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# Grand Ledge

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### Grand Ledge Opera House

Article written by Mary Clark, Opera House Authority Board Member

The Grand Ledge Opera House is a historical building in the heart of downtown Grand Ledge that functions as a community building for the greater Grand Ledge area. The Opera House presents concerts and community events such as “Singers on the Grand” the Lansing Theater Organ concerts, Christmas Traditions, St. Patrick’s Day and Victorian Day celebrations. It is a venue for musical performances by groups from the Grand Ledge Public Schools. The Opera House is also available for weddings, graduation parties, birthday and anniversary celebrations. The lower level, patio, and grounds along the Grand River are a lovely setting for a party of any kind. The Opera House was renovated for use by the community in 1993 with financial support from organizations and individuals in the community. The Opera House is not owned or operated by the City of Grand Ledge nor are the Opera House gazebo or grounds a city responsibility. The Grand Ledge Opera House is a non-profit organization operated by a seven member community board. We invite you to contribute to the growth and maintenance of this wonderful historic building. Please read the accompanying brochure and join your friends and neighbors in supporting the Opera House by becoming a member of the Friends of the Opera House.





## Annual Membership Form

Join the Friends of the Opera House today!  
Complete the form below and return it to:

The Opera House Authority  
P.O. Box 264  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

I want to join the Friends of the Opera House at the following level for 20\_\_ :

Grand Hall Level	\$250.00
Gallery Level	\$100.00
Terrace Level	\$50.00
Blake Room	\$18.84

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Opera House Authority in partial payments or by credit card if desired.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions,  
please call 517-627-1443.

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## OPERA HOUSE GRAND LEDGE

The Grand Ledge Opera House is a tribute to a town embracing its past while moving into the future. The building opened in 1884, when Grand Ledge was a thriving resort town, attracting tourists from throughout the Midwest, who were drawn to the area's natural beauty and bountiful entertainment. Located on the banks of the Grand River at 121 S. Bridge Street, it was first known as Riverside Roller Skating Rink. Later it became Blake's Opera House, a home to traveling theatrical troupes, athletic events and school graduations. In 1909 the building became Sackett's Opera House, then briefly a movie theater. In the late 1920's it was converted to a furniture store. It was a ramshackle warehouse in the 1980's, when it was donated to the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society by the Mapes family of Sunfield. The Opera House was reborn in 1993 after careful restoration accomplished with private donations and the joint effort of the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society and the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce. It is now home to the restored Barton Theater Organ from the Michigan Theater in Lansing. Today the Opera House, enhanced by its new Commons and Gazebo, is a vital social and cultural center at the heart of our community. As a friend of the Opera House, you can help to preserve this unique link to our past and develop its role as a community center for the greater Grand Ledge area for many years to come. Come join us!

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## OPERA HOUSE GRAND LEDGE

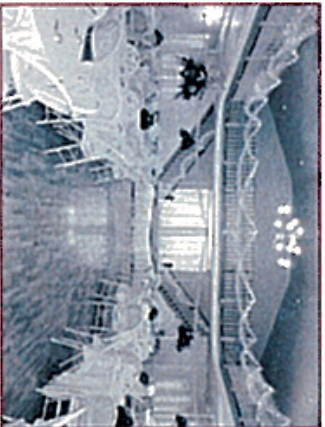
*The Opera House  
invites you  
to become a friend  
of a unique and  
historic building in our  
Grand Ledge community*



*This is a special invitation to  
join a group of your Grand  
Ledge friends and neighbors  
who want to help the Grand  
Ledge Opera House continue  
to be an important social and  
cultural center of our  
Grand Ledge Community.  
We hope you will join us in  
this effort.*



*Join the Friends of the Opera House  
at any of these tax-deductible levels and be part of the exciting effort to preserve our past and enhance the future.*



### *The Friends of the Opera House*

#### *Mission Statement*

The mission of the *Friends of the Opera House* shall be:

- To increase community involvement and appreciation of the Opera House
- To encourage greater utilization of the Opera House facilities for public meetings, private social occasions and community organizations

To offer a variety of cultural events that will be of interest to people in the Grand Ledger area and greater Lansing community

To vigorously plan for and implement programs that will ensure the vitality of the Opera House for future generations

#### *Grand Hall Level*

**\$250.00**

Joining the *Friends of the Opera House* at the Grand Hall level provides these annual membership benefits:

- ❖ A Calendar of Events
- ❖ An invitation to the Annual Dinner
- ❖ Two tickets to any Opera House Special Event
- ❖ A commemorative brick or a miniature Opera House replica

#### *Gallery Level*

**\$100.00**

Joining the *Friends of the Opera House* at the Gallery level provides these annual membership benefits:

- ❖ A Calendar of Events
- ❖ An invitation to the Annual Dinner
- ❖ Two tickets to any Opera House Special Event

#### *Terrace Level*

**\$50.00**

Joining the *Friends of the Opera House* at the Terrace level provides these annual membership benefits:

- ❖ A Calendar of Events
- ❖ Two tickets to any Opera House Special Event
- ❖ An invitation to the Annual Dinner

#### *Blake Room Level*

**\$18.84**

Joining the *Friends of the Opera House* at the Blake Room level provides these annual membership benefits:

- ❖ A Calendar of Events
- ❖ An invitation to the Annual Dinner





# Welcome New Members

Pollack Glass  
Shari Montgomery  
126 E Jefferson  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-8454  
shari@pollackglass.com

Congressman Tim Walberg  
PO Box 1362  
Jackson, MI 49204  
(517) 795-2147

## Ribbon Cutting



Chamber members welcomed Larene Cathryn Photography to the Grand Ledge area with a ribbon cutting. Owner Larene Spitzley opened her studio on March 1, 2013. Located at 1196 W Andre Dr, Suite C, Larene Cathryn Photography will take indoor or outdoor photos for senior pictures, family groupings, engagements, weddings or any other occasion that you want to remember in pictures.

Chamber members and Mayor Kal Smith celebrate the opening of Perpetual Sun with a ribbon cutting. Owned by Linda Turbin, the tanning salon is located at



The Chamber office needs your business brochures. The rack has many open slots. Drop off any brochures, business cards or printed material that you would like to have displayed in the Chamber office and available for potential customers.



# *Grand Ledge Bridal Tour*



*Date: April 14th*

*Time: 12:00 - 5:00*

Join us for a citywide traveling bridal show. Brides and their guests will be transported around Grand Ledge in limousines and horse drawn carriages from business to business. Events include mock weddings, mock receptions, engagement photo shoots, fashion shows, and food/cake tastings. Door Prizes.

*Prices:*

*\$ 8 Advance*

*\$ 10 Door*

Facebook/GrandLedgeBridalAssociation  
Grandledge.bridalassociation@yahoo.com

*Hosted by Grand Ledge Bridal Association*





# Singers on the Grand

presented by Libby Brandon



## "American Classics"

Enjoy Broadway, jazz, country and pop standards from the 40's thru the '80's! The show includes a "West Side Story" medley, "That Old Black Magic," "Satin Doll," "Stormy Weather," plus a "Jukebox Medley." There's something for everyone! The "Singers on the Grand" ensemble features 13 vocalists and 7 musicians who present delightful interpretations of our great "American Classics!"

**Saturday, April 13, 2013 ♦ 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2013 ♦ 2:00 p.m.**

\$10 Pre-Sale • \$12 at the Door

Tickets available at The Riverwalk Theatre

For further information and reservations call:

(517) 482-5700

Riverwalk Theatre is a Barrier Free Facility.



**Riverwalk Theatre**

228 Museum Dr. • Lansing, MI



The following items will be accepted for RECYCLING at no charge:

**Scrap Metal:** Common household items comprised primarily of metal. Any gasoline engines are acceptable but all gas and oil must be drained out. Fuel oil or gasoline tanks or cans are acceptable but must be cut in half. Closed metal water tanks are acceptable but must have a large hole cut in it. **Please note:** We cannot accept hydraulic cylinders, propane tanks/bottles, gas cylinders (propane, oxygen, acetylene, etc.), cans which contain paint/stain or chemicals.

**Electronic Waste:** Computers, TV's, VCR's, etc., mainly speakers and equipment with circuit boards. **Please note:** We cannot accept appliances which contain refrigerants (refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners), household appliances that do not contain circuit boards (toasters, blenders, etc.) or anything containing radioactive material (smoke detectors, etc.).

**Lead Acid Batteries:** Automotive, marine, motorcycle, (etc.) lead acid batteries.

**Newspaper:** Remove from plastic or paper bags. Remove all string or twine. Inserts are acceptable.

**Mixed Residential Mail:** Includes catalogs, magazines, direct ("junk") mail, first class mail and other printing or writing papers, including white or pastel envelopes, and glue bound soft cover books, from residential sources.

**Corrugated Cardboard/Brown Paper Bags**

**Glass Food & Beverage Containers (brown and clear):** Rinse clean and remove lids and metal rings. Place metal lids with tin cans. Labels may be left on. Separate by color. **NO: Green glass, Window panes, light bulbs, Pyrex, plate glass, automobile glass.**

**Tin Cans & Aluminum:** (Soup cans, aluminum foil & trays). Rinse clean and flatten. **NO: paint cans, appliances, hangers, fencing, scrap metal or aerosol cans, containers with food residue.**

**Mixed Plastic Bottles & Jugs:** #1 PET or PETE, #2 HDPE, #3 V (Vinyl) or PVC, #7. **NO: #6 plastic.**

**Used Cooking Oil**  
**Household Batteries**  
**C.F.L.'s**  
**Polystyrene (Styrofoam)**

The following items will be accepted for Reuse at no charge:

**Usable Clothing, Furniture and Household Items:** Salvation Army will be at the event to collect common household items that are in usable condition. For guidelines on items to donate, please visit their website @ [www.usc.salvationarmy.org/wmni](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/wmni) or call a local store.

**Cell Phones:** We will collect your old cell phones (don't forget the cell phone charger) and donate it to Eaton County Siren Shelter to help victims of domestic violence.

**Used Books:** Any used hard cover or paper back in readable condition.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Service Department at (517) 627-2144.

**Household Refuse Disposal Fees:**

Roll-off dumpster containers will also be available to dispose of household items. In order to pay for the cost of containers, the following disposal fees will be required:

Large Items (Sofa, Mattress, Etc.)	\$5.00/each
Small Load (Trunk Full)	\$5.00
Small Pick Up Load	\$10.00
Small Utility Trailer/Full Size Pick Up Load	\$20.00

**Please Note:**

We cannot accept for disposal any hazardous waste such as pesticides, household hazardous waste; paints, solvents, used oil or medical waste. We also cannot accept refrigerators, air conditioners or any items that still hold CFC's, gas cylinders (propane, oxygen, acetylene, etc.), hydraulic cylinders, radioactive waste (smoke detectors), asbestos, PCB's (fluorescent



**Grand Ledge Spring Reuse & Recycle Day**

Saturday, April 27, 2013  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge Recycling Center \* 401 Whitney Street

Open to Grand Ledge and Oneida Township Residents Only. Proof of residency (driver's license, water bill or tax bill) may be required.



Help us keep our Grand Ledge community clean and help the environment by participating in our spring Reuse & Recycle Day. Grand Ledge and Oneida Township residents can drop off the following items for reuse, recycling and/or disposal:

Cell Phones & Batteries



Electronic Waste



Lead Acid Batteries



Scrap Metal



Household Waste



Usable Clothing, Furniture, Household Items



Tires



And much more ... please see next page for complete details including fees (where applicable).



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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

### April, 2013

April 7—Lansing Theatre Organ Concert— Chris Elliott—back by popular demand, Opera House, 3pm  
April 10— Wildflower Walk, 6pm, Interpretive Center, Lincoln Brick Park , \$2 per person, \$5 per family  
April 13 & 14—Singers on the Grand present “American Classics”, Riverwalk Theatre, 8pm Sat, 2pm Sun  
April 14— 1st Annual Grand Ledge Bridal Association Show “Wedding Destination—Grand Ledge” , noon—5pm  
April 20—Chamber sponsored Food Drive, 9am-2pm, Family Fare  
April 21—Elizabeth Kunc—Vocalist- “An Afternoon of Jazz with Elizabeth”, Opera House, 3pm  
April 24— Wildflower Walk, 6pm, Bennett Park next to Charlotte Fairgrounds, front parking lot , \$2 per person, \$5 per family  
April 27—City of Grand Ledge Spring Reuse & Recycle Day, 8am-2pm, Recycling Center

### May, 2013

May 4— Wildflower Walk, 4pm, Fox Park north of Potterville, meet at beachside restrooms, \$2 per person, \$5 per family  
May 4 & 5—18th Annual Victorian Day  
May 14— GLHS Madrigal Concert, Opera House, 7:30pm  
May 18— 10th Annual Thank the Troops Event  
May 22—Hayes Middle School, Select Women & Select Men Concert, Opera House, 7:30pm  
May 24—Concert on the Grand, GLHS & Community Bands, Opera House Lawn, 6pm

### June, 2013

June 18-20 (3 day session), 8am-2pm, Jr. Ranger-State Park Explorer, Sleepy Hollow State Park, for more info [www.eatoncountyparks.org](http://www.eatoncountyparks.org)  
June 20 –23—30th Annual Yankee Doodle Days  
June 23—10th Annual Garden Tour  
June 27-28—33rd Annual Mudge’s Follies—Community Musical Variety Show  
June 27-Hazel Ridge Farm Experience one day field trip, 8:30am-5pm, for children 7-14, for more info: [www.eatoncountyparks.org](http://www.eatoncountyparks.org)

### July, 2013

July 13—24th Annual Ledge’s Classic Auto & Craft Show  
July 25— Hazel Ridge Farm Experience one day field trip, 8:30am-5pm, for children 7-14, for more info [www.eatoncountyparks.org](http://www.eatoncountyparks.org)  
July 30 & 31— MSU Days (2 day session), 8:30am-5pm, MSU Campus, for more info: [eatoncountyparks.org](http://eatoncountyparks.org)

### August, 2013

Aug. 3— 40th Annual Island Art Fair  
Aug. 6-8 (3 day session), 8:30am-2pm, Jr. Ranger-Live and Local, Lincoln Brick Park, for more info: [eatoncountyparks.org](http://eatoncountyparks.org)  
Aug. 20 & 21 (2 day session), 8:30am-5pm, Potter Park Zoo, for more info: [eatoncountyparks.org](http://eatoncountyparks.org)