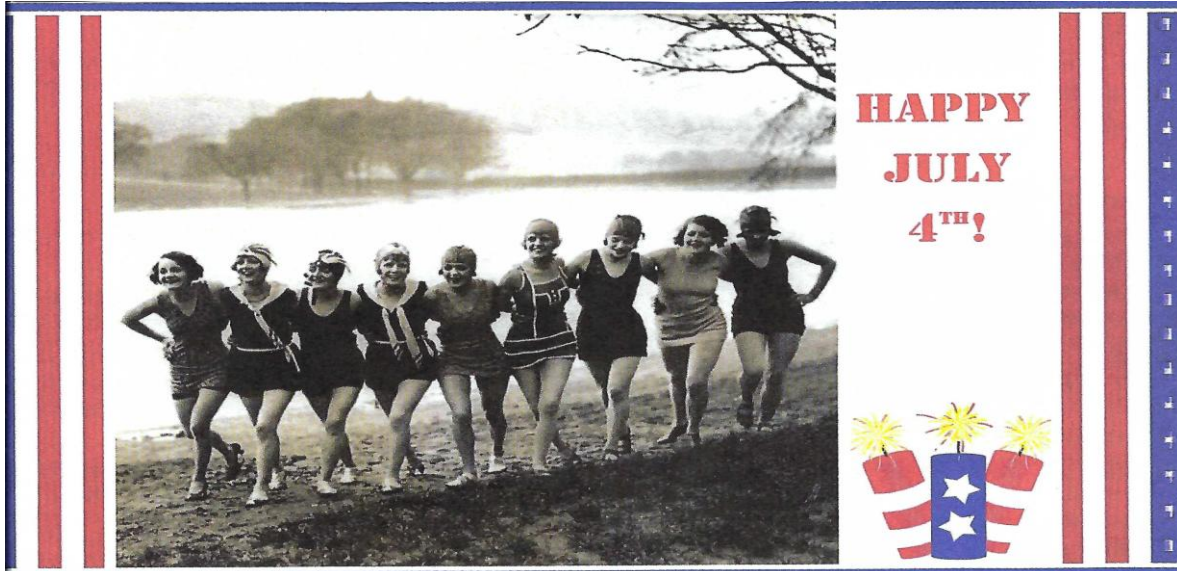




Flushing Area Historical Society

810-487-0814

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Join us Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7pm for Patriotic Trivia Pursuit.
Play individually or form a team. Prize given for each most correct round.

Notes from Dan's Desk:

Greetings and welcome to summer. Hopefully you're enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. It's been very busy these days at the museum with the celebration of America 250. Along with Flushing Summer Fest we were open extended hours. Saturday 6/13 brought the Farmer's Market to our parking lot with many vendors and shoppers. Sunday 6/14 we celebrated our annual Flag Day Ceremony with American Legion Post 283 in Riverview Park. Then on Monday 6/15 was our annual Historical Society Picnic. There were over 40 people that attended, along with great food. The Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club and the American Legion Post 283 members also joined us. Afterwards we enjoyed Flushing Trivia with Bob Davies and Dan Roman. Come visit us on a Sunday or join us for a family fun night. Enjoy your summer. If you have any questions, call the museum, I'll be happy to talk with you.

Did you hear the joke about the Liberty Bell?	(It cracked me up!)
What do you call a patriotic cartoonist?	(A Yankee Doodler)
Why aren't there any July 4 th knock-knock jokes?	(Because freedom rings)
What do you get when you cross a dinosaur and fireworks?	(Dino-mite!)

6/10 parade



6/13 crafts & color



6/13 Farmer's Market



6/13 visitors enjoying scavenger hunt



6/14 Flag Day celebration



6/13 chalk the walk



Upcoming Events

Open Sundays 1-4pm

Open Tuesdays 9-1pm Volunteers Welcome

Wed July 8, 6-8pm, Learn to make cockades, RSVP 810-487-0814

Sunday July 19, 1-4pm, 13th Annual Vintage Car Show

Monday July 20, 7pm, Patriotic Trivia Pursuit

Saturday Sept 12, Cemetery Walk at Flushing Cemetery

Get your Genesee County Passbook and your FAHS stamp

Go on our Scavenger Hunt

Shop at our replenished Gift Shop

Visit our story & craft area- make/take a bird feeder



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Rosettes, Ribbons & Cockades

The term "cockade" derives from the French word cocarde, which means a circular ornament. The earliest documented use of cockades dates back to the 15th century, where they were used by armies to signify nationality and distinguish allies from enemies. They were inspired by the colored bands and ribbons worn by knights during the Late Middle Ages. For centuries, skilled Artisans have created these meaningful objects and inspire creative interpretations today. The pleated ribbon, arranged in a circle with dangling tails, is one such symbol. Maybe you remember receiving a ribbon at a school art show or seeing one pinned to a prize-winning pie at the county fair. It seems almost universally understood- this means someone won something, achieved something or belonged to something.



What Is a Rosette? A Cockade? A Prize Ribbon?

- A rosette is a circular decoration, usually pleated, ruffled, or gathered, often made of ribbon and sometimes layered.
- A cockade (also called a cocarde) is a specific type of rosette, traditionally worn on a hat, and used to show political allegiance or military affiliation.
- A prize ribbon is more general; it can be a simple flat strip or include a rosette. It is used to recognize achievement or participation. A prize ribbon has evolved from other types; it is often machine-made today and can be found in variety stores worldwide.

Where They Originated: Symbol, Allegiance, Identity

- Military & Political Roots: The cockade originated in Europe during the 17th and 18th centuries. For example, during the French Revolution, citizens wore a tricolor cockade to show their loyalty to the new Republic. The shape and color held real meaning and consequences.
- Fraternal Orders & Civic Societies: In the 19th century, rosette-style ribbons became common among organizations such as the Freemasons, Odd Fellows, fire brigades, and mutual aid societies. These were elaborate, symbolic displays of allegiance, duties, or positions, as well as participation in events. They often featured tassels, fringes, text, photographs, and other decorative elements.
- Mourning Culture: During national tragedies, such as the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, black mourning cockades and ribbons were commonly worn. These were somber, pleated symbols of grief and unity.
- The Suffragettes: The women fighting for the right to vote used ribboned rosettes in specific colors to signify their cause. These were worn on hats, sashes, and coats.



By the late 19th and early 20th centuries, these folded and roused ribbons had expanded from politics to pageantry. Agricultural fairs, dog shows, science fairs, and classroom competitions all embraced rosettes as symbols of achievement. The rosette is an emblem that communicates without words. It says *you belong; you did something, you matter*. Whether it's on a hat in 1793 Paris or a preschooler's backpack in 2026, it delivers that same emotional impact.

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Summer Hours

Tuesdays, 9 AM -1 PM

Sundays 1-4 PM

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6/15 Annual Picnic



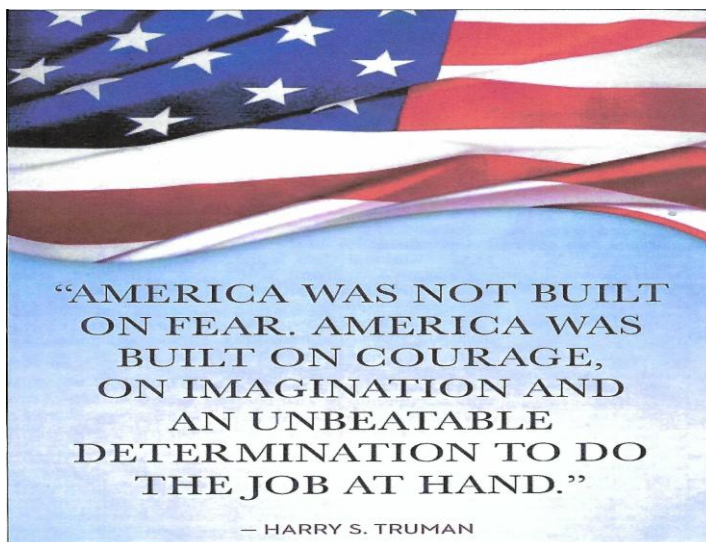
**YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BUY A BAG OF SALAD
& IT GETS ALL BROWN & SOGGY?
COOKIES DON'T DO THAT!**

A special thank you to Dan Roman and Bob Davies for an impromptu game of Flushing trivia. We learned new things while having lots of fun! Watch for Dan Hall to be re-scheduled.



6/18 Thurs Block Party

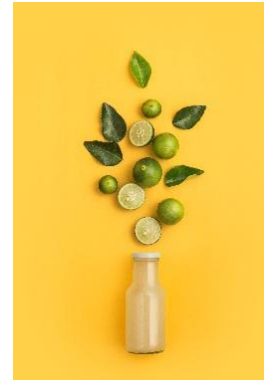
Wednesday July 8, 6-8pm, **learn how to make a cockade**. The class will be led by Cheryl Gawne from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Please bring a button, a decorative broach or tie tack for the center of your cockade. Materials will be provided. Class is free of charge. Please RSVP 810-487-0814. Seating is limited.



Old Fashioned Lemonade

- 6 cups cold water
- 2 cups lemon juice (8-10 lemons)
- 1 cup sugar
- Ice Cubes
- Lemon slice, sprig of mint &/or Marchino cherry with stem, if desired

**When life gives you lemons,
Make Lemonade**



FAHS is powered by volunteers. Stop in to learn how you can be part of preserving Flushing's history. Students: community service hours are available.

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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