

**LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER**

**January 2021**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



Photo by Dan Bovino

**Fox Pointe Christmas Display 2020**

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ Bill Benne

2020 will be a year that goes down in history! It has affected everyone's lives, families, and businesses across the world. I would like to offer my condolences to any one of our members who experienced a loss of a family member, friend, or neighbor. Also, to our businesses, who were and are being impacted by COVID 19. Our world has been turned upside down.

Now we begin a New Year, 2021! With a vaccine developed to battle against COVID 19, I pray that we are on the mend. May 2021 bring us HOPE for a better future.

In the meantime, please remember to do your part, wear a mask, social distance yourself, and wash your hands often! As they say, "WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!"

I hope you enjoy the photos taken by Barb Dust & Dan Bovino in this January issue of the LHS Newsletter. Until we can reopen the museum and start again with our programs, please stay safe and healthy!

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2020 –2021  
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Barb Dust ~ Museum Curator

The year 2020 was a year like no other! It was certainly full of challenges for all of us and also for the Lansing Historical Society and museum. LHS still managed to maintain a positive presence in our community.

In August, we participated in Mayor Patty Eidam's celebration of 100 years of Women's Suffrage. We helped register the participants at the outdoor event and brought along mannequins dressed as suffragists in 1920's fashions from the museum and a display board highlighting women who led the way.

While Autumn Fest had to be cancelled, Fox Pointe initiated a scarecrow contest and a Trick or Treat event on Halloween. Our organization answered the call by creating two scarecrows! Our scarecrows were unique in that they related to Lansing history. We had "Amelia Scareheart" to honor the visit of the famous aviator to the Lansing Airport. Then we paid tribute to Lansing's agricultural heritage with our own version of the Grant Wood painting, "American Gothic".

Thank you to all the LHS members who donated candy for the Fox Pointe Trick or Treat. Heather & Ainsley Grant, Phyllis Drewno, & Jen & Joe Saia manned our table. We had a wonderful turnout!

We also participated in Fox Pointe's outdoor Christmas Tree display. It took 2 trees for us to display over 100 beautiful ornaments created by Jan Bockel to depict almost 30 countries. Thank you to all who helped in the revised Festival of Lights LHS normally hosts.

Although the museum remains closed, we are still available to receive calls and memorabilia donations. Thank you to retired Firefighter, Jim Bushor, for donating 11 boxes of memorabilia.

Don't forget to check us out on our Facebook page for more information and photos!





Mayor Patty Eidam hosts  
100 yr. celebration of  
Women's Suffrage



Ainsley & Heather Grant, Phyllis Drewno  
(not pictured Jen & Joe Saia)



Sue Bovina, Bill Benne, Rich Dust,  
Jan Bockel, Barb Dust. (Dan Bovino,  
not pictured)



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#### MUSEUM HOURS

Lansing Historical Society meetings and programs are normally held the fourth Monday of most months. (Due to Covid 19, Meetings & Programs are cancelled until further notice)

No meetings are scheduled in June, July and August.

We welcome new members! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to come see what we're all about!

MUSEUM IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE