

Historical Society of Greater Lansing

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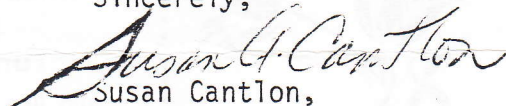
Dear Members,

1985 marks the beginning of the Sesqui-centennial celebration for the State of Michigan. The Historical Society of Greater Lansing had, for many years, been recognized as the primary organization which reflected the area's rich heritage, and worked to preserve significant historic materials and sites. By the end of 1987 and the celebration's close, we will have renewed the community's awareness and involvement in the preservation efforts of the Society.

The excellence that brought awards to the Society for such projects as "THE TOWN-CRIER" publication, and "PRESERVATION UPDATE" were made possible through the hard work and commitment of the membership. Each member brings a talent, a strength to the Society and its purpose - "To promote an interest in the history of the Greater Lansing region and to conduct projects of a historical nature".

I look forward to working with the membership and with the exciting projects that have been identified by a committee for our consideration.

Sincerely,


Susan Cantlon,
President

MEMBERSHIPS:

I would like to thank the following members for their time in bringing the membership list up to date, and in developing the list for possible Society projects for FY 1985-7;

- Andrew and Jane McClary
- Jack Thompson
- Mary McNeely
- Dave Thompson
- Dave Downing
- Marc Bennetts
- Geneva Wiskemann

Dave Downing has recently resigned from the board due to additional work responsibilities that would conflict with his ability to attend Board meetings. I would like to feel this vacancy as soon as possible. Members interested in serving on the Board should contact me as soon as possible at 484-5133 or 483-4220 (Sue).

A reminder, membership dues are payable in September. Please use the envelop provided, and indicate any address or other changes that might be indicated.

PROGRAMS:

With the exception of the R.E.Olds' October meeting, all other meetings are held the third Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m., at the Turner-Dodge Mansion-100 E. North Street, Lansing.

September 18 - "THE OLD CONVENT"
Linda Peckham

October 16 - "R.E.OLDS FORUM"
At The Museum

November 20 "ANTIQUÉ APPRAISALS"
-Phil Siebert, Appraiser

December 18 -No meeting-holidays

PROJECTS FY 1985-7: Partial Listing

1. Host Michigan Historical Society Annual Meeting, 1987
2. Co-sponsor the dedication of a historical marker for the School for the Blind.
3. Co-sponsor an Exhibit of North Lansing Artists of 100 years ago with the Two Doors Down Gallery
4. Co-sponsor the publication of a Pictorial History of Lansing (fundraiser)
5. Re-activate Arts Fete with historic crafts/activities focus (fundraiser)
6. Lansing History Room-Update archival materials/storage/outreach...

FRIENDS OF THE TURNER-DODGE HOUSE, INC.

Turner-Dodge House and Park
100 E. North Street
Lansing, Michigan



A NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTERED SITE

Dear Members,

Many changes are taking place at the Turner-Dodge Mansion that I am sure you will find very exciting.

-The exterior restoration of the porches and conservation (energy) renovation of all doors and windows is scheduled to be completed by September 14th.

-My office has been permanently moved to the mansion. This will allow us to set public hours and be more accessible to program and visitor interests.

-In late August Recreation staff members and Maria Lopez Thompson went to Greenfield Village to meet with their interpretive staff to discuss the feasibility of implementing a "Turn-of-the-Century, Living History" program at the mansion. This would include costumed interpreters for tours and special events. The Greenfield Village/Museum staff were most encouraging and provided several resources to assist our efforts. Our goal is implement the Living History program by Spring 1986.

We need volunteers, interns to help research daily life in Lansing, 1900, seamstresses to sew costumes, volunteers to update the guide manual, a special events committee, collections representing the daily life - for tour and education programs, grants writing, and volunteers for guided and costumed tours. Please call me at 483-4220 if your are interested in working with these projects.

-The building sign has arrived and is waiting for bids for the masonry base and installation. When complete the sign will face North street and allow us to promote building activiites.

Its an exciting time to be involved with the mansion and park-
JOIN US!

Susan Cantlon

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:

Wednesday, September 18th, 7:30 p.m. at the Turner-Dodge House;

Speaker: Louise Poppel, Board Member
"Recent trip to China"

September 25, 7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Meeting, all members welcome.

REMINDER! Membership fees are due in September.

FRIENDS OF TURNER-DODGE HOUSE

The Friends of the Turner-Dodge House and Park, Inc., are helping to preserve this unique and valuable resource for the enjoyment of present and future generations. This non-profit organization is active in supporting the development of the house, grounds, and programs which involves:

- setting short and long range goals
- research
- preservation/renovation
- promotion/graphic design
- fundraising and writing of grants
- sponsoring special events
- conducting tours

Annual Membership dues are \$5.00 for individual/or family

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Friends of The Turner-Dodge House

I would like to be a Friend of the Turner-Dodge House and donate \$ _____ for the restoration endowment of this National Registered Site.

- I am also interested in being a volunteer
- Individual/or family membership
- Resource _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ or _____

Date: _____ 19_____

Make Checks payable to:

FRIENDS OF THE TURNER-DODGE HOUSE
100 E. NORTH STREET
LANSING, MI 48906

