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Crawford County Historical Society

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The museum complex is bursting with excitement. The museum will open during the week before Memorial Day with seven tours of second grade elementary school students and their teachers. Our big official opening will be Saturday, May 26th. **The museum is participating in the ART WALK this year from 11 A.M. until 5 PM on Saturday the 26th.** The museum depot will be hosting guest artist, watercolorist Nancy Michelson. Make a point to visit and observe Nancy working at her craft and also view all the changes going on at the complex.



In addition to our guest artist there will be an Historical Society membership drive going on. With any new or renewed membership of \$10 or more you will receive the 8"X10" beautiful artist print of the depot building, shown below. This special will run both Saturday and Sunday, so don't miss this opportunity.

Please note there is no charge for admission to the museum or for the Art Walk. Just put on your walking shoes and come and enjoy the afternoon. Donations are always appreciated.

The photo above is of hard working volunteer Tim Murphy, restoring the exterior of the Caboose at the museum complex. Tim is doing extensive research to make sure when the caboose is repainted that it is completely authentic, with all the proper lettering, colors and decals.. Thanks to Alro Steel, here in Grayling who very generously donated the flat steel that Tim needed to repair some areas damaged by rust and age. We are fortunate to have Tim on our team. He is retired from the maintenance department at Mercy Hospital of Grayling and wanted to give some time to a worthy cause here in the community, which we believe he has found at the museum complex where he is greatly appreciated. If there are others of you out there who would like to help Tim with this project or have information that would aid Tim please call him at 989-348-2621.



This collectable 8 x 10 inch black ink print is framable quality and will make a memorable addition to your home; depicting the depot building in 1967 when trains were still using the depot here in Grayling. This \$5.00 value can be yours free with your 2012 membership of \$10 or more.



Above Kathy Hughes and President Carol McCor-mick of the Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club are shown recently planting a Flowering Crab Apple Tree (non-fruit bearing) in front of the Military Building on the Museum Complex grounds. The Garden Club has kindly planted and tended our flowers at the museum for many years. Each year they pick out one organization to receive a tree gift and this year the Crawford County Historical Society is the fortunate recipient. Thank you to all the members of the Garden Club for all they do for the Historical Society and the community.

The Crawford County Historical Society accepted the resignation of Bob Dixon, who has served on this board for several years, helping with many projects. Thank you for your help. It is only with volunteers that the museum complex can continue to serve our visitors and share the history of Crawford County. We have vacancies on the board so please consider attending a board meeting and learn how you can be part of continuing to preserve all these wonderful artifacts and documents that earlier citizens have gathered so future generations can gain knowledge of Crawford Counties rich history and those who founded the area.



Another thank you. This time to the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Grayling for thinking about the Historical Society when they were cleaning out to move to Gaylord. They have gifted the museum with a number of flat file cabinets to store large documents and original photos at the museum. They have also presented us with a shelving unit, light box and some older documents concerning soil quality of Crawford County. A great form of recycling and helping each other.

Please join us at the next Historical Society Board Meeting on June 5th at the Nature Center (former library) at 7 P.M. All are welcome. We are in great need of volunteer greeters, Board Members and those interested in helping retain Crawford County's history and museum buildings. Please consider spending a few hours with history.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2012 dues start May 1, 2012

Types of Membership:

\$ 5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 One Month Newsletter Sponsor

\$75.00 Season Room Sponsor

\$100 MEMORIAL PLAQUE

(One or two names can be inscribed) and is displayed in the Museum Lobby or Military Building. The memorial can be done in memory of a loved one, as a special occasion gift or with your own name.

Please specify if the plaque is for military personnel, with rank to be in the military building or civilians in the lobby.

Thank you.

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