



# ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Members and Friends

October 31, 2013

As the harvest nears completion, and the fall air turns chilly, the fact the holidays are just around the corner means that the reservations for the Christmas Candlelight Service at the Chapel are about to begin. The four services will be offered on December 7, 2013, and **reservations can be made starting November 4, 2013, from 8a -7p** by calling 217 947 2238.

The beauty of the Christmas story from Luke 2 will be interspersed with vocal arrangements, Celtic harps and guitars, as well as traditional hymns accompanied by the Chapel's antique pipe organ. The popularity of these services causes them to fill quickly, and if you are combining it with a dining option, call as soon as possible to be confirmed at your choice of times. Forms can be obtained at Horsefeathers Restaurant or downloaded from our website [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org)

This year's activities included wildflower and bird walks with luncheon lectures promoted by a wonderful article from Midwest Living Magazine. Mark McDonald's Illinois Stories also covered the Wildflowers of Elkhart Hill, and it can still be viewed on the internet by going to: [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) and then enter Illinois stories Elkhart Wildflowers.

Our only Friday night dinner/lecture evening was given by Peter Niehaus, who spoke about the Cape Province of South Africa where he lived for most of his life. Because of the demand a second talk was given. The dinner featuring South African dishes was served and enjoyed by all. There are plans next year to do a follow-up dinner/lecture featuring the animals of Africa in the first quarter of the year.

The 2014 Calendar, which marks our 25<sup>th</sup> year, will feature the pen and ink drawings of drawings of historic buildings in Logan County, by the late James Ransom, whose art work graced our very first calendar in 1989. All new and renewing members receive a free calendar, and dues remain the same, \$15 for Senior Individuals or Families and \$20 for regular singles or families. Calendars are available for \$15, and should be available at Horsefeathers by December 7, 2013.

As a matter of interest to visitors to our village, a Vintage Market featuring antiques and period goods will be doing business for three weekends (11/23, 11/30 and 12/7) in the Miss Jessie's Building across the street from Horsefeathers.

Our Board wishes you and yours a blessed Christmas, good health, a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Peter Niehaus

Lisa Pasquesi

Gillette Ransom

Steve and Kathy Thornton

Bill McClain

Bob and Lynn Neal

J. Rob and Sarah Wilson

Susan Jeffers