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# Members and Friends are Cordially Invited to the 107th Annual Dinner of the Gakland County Pioneer & Historical Society

## 107th Annual Dinner to be Held Thursday, May 22 at Main Event

## **Expedition Recreated**

One of the finest adventure stories of our time is being offered as the program for the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society's 107 Annual Dinner Thursday, May 22nd. Reid Lewis, a high school French teacher from Elgin, Ill. will present all the fascinating, exciting, and near tragic details of LASALLE: EXPEDITION II in a multi-media program that has delighted audiences across the country. LaSalle Expedition II is an authentic recreation of LaSalle's 1681-82 voyage.

#### Elaborate preparations

Two years of preparation including hand crafting of equipment and clothing, wilderness survival training under the direction of the U.S. Army, and learning to speak French preceded the actual trip. Twelve subject areas of the Elgin school system contributed to this preparation and to the realization of 19 research projects which were conducted throughout the Expedition and which will be made available to educational institutions around the world.

In August, 1976 the 24 participants (15 high school students, 6 educators, 1 playwrite, 1 Franciscan priest and Reid Lewis as LaSalle) set out in hand crafted birch bark canoes from Montreal, up the St. Lawrence River, through the Great Lakes, and eventually down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. There the "voyageurs" completed an arduous 8-month, 3300-mile journey on the 295th anniversary of LaSalle's landing, an event which gave France claim to the entire Mississippi Valley.



Portaging 5,000 pounds of equipment from Niles, Michigan to South Bend, Indiana.

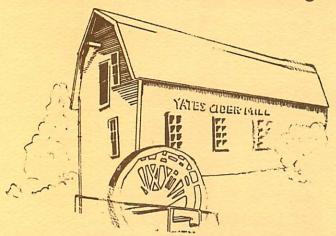
#### Prestigious endorsement

The Expedition had the endorsement of over 40 organizations and individuals including: Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Sir Edmund Hillary, National Education Association, the National Audubon Society, the governments of France and Canada, the Boy Scouts of America and 4-H Clubs to name a few.

The program will be held Thursday, May 22nd at the Main Event in the Silverdome. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and include a punch reception at 5:30 (cash bar), dinner at 6:30 and the program to follow. Children and Adults alike will find this a worthwhile and exciting evening. Checks should be made out to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society and sent to 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058

DINNER RESERVATION — mail before May 14
Mail enclosed envelope to: Mrs. Charles Roush, 468 S. Fox Hills, Apt. 2, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013
Enclosed please find \$ for dinner reservations at \$10.00 per person, for the annual Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society to be held at Pontiac Silverdome, Featherstone Road, Pontiac, Mich.
NAME PHONE
ADDRESS

# Historical Society Honors Yates Mill



Yates Cider Mill of Rochester will receive an award at the Annual Dinner on May 22. Mr. Leslie J. Posey, current owner, will be awarded a Michigan Centennial Business Certificate from the Historical Society of Michigan in recognition of over 100 years of continuous operation.

The saw and cider mill has been in operation since 1876 by the Yates family and continues to be a popular stop for cider and donuts. The mill was purchased by Mr. Posey about

1965.

The Historical Society of Michigan has undertaken this important step in preserving our business heritage by presenting such certificates because it believes that by acknowledging such accomplishments the business community will be made more aware of the importance of preserving its history.

## Welcome New Members

Mrs. Viola C. Brown

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Cameron

Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Cron

Mr. & Mrs. Edson T. Doolittle

Mrs. Edna Fuller

Mrs. Betty C. Garcia

Ms. Rosalyn C. Goldman

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Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Stofer

Mrs. Helen Tennies

Mrs. Chester M. Tuthill, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Walmsley

Mrs. Dorcas D. Wolf

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Kristara, Rhonda & Sean McAlpine Kris & Sue Metzdorf Jason & Sara Stofer

### Guides to Tour Two Historic Sites

Wednesday, May 14 the Pine Grove Guides will tour two historic sites, the Northville Historic District and Greenmead.

First stop at 10 a.m. will be in Northville at the cluster of restored original buildings near the center of town. This picturesque site, under the direction of the Northville Historical Society, is a center for community activities including meetings and weddings.

After a leisurely lunch and some "antiquing" along

After a leisurely lunch and some "antiquing" along Northville's shopping district the guides will travel to the Hill House Museum at Greenmead, historic settlement of Livonia. On the site of an original farm, the Livonia Historical Commission is preserving historic structures moved from throughout the city.

Guides living in the Pontiac area will meet at Pine Grove at 9:15 to car pool to Northville. Others may find it more convenient to go directly to Northville. For directions and transportation arrangements, contact Jan McAlpine or Pine Grove.

## 'Dresden Plate' Quilt Readied for '80

Pine Grove's 1980 quilt will truly be special. The "Dresden Plate" blocks were pieced 20 years ago by Faye Donelson's mother and by Faye's aunt, Grace Bissett. Edna Bondurant, Faye, and the other members of the quilting guild will complete the quilt; the blocks will be set together, bordered, and backed with a warm brown. Intricate stitching patterns will highlight the open blocks.

Tickets on this quilt will be available at the Wisner House, by mail, and at the Ice Cream Social. Drawing will be held at the annual Victorian Christmas Open House. December 7.

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