

Museum Empire Area News

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Renovation of the Hose House

Renovations include new insulation, windows, vinyl siding, and a bright red new metal roof.

This building was built to house the village hand-pulled fire carts and later, in 1948, beefed up to hold the "new" 1917 Seagraves fire truck.



Helen Witt Collection

This fantastic collection of decorated eggs are part of the more than 6,000 eggs decorated and sold by Helen Witt between 1970 and 1995.

Bill, her husband, did all the cutting and hinge installation and Helen did the rest. Much of this work was done while living in Empire from 1971 thru 1979 owning "WITT'S END (Tiffanys today).

Enjoy the fantastic detail and beauty of each egg.

Eggs used are: pullet, chicken, turkey, double yoked turkey, ostrich and emu.

Collection on loan from their son Bill and Sharon Witt

Bill Witt 1915-1997 Helen Nessen Witt 1919-2005

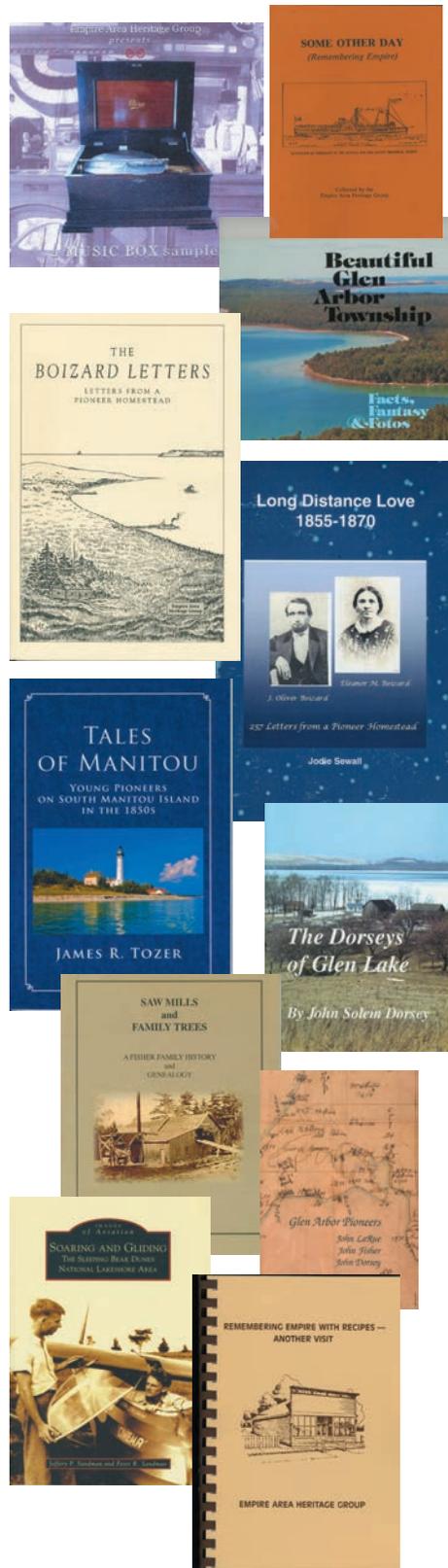


Empire Museum website now at:
empiremuseum.org



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CD's and Books For Sale



Music Box CD	\$6.00
Empire Some Other Day	\$8.95
Empire Picture Book	\$8.95
Beautiful Glen Arbor	\$11.95
Boizard Letters	\$11.95
Long Distance Love	\$21.95
Tales of Manitou	\$12.00
Dorsey's of Glen Lake	\$10.00
Fisher Family History	\$10.00
Glen Arbor Pioneers	\$12.95
Gliding at Sleeping Bear	\$19.95
Empire Cook Book	\$6.95

Several Local DVD's available at \$8.00 each.

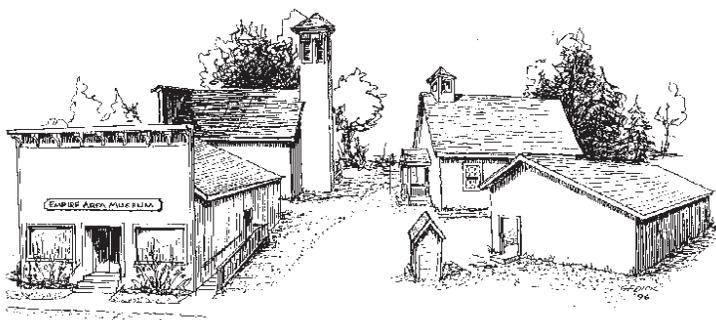
Empire Area Museum Complex

Museum Hours

Weekends from Memorial Day until July 1st. (1 pm - 4 pm)
 Open all summer daily 1-4 (Closed Wednesday).
 Weekends from Labor Day through Heritage Day. (1 pm - 4 pm)
 Groups by appointment call (231) 326-5568 or (231) 326-5519.
 We are a non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Officers

David Taghon President
 Leigh Payment Vice President
 Anne Krawczak Secretary
 Diane Taghon..... Treasurer



Ted Pelky's Model School Bus Collection

Ted started drawing busses at age 5 and building them at age 10. He works off school bus brochures and photographs.

Ted was born in 1957 in Traverse City and spent much of his time in later years in Empire, visiting here each summer from 1983 through 1998. He built an estimated 130 busses while in Empire visiting his family. After the busses would get old, he would select a few each year and have his Dad burn them keeping the wheels for the next project. Each bus took about 20 hours to complete. They are made out of poster board and some plastic trim and plastic wheels.

He donated most of his remaining Empire collection (23 of 29 busses) to the Empire Museum in February of 2013. He now lives in Brunswick, Georgia and continues to make busses to this day. The new busses have a model airplane type finish that, Ted says, make them appear more realistic than his earlier models.

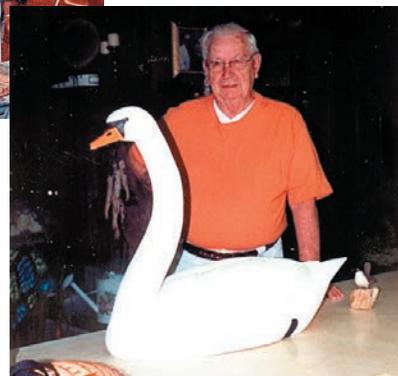


Van Houzen Additions

We have received grand additions to our Russell Van Houzen collection from the Van Houzen family.

Russell was a long time retiree of Glen Lake and a world class carver in later life. Many of his carvings and reference birds are in the museum today. Recent additions include the loan of a beautiful hand carved swan and the donation of a beautifully carved nut cracker figurine as well as carved Santa Claus's.

Russell was a long time supporter of "Museum Heritage Days" demonstrating his wonderful skill at carving each year.



IMPORTANT

It's that time of year to update you with all the changes and activities of the museum this past year and to solicit your support, through membership, to insure the future stability of YOUR MUSEUM

Members receive 10% off all books and free admission to the museum---

Would you please consider becoming a museum volunteer?? We need you!!! It's fun and you meet a lot of new people while serving a great service.

Call Shirley at 326-5438 or Dave at 326-5519

Yearly Memberships		501C3org.	
\$10.00	Single	\$100.00	Century Club
\$25.00	Family		(Name on plaque)
\$50.00	Business		

Membership Application

Date: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Send check or money order to:
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