

# BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## 2012 A YEAR OF CHANGE AND NEW

### 2012

This past year was filled with changes: the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Because of legalities and insurance we were forced to change our name from the Bowne Township Historical Society to the Bowne Township Historical Commission. We had to resign our 501c3 status and begin anew.

Most of our business is run as usual but we now are under the cover of the Township and report to them.

Our Commission was saddened by the loss of some of our members this past year. New members have joined us and others have resigned. Even with these losses and additions, we are working hard to keep moving forward.

New decking was added to the front entry and the back ramp of the museum. The outside stairs were rebuilt. New screen doors were installed. The buildings are looking great.

In October we celebrated our 25th anniversary.

Now we are looking forward to 2013.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY

On October 6th we had a celebration commemorating our 25th anniversary.

With help from our membership and others we were able to celebrate this event with music, old cars, refreshments and a lot of very nice people who came out regardless of the cold, wet weather to make this a special event.

The musical groups: STEAM POWERED BLUE GRASS, HOSEA HUMPHREY, THE BARCROFTS, AND JAM SESSION performed under our tent and gave us several hours of great music.

HISTORY REMEMBERED, INC. Came dressed in costumes of different eras and acted as greeters. One couple also came in a vintage car. It all added to the ambience of the day.

BEN AND KAREN MERCHANT arrived in their Model T and gave rides to all those who wanted the experience of traveling in a car of a bygone era.

ALTO/BOWNE FIRE DEPARTMENT brought their newest truck and parked it at the school for all to see.

CAKE AND PUNCH were served in the museum and all the buildings were open to those who came to our celebration.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: State Senator David Hildenbrand and State Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons presented

us with a framed certificate signed by Governor Snyder congratulating us on 25 years of historical preservation.



In spite of the weather, the grounds were very pretty with the pumpkins and flowers that dressed the grounds.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this event. Those who helped, those who donated time and items, those who came and shared their special talents, and those who came just to help us celebrate. You all made it a very special day.

Now we are looking forward to the next 25 years. We like to think that those who will come after us will carry on the work that has been done in the past and keep adding to and improving on the preservation of the heritage of our small community that is rich in history.

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