**From the Manager**

It has certainly been an interesting past 12 weeks and we have missed our guests, members, speakers, students, researchers, volunteers, donors, and teachers. Our buildings are inspected daily and are safe. We have watched our grounds come to life as spring flowers have moved into our annual ritual of planting our gardens with annuals. While disappointed we could not host our 21st Annual Garden Walk, the Rochester Garden Club has cleaned up our gardens and planted thousands of flowers - while standing six feet apart, staggering volunteer work times, and wearing masks. We have rallied to provide online programs such as our walking tours of downtown Rochester that teach economics to second graders. We have social media posts nearly every day featuring our fascinating archives and collections and the multitude of stories that reveal the resilience, drive, and determination of our community.

Our grounds are the busiest we can remember - by those enjoying their families, hanging out on the banks of Stoney Creek, walking their dogs, reading a book, and enjoying watching lilacs planted a generation ago come into full bloom.

We are presenting a slate of summer programs for you to consider and we are excited about exploring features of our community that tell our stories - in cemeteries, in downtown Rochester, on bikes, and through guided tours of our exhibits and buildings. We will be safe, separated, and masked!

We will continue to rely on your support - now more than ever. Let us know how we can serve, inspire, and support you. I am looking forward to seeing you on the Farm this summer!
Please Register for All Programs: at rochesterhills.org/museum – or call 248.656.4663

The Museum website will have the latest information for program updates, times, location, and group sizes. Group sizes will follow the limitations as set by the Governor of Michigan.

Please bring a mask to wear for all programs – ages 2 and up as recommended by the CDC.

If you see a program you love, but don’t love the idea of being around other people, call or email to set up a private group tour.

**Museum Members are Free!** – join the fun, support the Museum, and become a member! Just click this link - rochesterhills.org/musdonate to join today.

**Admission fee:** Non-member Adults $5 Senior (62+) and Students (3-12 grade) $3

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**Tuesdays in June/July/August**

**Tuesdays in the Garden**

Every year the Children’s Garden blossoms with butterflies, bees, birds, and bugs. This series explores the ecosystem’s dynamics with weekly themes and crafts perfect to help your little ones grow! Craft kits are available for pick-up at the corn crib during allotted time slots. Museum staff will be on the site to answer questions.

Craft Pick-up:

- Ages 3-5, 10:00am - 11:00am  Ages 6-10, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- Pre-registration required by Monday 12:00 noon
- Members: Free
- Non-Members $5

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**Thursdays in June/July/August – Starting June 18**

**Stream Science - Free!**

10:00am - 11:30am + 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Come cool off in Stoney Creek with these hands on activity kits! While you splash around, you can use nets, magnifying glasses, bug boxes, and more to learn about the critters that call the creek home. Staff will be on site near the creek with available supplies. Once a kit has been used by a group, it will be retired for the day! No pre-registration required. There are limited kits available on a first come, first serve basis.
Walking Tour Wednesdays

Members: Free
Non-Members $5

Choose among four fascinating walking tours this summer:

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**Stoney Creek Village (1 - 1½ hours)**

The original owners and tenants may have left, but many of the Stoney Creek Village homes still stand to this day. Settled by white Europeans in 1823 - just after Rochester in 1817 - this community thrived with five mills, a church, store, school, post office, and more! On this tour, you will explore this industrious little community, learn how it supported the growth of the Van Hoosen farmstead, and connect with the stories of the people who once called this place home. Meet at the Van Hoosen Farmhouse.

**The Stoney Creek Cemetery (1 - 1½ hours)**

This land embraced the souls of settlers even before it was an official cemetery! Here you will find gravestones for our community’s earliest leaders, as well as those of soldiers from the Revolutionary, Civil, Korean, and World Wars. We will examine the beautiful artwork of headstones and divulge the forgotten lives and stories of the past. Meet at the Cemetery – located on Letica Road at Romeo Road – park at St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

**Stoney Creek Schoolhouse (1 - 1½ hours)**

This National Historic building, built in 1848, has been educating students for over 170 years. Students throughout the area visit the schoolhouse – but this is your chance to explore the historic building. We will give a quick history of education in the area, and let you travel through time with our exhibits, play with historic games, and explore historic artifacts. Meet at the Schoolhouse at 1051 Washington Road.

**Van Hoosen Farm Historic Landscape (1 - 1½ hours)**

From glaciers to Asian inspired tea houses, come learn the lay of the land at the Van Hoosen Farm. Experience the world of the past through journal entries, artifacts, and photographs. We will walk the grounds, explore important geographical features, and re-imagine how the site appeared as an active dairy farm.
**Thursday, June 18**

**Virtual Garden Walk & Rochester Garden Club Native Plant Sale**
The in-person 2020 Garden Walk has been cancelled but we are still celebrating this annual tradition by spotlighting the Museum’s Children’s Garden and offering garden videos all summer long. The first video hits your email and social media on June 18!

In addition, the Rochester Garden Club is hosting a native plant sale – partnering with East Michigan Native Plants. You can order plants online and pick them up – with curbside service. All funds are used to support community gardens including the Children’s Garden at the Rochester Hills Museum!

Order at EastMichNatives.com • Postmarked by June 12th • Emailed by June 16th

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**Thursday, June 25   6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Pedal the Past**
Pre-Registration required at: rhpl.org

The Rochester Hills Museum and the Rochester Hills Public Library partner to take you back in time through the streets of the community, by your own bicycle, to learn about the unique places and people in our Lively Town. As part of the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage, this four-mile ride will introduce you to several remarkable women in Rochester’s history. Participants can choose from several different time slots. Please be ready to ride at your designated registration time. The time you register for is the time your group departs. Don't forget your bike helmet!

- **Select Fridays and Saturdays**  1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Museum Grounds/Museum Exhibits/Van Hoosen**
Members: Free  
Non-Members $5

Welcome Center/Exhibits open at 12:30 pm for registered participants  
Pre-registration required.

- June 19, 20, 26, 27 • July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 • August 7, 8, 21, 22, 28, 29

Are you fascinated with history? Our Museum site dates back to 1823 and this tour will introduce you to the remarkable people who lived here for five generations - their accomplishments, successes, failures, and how their story is still inspiring and relevant today. Glimpse into the historic landscape through historical images, and explore family heirlooms as we peek behind the doors inside the Van Hoosen Farmhouse.

Meet at the Museum Welcome Center located in the parking lot next to the Van Hoosen Farmhouse. The Welcome Center houses the Museum’s exhibits and will be open to registered participants 12:30 - 1:00pm.

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**Downtown Rochester Bike Tours**
Members: Free  
Non-Members $5

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2 hours long and 3 miles of biking with frequent stops. Please wear a helmet and bring a water bottle. Meet at the Rochester Hills Public Library – west side parking lot.

Rochester’s history is over 200 years if we review the European white settlers – but thousands of years old if we study the Native Americans. Visit some fascinating locations throughout town that make you burst with pride at this wonderful place to call home. We will check out a cemetery, the prettiest house, churches, and discuss famous women suffragists, water powered mill sites, train stops, and more.
The Rochester Grangers existed as a base ball club as early as 1871. Vintage base ball is played representing a time period when gentleman played for leisure and not for competition. You will not see any spitting, sliding, or wagering at these matches! Home matches are played at the Museum and guests should bring their own chairs or blankets and sun protection.

Our community knew how to celebrate - even back in 1935! From June 13-16, 1935, the greater Rochester area celebrated our Double Jubilee - the 100th anniversary of Avon Township’s (Rochester Hills) founding. The four-day celebration was packed full of parades, contests, concerts, and pageant performances. Hundreds of township pioneers and current residents came together to create the celebration of the century.

Downtown Rochester transformed during the festivities. Amusement rides were set up in the middle of Main Street. A Century of Progress exhibit took over one of the downtown shops. Relics from early settlers were on display in the Ye Old Curiosity Shoppe on West Fourth Street. Street dancing took place on Fifth Street every night, except Sunday. The newly developed Avon Township Park, dedicated during the celebration, became the one permanent addition to Rochester’s landscape. Today, this park is the Rochester Municipal Park.

Activities centered around the theme for each day. Thursday was Farmer’s Day, Friday was School Day, Saturday was Mardi Gras Day and Sunday was set aside for back to back baseball games. Three different parades took place during the celebration: a pet and doll parade, a mummers parade, and a big historical parade of progress, which included a 300 piece band and floats from all over the state. Every evening ended with the Double Jubilee Historical Pageant in the ball park. With a local cast of 500 people, the Historical Pageant included 10 episodes reenacting important events in the community’s history, such as the first school, transportation, and the Civil War.

Sarah Van Hoosen Jones devoted a whole chapter to the Avon Double Jubilee in her book, Chronicle of Van Hoosen Centenary Farm. After almost a decade of running the Van Hoosen Farm, Sarah had become a dedicated member of the local community. During the celebration, she participated in the historical parade and the Ye Old Curiosity Shoppe. Through Sarah’s words, readers are transported back to the clear and cool Friday afternoon of June 14, 1935, when the historical parade made its way through Rochester. Here is what she had to say: “The parade consisted largely of floats representing the various business firms of Rochester, as well as some of the nearby farms. Now was the time when attics were ransacked for old clothes, as were the lofts of barns and tool sheds for old buggies, carts and wagons. We brought forth our famous surrey, a double-seated vehicle with ‘the fringe on top’ and, since we had horses on the farm, one was singled out for driving it…. Close observance was quite possible as the pace was set by the horse-drawn vehicles, the great automobiles made in Michigan conceding the pace out of respect to the era being honored.”

When the Avon Double Jubilee came to a close, excitement for local history lingered on. This renewed appreciation initiated the formation of the Pioneer Society of Avon Township. Nearly 150 people attended the organization’s first meeting in June of 1936, a year after it was established. While the Avon Double Jubilee lasted only four days, it sparked a passion for local history that lives on in the greater Rochester community to this day.
WET & WILD WEDNESDAYS

Enjoy the Slip & Slide and explore the creek with the Clinton River Watershed Council. Little ones can run through a sprinkler, and everyone can enjoy the Rochester Hills Fire Truck onsite.

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY

JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
1 PM - 2 PM
REGISTER BY 12 PM TUESDAYS

$5 PER PERSON,
AGES 1+, INCLUDING ADULTS

All adults and kids in attendance despite age or participation must purchase a ticket, so we can adhere to State guidelines for group sizes. We thank you for your patience and understanding!
Would you like to help the Museum with a financial donation?

Do you want to become a monthly donor?

Supporters for the museum come in all shapes and sizes and we appreciate every financial donation that supports our efforts to preserve our site, tell our stories, protect our community archives, and make our buildings, grounds, programs, and archival records welcoming to all.

Some of our friends are able to donate large sums of money such as cash, IRA distributions, and stock sales. Others can provide smaller, but consistent amounts, and our website allows these donations as a special gift – and – you can make it a monthly donation – in any amount simply by checking the box during your donation process.

Your donation allows us to make a connection with you and you can know that you are supporting a 197 year old facility, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, that hosts over 50,000 guests per year, where film festivals, lectures, walking tours, online learning, building and grounds preservation, and inspiration take place every day. This is a place where history gets repeated – and you can make it happen.

Please consider how you might be able to help. We look forward to connecting with you.

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MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm today, and receive these benefits:

• Free general admission/tours to the:
  - 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse
  - 1850 Red House
  - 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn exhibits
• Free or Discounted admission for many special events/programs
• One-year subscription to the Museum Visitor newsletter
• Invitations to Member-only events and exhibit openings
• Pre-registration for special events/programs
• 10% discount on Museum Merchandise

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or pay online @ rochesterhills.org/musdonate
To enhance understanding of the past through interpreting, preserving and collecting the history of the greater Rochester area for present and future generations.

**Museum Admission**
- Adults: $5
- Senior Citizens: $3 (60 and over)
- Students: $3 (Grades K-12)

**Members Are Free!**

**Hours**
- By Scheduled Tour Times This Summer
  - See inside Newsletter for details

**Contact Information**
- Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
  - 1005 Van Hoosen Road
  - Rochester Hills, MI 48306
  - Phone: 248.656.4663
  - Email: rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org

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**Weddings and Private Events**
A Timeless Venue for Your Special Event!

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is the perfect location for your next family event.
- Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions
- Anniversary, Birthday, and Graduation Parties
- Bridal and Baby Showers
- Meetings of Organizations and Social Groups
- Engagement, Wedding, Senior Pictures & Family Photographs

Are you planning a wedding reception, anniversary party, graduation party or other family event?
The 1927 Calf Barn is ready for you! The Calf Barn has 2,700-square feet of unobstructed space with exposed beams. It will seat up to 130 guests. Our buildings are heated and air conditioned, have Wi-Fi, and are handicap accessible.

Our garden gazebo is located along Stoney Creek, and our 16 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds make the ideal backdrop for your outdoor events and photographs.

Your special event can take place any day of the week. Please check our website for details: www.rochesterhills.org/museum

Please Note: Photographers must purchase a pass to use the Museum grounds.

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Crank’s Catering is the official catering and rental partner for all of your events at the Museum – visit www.crankscatering.com for details.