



GROSSE POINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2009 *Annual Appeal*

This past year the Grosse Pointe Historical Society witnessed much change and growth. It has been an exciting time! We hired a part-time Director of Education and our first full-time Executive Director. Membership has expanded to an all time high – we passed the 800 mark and membership continues to grow daily. However, with the bad economy, this has also been a challenging time for us. Now more than ever we need your support to continue our work and to achieve some of the goals we have set to expand our services for the community.

Here are a few highlights of activity from 2009 – more than 300 people visited the Provencal-Weir House as part of our Second Saturday program, including the *Glorious Grosse Pointe Gardens* talk, antique appraisals, a May tea celebration, *Healthy History* walks featuring local historic destinations and *Pointes of History* guided neighborhood walking tours. The educational Bicknell Lecture series attracted an audience of more than 600 this past year and nearly 350 schoolchildren attended the One-Room Schoolhouse program last spring. We hope to triple this amount in the coming school year through outreach to the Grosse Pointe and surrounding community school districts. Over the summer, the Society offered “Ribbon Farm Days 2009,” a summer camp experience including arts and crafts, music, cooking and games for young children aged 5 through 7. We plan to continue and expand this program in 2010. Also, the archival collection continues to grow. We have received many generous donations including a collection of early Grosse Pointe Farms ledgers and assessment rolls dating back to 1905, a large bronze sign and other memorabilia from E.J. Hickey Co., hand-carved fishing lures and duck decoy by the Reno brothers, and many other significant documents and photographs relating to Grosse Pointe history.



A VISITING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUP

Our 2009 fundraiser, *A De-Lovely Night in Grosse Pointe*, was another huge success. It sold out to more than 400 guests who enjoyed the evening at the beautiful Simon home on Vendome Road. Thank you to our generous hosts, the Simon family, and all party sponsors, donors and event attendees. We hope to see you again next year at another historic home. Also, we would like to extend a special thank you to the Wilkinson Foundation for their support dedicated to the architectural survey of the City of Grosse Pointe, digitization of the archival collection and for funding the new online exhibition *Art and Orchids: the Whitcomb Estate*. Supporters like you help us do our job, which benefits all of the community.

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Amount _____

Account # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

This gift is eligible to be matched.
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I would like more information about remembering the
Grosse Pointe Historical Society in my estate plan.

In honor of _____

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Please designate my gift:

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Please indicate any changes in name, address or phone number.

Yes! I want to support the programs, events and preservation efforts
of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Enclosed is my gift of:

\$ 1000 \$ 500 \$ 250 \$ 150
 \$ 100 \$ 75 \$ 50 \$ 25 Other _____

My business would like to support the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Enclosed is our gift of: \$100 \$250 \$500

NOTE: This is not a membership renewal. All gifts are fully tax-deductible. Thank you for your gift! Contributions to the Annual Appeal are fully tax-deductible in accordance with state and federal laws. MICS # 12443-0689. The Society is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

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Anna Whitcomb and electric car, 1911.
CONTINUING OUR WORK TO SHARE
HISTORY WITH THE COMMUNITY.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is an active and lively organization. Visit our website at www.gphistorical.org to see and experience our work. As the Society looks toward 2010, we realize that unrestricted funding is needed now more than ever. Money raised in this year's Annual Appeal provides vital operating funds, including those for administration and operation of the Alfred B. and Ruth S. Moran Resource Center and the Provencal-Weir House, educational supplies and public programming. We are dedicated to careful stewardship of funding in these difficult times. Our paid staff and volunteer Board and committees will continue to work on a small budget, while striving for big results!

This year we are hoping you will join us as we recommit ourselves to making the history of our exceptional community vital, relevant and accessible. The programs, facilities, events and collections funded by your generosity allow us to experience, share and preserve the past. Without your help, we cannot succeed. We would be especially grateful if you would consider increasing your gift, even by a small amount, to help us in this struggling economy. The future of our past is in your hands.

If you have any questions about the Annual Appeal or would like to learn more about other ways to support the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, including planned giving, estate planning or volunteering, please call our office at (313) 884-7010.

We hope you will join us in ensuring the positive momentum will continue into 2010 and beyond. We look forward to working together to bring our local history to life.

Sincerely,

Susan Hartz
PRESIDENT

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Merchandise ranging from specialty foods, books, stationary, hand-crafted items and artwork, as well as Victorian style toys, games and candy.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes! I'd like to purchase a **GIFT MEMBERSHIP** in the Grosse Pointe Historical Society for:

Name _____

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Enroll this membership at the following level:

- Senior Citizen* \$ 25
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