

The Whaley Gazette



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St. Valentine's Day Dinner

Looking for a unique place to take that special someone this Valentine's Day? Then make reservations to bring them to Whaley Historical House Museum's annual St. Valentine's Day Dinner catered by **Fandangles'** of Flushing on Wednesday, February 14th.

The evening begins at 7 pm with a champagne and cheese reception in the Front Parlor. Following a tour of the museum, couples are ushered to their tables to enjoy a dinner for two with wine. Following the main course, a decadent dessert is served with coffee or tea. The romantic atmosphere is enhanced by the accompaniment of live piano music throughout the evening.

Seating is limited. Please call 810.235.6841 or email whaley@whaleyhouse.com by Monday, February 12th to reserve your seat. The cost is \$90.00 per couple. Full payment in advance is required.

All proceeds from our annual St. Valentine's Day Dinner directly support the programs and projects of Whaley Historical House Museum.

Honorary Gifts

Connie Pfeiffer
in honor of her granddaughter,
Kelsey Gavulic.

James and Margaret Gault
in honor of their sister and sister-in-law,
Barbara Hayes.

A Letter from the President

Welcome to another new year at Whaley Historical House. The Victorian Christmas was one of the most successful we've had in a long time--in part to the theme "Victorian Toys" and the work of Ruth Pullen's hardworking committee and the scheduled projects, especially the gingerbread houses which drew over 50 participants. Many thanks to all who made this event so spectacular. Special thanks to Ruth Hylen for the loan of her toy collection, Donna Hamm for sharing her teddy bears and Barbara Hayes for the dollhouse. Our 2007 theme has already been chosen, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" so put on your thinking caps and forward your ideas to Andy.

The romantic Valentine's Day dinner will take place February 14 with catering by Fandangles'. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter and flyers have been mailed.

The Historic Home Tour will be Saturday, August 18 and will coincide with the "Back to the Bricks" car cruise and show. It will feature homes and buildings in the downtown area that have car-related appeal. We need volunteers. Please call Andy and we'll put you to work. Our big piece of unfinished business is the greenhouse. There is a lot of scraping to be done before it can be assembled. We will be contacting you with some work dates so have your scrapers handy.

Looking forward to another great Whaley year,

Sally

Volunteers

Winter Volunteer Training Session

On Saturday, February 24th, from 9 am to 1 pm we will have a training session for our volunteers. During this meeting we will have an in-depth tour of the WHHM's Second Floor. Also, we will take a tour of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

If you will be able to attend, please call 810.235.6841 or email whaley@whaleyhouse.com. Light refreshments will be available.

Volunteer Opportunities

As always, there are many events and projects at WHHM that could use your assistance. If interested in participating in any of the projects below, please contact the museum.

St. Valentine's Day Dinner Volunteers
Wednesday, February 14th – 5 pm to 10 pm

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the following tasks: ironing seat covers, event set-up, food presentation, food and beverage servers, and clean-up.

Tour Guides

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month – 1 pm to 4 pm.
3rd Friday of each month – 10 am to 12 pm.

Tour guides take individual and group visitors through WHHM explaining the history of the family, home, and life in Flint during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. All new tour guides must attend a training session prior to working with the public.

Collections

Mornings or afternoons, weekdays.

Volunteers are needed to enter collections records into our PastPerfect database, scan photographs, transcribe handwritten documents, and organize and store the archival and photographic collections.

Greenhouse

Mornings or Afternoons, weekdays.

Volunteers are needed to remove staples and nails, scrape, and repaint the wooden and metal frame so we can install the Greenhouse and complete the exterior restoration this year.

Pysanky Egg Decorating Workshops

WHHM is once again hosting the popular Pysanky Egg Decorating Workshop with Mari Martin. This year our program is being expanded to include beginner and advanced sessions.

Pysanky Egg Decorating I will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 12 pm to 3 pm. This class teaches the basic principles of the pysanky decorating technique. At the end of the workshop, participants will have a completed egg to take home. Ages 12 and Up.

Pysanky Egg Decorating II will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 12 pm to 3 pm. This class teaches additional pysanky decorating techniques to take your basic skills to a new level. Ages 12 and Up.

Each individual session is \$15.00 for WHHM members and \$20.00 for non-members. Attend both workshops for the rate of \$25.00 for WHHM members and \$35.00 for non-members. Additional decorating supplies will be available for purchase. Seating is limited; reservations are required. To save your spot, please call 810.235.6841 or email whaley@whaleyhouse.com.

Collections

Last year, Evelyn Beals, a long time Friend of WHHM, passed away. An avid antiques collector, Mrs. Beals requested that her collection of glassware be donated to WHHM. Her vast donation of 19th century glass is currently being processed by our volunteers.

We look forward to displaying portions of her collection in the near future. Watch future editions of *The Whaley Gazette* for exhibit announcements.

2007 WHHM Home and Building Tour

Mark your calendars for our 2007 Home and Building Tour. This year, our event will be held in conjunction with the Back to the Bricks car show and cruise on Saturday, August 18th. We look forward to another great event. A full listing of tour sites will be available in future issues of *The Whaley Gazette* and at our website, www.whaleyhouse.com. If you are interested in volunteering for the event or being sponsor, please contact WHHM at 810.235.6841 or whaley@whaleyhouse.com.

Calendar of Events

February

Sunday Guided Tours – February 4th – 1 pm to 4 pm

Enjoy a guided tour of Whaley Historical House Museum, a Victorian era home preserving the memory of the Whaley family and 19th century Flint. After the tour, enjoy making a birdcage Valentine's Day card.

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Annual St. Valentine's Day Dinner – Wednesday, February 14th – 7 pm

Please see article in newsletter for details.

Friday Senior Tours – February 16th – 10 am to 12 pm

Seniors can visit Whaley Historical House Museum and enjoy touring the home at the reduced rate of \$3.00 per person. After their tour, seniors are invited to stop in our Summer Kitchen and enjoy a complimentary tea or coffee while playing a selection of Victorian era games.

Sunday Guided Tours – February 18th – 1 pm to 4 pm

After the tour, experiment with early motion pictures by making a flip book

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Winter Volunteer Training Session – Saturday, February 24th – 9 am to 1 pm

Please see article in newsletter for details.

Sweet Reads Book and Dessert Club – February 22nd – 6 pm

Join Sweet Reads as we discuss Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The House of the Seven Gables*. \$3.00 WHHM members; \$5.00 non-members.

March

Sunday Guided Tours – March 4th – 1 pm to 4 pm

As you tour WHHM, play the ABCs of Victorian Life Scavenger Hunt.

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Friday Senior Tours – March 16th – 10 am to 12 pm

Seniors can visit Whaley Historical House Museum and enjoy touring the home at the reduced rate of \$3.00 per person.

Pysanky Egg Decorating I Workshop – March 10th – 12 pm to 3 pm

Please see article in newsletter for details.

Sunday Guided Tours – March 18th – 1 pm to 4 pm

As you tour WHHM, play the ABCs of Victorian Life Scavenger Hunt.

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Pysanky Egg Decorating II Workshop – March 24th – 12 pm to 3 pm

Please see article in newsletter for details.

Sweet Reads Book and Dessert Club – March 29th – 6 pm

Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* is March's featured reading. \$3.00 WHHM members; \$5.00 non-members.

April

Sunday Guided Tours – April 1st – 1 pm to 4 pm

After touring WHHM, stop in the Summer Kitchen and view our exhibit *In Touch With the Past* featuring photographs and letters from WHHM's archive.

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Sunday Guided Tours – April 15th – 1 pm to 4 pm

After touring WHHM, stop in the Summer Kitchen and view our exhibit *In Touch With the Past* featuring photographs and letters from WHHM's archive.

Adults (16 and up): \$4.00; Youths (6 to 15): \$2.00; Children (5 and under): Free.

Friday Senior Tours – April 20th – 10 am to 12 pm

Seniors can visit Whaley Historical House Museum and enjoy touring the home at the reduced rate of \$3.00 per person.

Sweet Reads Book and Dessert Club – April 26th – 6 pm

Join Sweet Reads as we discuss Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*. \$3.00 WHHM members; \$5.00 non-members.

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Help Preserve Flint's Past!

If you would like to become a member of Whaley Historical House, it's as easy as filling in this form and mailing it along with a check to:

Whaley Historical House
624 E. Kearsley Street
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Members receive our quarterly newsletter, discounts on classes and workshops, free admission to Open Houses, invitations to Members' Receptions, and a discount on house rentals.

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