

FRIENDS  
OF THE  
RAY TOWNSHIP  
LIBRARY  
AND  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

BOOKMARK

Sunday, Sept. 17

Noon - 4:00pm  
Simply Finest Fest

Sunday, Sept. 17

Silent Auction  
ends at 3:00pm

Sunday, Sept 24

Antique Appraisals  
Wash Hist. Museum  
58230 Van Dyke

Sunday, Oct. 1

7:00am - Noon  
Ray Firefighter's  
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 1

2:00 - 4:00pm  
Cascades Event

Sunday, Oct 22

Fun with Gourds  
2:00 - 4:00pm  
Wash Hist. Museum

Thursday, Oct. 26

6:30 - 7:30pm  
Halloween craft

Thursday, Nov. 9

6:30 - 7:30pm  
Thanksgiving Craft

Thursday, Nov. 16

6:00pm  
Friends Meeting  
Board Elections

# The Back Shelf

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## The Cascades: Visions of Grandeur

Ever wonder who built the majestic home on Romeo Plank south of 32 Mile Road or why a turreted dam was built along the north branch of the Clinton River?

Local historians and authors, **Bob and Cherie Allen**, will share information about this corner of our community, known as **The Cascades**, on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00pm in the Ray Township Center at 64255 Wolcott Road.

Learn about the owners, Noah Webster, Dr. Neil Gray, the Graham and Currie families, and the Church of Christ. Find out about plans to develop the corner into an exclusive resort with cottages on the lake formed by the Dam.

The public is invited to share photographs, documents, and stories related to this historic area. The authors are seeking an image of the Cascade Dam illuminated with lights. Do you have this elusive photograph?

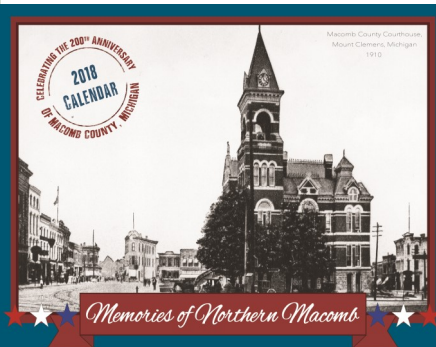


"The Cascades"  
Architectural Drawing

## Silence is Golden, Calendars Priceless

Stop in the Library now until Sunday, September 17th at 3:00pm and make your bid for one or more of our 48 items donated for our **Silent Auction**. Proceeds benefit Phase II of the Library Renovation Project which will provide a custom cabinet for Ray Township archives. See the back page for a list of donors.

Our 2018 calendar, **Memories of Northern Macomb**, will be available for purchase starting September 17th at the **Simply Finest Fest** for **only \$10**. This special edition features images from historical groups from northern



Macomb County in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Macomb County. Thank you to those who submitted images and our sponsors for making the calendar possible.

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The Society was formally organized in 2005 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and added support of the Library in 2015. Our mission is to engage passionate individuals to enrich cultural experiences, enhance literary and educational opportunities, and enliven history.

BOARD MEMBERS

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## Spotlight on our Sponsors and Officers

Our annual **SILENT AUCTION** ends **Sunday, September 17 at 3:00pm** during the **Simply the Finest Fest** in the **Ray Township Park** at 64255 Wolcott north of 29 Mile Road. The Society thanks everyone who donated items.

AMERICAN GYMNASTICS  
APPLEBEE'S  
ARMADA AUTO PARTS  
AUTO ZONE  
BAGGER DAVE'S BURGER TAVERN  
BED, BATH, & BEYOND  
BELLE TIRE  
BOREALIS ARTWORKS  
BUFFALO WILD WINGS  
CHRISTINE'S CAKES & PASTRIES  
WAYNE CONNER  
THE COUNTRY INN  
CRACKLEWOOD GOLF CLUB  
THE CRAZY GOAT  
DAVE & BUSTERS  
DENEWETH'S GARDEN CENTER  
DETROIT RED WINGS  
DETROIT TIGERS  
DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
EMAGINE THEATRES  
FAMILY FARM & HOME  
HAMLIN PUB

HEIDEBREICHT CHEVROLET  
HERITAGE APPRAISALS  
HERITAGE OAKS  
JETS PIZZA  
THE PANTRY  
MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER  
MJR THEATRES  
MR. C'S CAR WASH  
PET SUPPLIES PLUS  
ROMEO THEATRE  
RUST N RELIC  
SHEENA'S MARKETPLACE  
SYCAMORE HILLS GOLF CLUB  
TAVERN AT TINA'S COUNTRY HOUSE  
TIMBERWOOD GOLF CLUB  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.  
THE VILLAGE WINERY  
VIVIANO FLOWER SHOP  
WASHINGTON ELEVATOR  
WASHINGTON GRILL  
And MANY LIBRARY PATRONS

Our **NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING** is **Thursday, November 16 at 6:00pm** in the **Library**. We will be voting on all officer positions for our Executive Board: President, Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer, and Directors. Membership is required (only \$10 per year for individuals and \$15 for families). You do **NOT** need to be a resident of Ray Township to join the Society and serve on the Board. Our Board meets quarterly for public meetings. Additional subcommittee meetings are scheduled as needed to accomplish our mission to preserve the history of Ray Township and support the Ray Township Public Library. We hope you will consider joining our group.

The Society has established a Memorial/Donation Fund following the generous donations from family and friends in memory of Marlene Marsh Ebling who passed away unexpectedly on July 23, 2017. Marlene spent many years researching her family's genealogy which included the Gass Family of Ray Township. Donations will benefit the purchase of a custom cabinet to safely preserve Ray Township archives in the Library. A plaque will be placed near the cabinet recognizing those who contribute a minimum of \$500 to the Society.