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Historical Society of Greater Lansing

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Upcoming Lansing School Exhibit, How You Can Help...

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing needs your help gathering objects for our next exhibit, which will be about Lansing's High Schools. We hope to launch the exhibit in November.

We're looking for people to loan and donate objects from their high school days at Everett, Eastern, Sexton, Central, St. Mary's High (later Mons. John W.O'Rafferty), Resurrection (later Monsignor Gabriel High), Harry Hill, Lansing Catholic Central, and the Michigan School for the Blind.

Examples of desired objects are: graduation gowns, varsity jackets, sports uniforms, school spirit memorabilia, class rings, yearbooks, prom attire, drama costumes, report cards, band uniforms, trophies and awards, and school club memorabilia. If you have something you would like to donate or loan, please send an e-mail to info@lansinghistory.org or call (517) 282-0671 to speak to HSGL President Valerie Marvin. All items need to be donated or loaned by October 15, 2012.

When Everyone Shopped Downtown Exhibit

HSGL would like to thank everyone who attended our first exhibit, *When Everyone Shopped Downtown*, this summer! Over the course of four weekends we had about 200 people visit the exhibit. Thank you so much for your support!

Special thanks also goes out to all of the HSGL members who loaned or donated objects for the exhibit. We could not have done it without you!

Membership Status

Don't forget to check your current HSGL deadline every month when you receive your newsletter! Memberships are good for one calendar year from the date of renewal. If you receive the newsletter via mail, you can check to see when your membership is up by looking at the label on your newsletter. If you receive your newsletter via e-mail, check the e-mail for a reminder of when your membership is up. If you have any questions, you can always contact us at info@lansinghistory.org or by calling 517-282-0671. Memberships can be renewed by sending in the membership form, found on the back page of the newsletter, with a check to our p.o. box, or online via our website, www.lansinghistory.org.

HSGL Partners with the LSJ to Bring You Historic Lansing Photos!

In October the Lansing State Journal is going to begin featuring historic Lansing photos provided by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing on their facebook page! To view the photos, just go to the Journal's Facebook page and "like" them.

The photos displayed will include a wide range of images, including both black and white and colored images, dating from the 19th Century through the 21st. Among the images displayed will be historic newspaper photographs, photos from private collections, photos from public sources (including old Lansing yearbooks) and historic advertisements. If you have a photo you'd like us to share as a part of this project, please send it to info@lansinghistory.org.

Fall 2012 Silent Auction at the Michigan / Strand Theatre!

Saturday, October 6, 2012 - 4:00pm to 7:00pm
The Old Michigan / Strand Theatre
(Atrium Office Building)
215 South Washington Square, Lansing
\$15.00 per person

The annual silent auction fundraiser is almost here. Last year, with the help of our members and the community, our society raised nearly \$10,000 towards our goal of establishing a local history museum. Since that time we've taken many significant steps, including leasing a space in the Creyts building and launching our very first mini-exhibit, *When Everyone Shopped Downtown*.

This year we hope to build on our success from last fall to continue our fundraising efforts to create a Lansing history museum. We have already obtained a number of unique and one-of-a-kind items for the the auction on which you will not want to miss the chance to bid.

You may purchase tickets by calling (517) 282-0671, emailing info@lansinghistory.org, or purchase tickets online at www.LansingHistory.org.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the silent auction. We've had a wonderful response from the community. You may see a complete list of available auction items in the online version of the auction catalogue at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2012auctionlist>.

Some of the items available at the auction:

Genuine City of Lansing Main Street street sign

Jim Abbott Baseball Package - includes a signed baseball, a signed baseball card, and a copy of his autobiography.

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Michigan State Capitol Dome Tour
Image of the Mustang Bar in Old Town c. 1975
English Inn Deluxe Getaway Package
Wine Tasting for Four at Burgdorf Winery
One Hour of Appraisal Services from Triola Gallery
Free admissions to some of Michigan's Best Cultural Attractions, including the Henry Ford Museum/ Greenfield Village, Detroit Zoo, Grand Rapids Public Museum, John Ball Zoo, Meadow Brook, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Home, and more!
WLNS Channel 6 Behind the Scenes Tour
2012 Michigan Notable Books Package
Motown Records Package
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Dinner with State Rep. Joan Bauer and Doug Langham
Mackinac Historic State Parks 2013 Family Membership
Unique Poster of Jim Harrison, Richard Ford, & Tom McGuaine
Michigan Cookbooks Package
Charter Boat Fishing for Two from Grand Haven
Antique 1913 Gilbert Clock
Old House Owners Package
Spartan Basketball Ticket Package
Family Keepsake Caricature by Lansing artist Dennis Preston
MSU Museum Storage Tour
MSU Library Special Collections Tour
Mount Hope Cemetery Tour
Victorian State Capitol Souvenir China
One Hour of Antique Book Appraisal from Curious Books/Ray Walsh
Hawk Hollow Golf Package
Michigan Historical Museum Extended Guided Tour
Bob Seger Book and Photo
Car Care Package
Board of Water & Light WPA Water Mural Print

Pages from the Past Excerpts from Bygone Local News Stories



Strand Theatre Opens Thursday

Lansing's New Playhouse Will Be Thrown Open to Public Tomorrow

After several postponements, tomorrow night will make the grand opening of W. S. Butterfield's magnificent Strand Theatre and Arcade. Marking an innovation in luxuriousness and practical utility, the structure is attracting wide attention among theatrical men, builders, and the general public. Two shows will be given on Thursday evening. There will be a matinee on Friday and Saturday afternoons and two shows in the evening. A new bill will be presented on Sunday when three shows will be given and at that time the house will settle down into its regular polley (*sic.*) of one afternoon show and one evening show with the exception of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Interior Is Beautiful

No theatre in Michigan will excel the Strand for appointments. Seating 2,000, the playhouse is the last word in modern fireproof construction. It is built entirely of concrete and steel and art tile. The stage is one of the largest in the state. The Arcade finished in the warm, brilliant colorings of Southern Spain forms a 165 foot approach to the grand foyer two-story affair constructed of Kane stone. The upper portion of the foyer is given over to a most artistic promenade leading to the mezzanine floor and balcony. A children's room with a colored maid in constant attendance is one of the modern features of the playhouse.

Arcade Is Feature

The Arcade is studded with 14 shops. The Washington Avenue street front contains other stores while the basement is devoted to a commodious recreation hall. Washed air forced through gigantic ducts supplies adequate ventilation to the basement as well as

the theatre proper. In addition to a number of offices on the second floor is one of the largest convention halls and ball rooms in the middle west. This hall is 165 feet long by 65 feet in width and is equipped with a practical stage. For banquet purposes the hall has equipment complete to the smallest detail with modern kitchens in connection. The Strand-Arcade has a frontage of [unreadable] feet on Washington ave and runs through to Grand ave, a distance of 330 feet.

Keith Vaudeville

Keith Vaudeville will be offered at the new playhouse. Six acts and pictures will make up the various bills. Because of the size of the theatre and class of attractions to be offered by two performances will be given daily from Monday to Friday inclusive. The matinee will start at 2:30 and the night show at 8:15. On Saturday and Sunday three shows will be the rule with one matinee and two night performances starting at seven o'clock and nine o'clock.

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- New Membership
- Renewal Membership
- Gift Membership

in the Historical Society of Greater Lansing

I have enclosed:

- \$20 Individual Membership
- \$30 Family Membership
- \$100 Business Membership
- \$_____ Additional Gift to HSGL

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