



**Manchester Area  
Historical Society**

PO Box 56  
Manchester, Michigan 48158

Meetings: 7:30 pm  
Second Thursday each Month,  
September through June  
Village Room, 912 City Rd.



**2006-2007 Officers**

Carl Curtis, President  
Jim Wilson,  
First Vice-President  
Jerry Swartout  
Second Vice-President

Betty Cummings, Secretary  
Rosemary Whelan, Treasurer  
Don Limpert, Imm.Past Pres.  
Reno Feldkamp, Trustee  
Doug Howell, Trustee  
Howard Parr, Trustee

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**M A N C H E S T E R**

**SEPTEMBER IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

The September meeting of the MAHS is the Annual Meeting of the corporation and the election of officers and Board members for the 2007-2008 year. The nominating committee, consisting of Norma Every and Florence Parr presented the following slate for election:

President	Carl Curtis
First Vice President	Jim Wilson
Second Vice President	Gerald Swartout
Secretary	Betty Cummings
Treasurer	Sharon Curtis
Trustee	Reno Feldkamp
Trustee	Douglas Howell
Trustee	Howard Parr

The floor will be opened for nominations prior to the election.

As Immediate Past President, Don Limpert is a member of the board of Directors pursuant to the bylaws. The Immediate Past President's position on the Board is not an elected position since it is stipulated in the bylaws.

Don Limpert will present a program on the United Confederate Veterans (UCV) which paralleled the Union's Civil War organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR.) The UCV program is a followup of Don's GAR presentation at our March, 2007 meeting.

The meeting is scheduled at 7:30 PM in the Village Room of the Village Hall. If the Village Room or the Village Hall parking lot is not accessible because of the Hibbard Street construction our meeting will be held at the Blacksmith Shop and will start at 7:45 PM.

## President's Message

It has been a quiet summer with no "out of the ordinary" activities for the MAHS. If you had passed the Blacksmith Shop on a Wednesday evening you likely heard some fine music because the Manchester Brass Band rehearses at the shop. The house committee, chaired by Howard Parr, and well assisted by Carl Buss, kept the flowers in front of the shop watered and the inside of the shop in good order. Thank you House Committee.



Jerry Swartout and Howard Parr assembled a very nice display for the Manchester Community Fair's exhibit building, following this year's fair theme, "A Treasure Chest Of Our Community's Best". Thank you Jerry and Howard. After the fair the display was moved to the Blacksmith Shop for the Open House on Chicken Broil day.

The 2008 MAHS calendar came from the printer and was distributed to the various merchants who sell the calendar for us. Thank you Calendar Committee, and especially Doug Howell for the entire production of the calendar and committee chair, Reno Feldkamp, for his considerable time and travels to many calendar sponsors and for delivering the calendars to the various merchants. Thanks also to those merchants who help the MAHS in its calendar project. Because of increasing production costs and greater historical content the calendar price was increased to \$8.00

Programs for the early Fall meetings are in place and all of the financial responsibilities during the Summer have been met. Thank you Jim Wilson and Rosemary Whelan.

The Board of Directors will hold its next meeting September 6th at the Blacksmith Shop and we are ready to start the 2007-2008 year with the Annual Meeting September 13th. I look forward to another year with the MAHS and hope you do too. Bring a friend or an acquaintance to the meetings, we always like to welcome newcomers to our meetings. We also firmly believe the old saying, "The more, the merrier."

## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

September: Annual meeting and election of officers and trustees. Program by Don Limpert about United Confederate Veterans. Location either the Village Room or the Blacksmith Shop depending on Hibbard Street construction.

October: Meeting at David Nelson's pottery studio at 319 Morgan Street. David will discuss old and new pottery and demonstrate the potter's art.

November: Probably in the Village Room but the program has not yet been determined.

# Whatzit and Wherzit

Here are the four clue pictures and the view of the building from the May, 2007 issue's Whatzit and Wherzit game. The clue pictures really have square corners and they are rectangular. It's an optical illusion, which is caused by the perspective of the picture elements, that makes the pictures look mis-shapen. I thought the lower right picture would have been too much of a give away if it had been shown as a clue.



And here is the building.



# Whatzit and Wherzit continued

Here are three clue pictures for this issue's Whatzit and Wherzit game.



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Here are two filler pictures of items behind the Blacksmith Shop. These pictures are not part of the Whatzit and Wherzit game.



# BLACKSMITH SHOP OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, July 19th, 2007, Chicken Broil day in Manchester and the traditional open house at the Blacksmith shop. Nearly 100 people came to the shop to see blacksmiths at work, see MAHS displays of photographs and artifacts, and learn a little more about the Manchester area's history.

Betty Cummings, Margaret Goodrich, Doug Howell, and Jerry Swartout were docents for the open house this year, guiding the visitors around the shop and ably answering questions. Blacksmiths Tim Armentrout, Alex Gleason, and David Goodrich worked at the forge to demonstrate the blacksmith's art and also answered the visitor's questions about blacksmithing.

A highlight of the open house was the three bulletin board display provided by the MAHS at the Manchester Community Fair the previous week, the theme being "A Treasure Chest Of Our Community's Best". The bulletin boards represent selected treasures from MAHS files, concentrating on historic architecture and artifacts from the Manchester area.



# JUNE PICNIC AT CHI BRO PARK

June 14, 2007 was the traditional picnic to end the meeting year. The weather was warm and wonderful and many members came to enjoy the fine and plentiful potluck dishes as well as the conversation and fellowship. A picture being worth a thousand words, below, follows 9,000 words worth.

