

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Year End Review

Harvest Festival in review:

On October 3, 2009 The Historical Society had the Skingley Family Display with descendant Katherine Skingley Garby on hand to share the history of the house and family.

The Museum has a miniature replica of the Skingley House, which was located on a farm in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County.

Katherine Garby done a great job, we are always happy to have her at the Museum.



Christmas Walk In review :

The Crawford County Historical Society participated once again in the annual Crawford County Christmas Walk. The volunteers dressed in historical fashion having the museum open and serving refreshments. The Crawford County Historical Society would like to thank all the volunteers for cookies.

This year with great Thanks to the Masonic Temple for allowing us use there facilities. We served hot soup and chili by Jeddy Hood, hot dogs and desserts, during this years Christmas Walk.

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Awarded for Appreciation : Ernie Dawson

The Crawford County Historical Society has Awarded Ernie Dawson, with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ernie owns and operates Flowers by Josie and Thanks a Latte.

Ernie goes above and beyond to help support the Historical Society and this is a great way for the Society to say Thank You to Ernie for all he has done and continues to do.



Members needed, show your support of the Crawford County Historical society.

Volunteers always welcomed.

C.C.H.S. Foundation Fund

In an effort to ensure the area's history is preserved for generations to come, the Crawford County Historical Society established a special foundation fund that will provide long-term financial support for its service to the community.

Donations to the historical society will be invested in a larger fund called the Community Foundation for

Northeast Michigan (CFNEM). That fund will use the interest on the principle to financially support the historical society in Crawford County for years to come.

A donation to a financial fund is a charitable donation and there are federal and state tax benefits to anyone who gives. As a special benefit, someone who gives \$1,000 or more to the historical

Foundation fund will become lifetime members of the historical society. However, donations of any amount is welcomed.

Checks made payable to CCHSFF and mailed to: Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, 111 Water St. P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mi 49707

Lifetime Members, thru Foundation Donations : Charlie Fick

BOARD MEETING DATE

*There is no
meetings
December*

*January
February*

*Next meeting will be
March 2010*

*Meetings held at
Grayling City Hall at
7pm.*

CHARLIE FICK

Charlie Fick has always been a great supporter of the Crawford County Historical Society.

Charlie was born in Swartz Creek Michigan on a farm. He worked for GM for about 4 1/2 years, then to an Oil company in Flint Michigan. He moved to Grayling in 1964 to start his own Oil / Gas business. He started with one truck. Over 50 years later Charlie has 18 home delivery trucks, 9 transport trucks , 8 transport trailers. 19 Pickup trucks and a van. With 75 employee's they deliver over 12 million gallons of gas/ diesel fuel, about 12 million gallons of propane.

Charlie built the Super 8

Motel in 1990 adding the travel Center in 1995.

Charlie Fick is a hands on guy, he never stops working. He works long hours daily, taking out trash to driving a truck , you will find Charlie right there.

Charlie had helped support the roofing fund, donating the shingles for the new roof. Not to mention the several thousand dollars he has donated to the building fund, and operation funds.

Charlie has donated \$1000 to the Crawford County Historical Foundation Fund this year which makes him a Lifetime Member, also serves as a member on the Foundation Board.

Charlie Fick is always giving

back to the community thru not only to the Historical Society but sponsors the MDA Golf, Library, Mercy Hospital, Hanson Hills, Christian Help Center, Habitat for Humanity, Shiners Hospital ; just to name a few. When he goes to Florida he volunteers in the mobile home park, picks fruit, teaches shuffle board, also assists the elderly residents fix up their homes.

Crawford County Historical Society would like to say "Thank You, Charlie and Marilyn Fick for all you continue to do for the Historical Society. Our Hats off to you!

Ron Wood

Ron Wood was born in Grayling Michigan, at the age of 12, his parents moved to Midland. Ron earned a Bachelors Degree from Michigan State College (Now University), in Forest Products. From there to Eastern for a Masters in Vocational Education. He along the way met and married his wife Kay.

He spent a couple of years in the Army Signal Corps, then started teaching at the Thurston High School for 34 years where he taught

Vocational Education.

In 1993 Ron retired from teaching and in 1995 moved into the home they had built on the family farm his grandfather had purchased in 1897 in Beaver Creek Township.

Ron's lifelong avocation has been fire fighting. While living in Plymouth, Ron served as a Volunteer Fire Fighter for 36 years. He served as a Volunteer Fire Fighter on Lansing Township Fire Department , Midland County Department of Natural

Resources volunteer Fire Fighter.

Ron has walls filled with his fire fighting honors not to mention a restored 1969 Ford Fire Truck.

Ron is The Civilian Coordinator for the Crawford County Sheriff's Reserve Unit.

Ron and Kay Wood has donated to the C.C.H.S. Foundation Fund, a lifetime member of the C.C.H.S. and serves on the Foundation Board. Thank You, Ron and Kay Wood.

Bob Young

Bob Young is a Board Member of the Crawford County Historical Society. Bob began working on the Foundation, his hard work got it up and running.

Bob was born on a farm in Saginaw Michigan. He built and ran a farm in South Saginaw, he was also a Volunteer Fireman.

Bob was a Township Supervisor for Spalding Township for 12 years, also

served as County Commissioner for Saginaw County.

In 1970 he ran for State Representative, winning, serving a 4 year term. He then went on to become a State Senator for 8 years.

In 1982 he was on the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Assoc. for 13 1/2 years. He built a cottage in 1966 on Lake Margrethe, he and his wife moved into it in 1996 .

Bob plays a big part in the Crawford County Historical Society. He raised the funds needed to reroof the museum, now heading up donations for the Painting Project.

Bob and Shirley Young, the Crawford County Historical Society wishes to say Thank You for all your efforts. You have been a big part of the Society's growth into the future.

*Happy Holidays
from the
Crawford County
Historical Society!
Thank You
Volunteers*



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We're on the web!
Grayling-area.com/museum

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Members & Volunteers
needed for next
season!!!

Help your museum continue to grow. We need your help today and any donation will be accepted. Memberships are good for one year. We look forward to adding new members!

DUES:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen
\$10.00 Single
\$25.00 Family
\$50.00 Supporting Member
\$100.00 Memorial Plaque (one or two names inscribed)

Please make checks payable to:

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