



The Gatekeeper

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Message From the President



AND IT STARTED OFF WITH A BANG!

2017 that is. Meridian Charter Township kicked off its' 175th anniversary with a spectacular fireworks display on New Years Eve. Studio C!

premiered the film "Meridian: The Lines That Define Us" documenting township history. The movie contained great photos and interesting interviews with longtime residents. The movie proceeds of over \$1000 were donated to Friends of Historic Meridian for operation of the Meridian Historical Village. Thank you Studio C!!

On February 16, Jane Rose and Fred Junger, dressed in period clothes, represented the Friends at "Celebrate Enactment Day" for Meridian and Delhi Townships at the State Capital. Thanks Jane and Fred.

Many events are taking place throughout the year to celebrate this anniversary. The

Friends of Historic Meridian will be displaying the township's traveling Pictorial Exhibit, hosting "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town", and participating in "Celebrate Meridian – Independence Day Celebration".

In August, September, and October Jane Rose will be a guide for historic walking tours in the Township.

Additionally, the village will continue to host many elementary classes throughout the season teaching children life lessons from the past and, new this year, an Adult Day Camp on April 29.

Thanks to all our docents who make these programs successful. As always, we welcome your help in volunteering and appreciate your continued support through membership dues and donations.

- Brad Brogren
Board President

Upcoming Community Events

The Village will be a stop on the "Be A Tourist In Your Own Town" event on Saturday, June 3rd. We are thrilled a Revolutionary War re-enactment group (the 42nd Royal Highlanders Regiment) will camp at the Village from Friday evening until Sunday.

On Saturday, July 1st, we will participate in the Celebrate Meridian event. While the larger event lasts until 10:30 pm, the Friends will participate from 11 am-4pm and then host a battle skirmish put on by our partners in the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B Civil War re-enactment club.

We hope you will join us for these free, fun, family-friendly events.

- Renee Tierney, Chair
Special Events



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Barn Sale

Saturday, May 6, from 9am-3 pm at Brogren's Barn, 5004 Cornell Rd., Okemos.

Call 517-349-0867 re: donating items for sale.

Be A Tourist

Village will be open Saturday, June 3, from 10-5. Partners include the 42nd Royal Highlanders Revolutionary War Regiment.

Heritage Festival

Saturday, July 1, 11-4. Partners include the 7th Michigan Voluntary Infantry, Co. B Civil War re-enactment club.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

The Friends of Historic Meridian Endowment Fund was established within the Capital Region Community Foundation in 2014.

Donations to this Foundation for the Friends' Endowment Fund will ensure we can continue our work for years to come.

Contact Executive Director Jane Rose at 517-285-4666 or picketfence1903@att.net with questions.



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Smile!

Looking for a quick and easy way to donate to the Friends? You can shop on-line at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)) and the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.05% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

First, visit www.smile.amazon.com and select FOHM to receive the contribution before you start shopping. Once selected, the site will remember you are a supporter of FOHM and every eligible purchase will result in a donation.

If you are an Amazon shopper, ordering through AmazonSmile will support this organization and make us all smile!

Club Partnerships

The Friends are fortunate to have partnerships with other clubs whose efforts support and enhance the Village. In addition to the partnerships mentioned previously with the 7th Michigan and the 42nd Royal Highlanders, one of our longest partnerships is with the Meridian Garden Club. Their members have spent over 40 years keeping the Village gardens looking beautiful.

We want to thank the Meridian Garden Club for their commitment to beautifying the Village. You are a special and valued partner.

A Day Camp Just for Adults!

Are you Looking for a fun and hands-on opportunity to experience life 100 years ago? The Friends are hosting a four-hour camp for adults on Saturday, April 29th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Meridian Historical Village.

You can learn about life on the homestead and farm chores. Explore a day of life in a log cabin. Participate in a quilting bee (no experience required). Learn about 19th century "up-recycling" with rug hooking. Or explore apprenticeships of old crafts.

Cost is \$30 per adult. Lunch is provided and you will leave with a "goodie" bag courtesy of the Friends of Historic Meridian. See page 5 for detailed information and how to register.

- Day Camp Sub-Committee

Members' Only Page

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Friends of Historic Meridian Membership Form

Mail to : P.O. Box 155, Okemos, MI 48805-0155

Are You A Fan of Local History? The Village exists only because of our members!

Membership Fees:

Individual (\$30.00) _____ Family/Organization (\$40.00) _____ Retiree (\$15.00) _____

Lifetime (\$300.00) _____ Corporate Sponsorship begins at \$200.00 _____ (the sky's the limit!)

Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

E-mail address: _____ Quarterly Newsletter:
(Please circle your preference)

Membership Fee: \$ _____ Mail (black & white copy only)

Additional donation (much appreciated!): _____ E-mail (color copy)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Adult Day Camp Details

A tour of the Village buildings and a pioneer lunch will be included. Following are areas we can cover, depending on the level of campers interest. Please indicate your top three areas of interest.

To register, visit www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org or use the form to the right.



Visit The Eleanor Otis Gift Shop

Old-fashioned toys, games, candy, and more.

Spring Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 9 am-2pm, March 1-June 15

Saturdays 10 am-2 pm, beginning May 7

Or by appointment - call 347-7300 to schedule.

Adult Day Camp

REGISTRATION FORM - April 29th

NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Historic Meridian and mail to P.O. Box 155, Okemos, MI 48864-0155

Please check your top three choices:

- Apprenticeships: e.g.
 - Printing
 - Spinning
 - Stenciling
 - Tin Punching
 - Weaving
- Farm chores: e.g.
 - Making Butter and/or Cornmeal
 - Washing laundry
- Food preparation for Pioneer lunch
- Life in a log cabin
- Textiles: e.g.
 - Hooking a rug
 - Piecing and quilting



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**Look For the Summer Gatekeeper For
Details on:**

Celebrate Meridian Township

Turning Back the Pages Day Camp

Call 517-347-7300 if you have information to share.
