



Manchester Sesquicentennial Agri-Tour

August 4th, 2017: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30.00 per person

Includes transportation and lunch

Manchester is excited to offer an educational tour of active working farms. Learn the workings behind the produce and products that end up on your table.

The tour includes a crop/livestock farm that has been owned by the same family since 1869, two years after the incorporation of Manchester Village. You will be able to see sheep up close and learn about raising grains like corn, soybeans, and wheat including the machinery used with these crops. We will also visit a Centennial Farm where the family's sixth generation owner will explain the milking and dairy cattle operation. (If you buy Kroger milk, you may meet the cows that produce it.) For those who wonder how farming is different on a farm that is certified organic, we will see vegetable, flowers, fruit, and herbs growing before they reach Farmers' Markets in our area. We will also tour the United Producers-Farm Supply/Livestock Auction where livestock auctions take place twice a week. This is a good place to meet a farmer, buy supplies, and learn first-hand about American agriculture.

As a special treat, we will be touring and having lunch at a Heritage Farm where the owners have spent forty years patiently assembling a collection of historic buildings from the Manchester area. Their labor of love has brought a miniature historic village to our neighborhood. You will be able to walk through their fully restored 1800's log cabin and visit the operating blacksmith shop, farm outbuildings, and traditional gardens found on the property. A special lunch will be prepared by Manchester's own Joe and Rose Christensen from products grown and raised on the farms visited.

This is a one-of-a-kind tour and tickets are limited. Once tickets are sold-out, the tour will be closed, so sign-up early. Wear comfortable walking shoes, as the ground may be uneven.

Questions: Contact Karen Berg at karenberg@MAHSmi.org

Send check made out to MAHS and waiver to:

**ATTN: Karen Berg
Manchester Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 56
Manchester, MI 48158**

Participant Waiver must be included with check in order to receive the ticket.



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PARTICIPANT WAIVER/RELEASE:

I wish to participate in the 2017 Manchester Sesquicentennial Agri-Tour and would like to visit the farms and businesses that have been arranged for the tour. I understand that I do so at my own risk. I hereby release and waive any and all claims against the Sesquicentennial Organizers, Manchester Area Historical Society, the Village of Manchester, Manchester Community Schools Transportation, Gary Bross Farms, Hand Sown Farm, Bob and Sandy Mottice, Horning Dairy Farms L.L.C. and the United Producers, Inc. and any entities affiliated with these organizations. Each and all of these organizations shall forgo liability for any and all loss, damage, injuries, claims, demands, lawsuits, expenses and any other liability of any kind to me or any other person, directly or indirectly arising out of, or in connection with my participation in, any activity associated with this tour.

I further agree to hold harmless, indemnify and reimburse the Released Parties from and for any sums, costs, or expenses incurred by any of the Released Parties or paid by them to any person (including me or my insurers) in connection with any accident, loss, damage or injury sustained by me or others in connection to my attendance at, or participation, in the described activities. This means I will reimburse the Released Parties if anyone makes a claim against them based on damages or injuries I may suffer.

All participants are encouraged to stay close to the group during the times we are at each farm location. There will be designated times to ask questions – be ready with your questions.

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. We are visiting real farms. Hats and sunscreen are also good items to have along.

Agri-Tour Participant:

Visitor Name: _____

Visitor Signature: _____

Contact phone number and or email: _____

If Participant is Under 18 Years of Age, Parent Must Sign Below:

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Phone Number: _____

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