

Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS)

a nonprofit tax exempt organization

324 S. Sheridan, P. O. Box 71, Remus, MI 49340

"Our Past, Your Future"

A NEW EXCITING FUNDRAISING EVENT THAT WILL MULTIPLY YOUR DONATION!

***September 23* is Match Day in Mecosta County. For one day only,** the Mecosta County Community Foundation will match all donations made to

Remus Area Historical Society 50 cents on a dollar. For example, if we take them ten checks at \$100 each (or \$1,000), they will give us \$1,500!



This "MATCH DAY" event provides the opportunity for donations to our organization to "pass gifts through" the Community Foundation and then receive the gifts with the added 'match' amount. The full information sheet can be viewed at: www.mecostagives.com. Gifts will be tax deductible as allowed by law.

By September 20th mail a check (or drop it off at the museum) made out to **Mecosta County Community Foundation with Remus Area Historical Society written in the memo area.** Linda Howard, President of Remus Area Historical Society, will attend Match Day and present our checks in person as required. Or you can take your check to the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The earlier in the day the better because to qualify for match dollars, donations will be time stamped by the Foundation in the order they are received.

UPCOMING MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

- 1) **Genealogy Workshop** to be held Saturday, September 18th at 1 p.m. at the museum.

SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF GENEALOGICAL SEARCHES - Tips and Tricks to narrow your search—We'll show you how to find everything you want to know—Bring your questions on paper to share w/ the group. Presentations by Donna Hoff Granholm, historian and coordinator of Isabella County's MIGenWeb and Pat Hamp, web master of mi-genealogy@rootsweb.com. Together they founded the Michigan Family History Network. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Jann Parks at (989) 382 7365 or email townefabric@rural-net.com or museum@winntel.net.



Wayne & Ted May

2) **Honor our Veterans** event to be held Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

The Remus Area Historical Society is planning a **Veterans Display** at the Museum. In conjunction with the display, we are planning a **Veterans Roundtable discussion** for veterans and their families to reminisce about these times.

We invite area veteran's families to donate or loan items for the Display. Bring in your war time veteran photos, letters, rationing tickets, honors, uniforms, recipes, and war time stories.

Also include home front stories! How did the war years affect the family back home? Look for any WWII special interest items. We can scan anything you don't wish to part with.

Share pictures and stories about area veterans and their contributions for our new **Heritage Recipe cookbook** that will feature area family recipes from the war years.

**Deadline for Veteran Display Items
October 1st**

Contact Gary Cox

989 561-2848 or

Mary Simon 989 561-2768

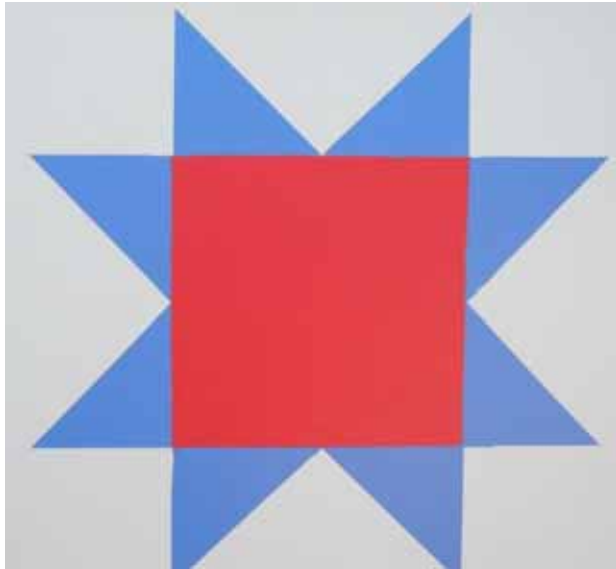
**Deadline for Veteran related Cookbook
entries October 1st.**

Contact Char Lenon 989 967-8153 or
email: museum@winntel.net

For more information or to share information, contact Gary Cox at 989 561-2848 or Garylizcox@aol.com or email museum@winntel.net.



- 3) **Antique Quilt Block billboards for Sale** - A new project this year is Quilt Block painting on wood, for outdoor decoration. Hang them on your barn, garage, porch or shed!



Quilt patterns tell a story. For example, the Saw-Tooth design, shown at left, reflected the importance of the saw for the early settlers and farmers that cleared the land in the Remus area and built their own homes.

There are six block designs used by area ancestors from which to choose. Each one is made of heavy materials with multiple coats of paint to endure Michigan weather and the edges are trimmed. You can choose your own colors.

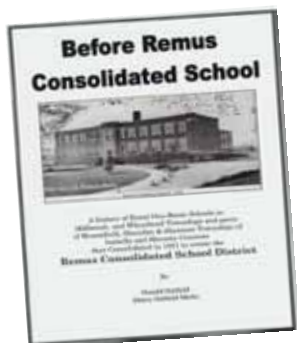
They are available in a large size 4' x 4' for \$150 or small size 2' x 2' for \$75. There is a \$10 discount for paid Remus Area Historical Society members.

For more information, contact Sherry Marks at (231) 250-2441, email tmarks2441@hughes.net, or Mary Simon (989) 561-2768, or send an email to museum@winntel.net.

- 4) **The Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **November 10th at 5 p.m.** at the museum. New board members for 2011 will be named.

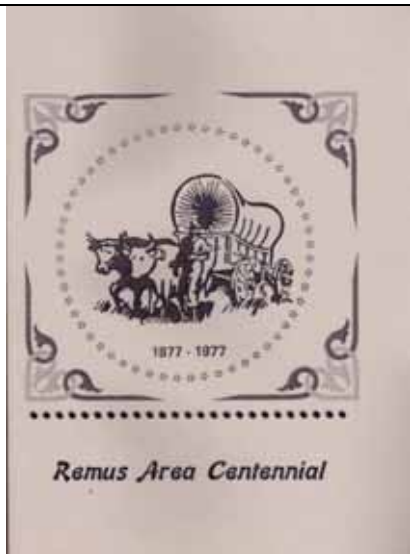
Now On Sale:

The following items can be purchased at the Museum on Wednesdays and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can also be ordered by mail-order. To order by mail, add \$3 for shipping and handling. Send a check to Remus Area Historical Society, PO 71, Remus, MI 49340.

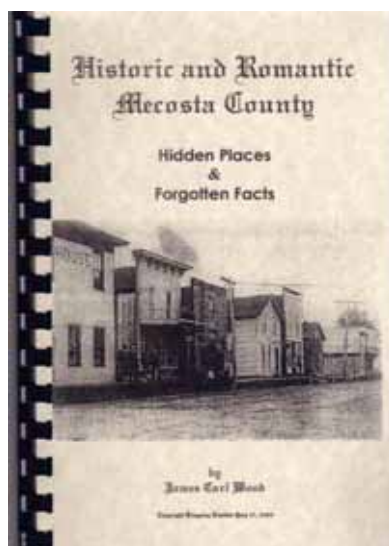


Don Hatfield and Sherry (Hatfield) Marks compiled a 92 page book entitled **Before Remus Consolidated School** with pictures and maps of one room schools that led to the consolidation of the Remus School. Don and Sherry interviewed many area residents who shared both memories and memorabilia for the project. The book is on sale for \$20 each at Grandpa's, Dents Refuse Service, Helen's Restaurant, Remus Repair, Dar's Barn, and at the Remus Museum. Don also distributed free copies to area schools and libraries.

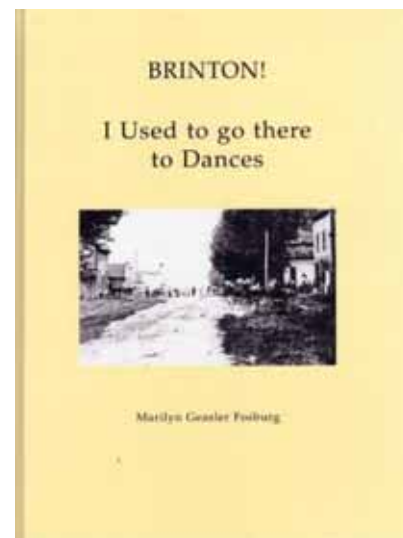
Also On Sale:



The Remus Area Historical Society has obtained the rights to reprint the original **Remus Area Centennial** book in its entirety. The cost is \$30 each.



Historic and Romantic Mecosta County by the late James Carl Wood, author and noted historian. The cost is \$18 each.



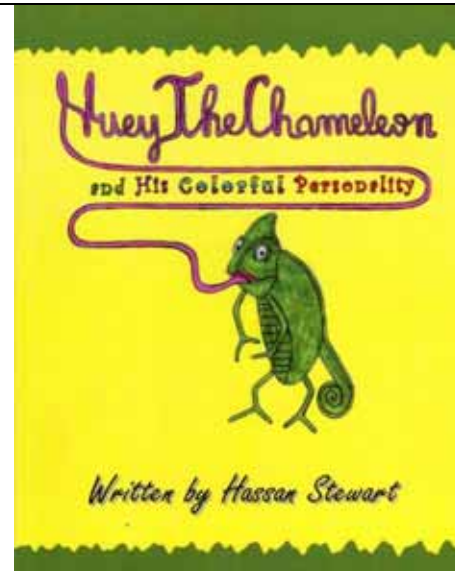
Lake resident Marilyn Geasler Fosburg has celebrated the joy of attending dances with **Brinton! I Used to go there to Dances**. The cost is \$17 each.



Company E by the late historian and local author James Carl Wood, includes Chapters that track the participation of military members from Mecosta County during World War II in the Pacific rim. The cost is \$15 each.



Lest We Forget by the late James Carl Wood and noted historian records the local history of area veterans. The cost is \$15 each.



Huey The Chameleon and His Colorful Personality – a children's book for ages 4-8 written by Hassan Stewart. The cost is \$12.

CONTRIBUTORS

A sincere thank you goes out to all of you that paid a 2010 membership, gave in memory or in honor of a loved one, and/or made a donation to the new ramp. These gifts help us to keep the effort moving forward!

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- Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
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- Fremont Insurance Company

Collection News (Artifact Contributors since April 2010)

- A Tool Chest with compartments and key used at Sherm Fountain's garage in Remus in the early 20s and before, full of antique tools donated by David and Sandy Caswell of Alto, Michigan, in memory of E. Cole Caswell, his father. Caswell shared that Cole Younger who owned land next to Caswells, was a partner of Jesse James in South Dakota. It has been said that Youngers from Clare area had catacomb of escape tunnels away from their mother's house with portals to shoot guns out of if the law showed up.
- A Curtain stretcher of his Mother's donated by Don Hatfield.
- Six Ad Calendars of various earlier Remus merchants by Terry Doerr.
- Picture of Remus High School basketball team of 1934, Picture of Owen & Sarah Shantz, High school diploma of Basil Aldrich of Blanchard 1909 - who was father of Agnes Aldrich Newel and Betty Aldrich Pollard donated by Mary Jane Post.

- A carving knife and fork of Ethel Sopers donated by Al Crystal.
- A framed war picture Battery B119FA that Tom Diehm found in his house.
- A photo of Millbrook High School 1908 contributed by Charles Presler.
- A 1922 program of Mecosta Methodist Church contributed by Ken Todd.
- A Remus Masonic Lodge 1966 calendar plate contributed by Dean Morris.
- 1946 & 47 Mecosta Co. Dog Tags contributed by Jim & Sharon Butts.
- A 2010 CD of Remus Heritage Days' Super Senior program honoring Larry & Nancy Karcher provided by Bill Sheehan.
- A green print quilt made of wool challis given to Maggie Caswell Fountain by her friend and neighbor Mary Horton Robbins who had told Maggie that it had been made from her mother's hoop skirt worn during the Civil War. Mr. Horton was a business owner in the area at one time. Also donated was Maggie's 1920 Red & White Remus Ladies Aide Quilt, a beautiful white eyelet graduation dress and 1912 Remus School Graduation Program, two Chinese lanterns from Maggie Caswell's grade school, a photo of Rose Bauman Robbins, and a photo of FSU circa 1912-1916, with Maggie Caswell in it – all donated by Maggie and Sherm Fountain's daughter Joyce Zielinski of Portage.
- Seventeen photos of citizens in the old town hall donated by Tom Johnson.

ACTIVITIES JUST COMPLETED!

The Archiving Basics and Caring for Collectibles Workshop held in August drew 20 persons from five museums as well as Remus Museum. **Teresa Goforth**, Adjunct Professor of Museum Studies at Central Michigan University and former Director of the Michigan Museums Association, taught us how to best preserve collections and artifacts.

Some of the No's we learned - never laminate or use adhesives or tape, never label photos or paper with ink or felt pens, avoid dry cleaning textiles, and, never place something directly on wood – even cedar chests (the wood pattern and oils bleed through!)

Some of the Do's we learned– obtain the background information about each item/photo to add meaning, monitor the heat, humidity and light exposure, use archival non-acid materials, store quilts and textiles in 100% cotton pillow cases or T-shirts, scan old documents when possible, and, more.



An Antique Quilt Show was held in July over Heritage Days weekend. Thank you to RAHS volunteers Sherry Marks and Mary Simon for once again organizing the display at the Museum. This year over 30 quilts by area ancestors were featured including a special quilt presented to Remus Postal Worker and Reverend Art Cross in 1942. A full 80% were new exhibitors with new designs and new family stories. If you would like to take part in the 2011 antique quilt show, please contact Sherry Marks at (231) 250-2441, email tmarks2441@hughes.net, call Mary Simon at (989) 561-2768, or send an email to museum@winntel.net.

Volunteer Yard & Landscaping Work Bee. Thank you to Erna Lobert, Kelly Simon, Mary Simon, Tom Marks and Sherry Marks who have been hard at work maintaining the yard, making pretty perennial flower beds and more. A new cedar rail fence was donated by Keith & Erna Lobert and installed by Roger Orvis. Tom & Sherry Marks, Don Hatfield and John Oswald have been hard at work gathering materials to build a storage shed using barn wood from the old Hatfield barn. If you have perennials or materials to share, contact Erna Lobert (989) 967-8468 or email : elobert@yahoo.com, or email museum@winntel.net.

A Museum Tour was held for a Remus Elementary classroom in May. The children were especially interested in the old hats and early school days memorabilia. Thank you to Erna Lobert and Char Lenon for serving as the hosts. If school classrooms would like to bring a group this fall, contact Sherry Marks at (231) 250-2441, tsmarks2441@hughes.net or Erna Lobert (989) 967-8468 or email : elobert@yahoo.com, or email museum@winntel.net.

The 5th annual Spring Tea was held May 15th at the museum. Thank you to Char Lenon and Mary Simon for once again coordinating this event. Approximately 50 persons attended and enjoyed the tea and refreshments, the approximate 50 Antique Dolls on display, entertainment by well-known/loved local jazz singer, Lois Hartzler, and a little history. Jann Parks won the Old Hat Contest and Bernice Snyder won the door prize. To participate in a Spring Tea 2011, contact Mary Simon 989 561-2768 or Char Lenon 989 967-8153 or send an email to museum@winntel.net.

MUSEUM HOURS: The Museum is open to residents and visitors every Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through October 30. Volunteers are welcome to help staff the museum, Memorial Day through Labor Day next summer on Saturdays 11-3 and Sunday 1-3. If you are interested, contact Linda Howard at (989) 967-3468, lhoward@cmsinter.net, Ken Todd (989) 967-8249, email kentodd@cmsinter.net, Char Lenon (989) 967 8153 email cklenon@net-port.com, or, email the Museum museum@winntel.net.

Check out the **new handicapped ramp entrance** made possible by your gifts and grants! Come see the brightened upstairs with its new coat of paint, new displays and a new **Genealogy computer station!** The genealogy computer station has internet access and a scanner and printer. It is free and available to the public whenever the museum is open. Online and printed Genealogy resources are also available.

COME TO A MEETING!

Regular meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the museum. Come find your niche. Propose a project or topic that you would find of interest.

Because Remus Area Historical Society, Inc. is an incorporated tax exempt nonprofit, all gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. The purpose of the Remus Area Historical Society, Inc., an educational and charitable organization, is to celebrate the heritage, and preserve the cultural and historical resources, of the Townships of Wheatland, Broomfield, Rolland, Millbrook, Colfax, Morton, Martiny, Austin, Hinton, Sheridan, and surrounding area.

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For more information, go to the Remus website at www.remus.org, and click on Remus Area Historical Society, or call Linda Howard (989) 967-3468, Char Lenon (989) 967-8153, or Sherry Marks (231) 250-2441 or send an email to museum@winntel.net.

If you wish to be deleted from this list or if this email should have been directed to a different email address please let us know.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010

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