

# ORION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Main Landing Lake Orion



Jim and Sara

Founding members, James Ingram and Sara Van Portfliet, started the Orion Historical Society and helped lead the Society in the preservation of Orion historic and architectural assets, homes, historic buildings, and creation of historic sites and historic districts. Both served as officers and were recognized for the Society's two awards: the Legacy Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award. Jim wrote the book Images of America: Lake Orion with fellow member Lori Grove. The Society is governed by a Board of Directors who elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The members of the Orion Historical Society's mission statement is to involve people to actively participate in the growth and vitality of the Orion community through preservation activities and education about Orion's legacy.



The Orion Township Public Library is partnering with the Orion Historical Society to provide many historic resources, a photo and digital collection of historic sites and buildings, an expansive local library housing historical books and magazines. The library will also assist the organization with its website, newsletter and meeting space.



Historic Church

Lake Orion



Howarth School



DUR Station in Orion



OHS members preserving the Camp Franklin sign in the Village of Lake Orion



Historic District  
Village of Lake  
Orion

Projects which Orion Historical Society Members have worked on over the past fifteen years:

- ◆ Assisted the Village of Lake Orion with the designation of the Lake Orion Historic District in August of 2006 as a National Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Instigated the Orion Township Reconnaissance Survey for Preservation working with the Orion Township Board of Trustees to allocate funds to do a survey of historic buildings in the township.
- ◆ Assist with an application for the William E. and Nina Downey Scripps home built in 1927 and currently Guest House for its Nation Register of Historic Places.
- ◆ Moving of two historic structures to Orion Township's Friendship Park— The Porritt Barn and Howarth School.
- ◆ Preservation of the Camp Franklin sign in 2004 and placement in the village.
- ◆ Designation of Indian Lake Road Bridge at M24 and Indian Lake Road to National Register of Historic Places in August of 2005.



Orion Historical Society is dedicated to:

- ◆ Preserving Orion's history
- ◆ Learning about Orion's Past
- ◆ Helping to Preserve Historic Sites
- ◆ Partnering with community members and local organizations to preserve Orion history
- ◆ Sharing Historic Resources
- ◆ Encouraging others to Enjoy and Preserve History
- ◆ Improving Library Historic Resources



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Orion Historical Society, founded in 1994, is a 501©(3) non profit organization which is dedicated to the preservation of Orion's historical legacy. Members work to increase awareness of our community's architectural and various historical resources and buildings.

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### Donations to OHS

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Donations used for:

- Historic Districts Fund
- General Fund
- Historic Projects
- Speakers Series/ Programs
- Oral History Projects
- Historic Research

### Become a Member of OHS

Mail to: P.O. Box 925 611 N. Axford Street, Lake Orion, MI 48361  
Enclose form with your annual membership payment.

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