

**Veterans Day
at the
Castle Museum**

**Sunday, March 21st
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

- Free hot dogs and chips for veterans and their families
- War re-enactors
- Historic military vehicles outside the museum (weather permitting)

Come enjoy this family day at the Museum!

Call 752-2861, Ext. 315 for more information

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**Castle's Salute to
Soldiers Draws
Crowds**



The Castle Museum offered HSSC members a sneak preview of *The American Soldier* at a wine and cheese reception on February 17th. The exhibit's producer, Cyma Rubin, was on hand to talk to guests that night and gave two lectures the next day when the exhibit officially opened.

MARCH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 2:** **Lunch and Learn: Brigadier General James R. Anderson.** Brigadier General Anderson is the Assistant Adjutant General, Michigan Army National Guard and a Deputy Director for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He is responsible for the daily coordination, supervision, training and resourcing of the Michigan Army National Guard. Coffee and dessert provided. Free with general admission. No admission charge for veterans. **12:00 Noon.**
- Thursday, March 4:** **Michigan Archaeological Society** meeting. Morley Room. **7:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, March 9:** **Lunch and Learn: USMC Veteran Jim White.** Mr. White will discuss his experiences on Iwo Jima where he served during its most famous battle, Operation Detachment. The battle produced some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific Campaign of World War II. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon.**
- Sunday, March 14:** **CASTLE MUSEUM SALUTES POLICE OFFICERS!** Free admission for all police officers and their families to museum to see American Soldier Exhibit. Light refreshments provided. Call Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315 for more information. **1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, March 16:** **Pages of History Book Club: *Hemingway: Up in Michigan Perspectives*** by Frederic J. Svoboda. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon.**
- Saturday, March 20:** **American Girl Club: "Easter, Easter Everywhere!"** Bring your favorite American Girl doll and learn about the Czech style of egg decorating called *Kraslice*. Snack provided. \$8.00 per person for non-members/\$5.00 per person for HSSC members. Please call Heather Thompson at 752-2861, Ext. 311 to make reservations, or for more information. **1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 21:** **Veterans Day at the Castle Museum!** Free hot dogs and chips for all veterans and their families. Re-enactors from various wars and military vehicles on display from the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Call Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315 for more information. **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, March 23:** **Lunch and Learn: "Kraslice"** Chief Curator Sandy Schwan will teach us about the Czech style of egg decorating. **Pre-registration is required.** Please call Sandy Schwan at 752-2861, Ext. 309. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon.**
- Tuesday, March 30:** **Lunch and Learn: Stanley Bozich,** Executive Director of Michigan's Military & Space Museum, the only one of its kind in the United States. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon.**



The American Soldier: From the Civil War to the War in Iraq opened on Thursday, February 18th during which we welcomed the exhibit's producer, Cyma Rubin, as our guest speaker. About 80 students from Nouvel Catholic Central High School attended Ms. Rubin's Noon lecture and toured the museum. The night before, the museum had a wine and cheese reception as a "sneak preview" of the display for HSSC members. Please visit our website or look at the calendar in this issue to learn more about our March events related to **The American Soldier.**

History students from Nouvel Catholic Central pose with Exhibit Curator Cyma Rubin, who spoke at Noon and 6 p.m. on February 18th.

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¢
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.

Girl Scout Creates Museum Display



When Rachel Egerer decided to do her service project to earn her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts, she chose the Castle Museum.

Rachel, who will be heading off to college later this year, has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and the Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. She created a display of three different eras of the Girl Scouts - the '60s, '70s and '80s - and the exhibit includes books, old uniforms and a poster of badges and what they mean. A charming part of the exhibit is the three miniature Girl Scout uniforms she sewed, with help from her grandmother.

"I found out that it's very hard to do a museum display," Rachel said.

Congratulations Rachel on receiving the Gold Award, and thank you for choosing the Castle Museum for your project. The display is located in the lobby.

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SAGINAW VALLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

Andersen Enrichment Commission

March 14, 2010

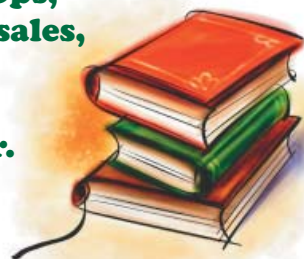
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Presentations, workshops, family activities, book sales, signings, and more.

Deputy Director Tom Trombley is a presenter.

Admission is free!

For more information, call 759-1362



castle connections

Barb Dewey



Barb Dewey has been a familiar face at the Castle Museum for almost 15 years, and while her work is done primarily behind the scenes, there is little doubt that what she does is invaluable to the building's day-to-day operations. As our custodian, Barb makes sure the Museum is

spotless. She also helps coordinate all special functions, and her attention to detail is impeccable.

"I have traveled to many museums and historical societies in Michigan and found many of them to be dirty or musty," she said. "It really turned me off. I want to make sure that it's not like that here."

The lifelong Saginaw resident and graduate of Douglas McArthur High School enjoys playing tennis in her free time and likes to collect two very different things: Willow angels and pencils. She has about 300 of the wooden angels in her collection.

"I do think they are the caretakers of this earth and of us humans."

While Barb is proud of her work at the Museum, what she loves most about her job is the people with whom she works.

"I love the staff - they're the best," she said.

The Artifact

John H. Revard was born on May 2, 1844 in Canada. However, shortly after his birth the family moved to Buffalo, New York and it was there that he joined the Union Army as a private on August 11, 1863 at the age of 19.

On October 19, 1864, Revard's regiment moved to Weldon Railroad where he was taken prisoner by the Confederate Army. Revard was eventually released and then discharged on June 3, 1865. A year after the war ended, Revard married Jane Wygle of Detroit and in 1882 they settled in Saginaw with their five children.

Revard was very proud of his military service. He was a member of Camp Sherman No. 1, the National League of Veterans and Sons, and the National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War of the Saginaw Valley.

However, his greatest tribute to his military service lies in the hundreds of Civil War figures he carved. Using only a jack-knife, Revard spent 25 years carving and painting over 800 figures.

Many years after his death, Revard's family divided the collection and in 2002 approximately half of the original assemblage was donated to the museum by Virginia Bushey. Over the years, many of the figures had become dislodged from their bases and some required additional repairs, so with the assistance of master woodcarver Jim Anderson, conservation work was performed prior to their debut exhibition in 2006. Currently, portions of the collection are on display in the museum exhibit, *Citizen and Soldier*.



An example of John Revard's woodcarvings of Civil War figures that are on display in our exhibit, *Citizen and Soldier*, which is located in the lobby.



Area Students Honor Vets

Students from several Saginaw County schools are participating in a project related to our American Soldier exhibit. The children's book, *America's White Table*, talks about a table set in honor of our veterans, especially those killed in action or held prisoner of war. We re-created the table in our Family History Room and asked the children to decorate placemats thanking our soldiers for what they do. In the picture at right, the placemats were created by second graders from Mrs. Jill Rummler's class at Hemmeter Elementary School in Saginaw Township.

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