February - March 2021
Great Opportunities Await in 2021 for the Rochester Hills Museum

We are in the midst of two major construction projects at the Rochester Hills Museum and this is a time of great hope and opportunity for all of us.

The Dairy Barn roof replacement project started in November and every roof truss is being replaced. When we discovered structural deficiencies in our roof structure, we formulated a plan with structural engineers, construction personnel and our historic preservation architect to repair and protect this building – listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Our construction teams are working quickly to get the roof done before the winter snows arrive. During the winter months, the ceiling will be installed and new interior doors, security, electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and sound systems will be installed. This work will allow having all of our exhibits reinstalled and several new ones finally put in place after years of planning and fabrication.

At the same time, the Equipment Barn is being rebuilt on the same spot and to the same dimensions as the original building that was completed in the spring of 1924. Once completed, the lower level will have Museum farm equipment on display and the upper level will store museum program and operational equipment – allowing two of our smaller historic buildings to finally be open to the public for the first time since they were built in 1911.

Through a cooperative program with the Rochester Community Schools, we began offering virtual field trips in January to first graders and we expect numerous grades to visit virtually through the rest of this school year.

This issue provides you with great opportunities to learn about our local history, enjoy our great line up of February Films, enjoy pancakes and maple syrup. **Yep – we provide something for everyone!**

We are grateful to all of our donors in 2020. It was a tough, confusing, and challenging year but history reveals that we have all endured these challenges in the past - and we will again. Our annual financial appeal, Giving Tuesday, and many generous financial donations have allowed us to keep our construction projects and programs moving forward.

We appreciate the strong support from Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, our Rochester Hills City Council, Museum Foundation Board and hundreds of financial donors who support the value of preserving our community’s cultural resources. We couldn’t do it without you.

Thank you.

The Museum Barn area is under major construction and is currently closed to the public due to heavy machinery and roof work. Guests are allowed to park at the Van Hoosen Farmhouse site to enjoy walking our grounds.

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Kroger Community Rewards Program

Have you heard that the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is newly enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program? This is where charitable giving happens with every check out! This program makes fundraising easy, with Kroger donating to local organizations, like the Museum, based on every day shopping by members of our community.

Set up is easy so get started today by visiting http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into your Kroger account, you can search for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm by name or IB408 and then click Enroll - Your selected organization will always be displayed in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, an email address and a rewards card that is available at the customer service desk at any Kroger - Only after participants register their rewards card, will purchases count.

Once you link your registered Kroger rewards card to the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, get out and shop at any Kroger and swipe your Shopper’s Card (or use your phone number) when checking out. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on percentage of spending, and there is no added cost to the organization or the shopper, so we both win!

If you have questions please call the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm at 248.656.4663 so we can help you get set up before heading out on your next shopping trip. As always, thank you for supporting the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm – Together we can make a difference!

Featured Online Collection: Cookbooks!

There are many good reasons to explore the Museum’s archives and looking for a recipe for tonight’s dinner is one of the best! To start the year off right, we are sharing our most practical digitized collection. The Cookbook Collection includes three cookbooks put together by local organizations. Each cookbook features a variety of recipes credited to the local women who shared them. Not looking for a recipe? Check out the local advertisements sprinkled throughout the pages! You might recognize a few businesses.

Find the digitized Cookbook Collection on the Oakland County Historical Resources website here: or visit rochesterhills.org/musarchives

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The Museum website has the latest information for program updates, times, location, and group sizes. Group sizes will follow the limitations as set by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Museum Covid procedures are listed on our web site.

To register for all programs, visit: rochesterhillsmuseum.eventbrite.com or call the Museum 248.656.4663.

### Discount for Museum Members!

Join the fun, support the Museum, and become a member! Visit rochesterhills.org/musdonate to join today.

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### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**Wednesday, February 10   11:00am – 12:00pm**

**Myth of the Model City**

Free, Donation appreciated  
Please register to receive the Zoom link

Join Detroit Historical Society’s Assistant Curator Billy Winkel to explore the causes and events of the 1967 uprising. Understanding what led to the riot/rebellion is imperative to understanding the unrest. This presentation expels many myths that surround what happened in Detroit in 1967. This presentation complements the Detroit Historical Society’s Detroit 67: Perspectives exhibition.

**Wednesday, March 10   7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Interpreting Women at Mackinac**

Free, Donation appreciated  
Please register to receive the Zoom link

Interpreting the past accurately involves telling the stories of many people. LeeAnn Ewer, interpretive assistant, and Craig Wilson, chief curator, will discuss the specific challenges and rewards of researching and interpreting the lives of women at Mackinac, and how these stories are being incorporated into the wider history of Mackinac State Historic Parks’ museum sites.
Join us on Friday evenings for our annual February Film Festival. We scoured the state for unique and meaningful independent films to share with you – and this time they are being delivered right to your living room! Viewing instructions will be sent to you upon registration. Free, but donations appreciated.

Friday, February 5     7:00pm  (75 min.)

**The Early Rochester Area: Our Legacy, Your Heritage**

This award-winning historical documentary made in 1998 was created by the Rochester-Avon Historical Society in association with Constellation films. Narrated by local media personality Mort Crim, the film tells the story of the greater Rochester area from the first European settlement in 1817 to the post-war era of the 1950s with pictures and voice cameos from local residents.

Friday, February 12     7:00pm  (70 min.)

**The Michigan Ice Film**

Set against the crashing waves of an inland sea, the Michigan Ice film is packed with humor and action from some of the biggest names in ice climbing. Discover the untold story of one of the world's largest concentrations of climbable ice in a scrappy corner of the American Midwest: Munising, Michigan.

The Michigan Ice Film was created by Upper Peninsula filmmaker Aaron Peterson and has toured the world with showings in 33 countries.

Friday, February 19     7:00pm  (65 min.)

**Put Your Hand on the Line**

Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a land of extremes – of harsh winters and spectacular beauty. On its northern border sits Lake Superior and the port city of Marquette, home to Northern Michigan University. In the 1970s, the NMU Wildcats football team put those staggering extremes on vivid display. Join their emotional journey that to this day still defies belief. One that began with an agonizing winless season and a National Championship the following year. The film has been two and a half years in the making, featuring interviews from 33 players from the original team.

Friday, February 26     7:00pm  (58 min.)

**BREACHED! The Tittabawassee River Disaster**

In spring 2020, the Edenville and Sanford dams were breached and the results were devastating. Wixom and Sanford Lakes drained away in a matter of hours, impacting thousands of lives in Edenville, Sanford, Midland, and Freeland by the resulting flood waters. Chaos and destruction ravaged properties all along the Tittabawassee River system. Presented by Delta College Public Media, this documentary visits the communities affected by this historic disaster and shares the stories of the people who lived through it.

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE:** Co-Producers Robert Przybylski and Ron Beacom will be on the call to answer questions after the screening.
In collaboration with the Rochester – Avon Historical Society the Brown Bag lunches are debuting Virtually in 2021: Brush up on local history topics while enjoying lunch from the comfort and safety of your own home. This is a FREE, 45 minute Zoom presentation. Registration required.

**Tuesday, March 2  12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Spectacular Rochester!**

Free admission, but please register to receive the Zoom link

The people, places, and events that shaped our community's history are introduced through historic photographs, maps, documents, and fascinating stories.

**Tuesday, April 6  12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Leaders, Legends, and Liars**

Free admission, but please register to receive the Zoom link

The Rochester community has had amazing leaders in science, agriculture, women's rights, surveying, medicine, and even leading a cult. Come and meet the leaders from our past.

**Tuesday, May 4  12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Behind Closed Doors: Articulating Artifacts**

Free admission, but please register to receive the Zoom link

You’ve read a book, but have you ever read an artifact? Explore some of the fascinating and unique items in the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm Collection, hear their fascinating story, and learn how to “read” their history.

**Tuesday, February 23 & Tuesday March 30  4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Kids History Hour: Widgets, Furs, and Skulls**

$7 students K-12, adults free

Explore objects from the past and guess their uses. Learn how animals survive winter and other adaptations by investigating furs and skulls. Dress for the weather, as this program is entirely outdoors. We’ll provide a campfire and hot cocoa to keep everyone warm!
Holiday Selfie Stations

Back by popular demand! Our Christmas photo stations were such a hit, we decided to keep the outdoor fun rolling. Stop by the Museum, or check social media to see our latest and greatest. First up, Valentine’s Day! Check out our website for locations on the Museum grounds. Don’t forget to tag us #RochesterHillsMuseum and on social media.

It’s all free fun sharing the Love on Valentine’s Day!

Winter Blues Bucket List Challenge

Defeat those Michigan winter blues. Spice it up with our local scavenger hunt, creative photo project, and museum hidden history boxes - Your choice! ...And what challenge isn’t complete without prizes? The more you do, the more chances to win.

Starting in February, we will post 3 pictures on FaceBook and Instagram every Saturday morning around 9:00am with activity instructions. One you can do from home, one in downtown Rochester, and one on the Museum grounds! Each post is an entry. Bonus entries if you drop some history knowledge or support local businesses while you’re out and about. Prizes include memberships, free tickets to annual events, and more!

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is part of the Rochester Hills Department of Parks and Natural Resources. Our Department’s Outdoor Engagement team host several programs at the Museum just for you!

To register for the following, please visit: rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com

Tuesday, February 16    6:00pm - 8:00pm

Antler & Bone Jewelry Making Class
rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com

Cost: $30/person   Age: Adults and children 12+

This unique jewelry class will give you the opportunity to make a variety of earrings, pendants and bracelets using an eclectic combination of bones, antlers and other natural materials. These organically sourced materials have been cleaned, bleached and shined to perfection, ready to be crafted in beautiful accessories. Each crafter will have the opportunity to make three pieces. Materials will be provided.
Saturday, March 20  9:00am - 12:00pm

**Sap-To-Syrup Pancake Breakfast**

[rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com](rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com)

Tickets are split into three sessions, 9:00am, 10:00am and 11:00am
Cost: $8/person; children 3 and under are free

Visit the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm to see an old-fashioned sap-to-syrup boiling operation. We will be making syrup from trees tapped right here in Rochester Hills. Sample some real maple syrup and enjoy a pancake breakfast. Tickets must be purchased in advance. A portion of this educational program is outdoors so dress for the weather!

Thursday, March 25,  6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Investigate Innovation**

[rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com](rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com)

Come check out Rochester Hills' newest park, Innovation Hills. From glow pavers, an ADA accessible boardwalk, and a sensory and pollinator garden, there is lots to see and hear in the dusky hours of springtime. Join us as we search for wildlife and learn a little about local plants and animals.

Thursday, April 1,  1:00pm - 2:30pm

**Antler Amble**

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Each winter, white-tailed deer shed their antlers only to grow new ones in the spring. Learn about this amazing cycle then search the trails and wooded areas in Bloomer Park for dropped antlers. You can take home any antlers you may find. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Where: Bloomer Park, Pine Grove Shelter  Cost: $6/person  Age: Recommended for ages 7+

Monday, April 12,  10:00am - 11:00am

**Mom's Hike**

[rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com](rhoutdoors.eventbrite.com)

Join our Outdoor Interpreter (and mom) Lauren, along with other local moms, for what will attempt to be a relaxing, smooth, no-tears, no bug bites and no poison ivy, pre-nap walk through Innovation Hills while we learn about some local plants and animals.

Where: Innovation Hills  Cost: $3/mom  Age: moms and kids 10 and under
The Dairy Barn

The 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn is getting a new roof! Since 2001, the building has housed all of the Museum exhibits, archives, offices, conference room, and store. During the interior remodeling for the installation of new exhibits, some areas of unusual aging conditions were discovered in the Dairy Barn’s roof structure. Upon further investigation, these conditions were compromising the structural integrity of the roof. Within the original wood attic framing, unusual bowing in the trusses, splits in the wood, and some areas of rot were observed. A team of structural engineers, architects and historic preservation specialists were brought together and several solutions were considered. The Museum’s historic architect was part of the team to ensure that the final solution was sensitive to the historic materials and appearance of the barn.

Starting in November 2020, we have systematically removed and replaced the roof-framing members, ensuring structural integrity, while maintaining the historic integrity and appearance of the barn. These enhancements reaffirm the City of Rochester Hills commitment to preserve this historic property listed on the National Register of Historic Places and for the preservation of the heritage of our community for future generations.

We expect to begin moving back into the Barn in May 2021 and to be open for public tours in July 2021. We will have new Mastodon bones to show off as well as new exhibits on Native Americans, flora and fauna in our region, Stoney Creek Village and the very earliest history of our community. These new exhibits will complement the existing exhibits that feature the Taylor and Van Hoosen families and local history.
In May 1924, Sarah Van Hoosen Jones announced the completion of her “garage” at her beloved farm. Over the years, it was referenced as the “Truck Garage” and “Equipment Barn”. The top-level housed items used to show the Van Hoosen Cattle at various state, county and local fairs. The road level allowed Van Hoosen milk delivery trucks to be parked, and the lower level housed various animals – from horses to pigs to cattle. When the City of Rochester Hills acquired the Van Hoosen Farm in 1989, every building was structurally assessed and architectural plans were created for each building. The challenge to preserve these buildings was immense. While emergency repairs were being made to the Dairy Barn, the roof on the Calf Barn collapsed. As that roof was being carefully removed so we could preserve the walls, a structural engineer recommended immediate demolition of the Equipment Barn due to imminent collapse. Drawings were completed and the barn was removed in 1991.

Immediately, fundraising accounts were set up at the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester and in 2000, the Dairy Barn was adaptively reused, in 2014 the roof was replaced on the Calf Barn, and in 2021 the Equipment Barn will be completely rebuilt. Funding has been generously provided by the City of Rochester Hills and from hundreds of donors.

Our Van Hoosen Farm property is located within the City limits of Rochester and their Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Building Department cooperated to help us build within the road right of way and taller than their zoning allows – helping us create an exact reproduction of the building – including the lightning rods!
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

Individual $30 (3 yrs. $75)
  – Unlimited general admission for one adult

Companion $40 (3 yrs. $105)
  – Unlimited general admission for one adult and one guest

Family/Grandparents $50 (3 yrs. $135)
  – Unlimited general admission for two adults and children/grandchildren under the age of 18

Traveler $105
  – All the benefits of Family membership, plus reciprocal discounts and free admission at NARM’s participating institutions throughout the U.S.!

Membership fees are directed to the Museum Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, and may qualify as a charitable contribution on your Federal Income Tax.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY __________________________
Family Member names (if applicable)

NAME __________________________________________

ADDRESS _______________________________________

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**A Timeless Venue for Your Small Group**

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is the quintessential location for your intimate outdoor wedding ceremony…

- 16 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds provide a serene backdrop
- Our garden gazebo is located along the tranquil banks of Stoney Creek
- Picturesque outdoor photography locations throughout our National Registered Historic Site
- 2 hours of exclusive use of our outdoor grounds for your ceremony and photos*
- Golf cart transportation for guests with mobility issues
- Up to 100 white folding chairs for your use – set up and take down included
- Weekend and weekday availability
- Complimentary parking for you and your guests

Contact us at:
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*In the event of inclement weather, availability of an indoor back up space will be determined by the current Executive Order.*