



The Wave

*Newsletter of the Hamburg Township Historical Society
November 2024 - Exciting Events on Every Page*

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MUSEUM HOURS

Saturdays
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

To schedule tours
or for help with other
questions or research,
please email or call and
a museum representa-

Remember to vote
on
November 5 

LIVE

AT HAMBURG TOWNSHIP MUSEUM

ROSIE THE RIVETER & BEYOND:

HOW WOMEN HELPED WIN WWII
Saturday, November 9 2:00 pm
7225 Stone Street, Hamburg, MI

This educational and engaging presentation receives **RAVE** reviews!



Jeannette Gutierrez,
President of
the Michigan Willow Run
Chapter of
the American
Rosie the Riveter

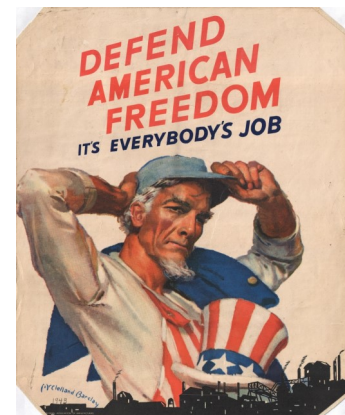
Association, makes this presentation dynamic and fun including a colorful slideshow and artifact display. You will learn not only about the iconic Rosie but the forever impact this movement had and continues to have on women in business and industry.

Reserve your seat NOW by email:
hthsandmuseum@gmail.com Please leave your name and the number in your party.
You will receive an email confirmation.

FIGHTING FROM THE HOME FRONT

*Final Days — Don't miss it
This exclusive exhibit will
conclude on November 23.*

Before television, visual advertising was dominated by talented illustrators. During World War II, the U.S. Government leveraged these artists' talents to create posters that delivered important messages in a single glance. Viewed both as art and as historical artifacts; these posters had a very real job during the war. They encouraged and informed the average American on how he or she could help win the war.



**A HERITAGE WORLD WAR II
POSTER EXHIBIT FROM THE
DETROIT HISTORICAL
MUSEUM.**

HEY KIDS!



COOKIES AND CRAFTS

Saturday, December 7, 2:00 pm

- ◆ Live Action Story Telling
- ◆ Craft Making
- ◆ Hands on History and Working Train Model
- ◆ Gift Shop with Exclusive “Handmade in Hamburg” items



REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

\$8 per person

- Easily register and pay online, use the QR code below. You may also call or email with your name and number attending.
- Registration deadline December 1.
- (810)986-0190
- hthsandmuseum@gmail.com



Cookies and Crafts



As residents of this community you have access to a museum without a long drive and expensive parking. In the months of September and October Hamburg Township Museum offered

- ◆ *The travelling exhibit from the Detroit Historical Museum, featuring the powerful posters from World War II, Fighting From the Homefront (continuing through November)*
- ◆ *A live, old-fashioned schoolroom experience for kids taking them to the 1880s.*
- ◆ *Michigan State Extension brought Victory Gardens Then and Now*
- ◆ *October 25 offered our 20th anniversary celebration gala at Lakelands Golf and Country club with featured speaker, Valerie Winans.*



HISTORY HUB

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the **eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month**. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.¹

¹History of Veterans Day/US Department of Veterans Affairs
<https://department.va.gov/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day/>



NEW BENNETT MEMORIAL EXHIBIT

The exhibit shown below honors the heroism of Lee Bennett during World War II. Lee was a member of the legendary Bennett family of Hamburg. His surviving brother, Jim, inspired this exhibit, it was designed by Tom Read of Pinckney and built by Dean Peters. The display shows the route of the famed Rainbow division through Germany and includes some of Lee’s notes, his letter of commendation and other related materials. QR codes are provided throughout for those wishing to explore further.



We don’t think of recycling as part of history but read on.

Recycling During World War II



Mass recycling efforts spread across the nation during World War II. Items collected included rubber, metal, paper, and cooking fat.

Rubber— From June 15-30, 1942, the United States held a nationwide rubber drive. Those who donated received a penny for every pound of rubber they provided.

Metal—Scrap metal of all kinds was collected including old farm equipment, aluminum cookware, and even wrought iron fences and Civil War cannons from memorials.

Paper—Paper drives in 1942 brought in more than was thought to be needed, but by 1944, the nation experienced a severe paper shortage. Schools and Boy Scout troops thus organized subsequent paper drives.

Cooking Fat-In 1943, the American Fat Salvage Committee was organized to encourage civilians to save cooking fat and grease for 4 cents a pound. The committee highlighted the use of fats in making glycerin for explosives, but more important uses were in food production, medicines, plastics, and soap.¹

¹ Michigan History 2019, publication of the Historical Society of Michigan.



Thanksgiving Trivia

The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving day in 1920.



What to give???????

- Neighbor
- Care giver
- Cleaner
- Teacher.....

We can make it easy.

A Hamburg Township Historical Society Membership is an affordable and versatile choice. Not only does it give the recipient access to exhibits and events in Hamburg, it also includes the Time Traveler feature, which gives a variety of discounts at over 400 museums nationwide. Created by the Missouri Historical Society in 1998, Time Travelers is a free reciprocal membership network for historical museums, sites, and societies in more than 45 states across the country! See the full list at timetravelers.mohistory.org Follow these simple steps to purchase membership(s).

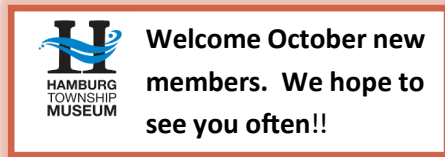
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Supply the information indicated on the form at the bottom of this page for each person or family you are purchasing for. Bring the form(s) with payment (credit card, check or cash) to the museum on Saturdays from 10-2. You will receive membership cards ready to give.

You may also pay online or by mail as shown on the form. Include your name and address and the cards will be mailed to you ready to present.

All levels of museum membership include:

- ◆ Gift Shop Discounts
- ◆ Discounts on select events
- ◆ Time Traveler Benefit



Hamburg Township Historical Society

Comments and suggestions are always helpful in presenting exhibits and programs that encourage an appreciation of regional history. Feel free to send us your ideas hth-sandmuseum@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

The Hamburg Township Historical Society and Museum would like to express appreciation to the following local businesses and individuals that donated items for the Gala silent auction:

- ◆ Boomers Party Store
- ◆ Captain Scotty Boat Tours
- ◆ The Silver Pig—Howell
- ◆ Great Indoors Pet Store
- ◆ Lakelands Golf & Country Club
- ◆ Costco
- ◆ Valerie Winans
- ◆ Pat Corr
- ◆ Denise Emery



HELP US PRESERVE AND PRESENT THE HISTORY OF HAMBURG. JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address* _____

ANNUAL DUES: _____ Individual \$20.00 _____ Dual \$25.00 _____ Family \$30.00

_____ Business \$50.00 _____ Life \$300.00 (one lifetime payment) _____ This is a Gift

Please initial here if you would like automatic renewal _____

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