

# HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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*Scott McClain, New Member*

## Things Needed

If you have ever visited our Museum, you have seen the green signs outside at each building describing the site. They are in great need of replacement. They have become very faded and hard to read. It would cost the Historical Society an average of \$15. each to replace and we have 10 signs. At this time we are unable to afford to replace them. We are looking for donations to be directed to that project alone. If your interested in adopting these signs please call museum @ 989-348-4461 or mail donation to: C.C.H.S—SIGNS  
P.O. Box 218  
Grayling, Mi 49738

. The museum is also in need of mannequins. If you happen to have some stored in a basement, attic or storage and would be interested in donating to them museum it would be greatly appreciated.

New Members are always needed. Our museum in a membership based organization and that is what keeps our doors open. If you are not yet a member please stop in and fill out a simple form and get involved in the preservation of Crawford County.

We also have empty Board seats to fill. Please stop in and talk with a member.

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## Cemetery Walk

The 3rd Annual Cemetery Walk will be held on August 21, 2010, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Last year we had to cancel due to heavy rain this year we have an alternate date of August 28, 2010 it needed.

We are using the same theme "Women of Crawford County." We believe these women need to be honored also. We have some very interesting women on the list for the Cemetery Walk.

We are still in need of women to dress in character , and volunteers are needed to help make this event a success.

We will also have the Civil War Veterans marked for people to honor.

Please stop and help support the Museum with the annual Cemetery Walk. We wish to continue this an annual event..

Donations will be accepted at the entrance and all proceeds go to benefit the museum. Questions call Kim VanNuck 989-275-5326 or Museum 989-348-4461.

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**Welcome our  
new board  
member:**

**Scott McClain  
Thank you for  
your interest in  
our Historical  
Society**

## Special Guest

On July 14th, the Elderberry group from Michelson Memorial Church met at the museum grounds for a noon potluck luncheon. They then toured the museum. Shirlee Knutilla and her husband, Robert, were guests of the group. Shirlee's mother, Doris Corsaut Souders was a native of Grayling and a member of the Michelson Church.

Shirlee was able to reminisce with the group about the family's early years in Grayling

## Garden Club

The Garden Club donated and planted two very nice rose bushes, blossoming yellow roses. They are located under the trellis at the museums front..

Again, thank you to the Garden Club for their great work at the Museum

## Train is coming to Town

### *Upcoming Meetings*

*Sept. 7, 2010*

*Oct. 5, 2010*

*Nov. 2, 2010*

*(Nov. Meeting @  
Museum)*

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

Mark your calendars! The Blue Water Train will be coming on Oct. 2nd & Oct 3rd during the Harvest Fest. Tickets are now on sale. You can stop at the museum to purchase them. There will be a short trip to Frederic / Waters area each day to ride the train.

This is a very exciting time in Grayling.

The Historical Society has several events planned for these dates.

There will be the model train display by the Detroit Historical Glancy Trains at the Grayling Middle School. We have a large Lego display coming. This includes a total display of train, tracks, and depot all made out of Lego's. They will be bringing this large model train display for everyone's enjoyment.

There will be a children's area where they can learn how to build these objects using Lego's.

This is a very big event this year, something for everyone to enjoy.

We also have things going on at the museum. An Ice Cream Social with music is being planned, not to mention all the things in the museum.

To be able to offer an event of this size, we need volunteers to assist visitors with directions to the many events held in Downtown Grayling on Oct. 2 & Oct. 3.

If you're interested in assisting at either the museum or at the Middle School for the Model Train and Lego displays please call the museum at 989-348-4461 or Steve Doyle at 348-2656.

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# Historical Foundation

In an effort to ensure the area's History is preserved for generations to come, the Crawford County Historical Society has established a special Foundation Fund that will provide long term financial support for its service to the Community. Now that the fund has been established, donations to the historical society will be invested in a larger fund called the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. That fund will use the interest on principle to financially support the Historical Society in Crawford County for years and years.

There are many other benefits

to having a financial fund. First and foremost, a donation to a financial fund is a charitable donation and there are Federal and State tax benefits to anyone who gives. As an example, someone who gives \$400 donation could potentially write off \$112 on their Federal income tax form and another \$200 on their State income form, for a total of \$312 in tax deductions (depending on your tax bracket). As a special benefit, someone who gives \$1000 or more to the Crawford County Historical Society Foundation Fund becomes a Lifetime Member, and includes special recognition in

the Historical Museum.

A personal donation or Memorial Donation can be made payable to the CCHSF and sent to:

Community Foundation for  
Northeast Michigan

111 Water St.

P.O. Box 495

Alpena Mi

49707

## Mulberry Tree

Story taken from the  
newsletter October 1996


An oddity in the museum yard has drawn some attention in the past few years. A mulberry tree that has dropped berries on any benches or tables unlucky enough to be placed by the tree which has been there for many years. A Department of Agriculture

Employee, Dan Sikarski, from the office next to the museum, was consulted. He graciously offered some advice, the tree was at least a 100 miles north of its normal habitat, that it is a rather old tree. He stated the dead branches should be kept trimmed and fertilizer spikes put in the ground in the spring. It would be interesting to know whether a railroad man planted It years ago or it was propagated by other means?

The reason I added this little story about the Mulberry tree is it still stand in the court yard.

A month ago we had damage to the tree from heavy winds and lost half of this historical tree

Stop and view this unusual tree



***Train is coming!  
Sit aside Oct. 2nd  
& 3rd for the  
Harvest Fest  
Volunteers  
needed at  
Museum for train,  
the Middle school  
for the big  
displays .***

## Crawford County Historical Society

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We're on the web!  
[Grayling-area.com/museum](http://Grayling-area.com/museum)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Newsletter done by  
Kim VanNuck

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

**The 2010 Dues are Due for:  
May 2010-April 2011**

Membership:

- \$5.00 Senior Citizen
- \$10.00 Single
- \$25.00 Family
- \$50.00 Supporting Member
- \$100.00 One Lifetime Membership
- \$100.00 Memorial Plaque (one

or two names inscribed )

Please make checks payable to:

CC Historical Society  
P.O. Box 218  
Grayling, MI 49738-0218

Call us at (989)348-4461

Visit our website!  
[Grayling-area.com/museum](http://Grayling-area.com/museum)

**EMAIL ADDRESS...**

[crawfordcountyhs@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordcountyhs@gmail.com)

Yes, I would like to Support the Crawford County Historical Museum.

Here is my Membership or/  
Donation:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership: \$** \_\_\_\_\_