

# HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## Harvest Festival with Toy Trains

The Crawford County Historical Society will be sponsoring the model toy train swap at Grayling Middle School on **October 3rd, & 4th, 2009 from 10am to 3 pm.**

We will also have food concessions, vendors, raffles, artists and hayrides by Wellington Farm.

Admission is Donation only.



### **Saturday October 3, 2009**

At the Crawford County Historical Museum we will be having the Skingley Family Display. The Museum has a miniature replica of the Skingley house, which was located on a farm in Beaver Creek Township.

Skingley Family descendants will be on hand to share the history of the house and family.

In 1982, the Skingley family hired Victor Hoog, an architect and builder from Williamston, to build the replica of the home. Using recollections and photographs, the home and its furnishings were recreated. The one-inch scale replica was initially supposed to be used for a dollhouse, but was later put on display in museum.

Admission donation only.

## Crawford County Historical Museum in need of Paint & Repair

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The museum, a train depot built in 1882, was last painted in 1985, when the building was opened to the public to display the community's history and artifacts.

Last year the Crawford County Historical Society raised funds to repair the roof. Now, the historical society is seeking funds to help paint the outside

of building to stem the deterioration and decaying exposed wood.

The last estimates received to paint the building was \$11,000 and \$5000 to remove and dispose of the lead based paint.

Museum officials are currently seeking updated estimates for the work.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grayling Harvest  
Festival With Trains  
Show & Swap  
coming October 3rd  
& 4th, 2009.

The election of officer's for our board will take place, October 6, 2009. The following positions up for election are: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for the new officers. Results of the election will be posted in the following news letter. The meeting

will be held at the Grayling City Hall at 7 pm.

### CEMETERY WALK:

This year's Cemetery Walk was regrettably cancelled to due to inclement weather. "Women of Crawford County" will be presented next year with meaningful and significant history these women contributed and experienced in our community.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION FUND

### BOARD MEETING DATES

*October 6, 2009*

*November 10, 2009*

*There is no  
meetings*

*December*

*January*

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

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 a lifetime member of the historical society, which includes special recognition in the museum. However, donations of any amounts are welcomed.

To support the local historical society and help preserve the area's history through a personal donation or memorial contribution, checks can be made payable to the Crawford County Historical

Society Foundation Fund (CCHSFF) and mailed to: Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, 111 Water St., P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

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# Summer fundraising

## Free Concerts & Ice Cream Socials:

The Historical Society Held 2 Free concerts and Ice Cream Socials this summer.

The entertainment for the concerts was "String Time" and "The Michelson Singers". The community response to the events was very positive. The donations of merchandise and services offered by area merchants was greatly

appreciated and the profits from these concerts will be added towards the painting and repair of the museum.

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The Crawford County Historical Society was a sponsor of The Old U.S. 27 Motor Tour. Which came into downtown Grayling with about 200 cars. The museum sponsored a Hot Dog Roast for the event. Bob Young brought his fire engine for display which

was a novelty for the children. The museum remained open and experienced many first time visitors.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT SEASON

Would you like to spend a leisurely morning or afternoon chatting with interesting people? Would you like to take a stroll through or sit in a garden, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the pleasant surroundings? Do you enjoy caring for flowers? Is painting your hobby? Is organizing your forte? Then volunteering at the

museum is just what the doctor ordered!!

The museum is also a great place to pursue the history of Crawford County, learning about the kind of life people lived and what they accomplished.


You have the choice of day (Wednesday through Saturday) and the choice of shift (10:00 to 1:00 or 1:00

to 4:00). Please call (989) 348-4461 and leave your contact information. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We can work around your schedule as needed.

We would like to thank the volunteers we had this year!

Liz Galloway - Ray  
Folkmier - Al Johnson - Ila  
Cosgray - Marilyn  
Stevenson



*Support your local  
museum by  
volunteering.*

## Crawford County Historical Society

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P.O. Box 218  
Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: (989) 348-4461

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

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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:

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

Call us at (989)348-4461

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

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**Your questions, comments and ideas are welcome.**