

# Whaley Historic House Museum Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019



## LETTER FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear friends of the Whaley Historic House Museum,

My name is Davina Kuh Jakobi and I am pleased to announce that as of September 2019, I have stepped into the role of Executive Director with the Whaley Historic House Museum.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to lead and revitalize this wonderful museum now that the restoration following the devastating 2015 fire has been completed and our doors have been reopened. We already have big plans for the coming year!

Most importantly, we are hoping to reintegrate ourselves into the community with new programs, collaborations, and initiatives.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,  
Davina Kuh Jakobi

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to get in contact, please feel free to message me at

[Director@WhaleyHouse.com!](mailto:Director@WhaleyHouse.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Your support makes a difference here at the Whaley Historic House Museum. It enables our staff, volunteers, and board to preserve this historic Flint landmark and the collections within, create engaging and educational programming for the community, as well as inspire a deeper appreciation for and understanding of our shared cultural heritage and history.

Our efforts would not be possible without your contributions! It means so much to us to have the support of our community.

Please take a moment to consider renewing your membership.

Beginning in 2020, you will receive a membership card (pictured below), which will provide you with a discount on our new gift shop items, free tours, a discount to our ticketed events, and an invitation to our year-end party! Simply present your new membership card at the door.



## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee.....2021

David White, President

Ryan Eashoo, Vice President

Malcolm Cottle, Secretary

Julie Arter, Treasurer

Mark Anderson.....2020

Heather Burnash.....2022

William Gainey.....2022

William Hentgen.....2020

Thomas Henthorn.....2021

Amy Meade.....2022

Kelly Price, McFarlan Home representative

Gabriel Paul.....2021

Thomas Steele.....2021

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to our members who have renewed for 2020 already or have donated within the past quarter!

Robert and Shirley Florine

Donna Dodds Hamm

Heather Burnash

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Or consider donating: your charitable contribution is a beneficial way to distribute your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA account(s)!

We are a 501(c)(3) so do keep in mind that your donation is completely tax deductible!

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to the memory of Barbara Hayes, a founding member and long-time board member.

# EVENT RECAP

## We said farewell to summer in style at our lawn party on September 21

Thank you to all those who visited us for our “Say Farewell to Summer Lawn Party” on Saturday, September 21! We were able to enjoy some warm weather and sunshine as we celebrated the last weekend of summer together. It was actually so sunny out that we had a hard time capturing the event in photographs!



This event featured live music, with performances by the Steve Wood trio, Harmony Town Barbershop Chorus (pictured performing above), and Modestina (pictured performing at the left). Thank you to Naan Stop and K & M Chuck Wagon for providing us with access to great food!



We welcomed a record number of people into the house for tours during our open hours. Thank you to our volunteers David Barkey, Marcia Amon, and Jim Maxwell for helping out!

## Genesee County Historical Society's Annual Preservation Workshop on Stone Masonry

On October 5, we hosted the Genesee County Historical Society's Annual Preservation Workshop on Stone Masonry. This event provided theoretical and practical components, including a live demonstration and the opportunity to do some hands-on training!



Special thanks to our instructor Blair Bates of Building Restoration for lecturing and leading the demonstrations and Mallory Bower and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for coordinating this event.

## LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE AND UNIQUE SPACE FOR YOUR NEXT GATHERING?

We have experience hosting events such as bridal showers, small weddings, birthdays, business meetings, dinners, luncheons, teas, and more!

## BOOK WITH US TODAY!

(810)471-4714

[Director@WhaleyHouse.com](mailto:Director@WhaleyHouse.com)

## OPEN HOURS

First and third Saturdays

From 10 AM – 2 PM

Group tours and other times available by appointment

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# VOLUNTEER | Highlight

*Here at the Whaley Historic House Museum, our most valuable assets are our volunteers. This newsletter, we would like to shine a much-deserved spotlight on one of the many volunteers who help keep the Whaley Historic House Museum open and running.*

**David Barkey** has been a volunteer and member with us since 1977. Over the years, he has also been a member of the Board for a total of 31 years.

David is a self-proclaimed history buff who is particularly enamored with the Victorian era and Flint's rich history. His parents and grandparents grew up in this area, which gives him a unique and personal perspective of our local and social history. He enjoys the art nouveau details of our house in particular.

David primarily helps with tours and open house events.

He has just recruited another volunteer to help represent the Whaley Historic House Museum. We would like to recognize him as a dedicated volunteer and great ambassador for the Whaley History House Museum.

We are always looking for volunteers who can help share the story of the Whaleys with the public by giving tours, helping with programming needs, serving as a rental host, lending a hand with general maintenance, and a variety of other tasks throughout the year.

*If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact:  
(810)471-4714 or  
Director@WhaleyHouse.com*

## Join us for our upcoming events!

### Victorian Mourning Tea:

When: Saturday, October 19 from 2 – 4 PM

What: To celebrate the Halloween season, come join us for a mourning-themed high tea party.

Enjoy a selection of tea, a delicious menu that includes traditional finger sandwiches and cakes, as well as some light piano accompaniment!

Cost: \$25

### Halloween:

When: Thursday, October 31 from 4– 7 PM

What: We will be welcoming trick or treaters at the front door and have a campfire with s'mores and apple cider. Come enjoy an open house and visit our special guests: Readings and Ramblings with Frannie and Palmistry and Tarot with Melanie. A portion of their proceeds will benefit us!

Cost: FREE This event is sponsored by the Greater Flint Arts Council Share Art Genesee Grant Program made possible by the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage funds. Your tax dollars are at work!

### Paranormal Investigation Tours (with Detroit Rock City Paranormal):

When: Thursday, October 31 from 8 – 10 PM

Saturday, November 2 from 8 – 10 PM and 10 PM – 12 AM

What: Enjoy a special event that consists of a talk, tour, and demonstration with both staff of the Whaley Historic House Museum and volunteers from Detroit Rock City Paranormal. Note: adults only!

Cost: \$45 (all proceeds benefit the Whaley Historic House Museum)

### Victorian Thanksgiving Tea:

When: Saturday, November 16 from 2 – 4 PM

What: To celebrate the Thanksgiving season, come join us for a Thanksgiving-themed high tea party. Enjoy selection of tea, a delicious menu that includes traditional and seasonal finger sandwiches and cakes, as well as some light piano accompaniment!

Cost: \$25

### Victorian Christmas Tea:

When: Saturday, December 14 from 2 – 4 PM

Saturday, December 21 from 2 – 4 PM

What: To celebrate the Christmas season, come join us for a Christmas-themed high tea party. Enjoy a selection of tea, a delicious menu that includes traditional finger sandwiches and cakes, as well as some light piano accompaniment in our decorated house!

Cost: \$30

For paid events, please reserve your tickets in advance via Eventbrite or directly!