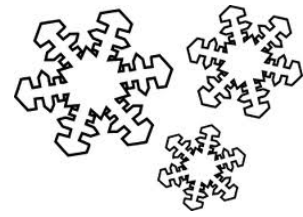


# Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society

## Winter - Spring Events 2012



### Winter Walk to Apple Island

Saturday or Sunday, mid-January to mid-February, 2-4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful winter walk out to historic Apple Island. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fresh air as we experience the island in the winter. Hot cocoa to keep you warm! Update your gwbhs.com eClub profile to receive an e-mail blast three days in advance of the chosen date. \$5, free to GWBHS & Time Travelers members.



### Underground Railroad

Wednesday, February 29, 7-9 p.m.

West Bloomfield Main Library Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road

Metro-Detroiters will share their knowledge of local history about the Underground Railroad: Bruce McIntyre on his Orchard Lake house; Hildy Corbett on the Macomb County entry point Beacon Tree in Shelby Township; Susie DiPace on the Washington Township underground stop at the 1860 Andrus Octagon House. No charge.



### Drop Spindle 101

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Schulak Farm, 6889 West Maple Road

Participants will prepare sheep's wool and turn it into yarn using a low-whorl drop spindle. Along the way, you will hear history and trivia involving this ancient craft.

For ages 12 and older. Class limited to 8 participants. Instructor: DuAnne Sonnevile  
Reservations by Monday, March 5 to Carole, 313.929.3543.

\$5, free to GWBHS & Time Travelers members.

Save the date for Apple Island Tours, May 19 & 20.

# Fire House History

Wednesday, March 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Please join us for a look back at our early fire department.

Retired Fire Chief Dan Miller will share memorable stories and history of how the Tri-City Fire Department was founded and grew.

\$5, free to GWBHS & Time Travelers members.



# Friends of Apple Island Spring Forum: Chief Pontiac

Tuesday, April 10, 7-9 p.m.

Orchard Lake Community Church Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road

Apple Island: Update on the status of this National Historic Place nomination. Presented by archaeologist Dr. David Brose.

Chief Pontiac: This controversial Ottawa leader challenged British rule in the Midwest 250 years ago. He led a rebellion that failed to oust the British from Fort Detroit in 1763. Legend has it he was buried on Apple Island after assassination in 1769. Who was he? Why the controversy?

Presented by archaeologist Charles Martinez.

\$5, free to GWBHS & Time Travelers members.



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# Spring Wild Flower Walk

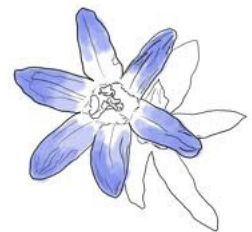
Sunday, April 22, 2-3 p.m.

Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour.

Walk through rolling terrain and explore the breathtaking spring flowers.

No charge.



*Events co-sponsored with West Bloomfield Library, West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation, and Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary*

# Open Houses

2nd Sunday, 1-4 p.m., Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road

January 8 - Mystery Items; February 12 - Presidents

March 11 - Scottish & West Bloomfield Heritage; April 8 - Libraries

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