



## American Girl Party

### When:

Saturday, August 21, 2010

### Time:

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Cost:

\$3 per person for HSSC member, \$5 per person for non-members

### Theme:

Scrapbooking

Bring your favorite American Girl doll and have loads of fun making your very own scrapbook.

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# CASTLE COURIER

Newsletter of the Historical Society of Saginaw County

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## EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Please vote Tuesday, August 3

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.



## Symphony Celebrates 75 Years with Museum Exhibit, Open House

To help the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra celebrate its 75th anniversary, the Castle Museum will open an exhibit dedicated to the SBSO on August 26th.

An open house for members of the Orchestra and the Historical Society will take place that day from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please stop by the Castle Museum for light refreshments and an engaging look back at the SBSO and its years of providing quality entertainment in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

## AUGUST CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 3: CASTLE MUSEUM MILLAGE RENEWAL - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

**The Castle Celebrates Culture: French Canadian Day.** Discover the rich history of French Canadians in Saginaw and learn how to trace your family's heritage. Dessert and beverage provided. Free with museum admission. Pre-registration is required by calling Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315. **12:00 Noon.**

Thursday, August 5: **The Castle Celebrates Culture: Voyageur Day.** Learn all about the Voyageurs and who they are. Hear about the group's most recent trip to the Upper Peninsula. A Voyageur lunch will be provided. Free with museum admission. Pre-registration is required by calling Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315. **12:00 Noon.**

Tuesday, August 10: **The Castle Celebrates Culture: African American. A Collection of Soul Food Desserts and Memories.** Local author Patty Pinner will share her favorite memories and a sneak preview of her next book. Co-sponsored by the Public Libraries of Saginaw. Free with museum admission. Pre-registration is required. **12:00 Noon.**

Thursday, August 12: **The Castle Celebrates Culture: African American.** A Tribute to Sonny Stitt. Enjoy the jazzy sounds of the Scott Tuttle Quartet. Dessert will be provided. Co-sponsored by the Public Libraries of Saginaw. Free with museum admission. Pre-registration is required. **12:00 Noon.**

Tuesday, August 17: **Pages of History Book Club: Pioneering Michigan** by Eric Freedman. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. Co-Sponsored by the Public Libraries of Saginaw. **12:00 Noon.**

Tuesday, August 24: **The Castle Celebrates Culture: Italian.** The Huckster Wagon. Dominic Licavoli will share his family's story of selling produce to residents in the early 1900s. Homemade cannolis will be served. Pre-registration is required. Free with museum admission. **12:00 Noon.**

Wednesday, August 25: **Plank Road Fever tour.** Guided bus tour of historic plank roads. Tour begins at Castle Museum. Snacks provided. Cost is \$15.00 per person or \$10 per person for HSSC members. Pre-registration is required by calling Tom Trombley at 752-2861, Ext. 304. **2:00 p.m.**

Thursday, August 26: **The Castle Celebrates Culture: Italian.** Let's Make Pesto! If you have some basil from your garden, feel free to bring it with you. Pre-registration is required. Free with museum admission. **12:00 Noon.**

Saturday, August 21: **American Girl Party** at the Castle Museum - see details in box above. **1:30 p.m.**

Thursday, August 26: **Exhibit Opening: 75 Years of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra.** Open House for SBSO and HSSC members. Light refreshments provided. **4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**



The Rosales Family Shows Off Their Ojo De Dios creations made during Hispanic Week.

## Culture Celebrations to Wrap Up This Month

We have had a very successful summer at the Castle Museum celebrating different cultures. If you have not participated in any yet, don't despair, we still have a fabulous slate of activities planned for August.

**All of our cultural events will take place at Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August.**

Guests are welcome to bring a sack lunch - we will provide dessert. Please contact Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315 to request a registration form, or visit the museum website at castlemuseum.org to print one off and mail to the Museum. While all of the events are free, we are asking people to pre-register.

During the month of August we will celebrate French Canadian, African American and Italian cultures. Please visit our website to learn more about these events. Hope to see you there!

The Castle is a proud partner of Saginaw Celebrates Summer, sponsored in part by Hemlock Semiconductor Group.



### Museum Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### General Admission

Adults \$1.00

Children .50¢

Active Duty Military & Members FREE

The Historical Society of Saginaw County is committed to serve the community by telling the continuing story of the people of the Saginaw region through exploration, preservation and presentation of their historical and cultural heritage.

# Archaeology Volunteers in the Field



Archaeology volunteers Melanie Coughlin and Mike Mauer working hard at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.

Stalwart Historical Society archaeology volunteers Dave Hamilton and Mike Mauer have been joined this year by newcomers Melanie Coughlin, Allison Hoff, and John Klumpp.

Together, these dedicated volunteers are helping the Castle Museum's archaeology program continue to unearth exciting finds at the Clunie Site, located in the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Evidence recovered already this season suggests that the team is now working in a part of the site where hunting-related activities took place. Several broken arrowheads - some with impact fractures - along with abundant flaking debris and several unfinished and complete arrowheads indicate that hunting arrows, damaged through use, were being refurbished at this location.

Check out the Archaeology pages on the Museum's website at [www.castlemuseum.org](http://www.castlemuseum.org)

for more information about the Clunie Site and other aspects of Saginaw Valley Archaeology. And don't forget to visit the archaeology exhibit "Revealing our Buried Past: Archaeology of the Saginaw Valley."

## The Artifact

For the past five weeks, Sarah Keenan, a student at a Scotland university has been cataloguing the Frantz & Spence architectural drawing collection. This is an important collection that documents numerous Saginaw homes, schools and public buildings. Her work makes a large portion of this important collection accessible. Thanks to Sarah's meticulous work, drawings for over 150 projects have been entered into the museum's computer system and will be usable for researchers, scholars - and the museum staff.

"Since beginning the project, my appreciation of this area of Saginaw has also grown tremendously," Sarah says.



The Frantz and Spence collection was donated to the Museum by Peter Frantz, son of Robert B. Frantz. Robert B. Frantz and James A. Spence studied architecture at the University of Michigan, founded a firm together, and influenced the style of Saginaw beginning in the 1920s.

Frantz and Spence designed many Saginaw residences. Their plans reveal much more detailed involvement than is now expected of architects. The plans shown in the picture above were crafted for Mrs. Francis Fowler in 1932. The design for alterations to the exterior of Mrs. Fowler's home at 219 N. Michigan Avenue transforms the exterior of the house, including construction of an elegant new entrance.

These drawings were done on linen sheets which have survived remarkably well. Tissue paper and vellum paper are also used for many of the over 700 drawings in the collection, which start from the early twentieth century and have made it to the museum in a variety of states! The 1932 Saginaw City Directory lists Mary S. as the wife of Francis A. Fowler, who was one of the directors of the Bank of Saginaw. Several other directors on this list were also clients of Frantz and Spence, demonstrating the widening scope of influence and respect the company was finding in the Saginaw community.

## Bus Tour Will Travel Historic Plank Roads

Have you ever wondered why Saginaw's streets are laid out the way they are? Find out why and explore the routes of historic plank roads that have shaped and spurred Saginaw's development for more than 150 years.

Historian Tom Mudd and the Museum's Deputy Director, Tom Trombley, will lead a "**Plank Road Fever**" **tour on Wednesday, August 25 at 2:00 p.m.** The tour will begin at the Castle Museum and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$15.00 per person and \$10 per person for HSSC members.

Pre-registration is required by calling Tom Trombley at 752-2861, Ext. 304 or email him at [ttrombley@castlemuseum.org](mailto:ttrombley@castlemuseum.org)

A Memorial Gift has been made by Margaret Clark for the **Castle Garden Project** in honor of **Emilie and Jim Kanitz and their 50th wedding anniversary**

A Memorial Gift has been made by Charles and Elizabeth Grobe in memory of **Roy G. Grobe**

## castle connections

Two Jerrys and a Gerry



For years the Castle Museum has dreamed of opening an exhibit dedicated to the history of automotive manufacturing in Saginaw County. But getting such a monumental project off the ground is no easy feat.

Thanks to volunteers Gerry Enszer, Jerry Roethlisberger, Sr. and Jerry Roethlisberger, Jr. - pictured above with Exhibits Coordinator Geoff Pelkey - it looks like the exhibit is no longer a dream, but a reality.

These three volunteers and General Motors retirees spent many hours this summer putting in steel studs in the Museum's lower level to create an exhibit space. Museum friend John Bueker donated the drywall installation so that the Museum now has more than just the beginnings of a History of Automotive Manufacturing Exhibit. Once electrical work is complete, painting can begin.

"We wanted to see (the exhibit) go and it's hard to get something like that going," says Gerry Enszer. "But we're all interested in history and we're all car nuts...we're gear heads, you know."

Thank you, gentlemen for helping the Museum create an exhibit that will entertain, educate and preserve the history of one of Saginaw County's biggest industries.

## America's Reaction to Nazi Book Burnings Focus of New Exhibit

*Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings* examines America's reaction to this event and how the book burnings became a potent symbol during World War II in America's battle against Nazism.

This exhibit is organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It opens August 20 and will be at the Castle Museum until October 4, 2010.

**The Saginaw Valley Antique Society wants you! From September through May the group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Butman-Fish Library and welcomes new members. The cost to join is only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. The first meeting is September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining this great organization!**

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