past fall and winter highlighting pumpkins, cookies, and wreaths. Congratulations to all the participants who received awards or won prizes.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST 2009

From October 26-28, pumpkins were submitted. Trophies were awarded in the barn on Oct. 29th amidst a **spooky** jack-o-lantern display.

SCARIEST trophies went for 1st place-Cooper Wildes (age 4), 2nd place-Jude & Ava Hoogterp (ages 4 & 2), 3rd place-Katie Mac Sarb (age 12) and also participating was Sophie Divozzo (age 12).

MOST CREATIVE trophies went for 1st place-Maria Gumbko (age 6), 2nd place-Michael Gumbko (age 10), 3rd place-Andrew Wordhouse (age 9). Also participating were Jack Sarb (age 8), Mitchell Gumbko (age 8), Rachel Wordhouse (age 8), and Sarah Wordhouse (age 8).

FUNNIEST trophies went for 1st place-Madeline Gumbko (age 12), 2nd place-Dominic Divozzo (age 8), 3rd place Jack Wildes (age 7) and also participating were Hannah and Sam Wordhouse.

COOKIES FOR KIDS

Santa paraded through Ada on December 5th and the Society decorated cookies with kids after the parade. Children's names were entered into a drawing for a prize. Winners of the \$10 gift certificates to McDonalds were Hannah DeHaan and Emily Storey. Luci Stein won a set of hand-painted hair bands donated by Le Petit Boutique.

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

At the end of a wonderfully successful wreath sale this year, we held a drawing. The people who purchased a wreath registered to win a certificate for a free wreath in 2010. The lucky winner was Kerry Snider.

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY EXPO

Attendee Kathy Duma won the drawing for a basket filled with Ada-themed goodies from our gift shop. Thanks to all those who stopped by to pick up information and say hello at the Expo.

Cause to Celebrate

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. In the absence of full-time staff, we rely on dedicated members to conduct the events and business of the Ada Historical Society.

We are happy to report volunteers generously 'clocked' more than 1,400 hours in 2009. This number reflects an increase of several hundred hours over the 2008 tally. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to any and all that helped make 2009 a growing and successful year.



A Strategic Plan

AHS is pleased to report that the board and committee chairs have recently completed the strategic planning process. Four Goals were defined along with numerous Objectives and Strategies designed to help fulfill those Goals. With aspirations for the best possible future of AHS, a new vision statement was crafted: *By bringing history to life, the Ada Historical Society will inspire a shared sense of community and pride in the heritage of Ada.*

The new Strategic Plan document, including the mission and vision statements, is on the website, www.adahistoricalsociety.org, and copies are available upon request at the museum.



Notable

Passages

Robert Hill, Sr. passed away December 19, 2009 at age 85. For seven years, Bob was President of the Ada Historical Society during which time the museum was renovated and opened. He carried the museum close to his heart always and spent endless hours there as a volunteer. Bob will be sorely missed.



Leadership Change

After 17 ½ years, Marian Bolhuis resigned as Secretary of the Society effective January 31, 2010.

Internship

We are so thankful to be working with a new intern, Lindsay Moxley. Lindsay is working toward her MLIS degree (Masters in Library and Information Science) with an emphasis in Archives through San Jose State University Extension Distance Education program. She has been assisting with curatorial matters using our collections database. Lindsay grew up in Ada and still lives in the area.

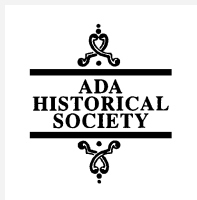


Historic Walking Tour

Do you have any old photos, property documents, a story or memory about one of our historic homes, businesses or the village itself? If so, please help bring life to our tour by calling the museum at 616-676-9346 or e-mailing us at adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

If you would like to help preserve Ada history, please fill out this form and return along with a check to the address below.

Society meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month 10:30 am at the Averill Historical Museum 7144 Headley, Ada



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We're on the Web!

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Ada Historical Society Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Volunteers are our heart and soul! Please circle any areas that interest you:

Docent Collections Gardening Research Education

Programs/Events Speaking/Presentations Children's Events

Fundraising Special Projects Other _____

Membership Level

Personal Membership

- Individual - \$10
 Student (under 18) - \$5
 Friend - \$25
 Senior (60 & above) - \$5
 Family - \$15

Business Membership

- Corporate - \$100
 Business - \$50
 Non-profit - \$10

Additional tax-deductible gift _____

I have items I would like to donate to the museum's collections

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