

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating the 44th year of the Cobblestone Farm Association

Thank you to your continued support of Cobblestone Farm!

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Annual Meeting in the Barn on Sunday, April 7 from 2 – 4pm. At the meeting, we will share details from the past year and enjoy a keynote speaker on local history. The following are highlights to share in advance.

This past year, we welcomed over 1,000 visitors at our annual events, farmers market, school visits and wedding tours. We are proud to keep admission fees low to encourage visits from all. The mission of the Cobblestone farm Association is to increase awareness of a nineteenth century Washtenaw County farmstead. Our success is due to our dedicated volunteers who provide visitors with information through living history reenactment. A special thank you is needed for our historical demonstrators, Barb Schutzgruber (Weaving), Cindy Harris (Spinning) and Beverly Larsen (Sock Knitting Machine).

Key Highlights	
Winter Evening	Candlelit rooms throughout the farmhouse welcomed visitors. There was music in the parlor and cooking on the woodstove.
Annual Meeting	Who was our guest speaker??
Spring Fling	Spring was welcomed again with a clean farmhouse. Kids of all ages were able to perform household chores and lawn games.
Independence Day	Our biggest event of the year with singing from local musicians, the Dodworth Duo. Lemonade was enjoyed during a reading of the Declaration of Independence from local historian, (name??).
Hallow Harvest	Costumed visitors paraded through the farmhouse while cooking on the woodstove and outdoor games provided entertainment.
Country Christmas	Pine garlands and festive ribbons decorated the farmhouse while Father Christmas greeted guests. Christmas carols were sung and crafts were prepared.
School Visits	Seven local preschool and elementary schools enjoyed visits throughout the year. Tours were coordinated to support school curriculum.
Wedding Tours	Ten wedding parties enjoyed private tours of the farmhouse to help celebrate their wedding day.
Farmers Market	Each market week, the farmhouse is open for docent-led tours. Hands on historical activities are introduced throughout market days. We are proud to sponsor the Cobblestone Farm Market. www.cobblestonefarmmarket.org

Projects completed throughout the past year include: Porch Restoration, Window Replacements, and Internet Connectivity in the new Office Area. There are a number of projects in progress including Updating our CFA Logo, Decommission of Unused Artifacts, Development of Research/Archive Room and Establish Additional Bedroom as Interpretive Area. This past year, we have also received donations to our artifact collection. A big thank you is needed to XXXX for their donation of a handmade period African-American Sock Doll with a clothing wardrobe and to the Greenhut family for their donation of an 1840's Secretary in addition to many documents, photographs and glass-plate negatives.

Our collaborations with local universities and Scout programs continue. Thank you to Haylee Wills from the Historic Preservation Program at EMU for her continued work on organizing our archives. The UM Engineering graduate program has also begun a Capstone Project with a goal to develop a plan to convert the outdoor woodshed into an exhibit area. Girl Scout Troop # 40091 from Ann Arbor continues to volunteer at all annual events and also has started work on a youth exhibit for display this year. We are very pleased to announce that we have sponsored new Cub Scout Pack # 3193 this year as well. We support Scout programs to encourage youth interest in historic preservation and awareness. Special scout events are planned.

Your support is appreciated! We are proud of the work we continue and know we can do even more with your help. Please consider ways to continue your support this year.

- Annual Membership
- Volunteer
- Financial Contribution

Respectfully,

George Taylor
President, Cobblestone Farm Association