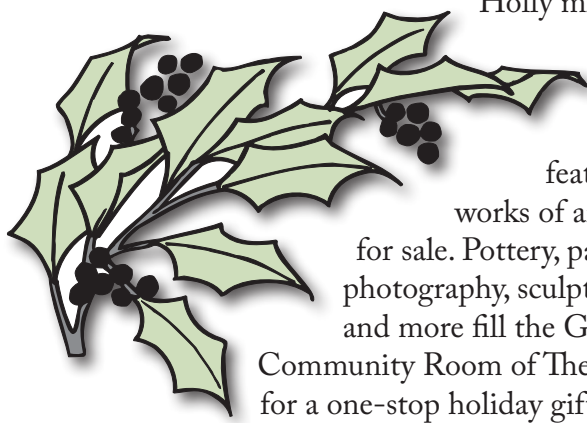


## Ho! Ho! Holly mART



Holly mART is back  
by popular  
demand  
and

featuring the  
works of area artists  
for sale. Pottery, paintings,  
photography, sculpture, jewelry,  
and more fill the Grand

Community Room of The Ella, making  
for a one-stop holiday gift shop.

Museum members get the first peek  
on Friday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Holly mART hours are Friday, November 23,  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 24  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ella's Granary Restaurant is  
offering a soup and bread buffet on Friday night between  
6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. that includes clam chowder,  
Italian tomato, and vegetable (with chicken broth) soups  
and artisan breads, coffee, tea, fountain pop beverages,  
and dessert. For more information contact the Museum  
at (517)787-2320.

## THE CURTAINS GO UP COURTESY OF THE 2006 END OF YEAR APPEAL

*Donations from the 2006 End of Year Appeal have brightened up Ella's Hillside parlor. Museum Collections Manager Judy Horn had the honors of hanging the panels. "The old (reproduction) curtains needed to be replaced. They had been hung when the Museum opened in 1965. The 2007 End of Year Appeal will be in your mailbox (and on the Museum website) soon. (Perfect for that last minute tax deduction!)*

## ONE ENCHANTING EVENING; *Holiday Dinner and Candlelight Tour of Hillside Farmhouse*

On Thursday, December 13, enjoy a holiday dinner followed by a rare chance to visit Ella's 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hillside Farmhouse while it is decorated for Christmas and lit by candles and lanterns. For one enchanting evening, slow the rush of the holiday season and enjoy a delicious meal catered by the Chocolate Moose. Invite friends and family and savor the warm glow of the Museum's beautiful Grand Community Room while the light of day gives way to a crisp wintery night outside the GCR's distinctive window. Cocktails (cash bar) and appetizers will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. At Ella's house stroll through the first level and imagine the holiday preparations made by the Sharps at the close of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The holiday dinner and candlelight tour is \$40 per person. Reservations are required. Contact the Museum by phone at (517)787-2320. Unable to make

the dinner but want to see the house all aglow? Candlelight house tours will be available for \$5 per person that evening. Call the Museum for more information.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you have probably heard, I announced my retirement to the Board of Trustees, effective February 29, 2008. It is a difficult step for me to take, for working at the Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History over the past 34 years has been a challenge and a joy. But, it is time for me to step down and hand the reins off to someone with new vision, new skills, and lots more energy. I am so very proud of museum and its growth over the years and I have complete confidence in the museum's future – we have an amazing facility, a creative staff, incredible members and volunteers, and a dedicated Board of Trustees who will watch over it, and help guide it into the future. I don't plan to really leave here – I care too much about this place, and I have a number of projects that I need to complete. So plan on seeing me around.



Jim Zuleski, Director of Collections and Exhibits, is also retiring. He will be working part time thru the end of the year and then will continue as a consultant, working on special Jackson History projects and assisting in the move of the collections to the new storage area. The mission I gave Jim when I hired him was “to build the Jackson History Collection”, and I can say “Jim, you’ve done a great job.” We’re not saying goodbye to him, for like me he will still be around – and anyway the joke in the museum field is that no one ever retires, they just receive an accession number and get put into storage!

While we are still evaluating Jim's position and how we may fill it, we have promoted his assistant Judy Horn to become our Collections Manager. Judy has worked as an assistant under Curators Maura Overland and Jim Zuleski. She has pursued professional training, taking courses in Museum Studies at Michigan State University and courses in collections care and management at the Campbell Conservation Center. Perhaps her most important qualifications are “she knows the collection” and she cares about the Ella. We are delighted that Judy has accepted this position.

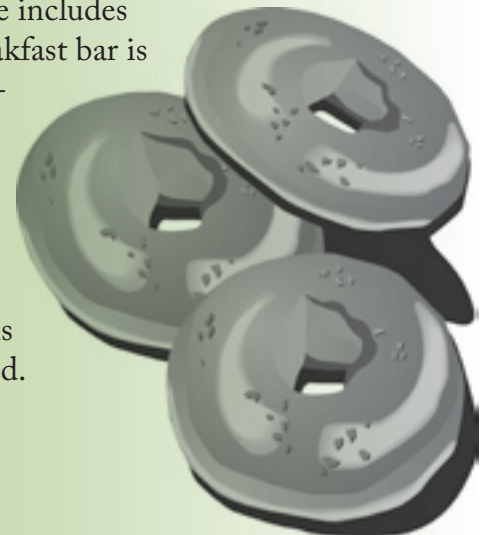
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## A FANTASTIQUE DAY OUT WITH THE ELLA'S DTC

The Domestic Travel Committee invites you to join them for a Day Out in Detroit on Friday, January 25. Participants will visit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for *Fantastique Dutoit*—described as “a classic Dutoit program culminating in the delirium of unrequited love that fueled Berlioz' seminal work”, *Symphonie Fantastique*. Featured artists are conductor Charles Dutoit and pianist Jean-Phillipe Collard. On the program is Ravel's *Piano Concerto for Left Hand*, Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique* and the overture to “*Béatrice et Bénédicte*.” Contact the Museum for more information and costs. On deck for the DTC is a Spring jaunt to the opera... Stay tuned (it's not over till the... You know the rest).

## TRY THE NEW BREAKFAST BAR AT ELLA'S GRANARY!

Join us for our NEW \$5.00 breakfast bar which includes fruit, cereals, yogurt, muffins, bagels and homemade toast, along with a hot item. Price includes beverage. Breakfast bar is available 7:30-11:00 a.m. Tuesday – Saturday. On Saturday additional hot breakfast items will be featured.



## A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Want a unique holiday experience? The next *Taste for the Arts* dinner takes place in Ella's Hillside Farmhouse dining room! Take a seat at Ella's table and enjoy a feast of Victorian holiday foods in the glow of candles and lanterns. The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a seven-course meal, prepared by the Chocolate Moose's Nancy Gass, and musical entertainment in Ella's parlor. Reservations are required for this very special opportunity. Contact the Rochelle or Dean at the Museum for more information. *This opportunity made possible through the generosity of Baker College, CP Federal Credit Union, and Brown's Florals.*



## SHOP AND SUPPORT THE MUSEUM!

Making your Christmas list and checking it twice? Don't forget the Friends Gift Shop in the Museum lobby. New items are arriving daily including all sorts of Jackson related gifts such as a custom designed ornament of Ella's Hillside Farmhouse, DVD of the Cascades Falls, Gilbert's Chocolates, Jackson calendars, notecards, and more. Still need an idea for that stocking? Museum memberships and gift certificates for the Granary and Museum fit everyone on your nice list.

## WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

The Education Department is looking for men (and women) interested in demonstrating woodworking for the third grade Pioneer Living field trip students. The program requires an hour and a half commitment on a program day with flexible scheduling. Training is available. Contact Amy Wellington, Education Director, at the Museum for more information by phone (517)787-2320 or by email at amyw@ellasharp.org.

## HAND SPUN FUN



*Young visitors to the Museum's annual Fall Harvest Festival in October had a chance to try out a potter's wheel. Members of the Clay Guild were on hand to demonstrate various techniques and to compete in several categories of "clay games."*

# Exhibits

## ANDREWS GALLERY OF WILDLIFE ART

Take a walk-through The Ella's wildside and one of the premier wildlife art collections in North America.

## EMMET GALLERY

*Sitting for an Image:*

*Early Commercial Photographers of Jackson*

September 30, 2007 through January 19, 2008

Local historian Gerald Blanchard curates an exhibit featuring the pioneer and early commercial photographers of Jackson. From Jackson's first photographer in 1848 to the many photographers of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a history of their profession is skillfully presented in images of Jackson's early residents. The images tell the story of the lifestyles and occupations of the people who were Jackson's first builders during war and peace, good and hard times. The exhibit also features a large collection of miniature photo cases. A Gallery Walk through *Sitting For an Image* with Gerry Blanchard will take place on Saturday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m.

## MEET PHOTOGRAPHER ISRAEL V. COOKINGHAM

"Israel V. Cookingham must be considered Jackson's preeminent 19<sup>th</sup> Century photography practitioner. Born in Penn Yan, New York, in 1829, Cookingham came to Jackson, opened his gallery in 1852 and worked here continuously until his retirement in 1895. During that time, in addition to capturing the images of thousands of Jackson citizens, he mentored many young men and women who sought photography as a career. It is very fortunate that hundreds of his photographs have survived to put a face to the citizenry of Jackson in its early years." – curator Gerry Blanchard



## HURST GALLERY

*Just Like Dad's: American Pedal Cars* October 21, 2007 through January 5, 2008

Thirty American-made pedal cars pull into the Hurst Gallery in this exhibit of children's toy vehicles. The cars reflect automobile styles in miniature from 1900 to the early 1960's with an emphasis on pedal cars produced from 1935 to 1955. The exhibit will



include original advertising items used by dealers and manufacturers, such as magazine advertisements, large posters, and die cut ads. Also included is a collection of original photographs of the pedal cars with their proud young owners. The collection will feature original condition toy cars and those that have been professionally restored.

## JACKSON CIVIC ART ASSOCIATION

*Ongoing in Grand Community Room Hallway*

The JCAA continuously displays the works of its members in a rotating exhibit in the hallway next to the Grand Community Room. All of the pieces are for sale to the public with a percentage of the proceeds going towards the JCAA's commitment to the Museum.

# JACKSON HISTORY GALLERY

## *A History of Jackson*

Stroll through the distant and recent past in this exhibition of earlier Jackson. Settlement, industry, and society are examined through artifacts from the Museum's collection.

## FROM THE COLLECTION

### *Slot Machine, ca 1935*

In the 1930's, the use of slot machines was highly regulated, however, private clubs and fraternal organizations were allowed to have them in their club houses for use by the members. This machine was used by a Jackson fraternal organization from the 1930's through the 1950's. Gift of Jim Desy



### *Arthur Murray Sign, 1957*

Ball room dancing was the rage from the 1940's into the 50's. Arthur Murray, the famous dancer, opened a chain of dance studios throughout the country. The franchise in Jackson was located on Michigan Ave. next to Richman Bros. Clothing store. Joan Howard managed the studio when it opened in 1957, but it closed in 1960 when dance styles changed radically with the growth of Rock and Roll. Gift of Tom McMillen-Oakley



### *Mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century Containers*

Today, the majority of product containers are made of plastic or paper, but in the 1940's and 50's glass and metal were the materials used in most packaging. The package was usually marked "made in USA", indicative of the manufacturing strength of the country during this time. Gift of Vera Bryant



***Want to add to the Museum collection?***

***Contact the Collections and Exhibits Department at the Museum at (517) 787-2320.***

## PYRON GALLERY

*It's All in the Details: Ladies' and Men's Fashion Accessories, 1850-1960*

September 23 through early 2008

A detailed, intimate look at the Museum's accessory collection including hats, stockings, jewelry, collars, fans, gloves, walking sticks, buckles, cuffs, mitts, muffs, plumes, parasols, handbags and shoes—all the perfect pieces to "finish off" the perfect ensemble. A Gallery Walk through *It's All in the Details* will take place on Saturday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m.

## HILLSIDE FARMHOUSE & MERRIMAN-SHARP INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Get to know Ella and her family through the exhibit in the Merriman-Sharp Interpretive Center. Photos of the family as well as a brief history of the house, the park, and some of the many contributions Ella made to the community can be viewed in the center. Guided tours of Hillside Farmhouse are given Tuesday through Saturday at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2p.m., and 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the reception desk in the Museum lobby.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CALENDAR ITEMS

*For more information about any of the events listed or to make reservations, contact the Museum at (517) 787-2320.*

*Or visit the Museum website at [www.ellasharp.org](http://www.ellasharp.org)*

## ALL

The Museum will be closed on **Thanksgiving Day**—but open bright and early on Friday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. for the Members Preview of Holly mART.

Stop in for Family Christmas activities on **Saturday, December 1**, noon to 3:30 p.m.

Savor the Taste for the Arts “Taste of Christmas Past” on **Thursday, December 6**. Reservations are required.



It's One Enchanting Evening on **Thursday, December 13**, with a Holiday Dinner and Candlelight Tour of Ella's Farmhouse at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a Breakfast with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, **December 8 or 15**, at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required.

The little ones take over the Galleries and Studios during Early Elementary Week **December 11 & 12 and 16-19**. Contact the Museum for more information on how you can assist the Education department or to sign up a group.

Happy Christmas from The Ella! The Museum will be closed on **Sunday, December 23, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Sunday, December 30, New Years Eve, and New Years Day** to allow staff to be with their families.

Need a break? Bring the kids to the two Holiday Break Discovery Days on **Thursday, December 28, and Friday, January 3** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# VOLUNTEERS

The Friends meet for luncheon and a program at noon on **Monday, November 12**. Reservations for the luncheon must be phoned in to the Museum (517-787-2320) by noon on Friday, November 9. The luncheon will feature another raffle drawing for a great gift with proceeds benefiting the Karen Strunk Memorial Scholarship fund. (There is no December luncheon/program. Friends resumes in January.)

Gift Shop workers are invited to a coffee hour and meeting on **Monday, December 10**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Granary.



*The Grand Community Room was turned into a “ginormous” art studio during the Fall Harvest Festival with three separate projects for kids to make and take including scarecrows, leaf print banners, and (not shown) rainsticks.*

## ELLA SHARP MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY AUTUMN HOURS

**The Museum** is open  
Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(517) 787-2320

**Ella's Granary Restaurant** is open  
Tuesday - Saturday  
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
(517) 768-8495

**The Friends Gift Shop** is open  
Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
and on Saturday noon to 3 p.m.

## DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTION

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Phillip Williams



*The Domestic Travel Committee's trip to the Shaw Festival was a great success. Participants enjoyed the festivals' theaters and restaurants and visited museums. Be part of the next DTC outing to Detroit in January (see News). Photo courtesy of P. Kiessling*

## FA LA ELLA LA! LA LA LA LA!

*Celebrate the Christmas season at The Ella—  
several holiday events have been planned with all ages in mind.*

On Saturday, December 1, it's a **FAMILY CHRISTMAS** with ornament making, holiday activities, cookie decorating, and the chance to make a (shhh!) top secret surprise gift for Mom and Dad! The fun runs from noon to 3:30 p.m.—make it a special day out and enjoy lunch in Ella's Granary Restaurant. Admission is \$10 per Member family and \$15 per non-member family.

Santa's wife will make two visits from the North Pole to meet and greet the little ones at a **BREAKFAST WITH MRS. CLAUS**. After breakfast she'll read a story and deliver a special surprise. The breakfast buffet is stocked with kid-friendly foods and makes a perfect holiday outing for grandparents, aunts, and uncles. (A great early present for parents who might need to run a few Christmas errands?) Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 8 and 15. Cost is \$7 per member and \$8 for non-members. This event is very popular and reservations are required. Contact the Museum by phone at (517)787-2320.



When the weather outside is frightful Moms and Dads will find the **HOLIDAY BREAK DISCOVERY DAYS** delightful! On Thursday, December 28 participants will tour the *Just Like Dad's* pedal car and *It's All in the Details* fashion exhibits, then create their own versions of collage model cars and today's fashion forward accessories. On Friday, January 3, learn how to capture a memory by visiting the *Sitting for an Image* exhibit, have your portrait taken, and create a snappy photo folder to mount your photo in. Both Discovery Days run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Enjoy a Granary lunch and make it even easier on Mom!) Members enjoy Discovery Day activities free of charge. Non-members pay a regular Museum admission.