

CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT STORY GARDEN IN HONOR OF HELEN S. WILLIAMS



Story Garden Grand Opening with Plein Air Art Show

**388 W. Predmore Rd Oakland Twp—Join us in celebrating history!
Fri. Sept 10th- 2pm to 5pm (rain date Sat. 10am to 1pm)**

We have developed a garden in honor of Helen S. Williams known as the 'Pied Piper of Reading' and 'The Story Lady.' Helen lived at Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) in 1948-1949. The garden's theme focuses on Helen's favorite children's literature. She later moved to Rochester and opened The Book Stall, a children's book store. Her enthusiasm for children's literature was remarkable. Helen said, "Reading is a child's natural heritage. And books represent the very best man has ever said or thought or will be."

What a better way to celebrate than having a book raffle and **free children's book** for each family -while supplies last! And if you bring a tea cup, we will fill it with cider or tea while you relax to story time in one of the many benches or stumps!

Special thanks to St. Paul's United Methodist Church Youth Group that worked very hard on this garden as their work-trip, and their generous donations. We are also thankful for the many donations from friends, Oakland Township Historical Society members, Historic District Commissioners, and Parks and Recreation.

The Plein Air painters have also been busy painting the grounds. One of the groups virtual tasks, was from Helen's essay collection called *The Incessant Trumpet*. The artists read *A Garden Party* for inspiration and interpreted many of the works that will be on display at the grand opening. Come celebrate with us!

