



FLAT RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Spring, 2024-1

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, Ryan Schlehuder, Bo Stephenson

Museum Opens April 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2024 Season!
Open Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm

We're celebrating our Danish heritage and the Danish Festival's 60-year history!



(left to right) Flash-back to 2014 with Parade Marshalls Roger and Linda Coles with Dorothy Oliver, who suggested the idea of a Danish Festival over 60 years ago; some Danish accessories; the Festival logo. Besides the Festival, we'll feature early Danish businessmen, and artifacts from Danish life and times.

"Spring Into the Past" May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

As a member of the Tri-River Historical Museum Network, our museum will participate in their Spring Into the Past event held annually the first weekend in May when most members are open the same days and hours. Pick up a booklet at Flat River or any member museum to learn about the museums and find a handy map in the centerfold to help you plan your tour to several in the same day.

This year's theme is "Notable Names" and we're showcasing names of prominent people and public places in our community. Local buildings or streets might bear their name - or even the community itself! Most museums are open Saturday, May 4 from 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 5 from 1 to 5 pm. (Exceptions: Ionia and Vestaburg only open on Sunday, Freeport only on Saturday)

Come and add YOUR notable name to our visitor book!



Look for these New Notables you might find around the museum when you visit!





**These Notable Names were featured in the Grand Rapids Herald in 1940! Anyone you know/knew?**



**VOLUNTEERS make the flowers grow – and much, much more!**

Now that the museum will be open, our Volunteer Coordinator, Charlotte Lothian, is looking for volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays. Training is provided and it's such fun to greet visitors, show them the museum and do many other interesting activities. Call Char to learn more and to sign up: 616-894-0550. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The **Notable Names of our Members** provide the ongoing lifeblood of our historical society and museum. Getting the Logmark **in color** via email saves us the cost of printing and mailing a black/white copy. Please indicate your email address on the membership form in this mailing so you can get a "pretty copy" sooner. **Since the 2023 museum season, we have lost at least two dedicated**



**museum volunteers, both spouses of museum board members.**



**Marshall Walter** was one of the fix-it guys that was always ready and able to fill a hole, build a shelf, create a space or any of a myriad of other things. The fur trade post was a creation of Marshall and his wife, Robin, who spent many hours installing the half-logs to make it look like an authentic log building. A farmer at heart, he had the equipment and energy to haul away spring debris and spread mulch in the Victorian garden, to maintain the waterfall, move rock piles or historic bells. He also took great delight in working with fourth grade students as he taught them the cooperation needed to operate a two-man saw when they came with their school group to learn about lumbering. We definitely miss the twinkle in his eye and his volunteering spirit.



Fur Trade Post



Moving the firehouse bell.



Teaching cooperation with a saw



**Ken Gager** wasn't seen around the museum much – unless he was there to measure and photograph every single outdoor surface of it in order to create an accurate plan on his computer. A model railroader at heart, his eye for detail, his CAD skills and his interest in the museum through his wife, Judy, inspired him to create a model of the museum and have it 3-D printed, then meticulously painted and mounted. His model will be on display at the museum – look for the stained-glass window, the tiny door knobs and even the dumpster and rock next to the ramp!



Finished product

Computer design



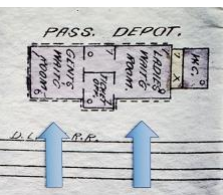
Checking out the 3-D printed parts to be put together



He also created a model of the old railroad station at the foot of E.Grove Street:



Photos and measurements...



to computer ...

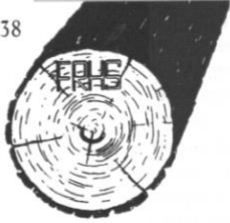


to rough model, to be displayed

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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”*

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](http://flatrivermuseum.org).  
Dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. If you have already paid your membership dues for the year 2024,  
we **thank you** and want you to know that your membership is the lifeblood of the society.