We appreciate the support from our members, friends, and community who have been attending our events this past summer. We have provided programs that are COVID safe and allow us to connect with you and share our stories and site. This fall is no exception and we hope that you will be able to connect with us through walking, biking, and Zoom tours.

We are appreciative of the Rochester Hills City Council financial support for the replacement of the entire roof structure on the Dairy Barn and the reconstruction of the Equipment Barn on our site. This is a major milestone in our community’s history as well as in the preservation of the Van Hoosen Farm - we are overwhelmed and thankful. Expect work to start this fall and wrap up next summer as we bring you a better visitor experience at our site.

Now is always a good time to consider financially supporting the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The elimination of school tours, private rentals, and most lectures has created serious financial challenges. Special financial gifts, monthly contributions this fall, IRA rollovers, and more are possible through our website. Please consider extra financial support for the Museum as we continue our fundraising efforts to complete our building updates and new exhibits, and support our daily operation. You can help us plan for an exciting future!

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**PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020**

All programs are Advance Tickets ONLY other than Grangers Base Ball Games. To register for all programs, visit rochesterhills.org/musprograms – or call 248.656.4663

The Museum website will have the latest information for program updates, times, location, and group sizes. Group sizes will follow the limitations as set by the Governor of Michigan.

Please bring a mask to wear for all participants for all programs – ages 2 and up as recommended by the CDC.

If you see a program you love, but don’t love the idea of being around other people, call or email to set up a private group tour.

Discounts for Museum Members! – Join the fun, support the Museum, and become a member! Visit rochesterhills.org/musdonate to join today.
Museum Grounds, Exhibits & Van Hoosen Farmhouse Tour
Select Fridays & Saturdays  1:00pm - 2:00pm
September 18, 25, 26
October 2, 3, 16, 17, 23, 30
Welcome Center/Exhibits – Open 12:30pm, registered participants
Advance Tickets ONLY
Members Free, Non-Members: $5/Adult, $3/Senior/Student
Are you fascinated with history? Our Museum site dates back to 1823 and this tour will introduce you to the remarkable people who lived here for five generations - their accomplishments, successes, failures, and how their story is still inspiring and relevant today. Glimpse into the historic landscape through historical images, and explore family heirlooms as we peek behind the doors inside the Van Hoosen Farmhouse.
Meet at the Museum Welcome Center located in the parking lot next to the Van Hoosen Farmhouse. The Welcome Center houses the Museum’s exhibits and will be open to all registered participants from 12:30 – 1pm.

FAMILY FIELD TRIPS

Red House Tour
Thursdays  September 17, 24
October 8, 15, 22, 29
4:00pm – 5:00pm  &  5:00pm – 6:00pm
Register by Noon Day of Tour
Members: $5/person, or $15 per family (up to 5 people)
Non-Members: $8/person or $25/family (up to 5 people)
Advance Tickets ONLY
Card wool, saw wood, explore fiber arts and more in this interactive tour of life in the 19th century. Compare life back then, to life in 2020 while rolling up your sleeves and participating in historic jobs. Originally designed for 1st grade field trips, we adapted this tour to be family friendly for kids of all ages looking for a hands-on, socially distanced history experience. Meet at the Farmhouse/Welcome Center, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd.

School House Tour
Wednesdays  September 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
4:00pm – 5:00pm  &  5:00pm – 6:00pm
Register by Noon Day of Tour
Members: $5/person, or $15 per family (up to 5 people)
Non-Members: $8/person or $25/family (up to 5 people)
Advance Tickets Only
Enjoy a quick history of the one room school house, then practice your alphabet on a slate board, hop on some stilts, play quoits, master the ball and cup, or sift through old maps and artifacts. Originally designed for 3rd grade field trips, we adapted this tour to be family friendly for kids of all ages looking for a hands-on, socially distanced history experience. Meet at the Stoney Creek School House, 1051 Washington Rd.
Farmhouse Tour
Tuesdays September 15, 22, 29
      October 6, 13, 20, 27
4:00pm – 5:00pm & 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Register by Noon Day of Tour
Members: $5/person, or $15 per family (up to 5 people)
Non-Members: $8/person or $25/family (up to 5 people)
Advance Tickets ONLY

Step inside the 1840 Van Hoosen family farm house to discover the history of five generations. Peek into their bedrooms, office, closets, and library and to explore their lasting legacies through artifacts and primary documents. Originally designed for 3rd grade field trips, we adapted this tour to be family friendly for kids of all ages looking for an interactive, socially distanced history experience. Meet at the Farmhouse/Welcome Center, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd.

Pressing Pommes: A Tasting & History
Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, September 22
6:00pm – 7:30pm

$10/Member
$15/Non-Member
Register by Mondays at Noon
Advance Tickets ONLY

Visit the Museum apple orchard, challenge your taste buds, and explore the process of apple cider pressing in this family friendly fall program. We’ll slip some history in there too! This is an outdoor program, so dress for the weather. Ages 10+ welcome. Registration includes a donut and cider!

Downtown Rochester Walking Tour
Wednesday, September 16
Wednesday, October 14
Saturday, October 17
10:00am – 11:30am

$8/Member
$10/ Non-Member
Register by Tuesdays at Noon
Advance Tickets ONLY

Sip on a morning cup of coffee and stroll down the streets of Rochester. We’ll explore our new downtown exhibit signs and sift through historical photos and stories. Learn how the Downtown Development Authority is working to support a vibrant community in spite of recent hard times. Want to support local? Stop by your favorite coffee, tea, or smoothie joint in Downtown Rochester before the tour begins. Meet at the Rochester Mills parking lot, 400 Water St, Rochester, MI 48307
### Downtown Rochester Bike Tour

**Wednesday, September 23**  10:00am – 12:00pm  
**Monday, October 5**  4:00pm – 6:00pm

$15/Member  $20/ Non-Member  
Register by Mondays at Noon   Advance Tickets Only

2-hours long and 3 miles of biking with frequent stops. Please wear a helmet and bring a water bottle and mask. Meet at the Rochester Hills Public Library – west side parking lot at Rotary Gateway Park. Rochester’s history is over 200 years if we review the European white settlers – but thousands of years old if we study the Native Americans. Visit some fascinating locations throughout town that make you burst with pride at this wonderful place to call home. We will check out a cemetery, the prettiest house, churches, and discuss famous women suffragists, water powered mill sites, train stops, and more.

### SMART Town Program – Via Zoom

Smart Towns is a lifelong learning program led by educational, non-profit organizations in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. The Smart Towns ‘partners’ work together to provide a unique series of programs exploring one theme for the year. The 2020 theme is *Events That Changed the World.*

For a full schedule visit https://smarttowns.rhpl.org

$5/Person  Advance Tickets ONLY  
Link to Zoom sent upon registration

### The Summer of 1816 – The Year Without a Summer

By Patrick McKay, Rochester Hills Museum Manager  
**Wednesday, September 16**  7:00pm - 8:00pm

Major climatic events in the world created a summer along the east coast of the United States with freezing temperatures every month of the year, major crop failures and panic. By 1817, a westward movement started, enhanced by the opening of the Erie Canal. The settlement of Rochester, Michigan was part of this migration, the belief of manifest destiny, and the growth of the Midwest.

### Michigan’s Great Thumb Fires of 1871 & 1881  
and the establishment of the American Red Cross

By Alan Naldrett  
**Wednesday, October 7**  7:00pm - 8:00pm

The fires that burned in Michigan’s Thumb in 1871 and 1881 resulted in catastrophic damage to property and wildlife – and remains among the most memorable historic fires in Michigan’s history. One of the first official disaster relief efforts of the American Red Cross was in response to the Thumb fire of 1881, and some communities would never recover from the scorched trails of destruction. Author Alan Naldrett pieces together accounts of those who lived through the events and the aftermath.
Rochester Grangers Vintage Base Ball - Free!
Visit Rochester Grangers’ Facebook page for an updated schedule

Sunday, September 13th   1:00pm

The Rochester Grangers existed as a base ball club as early as 1871. Vintage base ball is played representing a time period when gentleman played for leisure and not for competition. You will not see any spitting, sliding, or wagering at these matches! Home matches are played at the Museum and guests should bring their own chairs or blankets, cool drinks, and sun protection.

Art in the Park

Thursday, September 10   5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday, October 1     4:30pm – 7:00pm

Advance Tickets ONLY
Register at: pccart.org/events/events-calendar

Learn the art of Plein Air Painting! During this amazing workshop, a PCCA instructor will demonstrate how to watercolor paint the surrounding environment and transform the ordinary canvas in front of you into a piece of the Van Hoosen Farm that you get to take home. All participants will be meeting outside the Calf Barn, 950 Romeo Road. Afterward, participants will be welcome to choose from an assortment of easels that will already be set up. After some guided instruction, each participant will be painting one canvas of the environment around them. Participants are encouraged to come dressed for a mess.

This workshop is offered to adults, but children 14 and up may also attend if accompanied by an adult.

The Big Green Tractor Beer Festival
Rain or Shine Event – No refunds

Saturday, September 26   6:00pm – 9:00pm

$25/Member   $30/Non-Member

Register by September 23  – Advance Tickets ONLY

Enjoy craft beer with friends as we practice responsible mingling at this rain or shine, outdoor, fundraiser. We will have the beer, and music. You bring a mask, lawn chair, friends... and an umbrella just in case! All proceeds go towards the development of new Museum buildings and exhibits! On the slate for this year is the Equipment Barn – once completed the Milk House and Bull Barn will turn from storage facilities to exhibit and program space! So drink up with those donations. This is a collaborative event with the Rochester Hills Museum Young Leaders Circle. Thank you to our presenting sponsor Genisys Credit Union.

Your registration includes: One craft beer, bratwurst, and chips. PLUS a bonus Swag Bag. Additional drink tickets available for purchase at the event.
Scraps to Soil: Compost Workshop
Saturday, October 3
1:00pm – 2:30pm

$10/Member
$15/Non-Member
Register by Wednesday at Noon
Advance Tickets ONLY

Join Garden Club volunteers Jane and Pat for a look at sustainable gardening techniques. Decipher the difference between mulch and compost. Dig deep into the life of soil – yes, it’s ALIVE! Participants will create a 5-gallon compost bucket to take home. Ages 10+ welcome.

Stories in Stone: A Natural History of Stoney Creek and Its Village
Wednesday, October 7
1:00pm – 2:30pm

$5/Member
$8/Non-Member
Register by Monday at Noon
Advance Tickets ONLY

The story begins in the prehistoric past when this place named Stoney Creek Village was covered in ice. This cultural history hike of the museum grounds highlights nature’s power, as well as humankind’s efforts to harness our region’s abundant resources. Led by guest educator Ginger Ketelsen. Ages 10+ welcome.

The Hard History of Apple Cider: Its rise, fall, recipes and all - Via Zoom
Thursday, October 22
7:00pm – 8:00pm

$5/ Person
Register by Thursday at Noon
Advance Tickets ONLY

Explore the cultural history of the apple in this virtual Zoom presentation. From bear scat, to grafting, to cider and temperance, we’ll investigate how this small fruit became the apple of America’s eye. Zoom link sent upon registration.
Scarecrow Building Workshop

Wednesday, September 30
11:00am - 4:00pm

$40 Non-profit    $50 Business

Register by Noon Friday, September 25
Advance Tickets ONLY

Scarecrows in the Village is an opportunity for your business or organization to participate in the Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival! Make memories with this team building, seasonal activity while supporting your local Museum. Scarecrows will be on display at the Pumpkin Festival and then moved to Downtown Rochester, making them a fun marketing tool seen by thousands of residents.

The Museum provides the following:  
- Wooden frame  
- Straw  
- Signage

You provide:
- Accessories including the scarecrow’s head
- Clothing  
- Man-power  
- Imagination

Curbside Pick-up of materials available! Can’t make the workshop? Prefer to build in the convenience of your own backyard? Register, pick up materials on Sept 30, and drop off your completed scarecrow at the Museum by Wednesday, October 7. Contact the Museum for more details.

Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival – Advance tickets ONLY

Member: $30/Table    Non-Member: $35/Table    Extra Pumpkins: $5

Register by October 7th    Advance Tickets ONLY

Let your light still shine this Halloween at our socially distanced edition the of Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival. Guests are invited to carve a pumpkin and place it on the stone walls surrounding the Museum property. Return at night to see all the pumpkins lit up, along with an outdoor exhibit of scarecrows made by local organizations! Thank you to our presenting sponsor Genisys Credit Union.

Your registration includes 2 pumpkins and the use of carving tools, patterns, and a private/sanitized table for up to 6 people. Additional pumpkins can be purchased while supplies last for $5/pumpkin. To maintain a safe experience for all, there will be no additional crafts or games offered this year. Masks are required at all times while on Museum grounds, unless seated at a carving table. Evening lighting of the pumpkins runs from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and is Drive-thru ONLY. No admission fee for evening drive-thru, but donations are appreciated to support the Rochester Neighborhood House.
**Bloomer Park History Hike**

Saturday, October 24  
10:00am – 12:00pm

- $8/Member
- $10/Non-Member

Register by Noon Friday, October 23  
**Advance Tickets ONLY**

Canals, ski jumps, philanthropists, historic picnic shelters, railroad, oh my! Explore the hidden history of Bloomer Park on this 2-hour history hike. Please bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. The path includes a steep set of stairs. Contact museum staff for available ADA accommodations. Meet at the Stone Shelter in Bloomer Park, 345 John R Rd. Please show program payment receipt at entrance booth to gain complimentary entry into the park.

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**Daguerreotype to Digital: Personal Scanning Sessions**

Dates:
- Tuesday, October 6
- Thursday, October 15
- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, October 27

Time Slots Available:
- 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm

- $15/Member
- $20/Non-Member

Register by Fridays at Noon  
**Advance Tickets ONLY**

Let us help you to preserve your past with a one-on-one scanning session with the Museum’s Archivist! During this 2-hour session, you will learn how to digitize your historical materials and receive guidance on suitable storage methods. Our Archivist will also work with you to scan 20 of your photos, documents, or scrapbook pages (11in x 17in or smaller).
In collaboration with the Rochester-Avon Historical Society the fall Brown Bag lunches are going VIRTUAL! Brush up on local history topics while enjoying lunch from the comfort and safety of your own home. This is a FREE, 45-minute presentation. Zoom link sent upon registration. Register by Monday at Noon.

A History of Avon Township: 1817 - 1871

Tuesday, September 1
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Our community was settled as part of Avon Township when white, European pioneers moved here starting in 1817. This program looks at our earliest history – interactions with Native Americans, the organization of our local government, land sales, daily living, log cabins, and water powered mills. Museum artifacts will be shown that tell the tales of our hardy settlers and the Native Americans who were here when they arrived.

Presented by Museum Manager, Patrick McKay

A History of Avon Township: 1872 - 1952

Tuesday, October 6
12:00pm – 1:00pm

By 1872, Avon Township was changing. With the Villages of Rochester and Stoney Creek well established, the arrival of the railroad and mass transit, new schools and plenty of jobs, our community was thriving. The Museum archives tell our community stories as we experience wars, tragedy, and economic success pointing towards a bright and promising future for this place we call home.

Presented by Museum Manager, Patrick McKay
MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm today, and receive these benefits:

- Free general admission/tours to the:
  - 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse
  - 1850 Red House
  - 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn exhibits
- Free or Discounted admission for many special events/programs
- One-year subscription to the Museum Visitor newsletter
- Invitations to Member-only events and exhibit openings
- Pre-registration for special events/programs
- 10% discount on Museum Merchandise

Individual $30 (3 yrs. $75)
- Unlimited general admission for one adult

Companion $40 (3 yrs. $105)
- Unlimited general admission for one adult and one guest

Family/Grandparents $50 (3 yrs. $135)
- Unlimited general admission for two adults and children/grandchildren under the age of 18

Traveler $105
- All the benefits of Family membership, plus reciprocal discounts and free admission at NARM's participating institutions throughout the U.S.!

Membership fees are directed to the Museum Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, and may qualify as a charitable contribution on your Federal Income Tax.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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Members Are Free!

Plan Your Outdoor Wedding Ceremony with Us!
A Timeless Venue for Your Small Group

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is the quintessential location for your intimate outdoor wedding ceremony…

- 16 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds provide a serene backdrop
- Our garden gazebo is located along the tranquil banks of Stoney Creek
- Picturesque outdoor photography locations throughout our National Registered Historic Site
- 2 hours of exclusive use of our outdoor grounds for your ceremony and photos*
- Golf cart transportation for guests with mobility issues
- Up to 75 white folding chairs for your use – set up and take down included
- Weekend and weekday availability
- Complimentary parking for you and your guests

Contact us at: rochesterhills.org/museum or call 248.656.4663

*Crank’s Catering is the official catering and rental partner for all of your events at the Museum - for details, visit crankscatering.com