

## *Special Commemorative Event at Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place*



You are invited to Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place for a very special afternoon on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The Marilla Historical Society is leading the community and visitors in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marilla Standard School building which is now home to the Marilla Township Hall Community Center & Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place. All museum spaces will be open for touring throughout the afternoon. Special exhibits will commemorate the Marilla Standard School whose construction began in 1922. It educated the children of this community until 1948. The exhibits will also explore what life was like 100 years ago. The large outdoor mural created by artist William Hattendorf will thrill visitors. Here's what's in store for you during the afternoon:

**1:00-2:00** Open Hours for touring all historic buildings and for viewing displays. In addition, old time period activities including old time children's games will be available. Cookies and lemonade will be served to the children at this time. Displays will be located outside both around the Pioneer Place and inside the historic Marilla Standard School building. Musician Katelyn Baas will perform on the hammered dulcimer beginning at 1:45. You won't want to miss this presentation!

**1:45-2:30:** Katelyn Baas on the Hammered Dulcimer: Listen for her sounds as she makes the strings sing!

2:45-3:30: Presentation by Dana Johnson, historian, author, publisher, photographer, and educational media specialist titled: "Marilla and Surrounding Area..Lost, Forgotten, and Unforgettable Places." Mr. Johnson has a special interest in the "places that were" and has delved deeply in researching their existence and will thrill you with their stories. This takes place in the old Marilla Standard School. Take note of the bell and bell tower atop the building. You may even get to hear the old school bell ring that beckoned the children to begin lessons and recess.

3:30-4:00: You'll be sure to enjoy tempting goodies available in the main building.

4:00-4:30: More of those singing strings by Katelyn Baas

4:30-5:00: Dana Johnson with more about more "Lost and Forgotten" villages in Manistee County.

**Bringing your lawn chairs along may be helpful.**

The Marilla Historical Society depends on visitor and member donations to carry on its work and to maintain all the museum spaces. Donations will be gratefully accepted during the event. Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place is located at 9991 Marilla Rd., Copemish, Mi. Call Jan Thomas at 231-362-3430 for further information and check out our website at [marillahistory.org](http://marillahistory.org).