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Royal Oak Historical Society

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Annual Dues  Type of Membership

☐ $20  Individual

☐ $30  Family

☐ $50  Supporter

☐ $100  Century

☐ $200  Club

☐ $300  Premium

☐ $500  Benefactor

☐ $_________  Donation

The Royal Oak Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by volunteers and funded solely by donations which may be tax deductible.

Dues are also payable online through our website www.royaloakhirhistoricalsociety.com

For more information on membership levels and benefits, please visit our website. You can pay your membership dues or subscribe to have your dues automatically collected annually.

Thank you in advance!

We are the Royal Oak Historical Society

... and we invite you to join us!

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THE ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HISTORY

Founded in 1939, the Royal Oak Historical Society is a private, non-governmental organization of volunteers. We collect, display and preserve information and objects of Royal Oak’s past for current and future generations. Throughout the year, we present various special exhibits and provide a venue for other groups and individuals to display their collections.

The society was organized in 1939 by nine women and one man, according to information compiled by local historian, Owen Perkins, for his book, "Royal Oak, Michigan, The Early Years," published in 1971. The founders were civic activists, representing such organizations as the Royal Oak Public Library, Ezra Parker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Chamber of Commerce, American Association of University Women, Royal Oak Woman's Club, and the Royal Oak Memorial Society. Members of most of those same organizations remain active in the society to this day.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

After moving from its six-year temporary location in Churchill Continuing Education Center, the Historical Society Museum held its Grand Opening in the former Northwood Fire Station, on April 30th, 2010.

Being cataloged and exhibited are thousands of artifacts, photos, documents, maps, books, business and civic records, and promotional items pertaining to Royal Oak’s history. Also, memorabilia from closed and relocated Elementary, Jr. High and High Schools of Royal Oak.

HOW THE MUSEUM BEGAN

The Royal Oak Historical Society Museum came to be in March 2004, when five women each contributed $1000 to purchase the collection of Royal Oak historical artifacts of Bill Rasmussen. The women were Agnes Buhalski, Pat Eaves, Bonnie Linehan, Blanche Myerhoven Roth, and Muriel Versagi.

SERVING THE PUBLIC

Our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at the Farmer’s Market, Car Show, and Woodward Memories exhibits along with WWII, Viet Nam, Korea, and Civil war exhibits also help keep Royal Oak’s history alive.

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday:
1 pm to 4 pm
Group tours by appointment
Contact: Muriel Versagi, Curator
248-439-1501 and leave message.
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