



OCPHS Awarded 2003 Conservation Assessment Grant

The Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society has been selected to receive a 2003 Conservation Assessment (CAP) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Heritage Preservation. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections and historic buildings and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions. Heritage Preservation's President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised the recipients for "making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority at their institution and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations."



CAP provides funds for a general conservation survey of the museum's collections and historic buildings. Professional conservators will spend two days surveying the site and three days writing comprehensive reports that will identify conservation priorities. OCPHS selected Laurie Booth of Midwest Conservation Services, Inc. and Lorri D. Sipes of Smith Group to perform the conservation assessment. The on-site consultation will enable OCPHS to evaluate current collections care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment reports will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range and long-range care of the collections and historic buildings.

OCPHS Administrative Director, Jamie L. Karl, stated "I am extremely excited that OCHPS has been selected to receive a CAP grant. Dedicated volunteers have worked for almost 130 years to preserve historical artifacts, archival materials and the Governor Moses Wisner estate. It is the Society's responsibility and privilege to care for the museum's collections and the historical buildings here at Pine Grove. Participation in the Conservation Assessment Program will provide a solid foundation for the Society's preservation planning."

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and Heritage Preservation have awarded grants totaling \$813,920 to 110 museums across the country. Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grants enable museums, from art to zoo, to conduct essential conservation assessments of their sites and collections. CAP grants help museums, especially small ones, establish conservation goals to ensure their holdings will be available to the public for years to come. Small museums represent 75 percent of all museums in the United States.

CAP awards also help museums leverage funds. As one recipient has said, "The CAP report has been an invaluable tool for fund-raising—staff and the Board have made collections care our first priority, and as a result, we have received several grants to pursue CAP recommendations."

"The Institute of Museum and Library Services is proud of its role in helping museums, both large and small, establish and meet their conservation goals," remarked IMLS Director, Robert S. Martin. "Through its conservation grants, IMLS has helped transform conservation practices across the nation."

Letter From the President

Dear Friends and Members,

We are approaching a very important time of the year for the Society, and there are many projects that need doing to keep the organization going. We need help with the various committees and of course a lot of help is needed to maintain the grounds, such as weeding, mowing and maintaining the flower beds.

We are planning some fund raising events like the Ice Cream Social and Arts, Beats and Eats and will need plenty of volunteers. There are sign up sheets posted in the office for these events and we will need your help. Please remember that any organization is only as good as the people that make the commitments to help it.

While I realize that times are tough I also know that all of us are dedicated to the success of our Pioneer and Historical Society. I am looking forward to being able to see of all you during the summer at the events, until then may God bless all and keep you safe.

Michael E. Willis
President

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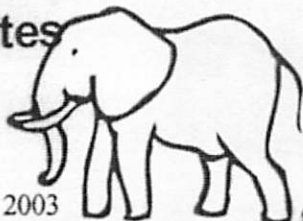
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Society News & Notes

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE -

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

OCPHS will hold its annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, July 12, 2003 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on the grounds of the Pine Grove Historical Museum. Admission to the sale is free. Drop off dates for the White Elephant Sale will be June 28 thru July 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact **Kathryn Daggy** at 248.330.9685 or **Connie Scafe** at 248.625.2378.



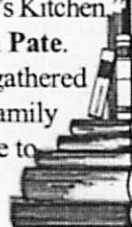
THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS BACK!

The Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2003. Tours of the Wisner Mansion will be available for visitors. Children can experience a 19th century education in the Drayton Plains One-Room Schoolhouse, where costumed docents will be presenting traditional activities. Musical entertainment and the traditional cake and ice cream will also be available for guests to enjoy. Volunteers are still needed to help with this popular event. If you would like to volunteer, sign up sheets are posted the library or, call **Jamie Karl** at 248.338.6732.



RECIPES "KNEADED" FOR MRS. WISNER'S KITCHEN

A fundraiser cookbook, tentatively called "Mrs. Wisner's Kitchen," is being put together by OCPHS board member **Joan Pate**. Old recipes and household hints are currently being gathered from our collection of scrapbooks, newspapers and family cookbooks. If you have family recipes you would like to submit, send them (along with your name) to the Society, attention **Joan Pate**.

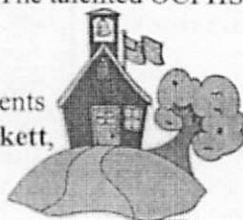


COSTUMES AND ACCESSORIES NEEDED

The Costumes committee is in the process of cleaning and repairing the costumes that are worn by OCPHS docents. The committee is also seeking items such as ladies gloves, shawls, lace fragments, antique fabrics and trim and articles for the creation of men's costumes. Please note that OCPHS costumes reflect 19th century dress and only items appropriate for the period can be accepted. An inventory of costumes is also underway. The committee requests that anyone with an OCPHS costume in their possession contact the office. If you have items to donate, please contact **Jean Milton** or **Jamie Karl** at 248.338.6732.

SPRING SCHOOL TOURS COMPLETE

Tuesday, June 10 marked the last day for this season's school tours of Pine Grove. This year, 542 schoolchildren visited Pine Grove to tour the Wisner home and experience a day in the Drayton Plains One-Room Schoolhouse. The talented OCPHS docents provided each group with an entertaining and educational experience. Thank you to our dedicated group of docents for all their hard work and to **David Hackett**, Guide Committee Chairperson, for his time, energy and enthusiasm.



OCHPS Member shares information about J. L. Marcero and Company of Pontiac

The following article was submitted by OCPHS Member **Mary C. O'Brien**

Esmo Woods in his *Pontiac... The Making of a U.S. Automobile Capital 1818-1950* (Published 1991) noted on page 107 that the Pontiac Directory of 1915 listed several companies that employed Afro-Americans including the J. L. Marcero and Company at 1 North Saginaw Street. Indeed my grandfather, Joseph L. Marcero (1869-1938), employed at least one

black worker during his thirty plus years as Pontiac's first candy and tobacco wholesaler. This would have been James (Jim) H. Scott who lived at 7 South Perry Street with his wife Henrietta. Whether they had children is unknown.



J. L. Marcero building



James (Jim) H. Scott

I found this picture of Jim with two unidentified children in front of the Marcero building at 45-47 North Perry Street in a family album. The building, across the street from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, was torn down in 1993. My grandfather had this structure built and began occupying it in January, 1920. Therefore,

this picture was probably taken shortly after the company moved to this new location. Jim was listed in the 1922 and 1923 city directories as a storekeeper at the Marcero company, but had passed away by 1925 when his wife, still living at 7 South Perry Street, was listed as a widow in that year's city directory.

Both my father, Joseph L. Marcero, Jr. (1905-1969), and my aunt, Mary Elizabeth Marcero (1912-1994), remembered Jim with fondness and would occasionally reminisce about his playful activities with them when they were in the warehouse as young children.

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OCPHS Wish List

Thanks to our members who contributed items from the wish list that appeared in the last *Gazette*: **Clayton Jones, Sr., Rex Lamoreaux**, and **Virginia Rodgers**. Your donations help the Society keep expenses to a minimum! **Thank you!**

The Society is always in need of the following items:

Lawn bags for recycling yard waste

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Copy machine paper

We are also looking for the following items:

Microfilm reader - to make our collection of microfilm available to researchers

Laser printer

CD burner - to backup our computer files

3" 3-Ring Binders for the Library

If you have access to these items, or know of an organization that may be willing to donate them to us, please contact Jamie Karl at 248-338-6732.

Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society

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Yes, I'd/We'd like to join OCPHS!

Name _____

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☐ Check here if gift membership from _____

Memberships are for one year.

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☐ Non-Profit Organization \$20.00

☐ Patron \$75.00

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Check desired membership category and enclose this application with check or money order made payable to:

Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society

Contributions and bequests to the Society, including memorials, assure the continuing resotration of Society properties and promotion of Oakland County's irreplaceable historical heritage. As charitable donations, such contributions allow the donor to take income tax deductions.

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Franklin Edwards, Jr., Pontiac
Marion Glanton, Davison
Cindy Gray, Holly
Marilyn Harrington, Waterford
Catherine Haupt, Tuscon, AZ
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Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 12	<i>Second Saturday Tour</i> 10 am to 2 pm
	White Elephant Sale 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, July 19	<i>Board Meeting</i> 9:30 am
Saturday, August 9	Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, August 20	<i>Board Meeting</i> 9:30 am
August 29 – Sept. 1	Arts, Beats & Eats , downtown Pontiac
Saturday, Sept. 13	<i>Second Saturday Tour</i> 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, Sept. 20	<i>Board Meeting</i> 9:30 am



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