



Lyons-Muir Historical Museum

311 E Bridge Street, Lyons Michigan
Phone: 616-527-2436 or 989.855.2271

The Lyons-Muir Historical Museum is located in a historic store front that was once the home of the Lyons Herald, a weekly newspaper serving the City of

Lyons. Open since 1987, the Museum has exhibits depicting the history of the Lyons-Muir area. Of particular significance is their extensive collection of graduating class photographs from both the Lyons and Muir schools. **June, July, August on Sundays from 12-3. The Museum is open throughout the year by appt.**

Oakfield Pioneer Heritage Museum

11009 Podunk Avenue NE, Greenville MI 48838
Phone: 616.874-6271 and 616-874-8434

The Museum is located in a building that was once the meeting place for the "Gleaners". This historic building was restored and now houses many photographs and artifacts of area businesses, churches, schools and families.

Prominent exhibits include the White Swan School display with the original bell and flag holder and a mailman's delivery sleigh. The upper floor of this historic building has the original raised stage with backdrops and advertising sideboards. A highlight of the kitchen area is a Stevens Dishwashing Machine patented in 1886. Genealogical material available. **The Museum is open to the public the second and fourth Sunday from May through September from 2 to 4pm.** Website: commoncorners.com/oakfield



Portland Area Historical Society, Portland City Hall

259 Kent Street, Portland MI 48875. Phone: 517-647-2231

The Portland Area Historical Society will be showcasing two high-quality lines of furniture made in this small community where the Grand and Looking Glass Rivers come together. In the early 20th century, the Ramsey-Alton Company specialized in their Oak-Craft brand of Mission-style seat rockers, chairs and settees. The company turned out product that received substantial approval not only in the states but also in foreign countries. In 1919, the Ypsilanti-Reed Company moved a branch of its operation into the former Ramsey-Alton building. Headquartered in Ionia, the company made wonderful reed furniture and employed approximately 400 people at its Portland Plant. The exhibition will be held on the second floor of the Portland City Hall this year.



Pine Forest Museum

402 East Home Street, Edmore Michigan 48829

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Take a fantasy filled stroll back through the wonders of America gone by and visit Edmore's museum. Opened in 1983, the museum is located in the former Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A couple of the more exotic exhibits include Victorian jewelry made from hair and a glass bookcase owned by a former State Treasurer of Illinois - a close personal friend

of Abraham Lincoln. **Museum Opens the first Sunday of each month from May to Oct. and every Thur. from 2-4. Also open by appointment.**

Spring into the Past.... with a Tour of West Michigan's Small Museums

**May 1st and 2nd, 2010
11am to 5pm**

- **Alton Historic Church Museum**
- *Averill Historical Museum of Ada*
- **Belding Museum - Belrockton Dormitory**
- *Bowne Township Historical Museum*
- **Boston-Saranac Depot - Museum**
- *Cascade Historical Society*
- **Charlton Park & Village - Hastings**
- *Fallasburg Historical Village & School House*
- **Fighting Falcon Museum**
- **Flat River Historical Museum**
- *Freeport Historical Society*
- **Ionia County Historical Society - Blanchard House & Museum**
- **Lake Odessa Historical Museum**
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The listed Museums, located along the Flat River, Grand River and Thornapple River, provide support to each other in the Tri River area. They all invite you to come visit. Each Museum has unique qualities and we invite you to visit and enjoy a time of remembering and learning.



The Alton Historic Church Museum
 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave NE, Lowell Michigan 49331
 Phone: 616-745-0976

At the intersection of Lincoln Lake road and 3 Mile Ave, just 5 miles north of Lowell, lies the village of Alton. The bare crossroads today give but one clue to the thriving village that once existed. Here, where once the first log school house in Vergennes township once stood, stands the

historic Alton church building, surrounded by cemetery. The Alton church, owned by the community, housed numerous church congregations through the years, and is now home to displays highlighting the village in it's peak during the 1880's and 90's. The Alton village was settled by those fleeing the Canadian rebellion, then the village saw a great immigration of Swiss settlers. It later declined as the railroad passed the village by. **The Alton Historic Church museum is open by appointment.**

Website: www.commoncorners.com/kent/kent_alton.htm
 Email: altonchurchmuseum@yahoo.com

Averill Historical Museum of Ada

7144 Headley Street, PO Box 741
 Ada Michigan 49301
 Phone: 616.676.9346

The Averill Historical Museum of Ada is located across from the Post Office. The Museum features exhibits and photographs unique to Ada, Michigan, which tell about the life of the early settlers, including Rix Robinson who took over the established trading post in 1821. Adjacent to the Museum is a wonderful red barn which has been restored and displays many farm implements as well as a restored buggy from days gone by. On the grounds you will also find a farm garden and lovely flower beds. **We are open to the public from 1 to 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and other times by appointment.**



Belding Museum – Belrockton Dormitory
 108 Hanover Street, Belding Michigan 48809
 Phone: 616.794.0126

The Belding Museum is located in the historic Belrockton Dormitory, at 108 Hanover Street. It was built in 1906 when Belding was known as the "Silk Capital of the World." The Belrockton provided the housing needed

for the large number of single women employed at the silk mills. **The museum occupies three floors of the Belrockton and is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month 1 to 4pm.** Visitors may tour a Victorian garden on the grounds and tour the museum to see an exciting glimpse of Belding's past!



Ionia County Historical Society – Blanchard House & Museum
 251 East Main Street, Ionia Michigan 48846
 Phone: 616.527.3369

This fine example of Italianate styling has remained structurally unchanged since 1880. The Blanchard House is veneered with pink variegated Ionia sandstone. One will appreciate the full acre lot on which it stands, with a running creek on the west. It deserves its affectionate Spanish name "La Palistina" - Delightful Home. The Blanchard House is beautifully decorated in period furnishings that have been donated by residents of Ionia County. The basement houses historical exhibits representing the unique and interesting history of our community. **The Blanchard House is open to the public on Sundays in June, July and August from 1 to 4pm. It is also available for special group meetings, weddings and tours.**

Lake Odessa Area Historical Society & Depot Museum

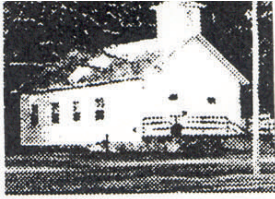
1117 Emerson Street, Lake Odessa MI 48849
 Phone: 616.374.7518 or 616.374.8420

The Lake Odessa Area Historical Society began in 1968 with the purpose of preserving and representing the history of the Lake Odessa area. This beautiful onion-dome depot was built by the D.L. & N. Railway in 1888 and was moved to its present location 100 years later. After extensive restoration, the depot opened to the public in 1995. The depot complex also offers a replica freight house and the historic Hosford house. **It is open to the public the last weekend of each month. Saturday, 10am to 2pm and Sunday 2pm to 5 pm and for special events and tours.**



Lowell Area Historical Museum
 325 West Main Street, Lowell Michigan 49331
 Phone: 616.897.7688

The Museum is located in the historic Graham home, built in 1873. It features permanent galleries surrounding the founding and early history of the Lowell area, its industry and retailing and the Lowell Showboat. In addition a Victorian Dining Room, Parlor, Porch with Garden and a Special Exhibits Gallery which changes annually creates a wonderful visitor experience. The Museum will have guided tours of this event. Our gift shop items and old-fashioned homemade candy and fudge will be available for sale. Genealogical material available. **The Museum is also open to the public throughout the year on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4pm and on Thursdays 1 to 8pm.** Website: www.lowellmuseum.org Email: history@lowellmuseum.org



Fallsburg Historical Village & School House

13944 Covered Bridge Road, Lowell Michigan 49331
Phone: 616.897.7161

This little village, listed on the National Historic Register, has been passed by with the changes of time over the last 150 years. The old one room school house and two museums are open to the public. We have demonstrations and other surprises planned for our visitors. So come, drive over the Covered Bridge, step back in time, and join us as we share with our history and the village of Fallsburg. We guarantee this is a visit worth making!

Fighting Falcon Museum

516 W Cass Street, Greenville Michigan 48838
Phone: 616.225.1940

The Fighting Falcon Museum displays a restored glider like the one depicted in the movie Saving Private Ryan. The Museum is housed in a 100 year old school building and exhibits showcase the Gibson Refrigerator Company, Greenville Schools and the military men and women of the area. **Open Sundays from 2 to 4pm.**



Flat River Historical Museum

213 N Franklin Street, PO Box 188
Greenville Michigan 48838
Phone: 616.754.5296



The Flat River Historical Museum stands on the most historic site in Greenville. It was here that John Green, of Fulton County, New York, chose to build his cabin in

1844; and with the help of his brother-in-law and nephews, constructed a dam across the Flat River and built a sawmill. With a vast forest of white pine on the North bank of the river the history of Danes in Michigan began. **Open on Saturdays and Sundays 2:00-4:30 p.m. Tours are available upon request.**

Freeport Historical Society

127 Warren Street, Freeport Michigan 49325
Phone: 616.765.8571

Freeport, on the Little Thornapple (Coldwater River) in northern Barry County boasts the oldest continuously operated wooden handle factory in Michigan. The Museum is in back of the Post Office. It exhibits early 1800 - 1900's ways of life on the two floors and basement.

The Museum is open Tuesdays from 9-12 and posted times and by appointment.



Bowne Township Historical Society – Museum & School House

84th & Alden Nash (M-50), PO Box 35
Alto Michigan 49302, Phone: 616.868.6424

Bowne Township was first settled in 1836. In 1849 Bowne Township elected its first officers. Our township is an agricultural community and for the most part has remained that way over the last 150 years. Our museum tries to preserve the past for our future generations so that they will know how their ancestors worked and lived. We also have a one room school which houses memorabilia from the eight schools that were once in Bowne Township. **Our museums are open on the first Sunday of the month from June through September from 2 to 4pm and by appointment.** Website: www.bownetwp.org

Boston-Saranac Historical Depot Museum

Bridge Street at the Grand River
PO Box 565, Saranac Michigan 48881
Phone: 616.693.2730 or 616.642.9472

Built in 1907, the Boston-Saranac Depot served the Grand Trunk Railroad. Moved to its present location in 1994, it is now home to the Boston-Saranac Historical Depot Museum. The Depot not only features the history of the Depot, but the history of the Saranac area. Adjacent to the Museum is a Grand Trunk caboose, which will also be open for viewing at this event. The Depot Museum is open to the public from May through September on the second and fourth Sundays from 1 to 4pm. Our gift shop will be open and we will have delicious homemade baked goods for sale.



Cascade Historical Society

Mailing address: 2865 Thornhills SE
Building address: 2839 Thornapple River Drive
Grand Rapids Michigan 49546, Twp Phone: 616.949.1500
Township founded in 1848. Cascade Township Hall built in 1898. History group formed in 1974. History book published in 1987. State Historical registry in 1998. Building and gardens located on Thornapple River Drive – East of Cascade Road.

Charlton Park

2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings Michigan 49058
Phone: 269.945.3775, Fax: 269.945.0390

Historic Charlton Park encompasses over 300 acres with its historic village, museum and recreation area. The park is a product of the vision and work of Irving Delos Charlton. In 1936, he donated land to Barry County for the purpose of building a museum and recreation facility for area residents. During his lifetime, Charlton collected thousands of artifacts, most of which form the core of our current collection. The historic village began in 1969 and was recreated to portray a typical rural Michigan village at the turn-of-the-century, as well as house Charlton's extensive collection. The park utilizes buildings such as the one room schoolhouse, general store, township hall and stagecoach stop, in order to bring history alive for you!



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