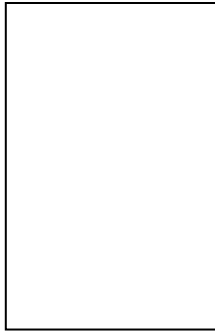


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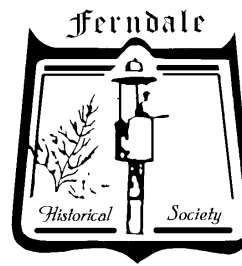
- March 30 — New prints of Cole's "Ferndale of Yesteryear"
- April 14 — Church tour (see page 1)
- April 23 — Series conducted by the Senior Citizens "Do You Remember When? 1 p.m. at the Museum.
- May 27 — Annual Memorial Day Parade and Open House
- May 27 — Annual Membership Dues are due
- May 27 — Fiscal year begins
- August 17 — Cruising Woodward Day*

* For those who were unable to participate in last year's Dream Cruise event, let us explain. Thousands of people cruised the stretch of Woodward Avenue from Eight Mile to Birmingham, and hundreds of "Classic" cars were on display. This year's event is going to be even bigger! Out-of-towners are planning vacations to coincide with the event, and the classes of January '41 and June '41 have scheduled their reunions for that weekend also.

Get Your Calendars



It's not too late to get your 1996 Historical Hang-up calendars that features pictures of old Ferndale. The 1997 annual edition will be out before August; we do believe that these are great keep sakes and you'll want one of each. They also make great gifts for friends and neighbors..



The Crow's Nest

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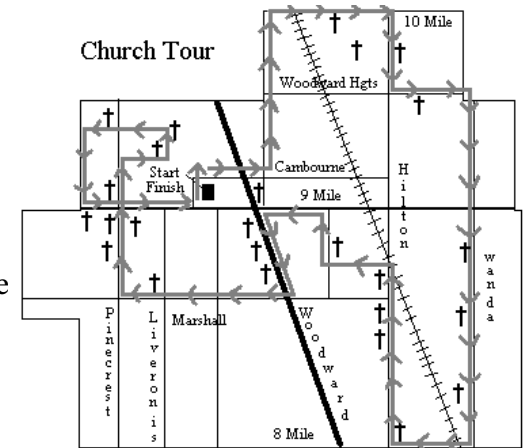
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Celebrate Eastertide with Church tour

Isn't it unusual for a community the size of Ferndale to have 25 churches? Wouldn't you like to learn their histories—How some grew from store fronts—or a chicken coop—or school classrooms?

Then join the city-wide bus tour scheduled for Sunday, April 14, sponsored by the Ferndale Historical Society. The tour will start at 2 p.m. at the city parking lot behind the Masonic Temple on Planavon and Withington. We will return at approximately 5:30 p.m. for an old fashioned Sunday Night Supper.



"Interesting highlights along the route will be noted as we circle the city, passing 25 churches and stopping at four for brief presentations about their history, construction, architectural features, and early founding families." said Ruth Elmers, co-chair of the event "Hoping this tour will be the start of a series, we selected four: one on the East side, one on the West side, one new, one old, some small, some large."

On behalf of the Society, Alice Johnson has contacted most of the ministers in the city, and is compiling histories; now, we can see the buildings. In addition, we'll pass places like the industrial district on the far East side and the school-church complex bordering Hazel Park. After the tour, we'll meet to share impressions an fellowship before dinner.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include the guided tour, transportation, appetizers, and dinner. **Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 8, 1996.** Tickets are available at the Museum on Saturday from 2-4 p.m.; from June Kotlarek at the Chamber of Commerce, 415 East Nine Mile, 542-2160; or by calling Gerry Kulick at 545-5784



Welcome to the first edition of the newly designed newsletter. We hope you enjoy the look.

Membership Application and Renewal

Name: _____

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Membership Dues

\$4.00 individual*

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*1 year membership

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Many thanks to all the volunteers who keep the Museum operating.

To **Tom Boyd** for his special handling of the Lincoln High graduation pictures.

To **Al Squires** for auditing the treasurer's books.

To **Mary White** for her art work.

To **Florence Lungu-Lohmann** for her on-going video production of events.

To **David Lungu** for the new look of this newsletter.

To **The Library staff** for remembering us.

To **City employees** for recognizing treasures.

And To **All** who keep sharing family heirlooms which enrich our Museum.

Editorial

Think "Pie in the sky"

We dream of the day that we'll have a Museum with enough room for new acquisitions and meaningful displays of our treasures. In 1983 we started with an empty building, today all the walls are covered and display cases are rapidly filling up as people share their pictures, artifacts, and mementos. It's now time to think of some day moving up, moving out, or moving away.

When director Charlie Harris suggested a building fund several years ago, the Board thought the idea was premature. But at last month's business meeting, his idea was voted on and adopted. Now, we need to establish a committee to study the future expansion, planning, details, and fund raising to make our

Surf's Up — Check out the Ferndale / Pleasant Ridge Scrapbook home page by Al Brushaber at www.ais.org/~alb/ferndale.html It's got neat stuff like the Peppy's Hamburger wrapper and much more.



"Ferndale of Yesteryear" Reappears

Maurice Cole, Lincoln's first principal, local attorney, Ferndale historian, and public figure first published "Ferndale of Yesteryear" more than 25 years ago. A definitive history of early Ferndale days, the book has been unavailable for several years, but is now reprinted and costs less than the original price. Isn't this a first? Also available, is the third printing of "Old timers tell it like it was," the book of Ferndale memories.

Equally nostalgic is the Society's latest venture. In cooperation with the Ferndale Senior Citizens, we are offering an Afghan denoting Ferndale's past.. Visualize these throws—Ferndale's landmarks reproduced by computer on a natural colored, high quality cotton background with familiar buildings in red, blue, or green.

Society Serves Community

More and more the Historical society is being considered a resource for the community.

Since the last newsletter, members have provided information to the Woodward Avenue Corridor Study Committee and the McGee-Gobie Committee to establish a Veterans' Memorial. In addition, Gerry and Ruth have appeared Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale Access shows to discuss the Museums activities.

The museum is a meeting place for: the Memorial Day Parade Committee, the Community Center Task Force and reunion committees. Members have researched data for: a Birmingham resident working on her doctorate, students from Wayne State, M.S.U. and Ferndale High School.

The Ferndale Seniors in cooperation with the Museum will be holding weekly sessions of "Do You Remember When?"

The monthly museum meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. The meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to come out and attend.