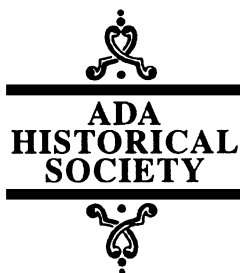


The Averill Historical  
Museum of Ada  
is open for tours  
Friday,  
Saturday,  
Sunday  
from 1:00-4:00 pm

and other times by  
appointment.



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## Upcoming Events

### October 26-29, 2009

Pumpkin Carving Contest – Kids 12 and under, please drop off your carved pumpkins at the Historical Society from Monday, Oct. 26 through Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 5:00-7:00 pm, to be considered for judging.

At 6:30 pm on October 29<sup>th</sup> we will light the jack-o'-lantern display. Awards for *funniest*, *scariest* and *most creative* entries will be presented in the barn at 7:00 pm.

### November 27 – December 12, 2009

Holiday Wreath Sale – Deck the halls with fresh-cut Michigan wreaths from our annual wreath sale! See more information on p. 2.

### December 3, 2009

Holiday Open House – Kick off your holiday season with a visit to the Village and the Historical Society. The Voices of Freedom, an eight-part acapella group, will begin the evening at the Ada Covered Bridge with Christmas carols at 6:00 pm. After that, enjoy the shops in Ada, our Wreath Sale, and the gift shop at the Historical Society. From 6:00 – 9:00 pm, the museum will have greeting cards for children to color, a lighted tree display, cookies, and refreshments. The Voices of Freedom will sing again at the museum at 7:00 pm.

### December 5, 2009

Cookies for Kids – Come warm up at the barn before and after the *Ada Santa Parade*! We will be open at 10:00 am. The parade begins at 11:00 am. We will have hot chocolate and cookies ready for decorating!

## Music on the Lawn

Our annual Music on the Lawn concert series was a success again this year. We hosted music throughout June, July and August on Tuesday evenings. There were fifteen nights of music this year with the addition of one Friday evening as well. Many of the groups will be back to perform again next summer.



## Tri-Rivers Museum Network

**Spring Into the Past.** Many people visited the various museums during the summer and had their coupons punched. Only one person, **Sandy Van Dorp** of Kentwood, visited all of the museums in our group and she was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$200. **Vicki Decker** of Grand Rapids visited many of our museums and was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$100. No one else turned in their punched coupons, so we did not award a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Our Spring Into the Past Museum Tour will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Of course, we encourage you to visit the various museums all year long. However, some of the museums close during the winter.

**Program.** On Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> we met at the Belrockton in Belding for a Potluck and Program. Deloris Dipp from Freeport put on an interesting program on Canes, Nutcrackers, and Pie Birds that everyone enjoyed. We are planning to have a Potluck and Program again next July.

## Holiday Wreath Sale

Once again, we will be selling wreaths. The sale starts on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and continues through Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

As usual, we will have two kinds of wreaths, Douglas Fir and Frazer Fir, in two sizes each, 12-inch and 16-inch centers. There will also be a few 36-inch Douglas Fir. All wreaths come with a custom bow. Pinecones and berries are \$2.00 extra. Douglas Fir wreaths are \$20 and \$22 and Frazer Fir are \$21 and \$24.

Enclosed you will find an order form so that you can preorder your wreath and we will have it ready for you to pick up. Also see form for specific sale hours.

## Holiday Giving

Please keep us in mind as you consider giving over the holidays. Would someone on your list enjoy the gift of membership to the Ada Historical Society? Perhaps you might wish to give in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Currently, we have a curatorial wish list which includes storage boxes for the carriage robe and linens, repair of a WWII poster, restoration of our Robert Todd Lincoln document, quilt cleaning and proper display, repair of certain small artifacts like the thread box and small chair, and photographic negative development. Of course we gladly welcome general donations at any time. If you wish to earmark your gift to a particular aspect of the society, please contact us at 676-9346 or via e-mail at [adahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalociety@gmail.com).



## Collections

We have received a Navy jacket from Susie Harter and Don Souzer. The jacket belonged to their father who served in World Wars I and II.

Also, a beautiful apron from Esther Kamp was received. The apron belonged to her grandmother and is at least 100 years old.

We have a new display that depicts some of the ethnic diversity of Ada Township. There is a display of Dutch artifacts on loan from Judy Jagt, who came to the area in 1957 from the Netherlands. Helen Jakeway has loaned us artifacts from Ireland. She is the great-granddaughter of Michael Farrell who came to the area in 1856 to help construct the railroad and who brought many Irish families to the Parnell area.



## Guardians of the Gardens

We wish to express our gratitude to the guardians of our gardens! This small group of dedicated volunteers has faithfully planted and tended the herb, vegetable, annual and perennial beds all summer.

For years now, Peter Paap (not pictured) has supervised the planting of our Vader Memorial Dahlia Garden with the help of various Vader family members. Master Gardener, Carol Heiss, (not pictured) cares for all the perennial gardens outside of the fenced-in historic gardens.

Pictured from the left are Susan Seime, Marilyn DeGood, Kay Thorne and Joanne Wood.

## Many Thanks

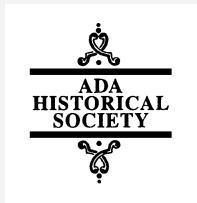
We would like to thank everyone who helped with our recent events—Music on the Lawn, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, August in Ada, Mark Fitzpatrick and the Ada Parks Department for the Pioneer Days Camp at the museum, the Garden Open House, the Barn Sale Fundraiser, visits from Ada Elementary children on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Riverfest at Roselle Park, part of the October in Ada celebration. Our volunteers help make these events a success!

## With Sympathy

Adrian Vader died on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92. Our Dahlia Garden is in memory of his wife, Imogene, who died several years ago. He will be missed.

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 the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am at the Averill Historical Museum 7144 Headley, Ada*



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## Ada Historical Society Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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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