

# LOG MARKS



Sanford Area Historical Society

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## All New Santa House for Santa Express



### Come See Santa!

Sanford area children will be delighted to know that an expanded Santa Express returns to the Sanford Centennial Museum on December 6th & 7th, and again on the 13th & 14th from 3:30 until 7:30 p.m. all four evenings.

See the museum grounds lit up in Christmas splendor. Kids get to talk with Santa in the all-new Santa House, plus receive a free gift!

This annual event is sponsored by the Sanford Historical Society and the Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

*See the enclosed flyer on page 4 for information and special event rules.*





## SANFORD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### OUR HISTORY

The Sanford Area Historical Society evolved out of the 1970 Sanford Area Centennial celebration.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is the operation of the Sanford Centennial Museum where local history is preserved for present and future generations.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Haskin	President
Linda Fisher	Vice President
Deb Jones	Secretary
Kendra Melchi	Treasurer
Jeff Bowen	Trustee
Mary Jo Brandt	Trustee
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### BECOME A MEMBER

Memberships are \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a couple/family. See back page for details.

## SANFORD CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

### LOCATION

2222 Smith St. Sanford, MI 48657

### MAILING ADDRESS

Sanford Area Historical Society  
PO Box 243  
Sanford, MI 48657

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. EST  
Admission - Free

## Meet the New 2022/2023 SHS Board



Our new Board was elected at the November 16th meeting and are pictured from the left: Jeff Bowen—Trustee, Deb Jones—Secretary, David Haskin—President, Linda Fisher—Vice President, Mary Jo Brandt—Trustee, and Kendra Melchi—Treasurer. Not pictured is Trustee Donovan Miller.

## Display Items Donated to the Santa House

Bear Billingsley donated a 1950s child sled. Tom and Sue Muto donated a 1940s walnut with velvet ornate chair. Julie Babcock donated a 1960s child baby buggy and Mike Babcock a 1950s child's sled with wheels and a 1930s walnut secretary desk. Ralph and Jennifer Lane donated a 30" tall Christmas angel from the 1960s.

Dave Haskin has been working every day on the finishing touches of the Santa House. The large Christmas tree is set up with the help of Linda Fisher, Jan Biggs, Chuck Dinsmore, and Dale Haskin. Santa's chair is now in place, and Dave Haskin and Dave Haag designed and built a bench so parents can get that perfect picture of their child and Santa.





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Dave Haag crafted a model of the Santa House and presented it to Dave Haskin.



The model captures many of the design elements in amazing details that Dave Haskin created in the project.



## More Christmas Spirit at the Museum

It was decided the parking area on the grounds of the museum could use more lighting. Without hesitation, Adam from Sanford Hardware brought over a trencher so our work crew of Dave Haskin, Chuck Dinsmore, and Nick



Kraemer could trench the electric power cable over to the newly installed light on a cold and blustery day.



The photo of the night view with the light is by Dave Haag.

## Santa Express Preparations Continue!

Santa Express for 2022 will have a bonfire each night.



Chuck Dinsmore, Charleigh, David Jr., and AriaH Haskin stacked the needed firewood for the event. Cameron Lively has signed up to tend the fire each of the four evenings.

Dave Haskin and Chuck Dinsmore assembled the large wreath that is hung on the south side of the main museum building each year.



The above view is looking down from a telescopic boom lift.



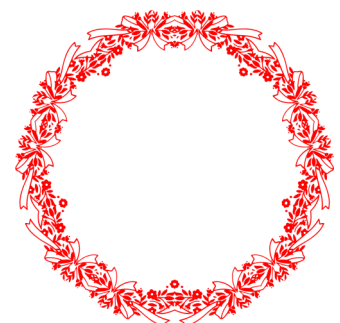
Chuck Dinsmore is standing on a ladder assembling the parts of the wreath.

## Santa House News



Our own Dave Haskin was recently interviewed on WNEM. If you missed it, see it linked on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SanfordCentennialMuseum/>





# Santa Visits Sanford Centennial Museum



2222 Smith Street  
 December 6 & 7  
 December 13 & 14  
 3:30-7:30 PM All Days!



## 2022 Instructions to SEE SANTA

1. Check in with Parking ELVES at arrival on Smith St. who will give you your Santa Ticket. Hold on to it as the number is called later when it's your group's turn.
2. Park in rear MUSEUM parking area and walk on the lighted walk path to Depot.
3. Enjoy refreshments, Model Trains, Decorations, while you wait. Your TICKET number will be called when it's your group's turn to see Santa.
4. If new Covid rules are mandated, you might be asked to travel in groups and stay 6ft away from others. (Or follow mandatory State requirements). Bring your own Covid masks with you in case they must be required!!!
5. When done seeing Santa in his "SANTA HOUSE" you can then visit the main museum or exit back North to the parking area to get your car.



• Dress Warm!!!!  
 "SEE YOU THERE"

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For more information call: 989-687-7168  
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**Come see us soon.**

## Sanford Founders Day 2022 T-shirts are now Available at the Museum

The all-new 2022 Sanford Founders Day fundraising T-shirts are now available at the Sanford Centennial Museum for \$10 each.



The sizes are small, medium, large, XL, 2XL, 3XL.



Once again, these shirts are available for the special low price of just \$10.00 each.

### Become a Member of the Sanford Area Historical Society!

Memberships are  
\$10 for an individual  
or \$15 for a couple/family.

*See back page for details.*

#### 2022 Save These Dates

Santa Express	Dec. 6 & 7 and 13 & 14 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
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## Do You Like to Bake Cookies?

Santa Express is expanded this year and we need donated cookies to be given to visitors of the new Santa House. Just drop your freshly baked cookies off at the museum on Monday, December 5th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and again on Monday, December 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Thanks for your support!



## Thanks to Our 2022 T-Shirt Sponsors

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Santa House  
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Studio 154  
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## BECOME A MEMBER!

The Sanford Area Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month from April through November at 7:00 PM in the Historic Depot on the grounds of the Museum.

*Members and visitors are always welcome!*

Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a couple/family. Dues may be paid on our [website](#), by mail, in person at the museum during the season, at any meeting, or at Founders Day.

## MEMBERSHIP — DONATION — VOLUNTEER

Please review your mailing label on this newsletter. The number in the corner represents the last year that you paid dues. If you owe dues, please clip this coupon, fill it out, and mail in your membership dues so you may continue to maintain your membership. Email addresses are greatly appreciated, it helps to keep costs down and we only use emails for newsletters and special announcements.

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Please mail new or renewal memberships payable to:  
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### Collecting Toys For.. Santa Express

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

3:30 PM to 7:30 PM

at Sanford Museum **New Santa House!**

**2022 Inaugural Event!**

**All Free Event!!**



- Visit with Santa
- Visit in Family Groups - take pics.
- Receive Gift
- Hot Cocoa/cookies

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