

2014 Macomb County Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting

The Macomb County Heritage Alliance held their annual meeting on Saturday, 26 April 2014. The



meeting was held at Simpson's Park @ 70199 Campground Road in Bruce Township, one of the jewels of Macomb County, founded in 1865! A few of our hosts were: Bruce Patterson and Rosemary Ladner Watson, pictured with another member of their team by their display on the



Simpson Park Campground. The historical groups of Macomb County networked, looked at displays, listened to programs, held their annual business meeting, and generally caught up with each other's historical groups. Approximately 100 people attended, representing most of the historical and genealogical societies of Macomb County from the most northern community, Memphis, south to St. Clair Shores.

A few photos of the 2014 Macomb County Heritage Alliance attendees:





One of the annual highlights for the meeting is to present the Alexander Macomb Award to the most deserving individual and organization selected for the year. Patricia Chownyk, Roseville, was chosen to receive the Alexander Macomb Award (Individual) for outstanding contributions to Macomb County



history. Pat has been President of the Roseville Historical & Genealogical Society for over 20 years; when she thought that when she initially signed up it would be only for a one-year term!! Eastpointe Mayor and historian/author, Suzanne Pixley, presented the award to Pat.

The Alexander Macomb Award (Organization) was awarded to the Michigan Transit Museum. John



Jamison, III, accepted the award for the Michigan Transit Museum. Its home is located in the 1862 Depot in Mount Clemens. The depot was still functioning until 1980 when the City of Mount Clemens bought it and leased it to the Michigan Transit Museum for use as its headquarters and museum. The depot has been restored to its 1900 appearance.

A great lunch was catered by our hosts. Following the delicious lunch and business meeting, tours were given of the grounds and buildings of Simpson Park Campground.