



Museum Matters

the Summer 2012 newsletter of the

Elk Rapids Area Historical Society

Exploring the past... Understanding the present... Envisioning the future

Looking ahead to history



On the Move! ERAHS President Dan LeBlond, Treasurer Adam Schuler, Trustee Dan Wettlaufer, Secretary Judy Hahn, Trustee Marjorie Paradis and Trustee Glenn Neumann in front of the new historical museum site at 301 Traverse St.

Not pictured: Greg Reisig - Vice-President, Jane Lund - Trustee, Marcia Graham - Trustee.

This is indeed a "historical time" for this organization! With a new home, an expanded mission, and year round programs, this organization is making history as its dynamic board and volunteers proceed to preserve history of the area and create a vision for their future.

Now located at 301 Traverse Street (formerly the Elk Rapids United Methodist Church) the Museum is

open and filled with new and exciting exhibits that will be rotated throughout the year.

Summer hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-4 p.m. In August, additional hours will be added on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. and evening hours on Thursdays from 6:00-8:30PM.

A special exhibit for the entire month of August, on loan from the Michigan Women's Hall of fame, is "The Ladies of the Lights" honoring the women who maintained the Michigan Lighthouses.

On Thursday, August 16th AT 7:00PM, Sally Frye will present a special program on Michigan Lighthouses. The Elk Rapids Women will host this evening program and refreshments will be served.

We are asking that you share in the excitement of this with your financial support and/or as a volunteer. See the next page for membership information.

Historical Society Awarded a Rotary Charities Capital Grant

The Elk Rapids Area Historical Society (ERAHS) Board is pleased to announce that Rotary Charities of Traverse City has awarded a capital grant of \$24,000 that will be applied to the cost of a new heating/cooling system, drain tiles, gutters, repair some water damage to wood studs and upgrade the electrical system in their "new/old" 1901 building at 301 Traverse St., the former Elk Rapids United Methodist Church.

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“It’s important to understand the part historical museums play in terms of community building and adding to our quality of life and what makes our communities and villages special,” said Becky Ewing, program officer for Rotary Charities.

More than a dozen local museums in the Grand Traverse region’s towns and villages help preserve the area’s history and community treasurers, but they also play a role in modern-day placemaking.

Stop in anytime to see our “work in progress” during our summer open hours and at our evening programs.

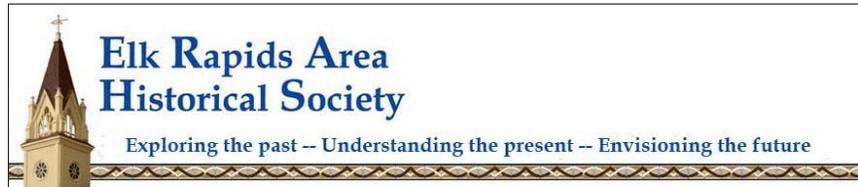
Mission Statement

The Elk Rapids Area Historical Society and Museum is a center that inspires people to explore the past, understand the present and envision the future.

We accomplish this by:

- Serving as the authority on regional history
- Preserving artifacts pertinent to the region
- Promoting, collaborating and supporting community activities
- Providing a center for community engagement and education
- Assisting with research and learning
- Ensuring history is an integral component of community development
- Sharing our past as the foundation for the future

JOIN US!



The Elk Rapids Area Historical Society extends an eager invitation to friends, neighbors, scholars, and history buffs to join our growing membership roster and to help us build a strong constituency of public service. Members enjoy a full range of benefits while supporting one of Elk Rapids finest cultural institutions. Any person interested in promoting the purposes of the Society is eligible.

To purchase a membership please complete and mail the following form along with your check to **Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 2, Elk Rapids, MI 49629-0002** or visit us on line at <http://elkrapidshistory.org/membership> to join using a credit card or PayPal.

First Name _____ Alternate Mailing Address (for summer/winter months) _____

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Programs & Special Exhibits for 2012

	<p>Thursday, July 19, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: "Great Movie Palaces of Detroit: The Kunsky Circle" Seven movie palaces were built in or near Detroit's Grand Circus Park. They include the Adams, Madison, Capitol, State, Michigan, United Artists and the Fox theatres, all built between 1917 and 1928. A PowerPoint presentation will present some great old photos of these movie palaces in their heyday. Dan Packer worked at one time or another at each of these theatres and he hopes to give the audience some insight on how they operated, the last great days of the movie palaces and the causes of their demise. These old great movie houses, for many years were not only the entertainment center for the city of Detroit, but for the southeast region of Michigan as well.</p>	
Presenter:	Dan Packer , A volunteer at the Plymouth MI. Museum for the last 12 years, returns to Elk Rapids for the third time.	
Admission:	Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person	
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/july_19th_20120.aspx	

	<p>August 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012 – at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Special Exhibit: "Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service" This traveling exhibit, on loan from the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing, combines maritime history with the stories of inspiring women who went against the gender expectations of their day to tend lighthouses on Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior, as well as the Detroit River. A wide variety of information will be presented in this exhibit, from the unique challenges of women in this non-traditional field to such details as the daily and nightly tasks they performed, the clothing they wore, and the salaries they earned.</p>	
Hours:	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday: 1 - 4 p.m.	
Admission:	Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person	
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/august_131_2012_special_exhibit0.aspx	

	<p>Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: "Celebrating Michigan's Lighthouses and the Women Who Served Lighthouses" Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state. Our "jewels of light" shine brightly again with the groups now taking on their preservation. Sally Frye will start with a brief lighthouse history, the National Lighthouse Preservation Act, de-accessioning of lights by the US Coast Guard, the groups taking on the lights and the challenges they face and the kinds of preservation taking place around the state. Then, most importantly, she'll take us on a tour around the State and tell us about all of the "Ladies" of the Lights.</p>	
Presenter:	Sally Frye , Secretary/Treasurer on the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance board, Interim Curator, ERAHS Museum	
Admission:	Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person	
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/august_16th_20120.aspx	

	<p>Thursday, September 20, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: "Somewhere In Time: A Photographic Journey Through the 19th Century" This will be a visual presentation with numerous illustrations accompanied by Leonard Walle's comments. Reference will be made to the work of Ansel Adams whom Leonard met when attending Adam's workshop in Yosemite.</p>
Presenter:	Leonard Walle , Long time collector and past President of The Daguerreian Society
Admission:	Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/september_20th_20120.aspx

	<p>Thursday, October 18, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: "Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner" Members and non-members invited. This is a very popular meeting with delicious food provided by our community's great cooks! Historical Society President, Dan LeBlond will present the slate of officers and directors to the membership, the new year budget, updates on our building preservation efforts and plans for 2013.</p>
Presenter:	Dan LeBlond , President, Elk Rapids Area Historical Society
Admission:	Just Bring A Dish To Pass (<i>note we sit down to eat at 6:00 p.m. – place settings provided.</i>)
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/october_18th_20120.aspx

	<p>Thursday, November 15, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: " Yuba School and the Yuba Historical Society" In 2009 the Yuba Historic Society was formed. They are continuing the process of protecting the well-preserved 1800's schoolhouse that served as a focal point for rural communities in "turn-of-the-century" Michigan. Donna Sayler will give an overview on what our area's newest historical society plans are for building preservation and programs.</p>
Presenter:	Donna Sayler , President of the Yuba Historic Society
Admission:	Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person
More Info:	http://elkrapidshistory.org/november_15th_20120.aspx

	<p>Thursday, December 20, 2012, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at 301 Traverse St. (corner of Pine St.) Program: "Business After Hours" The Society is pleased to host the Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours event. It is an opportunity for the Society to interact with other area business people and to meet decision makers of our community.</p>
Presenter:	The Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, December Host
Admission:	All Business After Hours events are free and open to the public.
More Info:	For additional information, contact Misty Youngson, Director, Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce at: 231-264-8202 or 800-626-7328

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