Newsletter

Fallasburg Historical Society



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There is a crisp bite on the wind. A new season is certainly on the horizon, bringing with it new and exciting things to Fallasburg Village.

Past News

New Sights

Barn Quilt

If you attended the Village Celebration or have driven by lately, you may have noticed something a little different...we have a barn quilt! If you have not seen it yet, come check it out; it's a great spot for photos!



Schoolhouse Bookcase

The schoolhouse has a brand new bookcase! Bruce Doll, our President, is also a talented woodworker and created a bookshelf that blends seamlessly with the old schoolhouse to the point where you may not even realize it hasn't always been there. Our historic book collection contains titles from the early 1800s up to modern day magazines. We encourage people to experience these books when visiting, but just that you do so with a gentle hand, happy reading!



Schoolhouse Diorama

The back room at the schoolhouse no longer houses the diorama; it was moved to the Tower Farm museum and had a custom base built for it. Bruce Doll built the bookshelves and base from rough-hewn wood to give them an authentic antique appearance.



Fallasburg Celebration

Our first attendees to the Fallasburg Village Celebration began streaming in around 7:30 AM for the car show. Attendees from the car show came from all over this year. There was a car club from the Detroit area, and a few people drove in all the way from as far as Minnesota and Idaho.
We ended up with 157 cars, filling the 1.5-acre lot next to Misner. We are already planning on expanding the show for next year to fit even more.



New this year at Celebration was The Market had a mixed attendance of antique, vintage and artisan craft sellers. Additionally there was a petting zoo, and we had Roanoke Ranch out with horseback rides for the kids. Aaron from Roanoake gave a talk on how 1800s ranch life may have looked compared to other areas of the United States and what it's like today.



Music from Cheater B's Band and food trucks sold goodies all day; it was another successful year.



Present News

Archaeology

An active archaeological dig is happening at FHS. Our staff Curator and Archivist, Erin Johnston, is carrying out the excavation. Erin has a minor in archaeology and spent three months last summer at Fort Michilimackinac excavating a 1700s French fur trader's rowhouse. She also spent some time in field school during college at GVSU excavating a logging village called Blendon Landing, which was operating around the same time as Fallasburg.

So far, Erin has uncovered a lot of small items congruent with what she said she'd expect at a historical blacksmithing location such as iron nails, slag (leftover waste from smithing), glass of various types, and pottery sherds. So far, some fun finds include pipe stem fragments, and a few buttons. If you are interested in following this project, follow our Instagram page for regular updates @fallasburgvillage.

Fun fact: in archaeology, broken pieces of pottery are called sh*e*rds, and broken pieces of glass are called sh*a*rds.





Paranormal Investigation

Under a near full moon this year, the Paranormal Investigation event sold out at 65 tickets. It was a special year, especially up at the cemetery; there are over 75 unmarked graves flagged. The township had a company come in that used ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to determine if there were any unmarked graves. Due to the age of the Village, it was expected that several of them have been lost to time due to organic grave markers decomposing, theft, damage, etc. Now we know approximately where the unknown rest.

As for the investigation, some light activity was picked up at almost every location. Stories were shared by those who have attended in the past with friends new and old. It was a fun and spooky night for all; thank you to those who attended!







Future News

Christmas Through Lowell

Christmas Through Lowell in the village will be on November 20, 21 & 22.

This year we are expanding since we had such a great turnout last year. We plan on having over 20 booths in three of our buildings: the Schoolhouse, Misner House, and the Tower House will all have vendors in them. The Wizard Food vendor is returning again, and we will have even more live entertainment than last year, making it a CTL destination not to be missed.



Our website has been recently updated, so make sure to check out www.fallasburg.org.

ABOUT US

Mission: Preserve and promote the unique history of Fallasburg Village by bringing its past to life for the present and future generations. We encourage public support through education, information sharing, and membership.

The Fallasburg Historical Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) corporation

THE BOARD: A GREAT GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

President: Bruce Doll, Director of the Celebration

Vice President: Tina Cadwallader, Supreme organizer

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