



FLAT RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# FRHS LogMark

Late Summer/Fall 2023

**Board of Directors:**

Keith Hudson, President; Robin Walter, Vice President & School Liaison; Jean Hudson, Secretary; Lee Beard, Treasurer; Trustees: Judy Gager /Logmark, Larry Alman, Steve Kemp, Bill Garlick, Cory Smith, Susan McDonnell; Welcome to Ryan Schlehuber

**NOTE: The museum will be closed for Labor Day weekend to give our volunteers a break.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

*The Board of Directors shall consist of members elected by a simple majority of the membership at the Annual Summer Membership Meeting. (From Bylaws).*

Keith Hudson (since 2012), Jean Hudson (2012), Bill Garlick (2008) and Judy Gager (2017) need to be reaffirmed as board members for another 3-year term. Ryan Schlehuber wishes to return to the board after several years' absence and needs to be confirmed by the membership. Bo Stephenson has also been nominated as a member of the Board of Directors. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote!



Ryan Schlehuber was the stimulus for us to add a new character to our ranks and is the "face" (though unseen) of our new lumberjack mascot, "Jack Haggerty". His debut was in the Danish Festival parade and was a big hit! Look for him to appear many times and in many places in the future!



**Did you know there actually WAS a person named Jack Haggerty?**

**Come to the Annual Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> and learn more about who he was and what he did!**

**Hear the song that made him famous in early lumber camps of Michigan.**



Also appearing in the Danish Festival Parade was our own Robin Walter, representing the Museum as recipient of the Greenville Public Schools "School Bell Award" in 2022, along with co-winner Don Bryant. Robin is Vice President and School Liaison for the FRHSM and well deserves recognition for coordinating our school programs and youth activities at the museum!

**Over 200 people visited the museum over the Danish Festival weekend!** Many, many thanks to our docents and volunteers who welcomed the visitors and helped them have a great experience as they learned about the unique history of our community! We can't operate without these wonderful volunteers! Thanks so much!! Have YOU visited the museum recently? There are always new things to discover! Please come.

**There's always lots of family fun-- because the museum is made for EVERYONE!  
Just look at the variety of activities planned for coming months!**



**Sunday, September 10th will be Grandparent Day at the Museum!**

Grandparents – bring your grandchildren to the museum to share your memories and maybe do some role-reversals for unique photo opportunities! We will open a few of the doors of our period rooms and offer some costuming so you can experience the history of long ago and take some photos to remember it. Bring your camera or phone! Our scavenger hunts for the kids have been a big hit also, as they search the museum for the listed artifacts and answered the questions about them. **Stop in during usual open hours, 2-4:30 pm for fun.**

Let's Welcome



**Dr. Gary Hauck**

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> we complete our 2023 theme "Feeding the Family"**



Enjoy a special program...

**"Let's Eat! – Celebrating our History of Food"**

Presented by Dr. Gary L. Hauck

**Gary Hauck** is a former board member of Flat River Historical Society and a good friend and supporter of our Museum! He is also an educator, author, world traveler, and historian! He will share his knowledge and experiences to show how foods and traditions of the past and from other countries affect what and how we eat today!

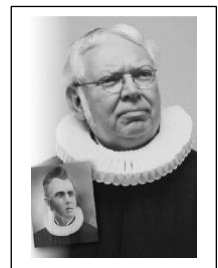
It's a great program. Please come and learn about the history of foods we enjoy!

**The museum will be open its usual hours, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm and this special program will begin at 3:00 in our Silver Theater. (All ages, but limited seating.)**

**Wednesday, October 18 at 5:00 pm at the MCC Ash Learning Center in Greenville**

**Gary will do a presentation about Ole Amble and will have a book signing.**

As a historian, Gary has done much research on the beloved Ole Amble, Montcalm County's pioneer preacher of the 1800s and early 1900s. When the Flat River Historical Society was fundraising for museum upgrades, Gary developed a program and took on the persona of Rev. Amble. NOW, he has put his research on paper in a book titled *"They Call Me 'Reverend Amble' " - Reflections on Montcalm County's Pioneer Preacher.*



Gary Hauck as Rev. Amble

**Sunday, October 22, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm** --Gary Hauck will be at the Flat River Museum to sign his Ole Amble book for those who are unable to attend his other events.



## October 27, 28, 29 – Haunted Museum Fright Nights - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 6 to 8 pm



We've been assured that the Museum isn't haunted, but during the weekend before Halloween some strange things seem to happen and weird creatures roam the upper halls! Come, if you dare, and check them out! The whole family is invited, and for the more faint-hearted or younger set, there will be movies in the theater. **\$5 admission** for unlimited walk-throughs, as you build up your courage! Whooo will be brave enough to come and join us? Hope it is YOU!



## Tuesday, October 31st- Trick or Treat at the Museum from 6 to 8 pm

*Ghosts and goblins, spooks and more- and candy handed out on all three floors!*

As you meander the neighborhood Hallowe'en night, come and wander the Museum as well! We'll have lots of volunteers in creative costumes with oodles of candy to share with our visitors. We love seeing YOUR creative costumes, too! Bring your family, invite your friends, and come and visit us.



## **The Museum will close for the season after Halloween!**

Our busy season wouldn't be possible without our many volunteers and we are so grateful for all of them, too numerous to name! EVERYONE who works at the museum is a volunteer, including board members, and we appreciate the many other volunteers who work as docents, greeters, gardeners, helpers with our education programs or special events, musicians, and more. No one is paid. The pay comes as an opportunity to help others become aware of the museum and our local history. If you are interested in volunteering, please call, text or email our volunteer coordinator, Charlotte Lothian: 616 894-0550 or [charlottelothian@gmail.com](mailto:charlottelothian@gmail.com) **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!**

### ***But the work goes on:***

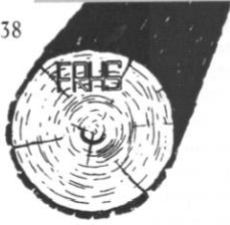
- \*Continuing renovation of the Eureka Town Hall, next door to the museum, to create safe, usable space.
- \*A new exhibit space underway in the lower level to highlight manufacturers and users of farm equipment.
- \*Continuing care of the Victorian Garden to prepare it for fall and winter and planning for next summer.
- \*Creating and planning for new programs and themes for 2024, to keep the museum alive and interesting.
- \*Searching and applying for grant funds to support the things we want and need to accomplish.
- \*Accessing and storing artifacts donated by thoughtful people interested in keeping history safe and visible.
- \*Honoring those who went before us and thanking those among us who support and appreciate what we do.

***Thank You!*** .... **FOR YOUR ONGOING MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS THAT HELP SO MUCH!**

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P.O. Box 188  
Greenville, MI 48838



**Museum is open  
2:00-4:30 p.m.  
Saturdays and Sundays  
through October.  
Closing for the season  
after Halloween!  
Visit soon!**

Flat River Historical Society  
P. O. Box 188 • Greenville, MI 48838 • 616-754-5296  
**APPLICATION FOR NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**  
*Dues payable at the beginning of the calendar year – pay online at flatrivermuseum.org – click “donate”*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_ Logmarks will be emailed unless checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Emailed newsletters are in color and save postage costs)

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

\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal    Date \_\_\_\_\_      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.  
Dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. If you have already paid your membership dues for the year 2023,  
we **thank you** and want you to know that your membership is the lifeblood of the society.