

Historical Designation

These plaques, in the shape of the Ferndale shield, are green with gold lettering and above the words "Historical Society," designate the year a house was built. They are made of cast aluminum to withstand Michigan winters.

Cost: \$85.00

Available at the Historical Museum



"Ferndale's Architecture" from page 3

This photo project was undertaken to complete the Society's records of Ferndale's business buildings and residences, an endeavor that was begun in 1997 by Diane O'Neill, long-time Society member. When finished, this preservation project will provide a comprehensive record of Ferndale's architecture.

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but have no further information of him. We have an obituary for Catherine dated March 14, 1999, which states that her husband, Francis W., was deceased. Please contact us at the Museum if you know anything about this LaRock family and its connection with Ruth Elmers.

Museum Hours

Saturdays
2:00 - 4:00 PM
or by appointment
(248) 545-7606

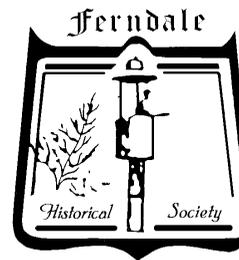
WANTED: Someone who would like to volunteer and create a website for the Ferndale Historical Society. Contact David Lungu for more information at (248) 398-5467 or (313) 729-1126



Ferndale Historical Society
1651 Livernois
Ferndale, Michigan 48220

"Preserving the heritage of Ferndale for future generations"

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The Crow's Nest

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Still Standing After All These Years



1923 - Campbell Road near Marshall Street Photo: Ferndale Historical Society

"In 1923, Campbell [Road] named after the Campbell family in that area, was the name of the road that is now Hilton in Ferndale." Clayton "SASS" Lilly, "Old timer tell it like it was..." , Pg. 26

"Hilton Road (Campbell), near Marshall Avenue. The house and barns are those of the Mikolowski family. The house is still standing." Maurice Cole, "Ferndale Of Yesteryear" , Pg 59

Today, Prism Contracting is the current resident.



2005 - 910 Hilton Road near Marshall Street

Photo: Victor Paul

"Elmers/LaRock Collection"

We need help! Ruth Elmers donated many things to the Museum, but there is a portion of her donations labeled "Elmers/LaRock Collection". Unfortunately we have been unable to identify 'Frank LaRock'. Do any of you reading this have any information concerning him?

In 1957 Frank W. and Catherine LaRock lived at 234 E. Chesterfield, Ferndale, and in 1959 Frank W. is listed as an electrician living with his wife Catherine at 1738 Browning, Ferndale. Frank LaRock, their son, graduated from Ferndale High in 1972,

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Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting will be held Friday, October 28, 2005, at the Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, Ferndale.

Punch and cheese will be served at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00, and the program will begin at 7:00, following the installation of officers for 2005-2006.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and may be purchased from: Ray White, (248) 541-2476 or June Kotlarek, (248) 542-8729. Reservations may be made with Phyllis Hill, (248) 548-5914.

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While the Annual Dinner Meeting is not a fundraiser, it is expected to break even, so your cooperation in notifying us of your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The slate for 2005-2006 is as follows:

- President Roger Schmidt
- Vice President Ray White
- Recording Secretary Christine Kole
- Treasurer Phyllis Hill
- Corresponding Secretary Jean Spang
- Historian Diane O'Neill
- Membership Carolyn Steger
- Communications Sherry Wells
- Board Of Directors Charles Beaudet
- David Lungu
- Eleanor Mielke
- Ken Miller
- Tom Barwin
- Frank Flores

Nominations from the floor for any of the above positions will be accepted if the person whose name is presented is a Society member and has given permission for such nomination. Only Society members may vote, and only one vote per family will be accepted.

By-Laws:

The following amendment to the By-laws will be presented to the membership for approval: 'The Ferndale Historical Society Museum building shall be used only by the Society and only for its official functions.'

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!!

Learn your way around our Museum FREE by signing up for only two (2) hours one (1) Saturday every other month as volunteer and help us expand the hours we are open to the public.

For more information call:
Sherry Wells
(248) 543-5297

Condolences: The Society extends its sincere sympathy to Ellen Hill and her family in the loss of Arthur Hill, husband and father. Ellen is a dedicated Museum volunteer. She and Art have been long-time supporters of the Society.



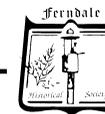
A Fresh Coat

The Museum building has been repainted, and the trim will be finished soon.

It is amazing what a couple of coats of paint will do to perk up a building.

Many thanks to the Department of Public Services for a job well done.

- Officers
- President
Ray White
- Vice-President
Roger Schmidt
- Treasurer
Phyllis Hill
- Corresponding Secretary
Jean Spang
- Recording Secretary
Chris Cole
- Newsletter Editor
Jean Spang
- Newsletter
David Lungu
- Historian
Diane O'Neill
- Membership
Ken Miller
- V.P. Communications
Mike Avery
- Board of Directors
Charles Beaudet
Eleanor Mielke
Mary White
Carolyn Steger
- Trustees
Thomas Barwin
Frank Flores



Photograph Preservation:

Thanks to a most effective notice at Wayne State, we have had great response to our pleas for volunteers to help copy, properly store, and catalogue our vast collection of photographs.

One of the volunteers, Miriam Kelman, a computer technician in Silicone Valley for 20 years, and her computer skills, knowledge, and research have enabled us to buy the best equipment for our needs at the best prices.

Melissa Allen and Karen Robertson who were the first Wayne State students to work on the photo copying have been unable to continue with us, but Melissa keeps in touch with our current students and hopes to return to 'active duty' when her schedule eases. Jane Billecke, Katia Grozhan, and Vladimir Shutov have all had experience in archival work, and, with Miriam, have set up the actual program for this project.

The enthusiasm, know-how, experience, and cooperation of these four savvy people ensures the protection of the Museum's extensive photograph collection.

Ferndale's Architecture



As part of the Historical Society's preservation project, a three-member team has begun taking pictures of all the buildings and houses on each street in Ferndale. To date, the team has photographed the 58 business buildings and two residences on the east side of Hilton Rd., ranging from Eight Mile Rd. to Ten Mile Rd.

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The Museum Shop

- Museum T-Shirt (9 Mile Intersection) \$20.00*
- Museum T-Shirt (Crows Nest Logo) \$15.00*
- Cole's "Ferndale of Yesteryear" \$20.00
- "Old Timers Tell It..." Hard cover \$15.00
- Schmidt's "Tough as Nails..." \$45.00
- Wells' "Father, Ford, \$5 a day..." \$15.00
- Afghans \$35.00
- Historical Calendar (2005/2006) \$8.00
- Seabee's D-Day Calendar \$10.00
- Post Cards (5 Designs) .75 ea
- Museum Note-Card Pack \$4.00

* Larger Shirt Sizes slightly more.

Items are For Sale at the Museum

Thank You, Thank You...

We have been extremely fortunate in receiving money from two local organizations, enabling us to buy the equipment and supplies needed to begin our photograph protection.

The Ferndale Community Association gave us a \$2005.00 grant, and the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project through its Pub Crawl has made \$3000.00 available to us.

Without the generous assistance of these two organizations, we never would have been able to even consider such an extensive undertaking. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and support.