



# FLAT RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter-Summer, 2022

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## 50 years and Counting!



## 1972 – 2022

Help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary all year long by visiting some exciting displays and events.

### COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 2:00-4:30 pm  
**September 11** – Grandparent Day for Museum Photos  
**October 10**-- Museum RE-Dedication with dignitaries  
**October 18** – Historical Society Annual Meeting

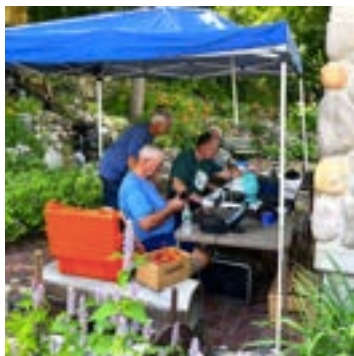
**Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Outing in June** was a fun event and we appreciate our sponsors, players, volunteers and Glenkerry Golf Course for making it so successful. Dan Chesebro and team from Impact Cleaning and Restoration took home the trophy, but the museum is the big winner as funds will enable more upgrades and activities. **Thank you for your outstanding support!**



## Since the golf outing these other special anniversary activities have been held:



**July 30<sup>th</sup>**, a **stylish Victorian tea** was held in the garden. Ladies in fashionable millinery enjoyed tea and treats while a string quartet played on the porch. Later in the Silver Theater, “Catherine Satterlee” (Robin Walter)-> and “Deborah Green” (Janet Wulf-Marvin) were heard chatting about old times and museum tours were also offered. What fun it was!



**August 6<sup>th</sup>**, an **American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Commemorative Special Event** for the museum’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was arranged by our own Larry Alman who powered up his ham radio equipment in the museum garden. The event was listed in the ARRL’s QST magazine and those tuning in were mailed a confirming QSL card. → He reported talking to people from California to New York, New Jersey to Canada, Mexico to the Upper Peninsula! Thanks, W8WR (Larry) for spreading Flat River Museum news near and far!





**August 13 we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sandy the Penny Pony.** Over 70 folks came and signed Sandy's birthday banner (it now hangs in the museum). Though planned as an outdoor event, the rain pushed the fun inside where the kids could still ride Sandy, toss horseshoes, gallop on stick ponies, lasso the wooden horse, pin the tail on a horse and enjoy cupcakes and popsicles provided by co-sponsor Meijer. Thanks to Volunteers and all! FUN! FUN! FUN!

Happy Birthday, Sandy!



**August 19-21 for Danish Festival,** the museum was open extra hours so many visitors could tour. We also took part in the Festival Parade, **thanks to Bob Outman** who provided his antique 1928 auto. What fun to see all the smiling faces at curbside who waved to greet us – and the kids who prompted Bob to “oogah” his horn!



***A 50th Anniversary Flashback:*** Long ago, museum folks had fundraising bake sales during Danish Festivals, but after a few years, no one wanted to oversee the event and bakers were busy with other festival activities, so they decided to do “bakeless” bake sales and folks just donated what they would have spent on baking items. For many years, they raised just as much as they would if they had done the work and sold the goodies!



If you've visited the museum the past year, you've probably seen some new faces to greet or guide you. A whole corps of volunteers has been contacted, trained and scheduled by our **Volunteer Coordinator, Charlotte Lothian**, who herself volunteered to take on this most welcome task. She's always been one of our Number One Cheerleaders and we appreciate all she says and does in our behalf. If YOU would like to give a few hours a week or month to help out at the museum – to guide, greet, garden, weed, clean or a myriad of other helps, contact the museum and we'll put you in touch with her! **Thanks to ALL our volunteers for your dedicated help! We appreciate every one of you!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 is Grandparent Day** and we're inviting grandparents and grandkids to come and have an old-fashioned photo taken in one of our period rooms. Bring or wear old fashioned duds and we'll have simple props available. We'll use YOUR camera or phone to take your picture so you'll have it to keep. Museum is open from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. No charge for this special event but your donations are always welcome!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO TWO SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER:**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** will mark 50 years since the Dedication of the Flat River Museum. We've come a long ways since that momentous day and want you to come and celebrate it with us. The **RE-DEDICATION PROGRAM** begins at 6:30 pm and will feature special presentations and dignitaries. Please come!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> is the FRHS Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m.** Besides reporting on society and museum activities the past year and election of board members, the program will feature information about Greenville's own Vivian Martin and show a silent movie she starred in. If you've always wondered what silent movies were like, come and enjoy this special presentation!

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?



“**Postcards from Baldwin Lake**” is our newest exhibit located in the lower level of the museum. The backdrop is a huge mural of Baldwin Lake in its heyday, which once hung in United Memorial Hospital. When the hospital was remodeled, the mural was removed and donated to the museum and has hung on the wall ever since.

Added to the lake scene are items reminiscent of lake activities: an early 1900s bicycle once owned by the late historian, Wyman Bock; a Wright outboard motor made in Greenville between 1914-1917; antique golf clubs and tennis racket to depict activities at Greenville Country Club which sat on the hill over-looking the lake from 1928 until closed in 2011. An ice saw is a reminder that Baldwin lake was also a beehive of activity in the winter as ice blocks were cut and hauled to lakeside storages. A bathing beauty with some water skis by a rustic cottage door completes the vignette that’s sure to recall fond memories.

The reading rail of historical information was made possible by donations from **Greenville High School class of 1964 alumni** who meet regularly and wanted a local project to support. We thank them for their interest in the museum and hope they enjoyed their visits and memories of good times at Baldwin Lake.

### COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS for the museum’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary are now available.

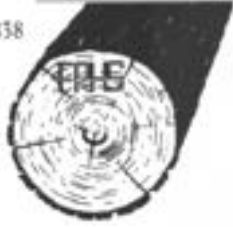


Along with the glass with the museum design offered earlier, another commemorative glass has been added, which features the arched bridge between Baldwin and Manoka lakes, in honor of our new exhibit. Artwork for both is by former resident, Fran Schuleit, who graciously allows use for our items. Also available: FRHM logo patch, a bronze medallion and limited supply of mugs. Several booklets are also featured. Ask for a FREE ballpoint commemorative pen when you visit!

**\*KIDS-** be sure to pick up a **Scavenger Hunt** list; find/do what’s listed and win a nice museum prize!\*

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**50-Year Anniversary**  
**Re-Dedication October 10**  
**Annual Meeting October 18**

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## APPLICATION FOR NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

*Dues payable at the beginning of the calendar year – pay online at [flatrivermuseum.org](http://flatrivermuseum.org) – click “donate”*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Single - \$15.00      \_\_\_ Family - \$25.00      \_\_\_ Annual Business - \$50.00

Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to be a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ The Flat River Historical Society needs you!**

Fill in this membership form and return it with your check to the above address or pay online at [flatrivermuseum.org](http://flatrivermuseum.org).  
Dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. If you have already paid your membership dues for the year 2022,  
we **thank you** and want you to know that your membership is the lifeblood of the society.