

Zeeland Historical Society  
Heritage Homes of Zeeland  
Plaque Awards Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Property must lie in City of Zeeland or within 3 miles thereof.
- b. Be 70 years old or more
- c. Structure may be a house, barn or commercial building

History and Research Guidelines:

- a. Distinguishing features

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- b. Builders name and list of previous owners \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Basic original architecture to be retained:

1. Aluminum siding is allowed, only if all other criteria are met (aluminum awnings or Z-brick/asphalt siding are not allowed).
2. Paint, masonry and roof to be in good repair.
3. Landscaping and grounds to be well maintained.

Zeeland Historical Society Guidelines:

- a. All research and history should be as complete as possible and on file at the museum.
- b. Re-evaluation will take place annually:
  1. If structures fall out of compliance – letter will be sent listing concerns to be corrected.
  2. Problems are to be corrected in a reasonable amount of time as mutually agreed upon or plaque will be removed.
  3. Plaques will remain property of Society and have 3 lines of text:
    - Historic
    - Date of House
    - Zeeland
  4. Request that Plaque recipients maintain an annual membership in ZHS and all Plaque information be passed on to new homeowners.

## Zeeland Historical Homes and Genealogy Research Resources

### **Ottawa County Clerks Office: Register of Deeds**

Main Office: 12220 Filmore Street, Room 130, P.O. Box 296, West Olive, MI 49460

Research Library: 414 Washington Ave, Room 115 Grand Haven, MI 49417

Phone: (616) 994-4531 Fax: (616) 994-4538

[www.miottawa.org](http://www.miottawa.org)

- \* Genealogy research
- \* Tax information
- \* access to [tapestry.fidlar.com](http://tapestry.fidlar.com) under Register of Deeds Database

### **Loutit District Library**

407 Columbus Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Phone: (616) 842-5560

[www.loutitlibrary.org](http://www.loutitlibrary.org)

- \*Explore your past-genealogy
- \*Chronicling America- free genealogy information of the Netherlands Provinces including Zeeland.nl, Tresoar.nl, Friesland.nl, Drenthe.nl, Groningen.nl
- \*Tax Record Books for Ottawa County- dates include 1886, 1891, 1911, 1921, 1931- requires knowledge of original property description and owner/builder.

### **Spring Lake District Library**

123 E. Exchange Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Phone: (616) 846-5770

[www.sllib.org](http://www.sllib.org)

- \* *Sanborn* maps used for fire insurance purposes for all of Michigan

### **Zeeland Historical Society and Dekker Huis Museum**

37 E. Main Street, Zeeland, MI 49464

Phone: (616) 772-4079

[www.zeelandhistory.org](http://www.zeelandhistory.org)

- \* *Polk's Street Directories* for Holland and Zeeland
- \*House history files and photographs
- \*Zeeland family genealogy and photographs
- \*Dutch, Zeeland and Michigan History

### **Herrick District Library**

Main Library: 300 South River Avenue, Holland MI 49423

Phone: (616) 355-3100

[www.herrickdl.org](http://www.herrickdl.org)

- \* *Polk's Street Directories* for Holland, Zeeland and Grand Rapids
- \* Holland family genealogies

### **Howard Miller Library**

14 South Church Street, Zeeland, MI 49464

Phone: (616) 772-0874

[www.hmpl.org](http://www.hmpl.org)

- \* *Zeeland Record* - digitized on their site up to 2005, in paper form 2005 to present (library card required)
- \*Donated family genealogies available in the card catalog and on-line
- \* *Polk's Street Directories* for Holland/ Zeeland
- \*High School Yearbooks
- \* *Zeelander* (1973-1999)/ *Thumbnails*/ Cemetery Books/ Local, Michigan and Dutch History
- \* Platte Maps

### **Tapestry .com**

<https://tapestry.fidlar.com>

- \*Deeds, survey maps, etc. (requires owner's names) (1952-2015)