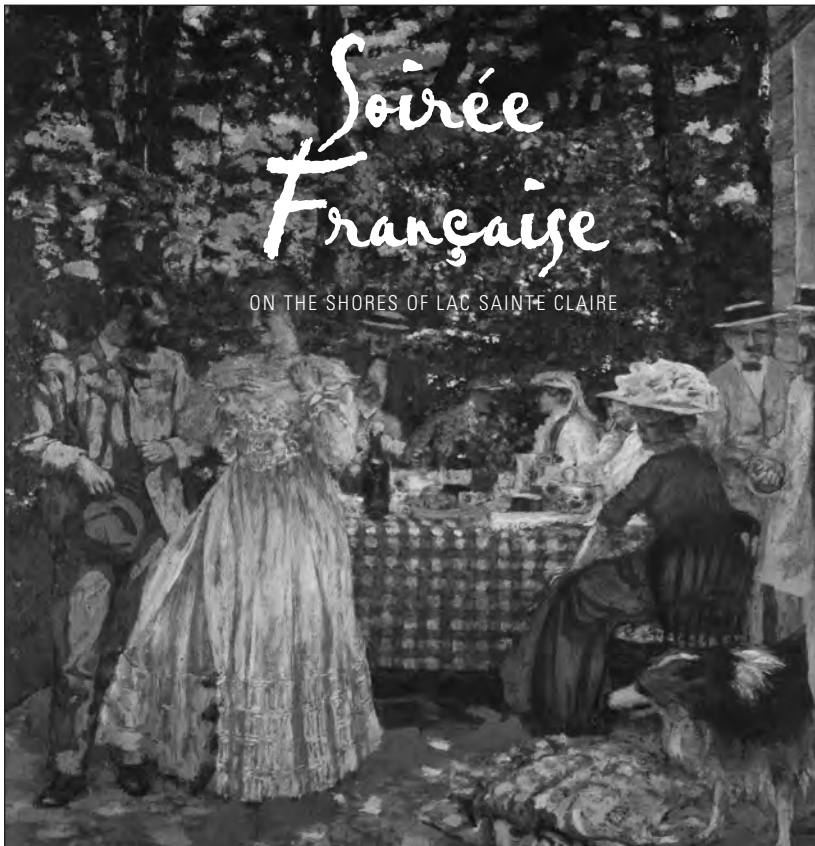




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A benefit evening for The Society at a beautiful historic lakeside home in Grosse Pointe

**Friday, June 15, 2007 • 7 p.m.**

Sumptuous foods featured in a Buffet Campagnard

Music by Picks & Sticks StringBand

*Limited reservations*

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*For more information*

Please call (313) 884-7010  
or e-mail [info@gphistorical.org](mailto:info@gphistorical.org).

Invitation to follow.

## Life on a Ribbon Farm Camp Summer 2007

### An Interactive Historical Program for Children



Children in the area are invited to learn about the old farm life of 18th century Grosse Pointe this summer as the Society brings back the popular summer series, *Life on a Ribbon Farm*, for children 7-11 years old. The program will take place, Monday, July 16–Thursday, July 19, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Provençal-Weir house c.1823, 376 Kercheval, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The term “ribbon farm” or “strip farm” refers to Grosse Pointe’s early agricultural properties that were approximately 300 to 500 feet of lakefront and extended inland from one to three miles. This property usually began at the lake with a farmhouse and garden, barn with animals, apple, cherry or pear orchards, wheat and corn fields, and woods.

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## Life on a Ribbon Farm

### Monday, July 16: Picnic Foods and Lawn Games

Make checkerboard sandwiches and butterfly cookies, then enjoy an outdoor picnic, bug catching and the old-fashioned lawn games and crafts.

### Tuesday, July 17: Habitant Fun and Games

Explore Grosse Pointe's early French roots and make delicious French crepes and apple cider. Have a scavenger hunt and learn about the French Provencal family.

### Wednesday, July 18: Early American Theatrics

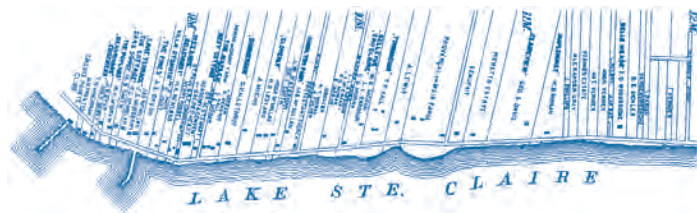
Explore the lives of early American boys and girls through theatrical escapades! Plenty of opportunities to hone your acting skills, learn about props, and stage directions. Bring a shoebox to make your own set.


### Thursday, July 19: Good Ol' Summertime Picnic


Make your own chicken, a salad, potatoes and cakes. While supper is in the oven we will pot our own herbs to take home and start your own garden.



The fee is \$120.00 per child for the four-day program. Please register in advance by sending a check to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 381 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Please note your phone number and your child's name and age.

For more information, please call the Society at (313) 884-7010 or visit the website at [www.gphistorical.org](http://www.gphistorical.org).



  
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The Grosse Pointe Historical Society Headquarters, Provencal-Weir House, c. 1823, 376 Kercheval Ave., is open the second Saturday of each month, 1:00-4:00 p.m., during special events, and by appointment. The Resource Center, 381 Kercheval Ave., is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m. Phone: (313) 884-7010

# Help Wanted

Have you always wanted to get more involved with the Historical Society, but are not sure how? Now, for the first time, interested Grosse Pointe Historical Society members can serve on our board committees to make use of their time and talents on behalf of their community. If you have ideas to share, contacts to help us, or just would like to help make things happen, please contact us at (313) 884-7010 or [info@gphistorical.org](mailto:info@gphistorical.org).

## **Membership Committee**

Recruiting new members  
Plan membership events and activities

## **Public Relations Committee**

Promotion of all GPHS programs and events  
Brochures and print collateral materials

## **Development Committee**

Identify grant sources  
build relationships with funders  
Write proposals  
Prepare grant reports  
Government funding  
Conduct the annual fund campaign  
Cultivate individual contributed support

## **Resource Center Committee**

Overall responsibility to create public access to historical information  
Management of the Resource Center  
Development of website exhibits

## **Collections Committee**

Collections management (acquisitions, policy, conservation)  
Development of internet-based access to collections



## Garage Sale, May 19

Portions of this year's Tailgate Treasures garage sale/swap event at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park will benefit the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The event will take place on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and will be open to Park residents as well as members and friends of the Society. Please contact Kiki Herfert at [kikiherfert@gmail.com](mailto:kikiherfert@gmail.com) if you can help out at the sale or if you have items to sell.

## Grosse Pointe Park Celebrates Centennial

To celebrate its 100th birthday as a city, Grosse Pointe Park has a number of events in the works. The first is a Birthday Party on May 19 at Windmill Pointe Park presided over by Mayor Palmer Heenan. The party is complete with birthday cake and the release of 100 red, white, and blue bio-degradable balloons. The event is in conjunction with the Tailgate Treasures garage sale/swap event (see article below) and the annual Perennial Exchange.

Also planned are a classic car display, a guided bike tour of the Windmill Pointe area, and the Palmer Heenan Lecture series on Park history to begin in the fall. Details on these and other events will be released as soon as they are available.

Anyone with historically relevant items including photos; neighborhood, street, and family histories; essays; and papers can be sent to the City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Call (313) 822-9199 or email [gphistorical@aol.com](mailto:gphistorical@aol.com) for information.

—Kiki Herfert

*Chair, Centennial Volunteer Committee*

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## Historical Society Wish List

Call us at (313) 884-7010 if you can help us obtain any of these items or sponsorship opportunities.

- Dress-up closet repairs and additions, \$200.
- Printed curriculum materials to distribute to all teachers of second-fifth grade, \$500.
- Two beaver fur hats, \$160.
- Old fashioned bucket for drinking water, \$50.
- Funds for curriculum development for sixth–twelfth grades, \$7,000.
- Create hands-on exhibits for kids, \$500.00
- Native American exhibit, \$1000.
- Three old fashioned floor lamps, \$150.
- 30 clipboards, \$120.
- Period curtains for house \$5,000.
- Storm windows, \$5,000.
- LCD projector for presentations and videos, \$1000.
- 32" flat-screen TV for video presentation, \$1000.
- New porch, \$10,000.
- Grosse Pointe map design and printed guided historical tour, \$5,000 sponsor needed.
- Funds to produce DVDs from our videos 1650 to present, \$5,000.
- Archival supplies, photo jackets and folders, \$500.
- Storage containers, more space, \$200.
- A volunteer coordinator for our volunteers!

# Upcoming Events

Call (313) 884-7010 or visit [www.gphistorical.org](http://www.gphistorical.org) for further information

The following events are free of charge

## **Spring 2007 Dr. Frank Bicknell Educational Lecture Series**

Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms

### **The 80-year History of Pro Musica Detroit Thursday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Alexander Sucek, long time Grosse Pointer, *Grosse Pointe News* contributor, local summer chamber music festival organizer and President of Pro Musica Detroit, will discuss his recently published book, *The Witness of Music: The 80-year History of Pro Musica Detroit*.

This book explains how Detroit's leading musicians and music lovers organized a local chapter of the prestigious, New York-based concert group, Pro Musica. Detroit had the only one of 20 such chapters to survive the 1929 stock market crash and thrive for 80 years. Sucek will discuss how it has thrived and the amazing list of great composers and brilliant artists the group has been presenting in Detroit ever since.

*The purpose of the  
Grosse Pointe Historical  
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## **Second Saturday Pastimes**

Come to the Provencal-Weir House, c. 1823, on the Second Saturday of each month during the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's complimentary open-house tours from 1:00–4:00p.m. and enjoy a tour and a fun, brief history lesson! All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **May 12 A May Day celebration of old with musical group Fiddlepointe.**

Learn about Maypoles, May dances and May celebrations of old Grosse Pointe with Cyndee Harrison.



### **June 9 All Things Vernors!**

Sample Boston Coolers, Cream Coolers with Marguerite Humes, author of 300 years of Detroit Cooking. Lisa Mower Gandelot will share family artifacts.

**July 14 Old Time Photos** Wear your own costume or use our dress-up closet and sit for an Old Time Photo. Nancy Pacitto photographer, or you can bring your own camera. We will e-mail you your photo! Appointments recommended. 884-7010.

**August 11 Feast of St. Clare** Celebrate the anniversary of the naming of Lake St. Clair. Re-enactors show us how the voyageurs survived in early Grosse Pointe at a mini-encampment with Paul Ignagni and friends.

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