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We Hang The Greens

The traditional Hanging of the Greens is set for November 29, Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Pine Grove.

This is hours of hard work that turn into a fun day. Members and friends are invited to participate. Bring a lunch, and coffee and tea will be provided.

There will be 200 feet of roping, two large trees, and several wreaths to put up. All these are natural materials, of course, as Pine Grove is always decorated in the Victorian manner. Open House this year is December 3, Sunday, from one o'clock to 4 p.m.

Also, during the week following the Victorian Open House, Pine Grove will be open for tours by appointment. After that, the museum will be closed until April 1979. The office will remain open.

Join us for the hanging of the Greens! It's a day for work, fellowship and fun. Help us get ready for our last big event of the year.



Open House at Pine Grove

**You and your friends are cordially invited to the Annual
Victorian Open House of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical
Society on Sunday, December 3, 1978 at Pine Grove, 405 Oakland
Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Music • Guides • Refreshments

Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢

The fenced area between Pine Grove and the Wisner public school is open for parking. Also the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church has kindly consented to let us use their parking lot across the street.

TICKETS

Enclosed with this Gazette, please find 5 tickets for you and your friends. Please return any money or unsold tickets to the Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058 before December 1. Make checks payable to Edna Bondurant, Treasurer.

VICTORIAN OPEN HOUSE - Tear off and mail to Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058 in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

I will serve -

Tickets	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15
Host-Server	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15

I will bring homemade cookies Sunday forenoon or Saturday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Any questions, please call the office: 338-6732

Name _____ Phone _____

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*Indicates new member

Greetings Everyone,

Many things have happened at Wisner since our last Gazette. The Ice Cream Social was a success moneywise. We ran out of cake, ice cream, and men to help dip. The Attic Treasures tent was a huge success. Please bring more treasures whenever you can for our next sale.

On September 29, we were hosts to the Cultural Council and Ertha Kitt who came to help publicize the Arts & Autos Festival. October 1 was cold and windy but hundreds came to the Festival and toured our buildings. Many thanks to all our members and workers who helped to see that all went well.

Barn progress is slow as the NEOVEC boys have many other projects.

Fifty-one members turned out for the annual meeting in September. This is one-tenth of our membership. If each of those 500 members would persuade 5 new members to join, we would be able to pay our operating costs without dipping into reserves. Try, please. We need many more volunteers. Connie is struggling along without a secretary or typist. Cecil has no helper around the grounds except what help Gene can give him.

All the Victorian Christmas committees are hard at work and have big plans underway. As Dickens said. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ."

Best wishes,
Faye M. Donelson, President

Carriage House Reconstruction Fund Drive Continues

Listed below are additional contributions to the Carriage House Reconstruction Fund. These came in after the August Gazette had gone to press. This continuing generosity is very much appreciated. We have had gifts of money from groups as well as individuals, and from as far away as California and Florida. Our thanks to all of you.

Mrs. Marion Taylor
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H. H. Smith
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David Wallace

Floors and panelling remain to be done, and the room to clean and repair artifacts must be outfitted. The guide room for changing and costume storage will need a mirror, lighting and a room screen.

Contributions to this fund are still welcome.

100th Birthday Calendars For Sale

The Capitol of Michigan will celebrate its 100th birthday January 1979. As with all buildings of its age, it needs restoration and a bit of loving care.

Enclosed in this mailing is an order blank for an historical calendar. For every calendar sold, 25% of the purchase price will be donated to the Capitol Restoration Fund. This is a positive way to help historic restoration in the state. Mail check to address shown on order blank.

Thanks to you

The Victorian Open House will be a success!

By mid-September, Pine Grove was buzzing with plans for the Victorian Open House. December 3, Sunday, is the date for the last big event of the year for our historical society.

Mrs. Ronald McAlpine and Mrs. William Bell are co-chairmen for this important occasion. A very colorful, musical day is in the planning. They will be assisted by the following committees:

Refreshments: Mrs. Douglas Hoard, Mrs. Richard Wright, Mrs. James Burke and Mrs. Russell Pickering.

Flowers: Mrs. Thomas Metzdorf

Guide Scheduling: Mrs. Daniel Foxman

Pine Grove Craft Exhibits:

Mrs. Cecil Bondurant, quilting

Mrs. Warren Rice, spinning

One-room Schoolhouse: Mrs. William Jackson

Pot Pourri Shoppe: Mrs. L. Presnal

One of the most popular traditions during the Victorian Open House is Merritt Olsen and his son Bill playing dulcimer music. Carolyn Johnson will be playing our 'new' 90-year old pump organ. Alternating with Carolyn for our entertainment will be the Pipes Plus, an instrumental group with a program of carols.

REFRESHMENTS

The hot mulled cider and homemade cookies will be as delicious as always, but served in a new setting - the Carriage House! Since so much publicity has gone out on the Victorian Open House, we expect a larger crowd than usual. PLEASE - we need more people to bring more homemade cookies.

FLOWERS

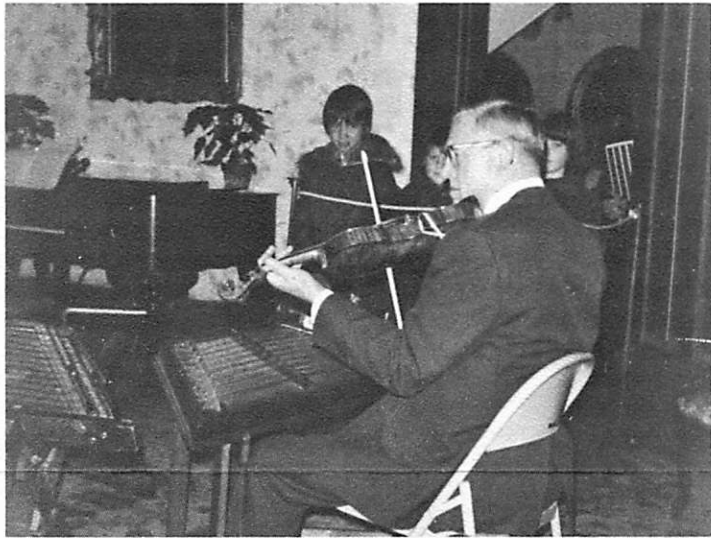
Susan Metzdorf has been busy getting flowers for Sunday, December 3. Our deepest appreciation to Pearce Floral and Dunstan's who are sending floral arrangements, and to Garden Gate and Jacobson's who are sending planters. All of these will be used in our decorating.

GUIDES

Guides are asked to pick up their costumes well in advance of December 3. Also check with Pine Grove office to sign up for a station. Miriam Foxman will be on hand during the Victorian Open House if any problems with scheduling arise.

EXHIBITS

To give more space - and warmth - to our Quilting Guild, the quilting frame has been moved into the entry room of



Merritt Olsen
Dulcimer and fiddle music - Open House Tradition

Ticket Sale Information

It became apparent during our Ice Cream Social that a number of people got in without a ticket. This is not fair to those who pay admission. It seems that a few changes are necessary.

For those of you that buy your tickets through the mail, please be sure and bring the entire ticket with you on December 3. Tickets will be punched at the summer kitchen, the front door of Wisner House (Oaklane Avenue entrance) and the school house. A portion of the ticket will be torn off when you get refreshments

in the Carriage House. The main part of the ticket can be used as many times as you wish to re-enter any of the buildings. This method worked very well during the Arts 'n Autos.

Tickets will be sold at the back door of the office - the door facing toward the Carriage House - to any who are not on our mailing list. \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children. Also, tickets may be purchased before December 3 at the Wisner House.

the Wisner House. The South door will not be used during the Open House. This is the door that faces toward the one-room schoolhouse.

The spinners will be in the office area of the Carriage House, the room just to the right of the front entry.

SCHOOLHOUSE

Margaret Ann Jackson has old-fashioned carolling planned for this century old school building. The tree will be decorated with cookies donated by local bakeries.

POT POURRI SHOPPE

Our capable Stella Presnal will be in charge of this Shoppe. Christmas cards and holiday postcards, stationery and numerous books, doll kits and dolls will all be on sale in the Wisner House.

PINE GROVE CRAFTS

Many workshops have been held in the past months to make items to sell during the Victorian Open House. Hours of labor have gone into Christmas ornaments, raffia dolls, yarn toys and wreaths - all to raise funds for Pine Grove. If there is anyone who has any handmade items they wish to donate for the Craft Shoppe, they will be much appreciated.

When looking for those extra gifts or stocking stuffers, come shopping at the Pot Pourri or Craft Shoppes.

IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE

Along with the refreshments and our own Craft Shoppe, the Carriage House will feature several artisans of early

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Victorian Open House

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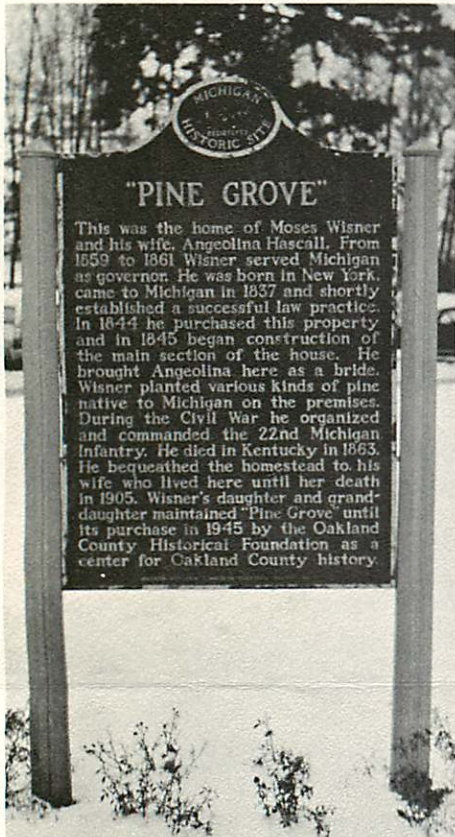
American crafts.

Jack Kobliska is a very talented wood carver. Using woods such as basswood and teak, he fashions tiny birds and animals. He uses no power tools and each well made carving is rubbed to a gloss.

Sally Kubani is a barn wood painter. She has been busy taking photos of Pine Grove to use as models for her unique paintings.

Joan Moore, a basket weaver, will not only have her wares on display, but will demonstrate her skill at basketry.

All items from these craftsmen will be on sale. Here is an excellent opportunity to take home that different, unusual gift - American made.



QUILTING GUILD NEWS

The First Federal Savings of Oakland has generously underwritten the printing of the tickets for our quilt raffle. A thank you to those lovely people.

A mailing has gone out to our members with tickets for this 1978 quilt. If you plan to sell these to your friends, you can tell them the quilt is the see-saw pattern and will have at least 300 hours of hand quilting on it before it is finished. The tickets are \$1.00 each.

The Clarkston Historical Society, of which our organization is a member,

Endowment Fund Continues to Grow

Into the Endowment Fund goes money received from Life Memberships, memorials or outright donations. Only the interest from this money is used. This helps guarantee income for upkeep of Pine Grove. Any contributions are tax deductible.

Memorial for Lulu Becker Going

Received from Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Booth

Lulu Becker Going was a long time member of the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society. She joined with the Historical Foundation when the search was being made to get a headquarters for this Society. It was through the tireless efforts of people such as Lulu Going that the Wisner House was successfully turned from a private dwelling into a house museum.

Memorial for Ed R. Shields

Received from the Board of directors of OCPHS

Ed Shields was the caretaker of Pine Grove for many years. All of us here at Wisner join in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. R. Shields.

Memorial to Nelle Killen

Received from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hewitt, Pearl Stricklin, Orpha Williams, Janet McAlpine, Katherine Sorenson, Connie Lektzian and Ellen Rice

Nelle Killen joined our Guide Committee about two years ago as pianist for the tours. She loved her volunteer work, and always used the old sheet music and songbooks to bring the sounds of another day into the House.

is sponsoring a quilting class on November 18. Three of our own members are taking advantage of this day long workshop. They hope to bring back these new skills to help Pine Grove Quilting Guild.

However, it isn't necessary to take a class to join the Guild. Call Edna Bondurant, 1-634-8173 for further information.

Tours at VICTORIAN OPEN HOUSE

Visitors may start their tour of Pine Grove at the school house, the summer kitchen or at the Wisner House itself. Your ticket will be punched at all of these points. There will be costumed guides at every room to interpret and direct.

The Oakland Avenue front door, Moses Wisner's company entrance, will be used to enter the house. Guests will leave through the dining room and out the front office door.

Tickets can be purchased at the back door of the office. This is being done to avoid having people stand in line while those ahead of them buy tickets and the doors to the house stand open. That has proven a bit too cold during December. People who buy their tickets in advance will be able to start the tour without waiting in line.

Volunteer Opportunities

We always need people here at Pine Grove for volunteer work. There is the **Quilting Guild - Craft Workbees** - even if you think all you can do is thread a needle and wind yarn, joins us for a session. **Guiding** - this group not only takes visitors on tour at Pine Grove, but visits other museums for new ideas. Guide training classes are held throughout the year. **Attic Treasures** - this only requires saving those saleable items that everyone discovers when they clean house.

A great many notices come into the office here at Pine Grove for events at other museums or historical societies. We would like to spread the word for these occasions which would be of great interest to our members. This is difficult when our own newsletter only goes out several times a year. When you join, come in and introduce yourself, browse around the library, read about these other museums, get on a committee, become involved. It's one of the ways to help preserve local history.