

# STRAIGHT FARMHOUSE CRIER

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## Museum Visitors

Visitor attendance is way up due to the success of our glass and quilt displays -- thanks to the expertise of Kim Marquette. The word consistently used by our guests to describe the displays is "unique". We truly appreciate the many hours Kim (& Jerry!) spent (and spend) arranging the items loaned by our members, relatives, and residents of Garden City and communities near us. Kim is planning to display dolls of all kinds next and will be looking for your dolls in August to prepare a display for September.



## Gold Party



Orin Jewelers is again hosting a gold party as a fundraiser for the Friends on June 26, 2009. This time, Orin invites you to bring your no-longer-wanted gold and sterling silver items to his place of business at 29317 Ford Road from 10 a.m. until 7 P.M. He, too, shares the proceeds with the Friends. Thank You, Orin!!

## Second Annual Concert

The American Romanian Chamber Quartet, and 10 year old Olivia Popp, presented another outstanding concert on May 31st. Marian Tanau, the founder, expressed his and the quartet's desire to make it an annual event. Our audience and we responded heartily to that suggestion! These marvelous Detroit Symphony Orchestra members can perform for us whenever it suits their very busy schedule! We especially enjoyed the Afterglow with Romanian wines and very special cheeses! We could not have presented this fine concert without the financial help of these sponsors: Thrivent Financial, John Santeiu, Garden City Hospital, Commissioner Diane Webb, State Rep. Bob Constan, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, Beverly England and Mary Jane and Lee Schildberg.

*Thank You!!*





## A Bit Of Straight History

We received a tiny bit of history of Zachariah Straight from the "History of Essex County", edited by H.P. Smith in 1885 and sent by Jennifer Kuba of the Essex County Historical Museum.

Zachariah was named as "one of the prominent settlers in Elizabethtown, many of whom had come into the town before the beginning of the century. They found the region a dense wilderness, and it was their labors, privations, and hardships which laid the foundations of whatever prosperity has since been enjoyed. From the rude, often *very* rude, log dwellings in which they lived while combating in the struggle of life in a territory where only the most persevering and energetic could hope for any satisfactory measure of success, they advanced in course of time to the building and occupation of comfortable frame houses; their lands were cleared of logs and stumps and an air of thrift and comfort settled upon the town. Zachariah made an early clearing on the road to Brainard's Forge and built a house there, which is still standing." It was from here that his five sons made their way to Nankin Township, Michigan in the 1830's.



### "Collecting" Recipes

We are looking for recipes from you that we can coordinate with historic photos we have of early Garden City. If you recall a recipe your family used during the Depression and WWII (for example) with its rationing, especially a recipe that has a funny story to go with it, we hope you will share it with us. Maybe your grandmother had a special recipe from before, during and after WWI. We think this project will be a good fundraiser -- something we have to continually do to support the Straight Farm House and Museum. We look forward to your participation!!



## Psychic "Parlor Tea"



Kristi Robinett, professional medium, will present programs on June 19th and 26th from 6 until 9:30 P.M. at the Farm House, but you must reserve in advance. She will begin with a 30-minute presentation and then do twelve 15-minute individual readings. The cost is \$20.

### Fence Replacement

Friends members Roxanne and Bill Mueller, owners of Canton Fence on Cherry Hill at Venoy, are going to replace the "antique" chain link fencing around the air conditioning unit at the rear of the Straight Farm House. Their new green fencing will be **so** greatly appreciated! Thank you for this generous gift and for relieving us from our "eyesore strain", Roxanne & Bill!

### Flea Market

Our first flea market held jointly with Maplewood Center was very successful on its first day -- Saturday, June 13th. The "Market" is presented right along Merriman Road from in front of the Straight Farm House south to Block Street. It will be held the second and third Saturdays of each month from now until September 19, 2009. Let a rainy day be the only snag that prevents our success! (As advertised, it will not be open in case of inclement weather.) The proceeds will be shared equally between the Friends and Maplewood Center. This is a very well-organized operation! Plan to stop by and participate.

### Electronic Mailing List



We're planning to begin using an electronic mailing list to let our Friends know about upcoming events at the Straight Farmhouse. If you would like to be a part of this list, please send an email to:

[straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com)