



Greater West Bloomfield
Historical Society



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West Bloomfield historical photos, maps and prints Debut at Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery Open House on Friday, February 26, 6 to 9 p.m.

Collections of West Bloomfield-area vintage photographs, maps and prints debut at a Wine and Cheese Open House on Friday, February 26, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Orchard Framing & Gallery in Crosswinds Mall, Orchard Lake and Lone Pine Roads.

Many of the works are available to the public for the first time from the collections of the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society.

Residents will be able to purchase aerial photographs of their property as it looked more than 50 years ago from aerial photos taken in 1957 of all 36 sections of the original West Bloomfield Township.

“Among the rarest works on display through March are photographs from the Michigan Military Academy, ‘the West Point of the West,’ on the grounds of the Orchard Lake Schools from 1878-1908,” said Gallery owner Maureen Nolan.

“Train aficionados will appreciate the rare Grand Trunk Railroad station map from the 1930s that also shows the Detroit Urban Railroad light rail system two-mile section on either side of Orchard Lake Schools,” said GWBHS president Buzz Brown.

Also on display through March and available at the Gallery are old aerial photographs of Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake and vintage township maps. For more information, call the Gallery at 248-538-9021.

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