


ANN ARBOR BICENTENNIAL
1824-2024


**Ann Arbor's 200th Birthday
CELEBRATION & PICNIC**
11:00 am – 2:30 pm

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This is the story of the Ann Arbor's 200th Birthday Celebration and Picnic held on May 25, 2024 at Liberty Plaza. Thanks to co-sponsors Destination Ann Arbor, the Library Green Conservancy, State Street District and the Kempf House. Thanks also to the Parks Department for funding support and to the volunteers from the Bicentennial History Subcommittee who made this event possible.

**Prepared by
Jeff Crockett**



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The History Subcommittee of the Bicentennial

The History Subcommittee was formed in early 2023 and represents a remarkable collaboration with the following local historic preservation groups and organizations:

1. The Ann Arbor Historical Foundation (<https://www.annarborhistoricalfoundation.org/>)
2. The Washtenaw County Historical Society (<https://www.washtenawhistory.org/>)
3. The Old Fourth Ward Historic District Association (<https://tylertopics.com/community/old-fourth-ward/>)
4. The Old West Side Association (<https://oldwestside.org/>)
5. The Ann Arbor District Library (<https://aadl.org/>)
6. The Bentley Historical Library (<https://bentley.umich.edu/>)
7. The Kempf House (<https://www.kempfhousemuseum.org/>)
8. The Cobblestone Farm
(<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/parks-places/cobblestone-farm/pages/default.aspx>)

Subcommittee Projects

The A2 SmartTours (<https://aadl.org/a2st>)

Bicentennial Timeline (<https://www.a2bicentennial.org/timeline>)

Bicentennial Quiz (<https://www.a2bicentennial.org/quiz>)

Bicentennial Birthday Celebration and Picnic
at Liberty Plaza and the Library Lot

Peace Day on the Commons

Women of the Kempf House

History of Peace and Non-violence in Ann Arbor

Jones School Historical Marker

Washtenaw Historical Society Tea Party

History of Energy

Reconsideration of 1924 plaque on Huron Street

Cobblestone Farm Project

Antique Bottle Collection

Timeline of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County History

Universal Chord Movie about 1969 Ann Arbor

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Emcee Lucy Ann Lance with Event Planner Jeff Crockett



**Lucy is the co-host of the Lucy Ann Lance show on 1290 WLBY.
Jeff is a Board Member of the Library Green Conservancy.**

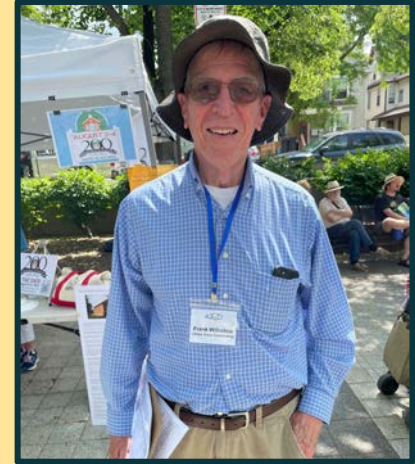
Co-Sponsor: The Library Green Conservancy



**Board Members
Jeff Crockett and Lynn Borset**



President Rita Mitchell



**Board Member
Frank Wilhelme**

The Library Green Conservancy is a dedicated group of Ann Arborites who believe the Center of the City will serve Ann Arbor as a 21st Century town square, essential for public discourse, gatherings, recreation and respite. Other Board members include Will Hathaway and Alice Ralph.

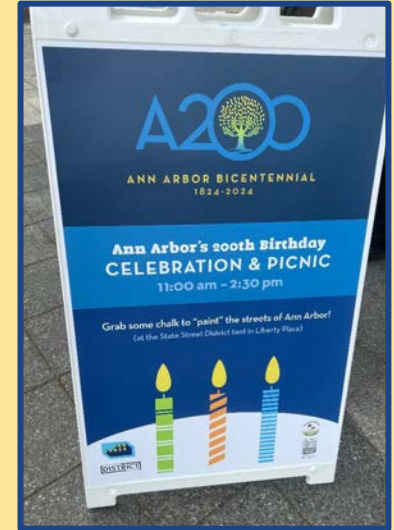
Co-Sponsor: Destination Ann Arbor



President and CEO Sarah Miller with
with Judge Dexter (Mark Olexa)



Hanging Banner



Sandwich Board

Sarah Miller and VP Marketing Amy Karbo were exceedingly helpful in planning the celebration. [Destination Ann Arbor](#) provided and managed the Bicentennial website, created a banner and posters that were displayed at the event, and helped with promotion.

Co-Sponsor: Kempf House



Ann Dilcher, Past President

Ann Dilcher and the Kempf House saved the Bicentennial Birthday celebration. When the electricity couldn't be turned on in Liberty Square, Ann let the band connect their sound system to an exterior electrical outlet on the Kempf House. To learn more about the Kempf House and donate, visit

<https://www.kempfhousmuseum.org/>

Co-Sponsor: State Street Association



Speaker Ed Davidson, Past Board Member and Owner of Bivouac, Current Member

President Angela Heflin was a key contributor to the planning of the celebration. She helped provide the permit to remove cars on Liberty, provided tables and chairs, shared in the cost of signage, arranged for chalk art, provided a bubble machine, and helped promote the event.

Elmo's T-Shirts



Elmo's T-Shirts with a store in the Nickels Arcade offered Bicentennial merchandise for sale, such as hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts.

A2 SmartTours



Andrew McLaren (AADL) and Norm Tyler



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The Bicentennial SmartTours project was created to encourage the city's residents and visitors to learn more about the history of the city by offering 15 history tours. The SmartTours Group included Chair Norm Tyler, Tom Stulberg, Paul Conway, Susan Wineberg, Christine Crockett, Carol Mull, Fran Wright, Ilene Tyler, Jeff Crockett and graphic designer Don Harris. Narratives and photos for 177 sites were made available for smartphones, with the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) hosting the project as a long-term website. To learn more about SmartTours, visit <https://aadl.org/a2st>

A2 SmartTours



- **Ann Arbor Highlights Tour**
- **Downtown Tour**
- **Central Campus Tour**
- **Campus/State Street Tour**
- **Old Fourth Ward Tour**
- **North Division Street Tour**
- **Old West Side Tour**
- **Washtenaw/Hill Tour**
- **Lower Town Tour**
- **A2 Modern Tour**
- **Historically Black Neighborhood Tour**
- **Underground Railroad Tour**
- **Street Exhibits Tour**
- **Riverwalks Tour**
- **Scavenger Tour**

Entertainment



The Ralph McKee Blues Band




**The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Ann Arbor
Director: Benjamin Cohen**

Guest Speaker: U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell

Hon. Debbie Dingell presented a Congressional proclamation honoring Ann Arbor for its Bicentennial. Chief of Police Andre Anderson accepted receipt of the plaque on behalf of the city.



L to R: Charles Newman, Amy Seetoo, Hon. Debbie Dingell, Dr. Theresa Chang, and Police Chief Andre Anderson

 **Congressional Record**
PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 118th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives
HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
May 23, 2024

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF
THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

MRS. DINGELL: Mister Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Ann Arbor on the 200th anniversary of its founding. The contributions its residents have made to the State of Michigan and to the nation over the last two centuries are worthy of commendation.

Originally the Village of Annarbour, this community was named after the wives of its two founders, who were both named Ann, and was also inspired by the large forest in the area. Founded in 1824, historic Ann Arbor predates the establishment of the State of Michigan by thirteen years.

Ann Arbor is home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world: The University of Michigan. The University of Michigan was originally established in 1817 as *Carholopiremiad Michigania* in Detroit, then a fledgling capital of the Territory of Michigan, and later relocated to Ann Arbor in 1837. Since its founding, the university has brought defining cultural, economic, and intellectual growth to greater Ann Arbor. The students, staff, and faculty come from all 50 American states and over 100 countries globally, contributing to the worldly and diverse culture of this community. In addition to its numerous accolades for its academic prestige, University of Michigan Athletics continues to make Ann Arbor proud. Just this past January, the University of Michigan Football Team defeated the Washington Huskies, bringing a national championship title back to Ann Arbor for the first time since 1997.

It is not just the University of Michigan that makes Ann Arbor special. The cultural and religious diversity of the city has been a source of strength and has also led to Ann Arbor being the site of many monumental political and civil rights activities. From traditional denominations to more contemporary organizations, there is something for everyone in this vibrant city. Beth Israel, one of the oldest synagogues in the state, was founded in 1916. The city was also the home of the first meetings of the Students for a Democratic Society in 1960, a national student activist group. That same year, President John F. Kennedy set in motion the development of the Peace Corps on the steps of the Michigan Union. In 1964, President Lyndon B Johnson gave his "Great Society" speech at the University of Michigan's commencement. In 1965, the city was the location of the first American "teach in" in protest of the Vietnam War.

Ann Arbor has long been known as a hotbed for technological innovation and start-ups. The International Radio Corporation, established in Ann Arbor in 1931, was responsible for the first mass-produced AC/DC radio as well as the Argus C3, one of the top-selling cameras in history. ProQuest, founded in 1938 as University Microfilms, has been at the forefront of the preservation of documents for research purposes since their founding. Thomas Knoll, an Ann Arbor native, created Adobe Photoshop in 1987 while completing his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. Duo Security, a leader in two-factor internet security, was founded in 2009. Presently, Ann Arbor is host to over 20 video game and XR studios of varying sizes and hosts monthly meetings of the International Game Developers Association. Ann Arbor is also home to many nationally and internationally recognized businesses like Domino's Pizza, one of the largest pizza brands in the world.

Mister Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the City of Ann Arbor on the occasion of their bicentennial. For the past 200 years, Ann Arbor has stood as a beacon of progress, diversity, and excellence. From its humble beginnings to its current status as a thriving and exemplary city, this milestone is a testament to their commitment to innovation, education, and community. We are excited to see what the residents of Ann Arbor can accomplish in the years to come!

Christine Crockett provided a sneak preview of the Bicentennial Quiz



The 200 questions were developed by the Ann Arbor Bicentennial History Subcommittee and other Ann Arbor Contributors.

Contributors: Jeff and Christine Crockett, Susan Wineberg, Carol Mull, Norm and Ilene Tyler, Bev Willis, Shirley Beckley, Tom Stulberg, Patti Smith, Michelle McClellan, Heidi Metzger, Julie Ritter, Tracey Van Dusen, Lynn Borset, Peter Eckstein, Kitty Kahn, Alan Haber, Andy Crockett, Amy Seetoo, Elmo Morales, Dr. Luay Shilabi, Polly Pan, Artemis Leontis, Vassilios Lambropoulos, Clare Kinberg, Elizabeth Bishop, Andrew MacLaren, and Eleanor Crown.

Chris presented five questions to the audience. One of the questions was:

1. The tribes of the Indigenous peoples who lived in Michigan at the time of the founding of Ann Arbor were the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi Indians. They were known collectively as the:

- A. The Great Lakes Pow Wow
- B. Confederated Tribes of the Anishinaabe
- C. Council of the Three Fires
- D. The Nokomi Federation

Answer: C. Council of the Three Fires

The Bicentennial Speeches

The theme of Ann Arbor's 200th Anniversary Party and Celebration, held on May 25, 2024, was celebrating our diverse past. Towards that end, residents from seven different ethnic backgrounds and communities were asked to speak about *What the Bicentennial Means to Me*. In addition, we were pleased with the participation of U.S. House Representative Debbie Dingell who shared her speech that was presented to Congress on May 23, 2024. These speeches clearly demonstrated why Ann Arbor is such a special place to live. Thanks to Hon. Debbie Dingell, Bev Willis, Amy Seetoo, John Metzger, Christina Morales Hemenway, Ali Ramlawi, and Charles Newman for their inspiring contribution to Ann Arbor's Bicentennial. The statements on the following slides are abridged versions of the speeches. For the complete speeches, go to https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xiiVTXdKAnEwVju_oAHfCJQC6MJgznGgULlokloMKfg/edit?usp=sharing

Bev Willis, Administrator of the Washtenaw County Historical Society



Emcee Lucy Ann Lance introducing first speaker, Bev Willis

What does Ann Arbor's Bicentennial mean to me?

For me, the Bicentennial means taking a look back and appreciating the past for what we can learn from it. And it is also a time to look forward, firmly planted and grounded in the present, but using the knowledge of the past to create the best future for the community of Ann Arbor and those it supports.

The generations who came before us made choices with consequences that we live with every day. Some of us are here in Ann Arbor because of those choices, while some of us are here despite them. Here in this Bicentennial year, we can acknowledge and honor the generations of those people for their hard work, spirit, drive, and difficult choices that made Ann Arbor what it is today. Ann Arbor is today a community of makers, doers, dreamers, believers, strivers, survivors, educators, and innovators. We are everyday people just trying to live our best lives.

Before the 201st year begins in 2025, take a Bicentennial moment to imagine what the future can be and consider what part you can play. How can the knowledge and lessons of the last 200 years direct our current choices and elevate future actions? As the torch is passed from this generation to the next, let its bright light signal a healthy, inclusive, and thriving community, so their milestones will be as much fun as this one!

Amy Seetoo, Co-founder and Past President of the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization



I have spent more than half of my life in this magical city! Or, more than one-fifth of the City's 200 years! What is the magic in Ann Arbor?

Before I arrived here in 1980 from Urbana-Champaign, from another Big Ten Conference school, I was told that Ann Arbor had its own Gilbert and Sullivan Society, its own Comic Opera Guild <https://comicoperaguild.org/>, its own Women's Chamber Chorus, its own International Neighbors, its own Embracing Our Differences Michigan, and many more organizations. In fact, one doesn't have enough time to go to all the events by different organizations listed in the beloved *Ann Arbor Observer* such as the Annual Used Book Sale of AAUW, and the cultural events by Michigan Taiwanese American Organization mitaiaa@weebly.com at the Ann Arbor District Library.

When I arrived in 1980, I was pleasantly surprised to find personal connections. I found that one of my mother's high school classmates in an American missionary-sponsored high school near Beijing had been living here. She was Isabelle Louis. Bob Wu, an architect, had played in an orchestra in Shanghai with my uncles. Moreover, my first-grade teacher Ms. Sheng was getting her doctorate degree in linguistics here! Growing up in Taipei, I only vaguely heard of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan because U of M had a project with my alma mater the National Chengchi University. I didn't expect to divorce, remarry, and be widowed here. If things go as planned, my ashes will be interred at Forest Hill Cemetery. Ann Arbor is my forever home. Here is one Ann Arborite celebrating its 200th birthday!

John Metzger, Owner of Metzgers German Restaurant



Good afternoon, friends and community members. I have the distinct honor of being the grandson of Wilhelm Metzger, the visionary patriarch who laid the foundation for what would become Metzger's German Restaurant. As I join you all today to celebrate 200 years of our great city of Ann Arbor, it gives me tremendous pride that our family has been part of this community for almost half of those amazing years. For me, this moment is not just about commemorating the bicentennial of Ann Arbor. It's also a celebration of the contributions of Ann Arbor's immigrant communities like ours, which have been woven into the very fabric of this city. My grandfather Wilhelm's journey started from humble beginnings in Württemberg, Germany. All the way across the Atlantic, German villagers had heard about what a great city Ann Arbor was. My grandfather's life then changed forever when a baker named Sam Huesel (grandfather of local radio star Ted Huesel) sponsored him to emigrate to America, along with his two brothers, and gave him a job in his bakery here in his dream city of Ann Arbor.

Wilhelm opened his first German-American restaurant at 122 West Washington on December 8, 1928. In 1936, the restaurant relocated to 203 East Washington, and 65 years later, moved to the current location on Zeeb Rd. Metzger's has always been more than just a business—it is a labor of love, a testament to four generations of the enduring spirit of our family. Actually, five generations now my young grandsons help out now on occasion, Nico and Georgie are here today! Today, I have many thanks to offer. Thanks to our staff, many of whom have been with us for over 40 years, to my family, and to the generations of patrons and the grander community of Ann Arbor, who have supported us steadfastly throughout the years. And most of all, thanks to the enduring legacy of Wilhelm and Marie Metzger, whose vision and dedication continue to inspire us to this day. We raise our steins with you today to celebrate 200 years of this great city!! Thank you.

Christina Hemenway Morales: Movie Producer of **Dancing Star Productions**



I was born in Ann Arbor and then went out to LA for 20 years where I was a movie director but I missed the trees, I missed my family, and I missed my home so I came back. Ann Arbor is very different than it was when I was growing up here in the 70's but my roots are still here. My mother and father met at UofM. He grew up in Puerto Rican Harlem in New York and got a full track scholarship and my mom was born in Detroit and worked to put herself through school all on her own. They met in the fish bowl, got married on graduation day in 1969 and I was born 9 months later. My dad was a gym teacher and my mom was a therapist and I'm very proud of how they impacted so many lives in this community for the better. This bicentennial got me thinking about what Ann Arbor was like before I was born and being that I'm a filmmaker, that inspired a concept for a movie where a present-day 17-year-old girl switches places with her grandma's 17-year-old body in 1969 Ann Arbor.

It was fun doing research for what was happening in Ann Arbor, while I was marinating in my mother's womb. I found so many synchronicities with what was happening with my fictitious characters and the real-life characters in Ann Arbor at the time. As an example, I needed a confidant for my lead character who would want to capture her story, and I found out that the famous Documentarian Ken Burns was a 16-year-old at Pioneer then and wrote for the Ann Arbor News! Another example— we had established that the lead character's band practiced at the Neutral Zone in the present day and I was looking for a place for her to cross paths with Iggy Pop in the past, so I looked it up, and the only place I found that Iggy pop played in 1969 was the 5th Forum- which is right across the street from Neutral Zone. There are even some surprises in the script about how my father impacted U of M football to this day.

Artemis Leontis: C. P. Cavafy Chair of Modern Greek Studies at U of M



Looking ahead, the city of Ann Arbor, now in its third century, must find new ways to keep the creative spark of Ann Arbor alive. At base, the fundamental, underlying principle is that the city cannot be just for the rich. Ann Arbor's housing must become affordable again. Opportunities must be open again to the next generation of hungry displaced dreamers and creators.

Greeks are among many immigrants and internal migrants who came to Ann Arbor in waves beginning with German and British settlers and continuing with Blacks from the American South, other Europeans, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, people of the Middle East, and, after passage of the Immigration Act of 1965, people from all over the world. They have worked in light manufacturing, milling, brewing, rug making, furniture making, piano building, and just about every other line of work. They have created their own businesses and institutions. They have become students, staff, and educators in Ann Arbor's schools and the University of Michigan. They are artists, musicians, and professionals. They are citizens and vote. They have contributed to the city's growth. They have added to the city's cultural richness and depth of expertise. They have given Ann Arbor its terrifically diverse creative, communal vibe. This was the Ann Arbor that drew me here 25 years ago.

Let me mention some of the local places owned and operated by Greeks where we have gathered. Some continue to operate, but many have closed, as I will indicate: Angelos (no longer in business), Brown Jug (still running), Carlyle Grill (still running), Cottage Inn (no longer in business), Franks Restaurant (closed and reopened), KouZina (no longer in business), Mediterraneo (still running), Mezes Greek Grill (no longer in business), Parthenon (no longer in business), Real Seafood / Palio (still running), Thanos's Lamplighter (no longer in business), Uptown Coney Island (still running)

Ali Ramlawi, Owner of Jerusalem Garden Restaurant



My birthday wish for Ann Arbor is that as we continue to move forward, and that we provide space for the craftspeople, the artists, the educators, spiritual healers and leaders as has been our storied history so that many more generations of diverse people can continue this legacy. Thank you Ann Arbor for everything and God Bless you all.

Thank you to the bicentennial committee for organizing today's event and for inviting me to speak today- it is a true honor for me to be a part of this, celebrating Ann Arbor's bicentennial. I am here today as a consequence of what occurred at the end of WW2 when my father's family was forcibly displaced from Palestine. He made the difficult decision to leave his homeland and immigrate to the United States for safe harbor and economic opportunity.

After arriving in Detroit in 1962, my parents worked hard for many years to help provide for their children and many others. It was in the early 1980's that they discovered Ann Arbor as a multi-cultural center in which they felt was the right place to open an ethnic restaurant that was immediately welcomed by this community and years later become a locally cherished institution.

The University of Michigan has been gravitational force bringing people and cultures from around the world to help shape create a unique melting pot that we all can be proud of and learn from. it is the people that came from far distances that have shaped what we are here today to celebrate- cultural diversity!

Ann Arbor has long been a welcoming, safe community for humanity to feel safe, prosper and proudly call home- including having been an important stop along the underground railway

Charles Newman, Co-founder Jewish Community Center



In summary, this bicentennial has given me an opportunity to celebrate and honor the contributions of so many Ann Arborites whose values reflect the best of the American dream.

When I arrived in Ann Arbor in 1958 as a college freshman, ethnic dining consisted of Leo Ping's and the Lantern Garden, both of which served food that bore a striking similarity to what comes out of a can of Chun King chop suey and German food from The Old German, Metzgers and the Heildberg because of the German ancestry of many early residents of Ann Arbor. The fact that we can eat in restaurants serving Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Himalayan, Peruvian, Ecuadorian and about every other cuisine reflects Ann Arbor's increasing diversity and appreciation of immigrant cultures.

In 1958, there was one Jewish congregation, and today there are seven, all of which are of a different denomination, which is a good reflection of the diversity within the Jewish community itself. Since then, a Jewish Community Center, which hosts a Jewish film festival, a Jewish book fair, and a Muslim Community Center, has been established, along with Jewish Family Services, the largest agency resettling immigrants of all religious backgrounds in Washtenaw County. Of course, we now have that "good Jewish deli" in Ann Arbor my fellow Jews craved: Zingermans. Nothing illustrates how much Jewish life has changed than the fact that if you wanted to buy a bagel in the early 1980s, you would have to go to Ralph's Market on Packard.

Coordinating Bicentennials with Dixboro and Dexter

Thanks to Tom Stulberg for inviting Bicentennial committees from Dixboro and Dexter to join our celebration on May 25 and for attending their celebrations.



Bicentennial Committee members from Dexter and Dixboro



Judge Dexter (Mark Olexa) with Tom Stulberg (Mayor of Lowertown)

Pictures from the Event



Lars Bjorn and Eleanor Crown



Deb Polich, Russ Collins and Lucy Ann Lance



Crowd Shot



Susan Wineberg, Ilene Tyler



Dexter Committee



Lucy with Bill & Susan Tuttle

More Pictures



Patrick McCauley & Lars Bjorn with Lucy



Happy Bicentennial Chalk Drawing



Ben Cohen



Dancing Dr. Bob

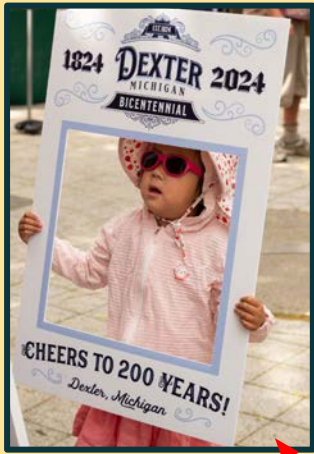


Bubbles and chalk garlore



Andrew McLaren

Still More Pictures



Dexter Pics



Chris Crockett and Ilene Tyler



Bubble Machine



Bicentennial Celebration on the Library Lot

This party and celebration was a collective effort of many people with no budget and relying on voluntary cooperation and self-management as the model of the commons. It was sponsored by the Ann Arbor Community Commons Initiating Committee A2C2 (website <https://annarborcommunitycommons.org/>). Five bands provided entertained. A food truck operated by Miko Fossom provided sustenance. The "Conscious Cafe" and the Peace Table provided an opportunity for community discussions about the Commons, the Cooperative Economy and Permaculture. Literature from the Women's movement was available. Reseeding the "Tree of Life" was a collective art project. An extra special activity was the "Really REALLY Free Market" managed by Miko Fossom and Alexis King of the Kenzoku Collective, extending the practice of giving away free stuff, provided by those who no longer need the stuff.



**Alan Haber &
Odile Hugonot Haber**



Peace Table



Alexis King



Food Truck

Entertainment



More Pictures



Clothing



Art in the Park



Mary Thiefel Mural



Land Acknowledgement



Painting Supplies



Tree of Life



Kenzoku Collective



Costumes



Really Really Free Market



The birthday cake was provided by the Big City Bakery and funded by the Library Green Conservancy.



Rita Mitchell with Linda Berauer

For a YouTube recap of the celebration, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6WC2gASbtk&t=64s..>

Thanks to Lisa Wondrash and the staff at Ann Arbor Cable TV for producing and sharing the video.

And thanks to all the sponsors, the speakers, the entertainers, the contributors, the attendees and the Bicentennial History Subcommittee for making Ann Arbor's 200th birthday celebration an event to remember for posterity.



While the Bicentennial year ends on December 31, the appreciation for Ann Arbor's history can continue by visiting our local libraries and museums, joining historical organizations, participating in the A2 SmartTours and exploring the web. To all, Happy Ann Arbor Bicentennial!



HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY
To the city of ANN ARBOR

6 WAYS TO CELEBRATE
Local History!

1. Visit Ann Arbor libraries
2. Visit local museums
3. Read a local history book
4. Join a historical organization
5. Explore the web
6. Go for walks

Museums

- Cobblestone Farm Museum
2781 Packard Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-794-7120
cobblestonefarm.org
- The Kempf House
312 S Division Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 994-4898
kempfhousemuseum.org
- Argus Museum
525 W William Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(313) 499-0551
argusmuseum.org
- African American Cultural & Historical Museum of Washtenaw County
1528 Pontiac Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(734)761-1717
aachm.org
- Washtenaw County Historical Society
Museum on Main Street
500 N. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 662-9092
washtenawhistory.org

Organizations

- The Ann Arbor Historical Foundation
annarborhistoricalfoundation.org

Guided Tours

- A2 Smart Tours
aadl.org/a2st

Partners

- Ann Arbor 200
Arbor District Library
aadl.org
- Destination Ann Arbor
City of Ann Arbor
www.a2bicentennial.org

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