



Flushing Area Historical Society

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Summer Hours

Tuesdays, 9 AM -1 PM

Sundays 1-4 PM

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Join us at 6pm on Monday June 15 for our annual potluck picnic. Please RSVP at 810-487-0814 to help us keep count of how many will attend and the dish you will be bringing. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided as well as paper products. Following at 7 pm, we will present Dan Hall, singer and songwriter, as he provides a commemorative of great American songs as we celebrate America 250.



"I was born in 1958, so I grew up during the sixties and seventies in Flint, Michigan. Lots of changes took place there and around the world during that time—mostly in ways we relate to one another. My first musical memories are of the radio hits of the fifties. I was hooked. Then a musical revolution ensued in the sixties and seventies that continues to influence the shapes and topics of my songs. Music is my joy and passion. I love writing songs and I love singing them. Thanks for listening."

Dan Hall has opened or shared the stage with Bill Clinton, Tom Paxton, John McCutcheon, Christine Lavin, Josh White Jr., Michael Smith, and many others. He has written and produced soundtrack music for a feature film co-starring Ernest Borgnine, several documentaries, commercial jingles, and a theme song for a PBS television series. Through his songwriting residency, Dan has written and recorded hundreds of songs with tens of thousands of elementary students around the country.

This Is a Don't Want to Miss Performance!



Notes from Dan's Desk:

I'm back from my trip across America, I had a good time and enjoyed celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66 the "Mother Road".

Welcome to summer, it's time to go out and enjoy the warm weather. At the Museum, it's getting busy as people come in to see the America 250 Displays. The crowd that came to the Community Open House in May was large and everyone enjoyed looking at the displays. Now that we are open on Sunday come and check out the displays. We start with the making of the American Flag and the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Hall of Freedom is very popular as people look for friends and relatives. There are displays on Michigan shipping, mining and lumbering. We close with the History of Flushing and the story of Bueche's. There is a newly expanded gift shop with many Flushing and America 250 items for sale.

In June we are working with the Flushing Chamber of Commerce and City of Flushing during Summer Fest. The Museum will be open on Thursday and Friday June 11 and 12th from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. On Saturday June 13th, Flushing Farmers Market will be held in our parking lot from 9 A.M. till 2 P.M. with the Museum open till 4 P.M. to greet people as they shop. On Sunday, June 14th the Museum will be open till 5 P.M., then join us at Riverview Park for the Flag Day Ceremony. It will start at 5:30 P.M. with the Flushing American Legion. What a great way to continue our celebration of America 250.

Don't forget to join us on any of these days or Monday June 15th for our annual picnic. I look forward to seeing everyone and if you have any questions, call or e-mail the Museum and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Newsletter Update

My, how times flies. Only 23 years ago, I took over the FAHS newsletter, along with assistance from my wife, Mary. For the past 8 years I have been doing the major part alone, with some help from our President, Dan Anderson, who writes the current events. Rest assured, I am not going away. I will still be here offering unsolicited advice whether necessary or not.

Looking forward, it looks like it will take at least 3 (or more) people to take my place. The new newsletter committee, composed of Dan Roman, Nancy Gonyea and Mary MacDonald, will be making a few long overdue changes. The first will probably be tossing out the vintage Microsoft newsletter layout and replacing it with a more reader friendly two column format.

Do you have anything to contribute? We always welcome articles written by anyone with a story about work, school or anything pertaining to the Flushing area, including Lennon and New Lothrop.

Thanks for the past 23 years,

Don Wilson



Did You Happen To See This?

About 3:45pm Tuesday May 19, the **1225** came through Flushing. What a site to see! Young and old gathered at the depot to watch the famous Polar Express train pass by on its way back to Owosso.



★ Celebrating America 250 ★



Coming Events

June 10, 7pm - Summer Fest Parade
Watch for our banner on the Model A

June 11, 10-4 - Museum open

June 12, 10-4 - Museum open

June 13, 9-2 - Farmer's Market
at the Depot – visit our table & make a bird feeder
9-4- Museum open

June 14, 1-5 – Museum open
5:30pm – Flag Ceremony at Riverview Park

June 15, 6pm – Annual Potluck Picnic
7pm – Dan Hall

June 16, 9-1 – Museum open,
Volunteers welcome

Get your Passbook & your FAHS stamp

May 15 Open House ~ 250 Kick Off

In celebration of America 250 the Historical Society held an Open House complete with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Speakers included Mayor Ed Sullivan, Brianna Talaska- Chamber of Commerce, and our President Dan Anderson. Tours of the new exhibits were given and refreshments were served. It was a beautiful day and a fantastic gala!

Prize drawing winners included:

- Nancy Morgan
- Cathy Atkins
- Wendy Krupp
- David Krupp

Please pick up prize at museum

The Flushing Pickle Factory

In the early 20th century, Flushing was part of Michigan's booming food-processing industry. In January 1912, the Flushing Canning Company was organized, and a one-story factory was built along the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks, just south of Emily Street. From the start, the company contracted with area farmers, turning local crops into preserved foods shipped by rail to regional markets.

By the 1920s and 1930s, the operation was widely known to residents simply as "the pickle factory." Cucumbers grown in nearby fields were sorted, brined, and packed on site, providing seasonal employment and an important market for local agriculture. Many longtime residents later recalled working there as youths, including the messy job of sorting and "picking the pickles" as wagonloads arrived from the fields.

A surviving pickle label from 1926 confirms that this Flushing operation did business under the name Michigan Pickle Works, producing "Flushing Maid" brand Warsaw Dill pickles from the 1926 crop. Together, the photographs and label shown here capture the industrial life, labor, and branding of one of Flushing's most remembered early factories.



Flushing Canning Company / "Pickle Factory" Exterior

East side of the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks, south of Emily Street

Wagons loaded with locally grown cucumbers line up outside the Flushing plant, ready for processing. Rail access allowed finished products to be shipped efficiently, while nearby farms supplied the raw crops. This building later saw several wartime and industrial reuses, but for many residents it was long remembered as the pickle factory.





The 250 Hall of Freedom hangs just inside the main entrance to the Depot. It has 86 photos of men and women who have served in every US war since 1776. Each photo is numbered and there are two notebooks adjacent to the display with a page related to the corresponding number detailing the person's service.

The Depot has several displays depicting the history of the state in every room. The center room has a large display representing Michigan's logging industry, complete with a "pine forest" and loggers.

The north room has a very detailed map showing the sinking of ships on the Great Lakes, prior to 1975.

The south room has three large maps showing the progress of the Michigan territory up to statehood in 1835 and a show case of patriotic memorabilia.

Thank you: We wish to express thanks to all our members who donate money to the Flushing Area Historical Society in memory of a loved one or friend. This money is placed in a trust fund and the interest received helps with the expenses and operation of the Depot. The Historical Society is a 501 (C) 3 tax-exempt, non-profit Michigan Corporation. There were no memorials received in the past month.

Check the mailing sticker on your newsletter for your renewal date. If it is highlighted, it is now due. Thanks to those who pay for two or three years, this saves a considerable amount of paperwork. We print 8 newsletters a year: Feb. - June and Sept. - Nov. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail when renewing, fill out the "e-mail" line at the bottom of the membership form below. Make sure that fahs@att.net and info@flushinghistorical.org is in your address book so it does not end up in the "spam" folder.

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