



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Museum Hours:
May through October
Sundays 1-4 pm
Wednesdays 7-9 pm

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262-691-0233

Spring, 2015

Events

Mark your Calendars

April 29 - 7:00 pm
Quarterly Mtg.
Clark House,
Steele Building

June 14 - Show Us
Your Collection
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

July 12 - Ice Cream
Social

July 22 - Quarterly
Meeting

Aug 15 - Antique &
Classic Boat Show

Sept 13 - Harvest Fest

Sept 24-26 Rummage
Sale: Clark House,
Steele Building

Oct 14 - Quarterly
Meeting

Dec 5 - Tree Lighting

April 29th 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Meeting

Steele Exhibit
Bldg.
At the Clark
House Museum
206 E. Wisc. Ave.,
Pewaukee, WI



Program to be
presented by
the Bell Tower
Committee
All are
Welcome!

From Cliff's kitchen table. . . GOOD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS!

Welcome to 2015! Hard to believe the millennium was 15 years ago and all the computers were supposed to not know how to change the digit!

We've been keeping active with all of our regular events, the Ice Cream Social, Harvest Fest, Tree Lighting and the Rummage Sale and of course visits from grade schoolers and cub scouts. Thanks to our steadfast volunteers that host and instruct at them. We also had an Eagle Scout project completed last year and will have another this year! We are moving forward!

This year's Ice Cream Social *may* include a new activity. We've been looking for a horse to pull our "new" doctor's buggy and be able to give rides. (If you know anyone for sure that would be interested in supplying the needed horse power, please contact us.)

We also have a **NEW EVENT** to announce this year suggested by one of our volunteers and it'll be our first "Show Us Your Collection" event. It'll be Sunday, June 14th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If you have a collection of any kind that you'd enjoy showing, sharing and talking about, this is for you! We will have tables for you to display your collection. If you are a PAHS member there is no fee for the table. There's a \$10 table fee for non-members. The event will be either inside or outside depending on the weather.

Here's your chance to show your collectibles that not nearly enough people get to see. You'll also have an excuse for dusting them. Let us know that you're coming and what your collection is. We'll need to have at least 10 tables to make this event doable. Call us or send an email to info@pewaukeehistory.org.

And . . . please write your name in *Pewaukee history* by ordering your own brick!

Lynndale Farms Race Track

We are interested in obtaining pictures, programs, newspaper articles or any other artifacts relating to the Lynndale Farms Race Track, which was in operation during the 1960's. Please contact the Historical Society if you have any of these items which would help us create a display at the Clark House.

**We need your items for our
RUMMAGE SALE**

Sept. 24-26, 2015

**When you're doing your
Spring cleaning, put your
discards in a box until the
drop off dates to be
announced in September.**

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT:

Knick knacks, specialty linens or bedding, Christmas or holiday decorations, antique & vintage items, crafts, old books, small working kitchen appliances, dishes, kitchen items, home furnishings, artwork, decorative lawn art, small furniture items, vintage clothing, and decorative baskets.

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

TVs, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

ALSO NEEDED:

Newspapers, plastic and paper grocery bags for packaging the purchases.

Please watch future newsletters for sale times and drop-off dates/times.

2015 Board Members

Our PAHS board meets monthly and is responsible for making the decisions that keep our society one that we are proud of. All members remain the same as last year and deserve our THANK YOU!

President: Cliff Muehlenberg
Vice President: Jim Tredwell
Secretary: Kathy Sampson
Treasurer: Tom Brick
Directors: Carole Brinkman
Jack Muehl
Mark Muehl
Mary Person
Penny Williams

Barn Latch

By Cliff Muehlenberg



A new decorative and sturdy barn latch has been forged for the Exhibit Hall's main doors. In my travels around lake country, sometimes I hit it right! One such evening, I happened to be at the 5 O'Clock Club talking with some friends who introduced me to their nephew Michael Peters who's attending Iowa State University.

Michael was interested in my woodworking and mentioned he enjoyed blacksmithing. My ears perked up since I don't run into many blacksmiths these days. Then, because today's blacksmiths have smart-phones, he began to show me pictures of his work. I was impressed!

I asked how often he got to Pewaukee and if he'd be interested in making a much needed latch for us. The result is pictured above and lives up to the name of his business, Rusty Spurs Designs. Be sure to take a look at all the detail the next time you're at the Clark House.

Michael Peters is the young man that is smithing his way through college. Michael literally has many 'irons in the fire'. He has great motivation with no mountain too high. Thank you Michael for bringing your time and talent to our Historical Society. Forge on!

They will be missed

By Tom Brick

The following long time Pewaukee Area Historical Society members passed away in 2014:

Gertrude Gajardo

John Hoaglund

Dorothy Nowacki

Fritz Ruf

They were all very active in helping the historical society grow and develop to where it is today. As an attorney, John Hoagland prepared the incorporation documents for PAHS in 1977. Fritz Ruf, also an attorney, was involved in many Clark House events over the years. After they passed away, the historical society received donations in the memory of Dorothy Nowacki and Gertrude Gajardo.

Winter Tours Continue

By Karen Merz

Did you know that our volunteers are busy during the winter too? Although the Clark House does not have regular open hours during the winter, we continue to offer tours by appointment. George and Sharon Strieter, Tom Brick, Dick Rosenberger and Jim Willis regularly volunteer to be our guides.

Our recent tours were:
Jan. 10th – Brookfield Cub Scouts – Den 8
Feb. 24th – Pewaukee Cub Scouts – Pack 13, Den 2



These Pewaukee Cub Scouts had a great time!!

Kirley's to celebrate 50 years in the Deacon West Octagon House

By Jeff Kirley



The Deacon West Octagon House, built between 1854 and 1856 by Deacon Josiah West, is a historic eight sided house located at 370 High Street in Pewaukee. At the time it was built, Deacon West was a pioneering blacksmith in the area. There is a wooden sign posted in front of the house which states, "Josiah West 1854 Octagon House". It is only one of 19 such structures in the state. West sold the house to Ira Rowe in 1866, and in 1873 Col. N.P. Iglehart of Kentucky bought the house and restored it from major fire damage that occurred in 1870. The house passed through several more owners until it was bought by Pat and Peg Kirley in 1965. The Kirley's moved in with their 9 children, even though it was reportedly haunted and was still too small for their large family. Peg sold the house to her son, Jeff, in 1998. Peg and Jeff still live in the house, and they are planning on getting the family together sometime this summer to host a party celebrating their 50 years of living in the house. Jeff says the last ghost sighting occurred in December 2014. On May 12, 1975, the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree...Joyce Kilmer By Cliff Muehlenberg

This past fall, arborist Bill Reichenbach of Wachtel Tree Science and Service visited the Clark House. Bill has been interested in trees ever since he was a boy and fell out of one.

Bill and I walked the grounds and Bill identified our trees. The idea occurred to me when someone at one of our events asked about the identity of one of our trees. I was unable to answer or find anyone else who could.

I wanted to have that information available for all our trees. And maybe it would be especially of interest to the school kids and scouts that visit.

I drew a rough bird's eye sketch of the property and indicated the trees and Bill told me what each one was. I would like to have a nice colored rendering showing all the trees and what they are on a stand in the backyard. It would have plexiglass to protect it from the weather.

Now we need a volunteer to draw or paint it. Is it you? Please let me know if you'd like to take on the art project and give me a call, 262-370-5492 or email PAHS at info@pewaukeehistory.org.

And if you need Bill's expertise in your yard, you can reach him at 262-538-1900. He knows the rest of the poem!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Penny Williams

The Clark House Museum is in need of gardeners who are willing to donate a few hours of their time over the summer to keep our grounds attractive. Some Master Gardeners will advise us as to the plants that are the easiest to grow and maintain in our flower garden. The information they provide will be priceless but will not include the actual garden work. Over the years we have received many compliments about our attractive grounds and hope to keep it that way. Lawn care is done by others and not part of the work, so, won't you consider donating a few hours of your time over the summer? It can be on your schedule, any amount of time is appreciated! Please contact Penny Williams at 262-691-2026 to offer your services. If enough people volunteer, you may only be asked to help during one week of the summer. Help will be much appreciated! Thank you!!

Darryl Gust's Book to be sold at the Clark House

By Penny Williams

Darryl Gust's book "There Is No Top" which is a humorous look at a life spent in the great outdoors and has many stories of Darryl's growing up on the shores of Pewaukee Lake will be available at the Clark House in June. We are happy to hear that it's in its second printing!

BUY A BRICK

**and let people
walk all over YOU!**

Order forms are in the box on the flagpole
and in the screened porch. Only \$50.

Volunteer Name Tags

By Cliff Muehlenberg

An envelope containing volunteer name tags has been found. If your name is below and you'd like to pick yours up, you can do so at any time. They are in the top dresser drawer on the side porch. Some lanyards are also available so they can be worn around your neck. They also have a hole that can be worn on a button. I just tried it and it works well!

Jerry Brandl
Diane Conway
Beverly Coshun
Ken Coshun
Judi Dimond
Beverly Gebben
Al Hansen
Susie Hansen
Sarah Hintz
Sue Hoaglund
Cindy Jaskolski
Ken Krawczyk
Sylvia Krawscy
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Linda Rhode
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Sharon Vitek
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Charles Westcott

NEWSLETTER

CONTACT INFORMATION

Be part of the next PAHS newsletter by submitting
an article or other event information to

Karen Merz - email: info@pewaukeehistory.org

Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 20, 2015

Ode to Our Dues

By Asa Clark

It only comes but once a year,
Dues paying time is almost here.
It takes lots of money to run this house.
Almost as much as having a spouse.
No matter what category you happen to
choose,
Please remember to pay your dues!!

***NOTE: If you have received a membership
form with this newsletter, it is a reminder
that we have not received your 2015
membership. Please re-join to receive the
next newsletter.***

REMINDER



As most of our members know, the Sentry Stores on Meadowbrook Rd. and Albrecht's in Delafield both are taking part in Sentry's "Funds for Friends" program. This means that they will donate money equal to 1% of receipts submitted to them by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Please save your receipts and turn them in to the Clark House so we can take advantage of this program. One of our members sent in a single receipt with the comment "every little bit helps!" How right she was. Added together they can make a big total.

The Meadowbrook store requires a sticker from the cashier, but the Delafield store does not. Mail your receipts to the museum or put them in the dresser drawer indicated on the screened porch at the museum and Penny Williams will take care of them from there. The only requirement is that they are no more than 6 months old at the time of submission. Money is hard to come by, and your HELP IS NEEDED to keep the quality of our programs to our high standards. Please do your bit by saving and sending your receipts in to the museum. A 3-5 month accumulation is good! THANKS!

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Moving Day

By Gene Ackley



While the Ackley family was never considered to be poor, it was probably because my dad would take on any job to bring in some income.

One of the more unusual jobs was moving a garage eight miles across frozen Pewaukee Lake. A gentleman was building a house on the southeast end of the lake and had found a pre-built garage in the village. He offered my dad \$200 to move it the eight miles. There was a great deal of snow on the lake so the building would not slide on the ice. That's where my brother Jim and I came into the picture. The moving crew included:

1. Harold Kowalke, who drove the wrecker which included a White Truck with a crane.
2. Jim (8 or 9 years old) and me (6 or 7 years old). Our job was to keep rollers under the building as we moved along. As a roller came out the back, we picked it up and moved it to the front.
3. My dad, Jim Ackley, Sr., who walked about 50 feet in front of the wrecker carrying an ice bar checking the safety of, and thickness of the ice. It didn't dawn on us that he weighed 150 pounds soaking wet and the wrecker and garage were at least three tons.

I remember Harold figured out a way to make a quick

exit from the truck in case of an accident. He had the door on the driver's side open and he stood on the running board and was able to reach the gas pedal with his foot.

We actually made pretty good time. The ice fishermen on the lake as well as the people on shore cheered. My dad was well known in the area and this type of activity on his part was no surprise to them.

The long trip went without incident. To the best of my knowledge the wandering garage is still there just up the road from Michael's House of Prime.

Who is this Beautiful Bride?



Helen Ackley found this wonderful picture while working to preserve our history one recent Wednesday afternoon at the Clark House. Does anyone know who this is? Helen would like to connect a name with this picture. If you know who this is call us 262-691-0233 or email us at info@pewaukeehistory.org.

NEW

Business Members

Spargo Salon & Spa
Wall Family Dentistry
Ken Weber Truck Serv.

These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the Historical Society. Please remember them when you need their services. Let's keep our Pewaukee businesses in Pewaukee!

Our 2015 exhibit at the Clark House Museum will be "Businesses that Built Pewaukee". We need to keep growing our business community!

Thanks Are In Order

A hearty round of applause goes out to Dave Gust of Aspen Ridge Tree Service of Oconomowoc who donated his time and equipment to remove a fairly large tree at the museum. The tree was dying, and to pay to have it removed would have been very expensive. Dave grew up in Pewaukee and his donation to our museum is very much appreciated.

We also want to thank Merry Maids of Pewaukee (262-691-5000) for keeping the Clark House clean and ready for our visitors. You may not realize that they donate this service to us and we appreciate it!

These are two more businesses that deserve your consideration when needing their services!

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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society (PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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Or by appointment

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