

DECEMBER 2016 Baumgartner House NEWSLETTER

OPEN HOUSE WITH SANTA!!!

Sunday December 4th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The Annual Christmas open House at the Baumgartner House will be held on **Sunday December 4th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** You have a special invitation to come join in the merry making!

The Depot is over flowing with sparkling Christmas decorations, beautiful cards, glorious jewelry, luminous lights, fantastic ornaments, cookie tins for your yummy goodies, and much more. Please come and check all of these goods out! Please bring your wallets. What a great place to get quality merchandise at great prices!

The big guy himself, Santa, along with his helper, will be passing out candy to the children and listening to their Christmas wishes! Have your kids bring wish lists! Mom and Dad bring your camera to capture that exuberant moment when your child sees Santa. We hope you can come to celebrate the joys of the season with all of your friends at the Baumgartner Museum.

We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies for this open house for your warming enjoyment!



NOTE: During the months of January and February the museum will be closed due to the cold weather and the snow. Bundle up, wear a hat & gloves, watch your step on the ice and snow, and drive safely!



We thank all of the friends of the museum for a wonderful year, especially all of our many volunteers who give of their time and talents to help keep the museum running smoothly. All of the Historical Commissioners wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great 2017!

WHAT IS THE TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS PICKLE?

It's Christmas, a time of jingle bells, stockings, presents under the tree, sacred messages, and family traditions. Celebrate the holidays with a time honored German tradition and have fun with your family for years to come! Following an Old World custom, parents waited until Christmas Eve to hide a small pickle ornament on the Christmas tree, tucking it out of sight among the branches. On Christmas morning, the first family member to spot the pickle was rewarded with a special blessing for the coming year and received the first present from under the tree.



~~ **Marilynn Wright**, Chairwoman Historical Commission

A Half Price Sale

Wowowheeeee...We are having *a half price sale* on **Sunday December 11th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** All Christmas items will be on sale at half price. Great bargains! Stop by the Museum!





Visit the Penguins at the Detroit ZOO!

Have you ever seen an Adélie penguin, emperor penguin, king penguin, or a macaroni penguin? A macaroni penguin? Yes! Or a jumper penguin? If you have, then you are one of the many who have visited the largest and best penquinarium in the world, at our very own Detroit Zoo! No bad smells! Only fantastic penguins in a nearly natural habitat, where it even snows! Handlers, volunteers, and the public hope that baby penguins will soon appear. It won't be the first time! Some of the lively penguins living there were born at the Detroit Zoo! They are so fun and delightful to watch. It may bluster outside, yet you'll be comfortable in the penguins new home at the zoo!

Oh, and while at the zoo, visit the polar bears, too!



Speedy Recovery to Commissioner **Nancy Ehrke**, who is coming along nicely after surgery!

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**

*Thank
you*

...To **everyone** who has come visit the depot, museum, and barn throughout 2016! Your generous donations and spirited willingness to purchase our goods have helped make our museum a treasured place to preserve and enjoy!