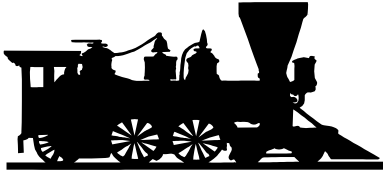


# HAMBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM

TO PRESERVE and PRESENT the HISTORY of HAMBURG TOWNSHIP



## ON TRACK

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### *Sunday Afternoon Tea*

*And*

### *The Gibson Girl*

A Day in the Life of a New American Woman

Presented by Juliana Cerra

Sunday, May 16 Tea Service at 1 pm Program at 2 pm

Tickets \$15.00 Seating is limited

Call 810 986-0190 to reserve by May 14

*Treat yourself to a delightful afternoon of tasty food, charming companionship and a wonderful program that demonstrates the life of a Gibson Girl circa 1895.*

*Modeling accurate reproductions of historic costume, Ms. Cerra reveals the underpinnings of both fashion and society. How did women manage everyday tasks? What did they wear for different occasions? Why on earth would anyone wear a corset? From bloomers to ball gowns, the Gibson Girl represents an engaging overview of the styles and etiquette of the late 1890s.*

### HERE COMES THE BRIDE

This exhibit of wedding gowns and accessories celebrates the magic of love and commitment that a wedding evokes.

Everyone wants to see the bride.

Her dress tells us how she views herself and her world.

A fairy princess, femme fatale, sweet or bold.

Satin, Silk, Lace and Beads

*On display thru June 30, 2010*



## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION OF PRESERVING AND PRESENTING THE HISTORY OF HAMBURG TOWNSHIP THRU THE HAMBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

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## HAMBURG HISTORY

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### THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. JOHN BENNETT

JOHN BENNETT AND WIFE CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1905. ON MAY 13, 1855, JOHN W. BENNETT AND MISS MINA SWIGGLES WERE MARRIED AT THE HAMBURG HOTEL. MR. BENNETT HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS RESIDENT SINCE HE WAS EIGHT YEARS OF AGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABOUT NINE MONTHS DURING THE YEAR 1864 WHEN WITH SOME OTHERS, HE CROSSED THE PLAINS WITH TEAMS AND ON FOOT TO PIKE'S PEAK. AFTER PEAKING OVER THE TOP TO SEE THE OTHER SIDE LONG ENOUGH, THEY HIKE BACK AGAIN, FEELING LIKE THERE WAS NO PLACE LIKE OLD HAMBURG.

HE HAS HELD THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE FOR 49 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. NATURE'S GRANDEUR WAS AS SWEET AND THE SUN SHONE AS BRIGHT FIFTY YEARS AGO WHICH MADE THE DAY AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT WAS ON MAY 13, 1905, WHEN ABOUT 35 OF THE RELATIVES GATHERED AT THE PLEASANT HOME OF JOHN BENNETT AND WIFE TO GREET THEM ON THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. THE RELATIVES FROM OUT-OF-TOWN WERE DR. E.K. BENNETT AND MOTHER, OF DETROIT; ISAAC BENNETT; ALBERT BENNETT AND WIFE; MRS. ARY LUMBARD OF GREEN OAK; MR. & MRS. CUTLER OF HASTINGS; HENRY SWIGGLES AND WIFE OF GRAND LEDGE; MISS CORA AULHOUSE AND MRS. JESSIE SHELWIN OF HASTINGS; MRS. HARRIETT HOWLETT OF MASON; MRS. MARTHA SWEET OF ANN ARBOR; MILTON FIELD AND WIFE AND RUSH CLARK OF GREEN OAK.

THERE WERE INVITATIONS SENT TO SOME THAT COULD NOT BE PRESENT, BUT REMEMBERED THEM BY LETTER. A BOUNTIFUL AND SUMPTUOUS DINNER WAS SERVED FOR THEM AT ONE O'CLOCK. THE TABLE WAS SET WITH CUT GLASS, CHINAWARE, SILVER AND GOLD. THE FLORAL DECORATIONS WERE BEAUTIFUL, CONSISTING OF CARNATIONS AND SMILAX. REV. QUINN, OF BRIGHTON, ACTED AS TOASTMASTER, AND DELIVERED A VERY FINE ADDRESS TO THE OCCASION. CARRIE DEWOLF AND PAULINE ROYCE RENDERED SOME VERY SELECT PIECES OF MUSIC. THE PRESENTS WERE BEAUTIFUL AND SOME VERY COSTLY, AMONG THEM BEING A NUMBER OF \$5 GOLD PIECES.

## What's the point of saving history?

In 1837, just six years after the first settlers arrived in Hamburg, the population in the Township was 490 brave souls. By 1900, the population was 876, by 1970 it was 5481 and by 2010 it is 23,655. Except for approximately 950 current residents, no one else can trace their family history back to those who settled Hamburg in 1831. For the most part, everyone else came from Detroit and its suburbs. Family history is back in the city-not out here. So why should people out here care about preserving Hamburg history? What can it mean to them? What is the point of not just saving history, but studying it and learning from it too?

Personally, I take comfort that those who lived before me had the same problems and concerns, but found solutions and lived their lives so I could live mine. I am connected to something that happened before me and am a link in what happens after me. That is my reason for saving history. You may not be interested in helping to save Hamburg history. But you might want to consider saving your history. Make a memento box of photos and items that belonged to family members. When your child whines about that boring history class, don't agree. History is not just what happened 100 years ago, it's what happened yesterday. It's what happened to you.

We are working on more ways to save Hamburg history, including the changes to the newsletter. We have mailed this copy out to over 500 people. Because of the cost, we cannot continue to do this. This will be the last newsletter you will receive unless you are a member of the Historical Society or donated items to the Museum. However, we can send the newsletter via email. Send your email address to:

[suzanne@pendragon-design.com](mailto:suzanne@pendragon-design.com).

If you would like to join the Historical Society, the application is on the back page of the newsletter.

*-Suzanne Hines*

*President Hamburg Historical Society*

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**HERE COMES THE BRIDE  
WEDDING GOWNS ON DISPLAY  
APRIL 10 -JUNE 30**

**THE GIBSON GIRL AND  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA  
MAY 16 1 PM \$15.00**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE  
MONDAY MAY 31 10 AM**

**HAMBURG SNIPPETS  
LIFE IN HAMBURG VILLAGE  
THURSDAY JUNE 24 7 PM**

**SUMMER SATURDAYS  
HISTORY FOR KIDS  
AUGUST 7, 14, 21**

**HAMBURG FESTIVAL AND RAILROAD DAYS  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

Our Board members:

**Wayne Burkhardt**

**Pat Dewolf**

**Toot Golden**

**Joyce Terry**

**Sarah Bennett**

**Suzanne Hines**

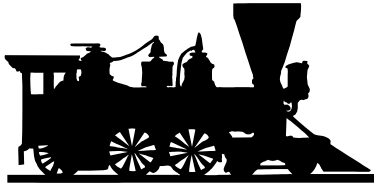
Our Volunteers:

**Monica Ninteman**

**Carol Baker**

**Lynne Davis**

So many people have helped make the Museum successful. Of special note, at this time of year, is Jack Williams. For six years Jack has maintained the front lawn of the Museum. Since they live next door, he and his wife, Kay, keep an eye on the building as well. In fact, one cold night an artificial fireplace in a display was left on. Jack saw the light, got dressed and peered through the window, thinking that there might be a fire. Needless to say, that display is now carefully checked before closing the Museum. Thank you Jack and Kay!



## HAMBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM

7225 Stone St.  
(Old Library Building)  
Hamburg Village  
P.O. Box 272  
Hamburg, MI 48139  
Open: Weds 4-7 pm  
Sat 11-3 pm

### AROUND THE MUSEUM



#### TEA ROOM

*Looking for a unique place to have your Holiday Party? Our Tea Room is available for your special event. We can serve a tea designed to fit your needs. The Tea Room is also available for rent. Call 810-986-0190 for details.*

#### GIFT SHOP

Looking for that unique gift that doesn't cost much? Check out the Museum Gift Shop. We have a variety of wonderful gift items for you and those on your list.

HELP PRESERVE AND PRESENT THE HISTORY OF HAMBURG. JOIN THE HAMBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Family	20.00	Life Membership	\$200.00
Student	2.00	Honorary	70 and over

Please make check payable to Hamburg Township Historical Society. Mail to PO Box 272 Hamburg, Mi 48139 or better yet, drop it off at the Museum. We would enjoy your visit. Thank you.