



# 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

or always by Appointment

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262-691-0233

Summer, 2016

## Events

### Mark your Calendars

June 12 - Show Us  
Your Collection

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 10 - Ice Cream  
Social

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 27 - Quarterly  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug 20 - Antique &  
Classic Boat Show

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept 11-Harvest Fest

Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept 22-24 Rummage  
Sale

Oct 26 - Quarterly  
Meeting

Dec 3 - Tree Lighting

## Show Us YOUR Collection!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Everybody has a collection but may not even consider it a "collection"! It could be something you've had all your life, what is it? If you don't share it, talk about it with others, what's the point?



Last year was our first "Show Us Your Collection" event. We had about a dozen exhibitors and a clothesline full of aprons like your mom and grandma used to wear. Just seeing them made you think of grandma and holidays past.

Every exhibitor enjoyed showing and talking about their stuff. I had my Schlitz stuff but was upstaged by George who had his Pabst stuff! This year, I'm bringing my "bottled water" collection. . . . just kidding.

The show will be on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 til 4:00. For our members, there is no table fee. For non-members, there is a \$10 table fee. Our show is inside the Steele Exhibit Hall but if it's a nice day and you'd prefer to be outside, outside is available too.

C'mon and share your stuff with others. Besides it might need to be dusted anyway. If you're coming, leave a phone message (262-691-0233) or send us an email ([info@pewaukeehistory.org](mailto:info@pewaukeehistory.org)). There is no charge to attend.

## Ice Cream Social

by Carole Brinkman

Mark your calendars for our *Annual Ice Cream Social* to be held Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Clark House Museum. Come and enjoy a sundae, root beer float or cone. There will be yummy treats for everyone! Enjoy the music of the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet as they stroll the grounds. Bring in an old ice cream scoop, old photos, artifacts, antiques (anything related to ice cream) and get .50 cents off an ice cream treat! **New this year:** a "50-50" raffle will be offered.

Come and support our Pewaukee Area Historical Society. All are welcome, no admission charge. Hope to see you there.

## PAHS July Quarterly Meeting

by Kathy Sampson

The July 27<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting will feature a presentation about the Land O' Lakes Baseball League. Pewaukee native Bob Groth has been involved with the Land O' Lakes Baseball League for many years as a player, coach, and program manager. Last November, he was presented with the Ray Schuster Lifetime Achievement Award by the Old Time Ballplayers Association at their Hall of Fame induction. He is looking forward to sharing stories about the League and players whose names we will recognize.

The quarterly meeting will take place in the Steele Building Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Antique and Classic Boat Show Saturday, August 20

by Tom Brick



The Pewaukee Area Historical Society will once again have a booth at this year's Antique and Classic Boat Show. The event will be just north of Pewaukee's beach from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a local historical display and answer questions about Pewaukee's history. If you would like to help at the booth, contact Tom Brick (262-691-2191).

## Remembering Teachers

Have you been at the Pewaukee Library recently to see the wonderful display of local teachers? Thanks go to Sharon Strieter and Carole Brinkman for organizing this interesting display.



Stop in the library soon and see if you can find your favorite teacher. The display is located in the entrance hall.

## Little Free Library Coming Soon!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Just when you thought the Clark House couldn't possibly get better, along comes another good idea!

Last fall, we were contacted by two girl scouts who wanted to place a "LFL" at the Clark House. The board was unanimously in favor of the idea. The board did however have some concerns. How frequently will the LFL be monitored and as the girls advance in school, who will keep it up?

We discussed these concerns with the girls and they have a long range plan. The two of them will actively monitor the box for the next four (4) years! And at the end of that time will have trained younger scouts to take over the job.

The girls started collecting books last summer before they ever approached us. The scout leader assured me that they "have a lot of books!"

The Little Free Library box itself is one that has been purchased from the national organization and should be arriving soon. It will be painted in the official Clark House "mustard" with white trim. They'll have to assemble it when it arrives and have lined up several woodworkers to do so if they need help.

When it's ready, it'll be located on the East Wisconsin side of the house between the front entrance of the Clark House and the driveway.

We are excited to be invol-

ved and able to make a home for our own LFL. Good luck Katrina and Lexi!

## Harvest Fest News

by Kathy Sampson

This year's Harvest Fest is scheduled for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Once again the Fest will emphasize the skills and crafts from the past. Presenters will include a wood carver, blacksmith, weaver, spinner, knitter, flintknapper, and many others. Visitors will be able to churn butter, slice cabbage, shell corn, grind coffee, play old-time games, and purchase baked goods. Returning by popular demand will be the square dance group American Heritage Dancers with Eric Tangman as caller. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss this event!

## Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

- Some* of our recent donations are listed below and some will be displayed in the Clark House this year.
- \*Pewaukee area picture post cards - from Dick Slates
  - \*Hand corn planter, bale hook from - Fraland & Eileen Campbell
  - \*Toledo electric scale mounted on a 20 gal. crock, five gal. ice tea cooler, stereoscope with 50 view cards, 1921 motorcycle registration card - from Leon & Carole Burzynski
  - \*World War II memorials of Roland Allison, 2 uniforms, framed metals, picture of ship, memorial flag - from Jennifer Allison
  - \*Spinning Wheel - from Janis Lenz

## “And in this Corner ...”

by Carole Brinkman

Springtime is finally upon us. The weather is getting warmer and, if you ask any young person, they will tell you exactly how many days there are before summer vacation. For younger kids, thoughts of swimming, biking and just having fun are a top priority. For those seniors graduating, it is a bittersweet time of leaving the old and familiar behind and starting a new, exciting phase of their life.

For those of you who graduated from Pewaukee High School, you have the opportunity to view many of the class photos taken throughout the years. Remember the pictures that used to hang in the hallway of the “old school”? The Clark House is their new home. Kids, have you ever wondered what your mom, dad or grandparents looked like “back in the day”? Come visit us and find out. It’s a fun walk down memory lane and you too can ask “I wonder whatever happened to-----”.

If you have any pictures that you’d like to share, please contact us at the Clark House 262-691-0233.

**Your mother  
would want you to  
buy a brick!**

Still only \$50  
She always liked  
bargains!

## Spring Maintenance

by Cliff Muehlenberg

The reluctance of spring has only been matched by my reluctance to clean the garage!

My garage will undoubtedly win again.

Much maintenance is on our own schedule and then there is the other kind. That was the case when our Exhibit Building sump pump decided it had had enough and quit working without giving proper notice and when no one was around.

About two Wednesdays ago, water was discovered on the floor of the basement as the sump overflowed. The Wednesday crew went to work, mopping up all the water, getting fans to move the air and hoping our new dehumidifier would wring the moisture out of the air. They even turned the heat up in the basement to help dry the air.

The mop-up crew led by Richard R (head mopper), Dwayne (seasoned mopper), Jim, Carole, Clark and George (apprentice moppers). After the clean-up which took about 4 days to have a dry floor again, Richard replaced the sump pump and added a check valve to keep water from flowing back in.

Things are back to normal again, but as Richard stated, “Well the floor needed to be mopped anyway.”

Other projects underway or being considered: Carole has been cleaning and trimming bushes. Clark and Richard are considering options to straighten the stone wall on the front of the house west of



the mailbox. Clark was scraping the front porch steps recently prepping for a new coat of paint. And Richard was contemplating replacing the perimeter 4x4’s that encapsulate the bricks inside the gazebo which have rotted.

The big blue spruce on the corner has been trimmed up so it no longer brushes the ground. It looks nicer and neater! Sharon is researching what to plant in our large black pots on the east end of the Exhibit building. They are almost totally in the shade. Suggestions? Call Sharon, leave a message or drop off some shade plants. Thank you!

A few of our high school students have helped us by washing the windows of the Clark House and moving some items to storage and Molly Maids continue to donate their cleaning services and have cleaned the Clark House and Steele Exhibit Building. Things are looking pretty good, I think we’re ready for our busy summer season!

## April Quarterly Meeting Review

If you missed the April quarterly meeting, you missed an interesting evening with Pewaukee artists Orel Rooney (below left) and Dint Sweitzer (below right). They told about how they became interested in art and how Pewaukee inspires them.



**New Feature:** We will feature a recipe in upcoming newsletters. If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also. Following is our second one . . .

*From the Kitchen of*  
**PENNY WILLIAMS**

**Hot Beef Sandwiches for a Group**

- 1 large or 2 small boneless chuck roasts (about 6 pounds total)
- 1 can each Cream of Mushroom, Golden Mushroom, Beefy Mushroom, French Onion & Cream of Onion Soup

Trim excess fat from meat and place in the bottom of dutch oven or covered roaster. Mix soups together and pour over meat. **DO NOT ADD WATER!** Bake in covered pan for 6 - 6-1/2 hours at 300 degrees. Remove meat to a platter & shred with a fork. Put back in roaster and stir into soup mixture. If gravy is too thick you can add a small amount of water, but be careful that it doesn't get too soupy & thin. Serve on hamburger buns with a salad. Serves 8-10, depending on appetites.  
**DON'T OPEN PAN OR PEEK WHILE COOKING.**

About the recipe:  
I gave this recipe to a woman that works in the deli at Pick & Save and when I'm in the store, she always mentions how she loves this recipe.



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry stores on Meadowbrook and in Delafield. If you shop at the Meadowbrook store, please request a "Friends" sticker for your receipt. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the screen porch of the Clark House. Penny Williams will take it from there. Thanks for remembering.

**BUSINESS MEMBERS**

- Artisan 179 - (262) 691-0200**
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- Ken Weber Truck Service  
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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 and keep growing our business community!

**We need your items for our  
RUMMAGE SALE - Sept. 22 - 24**

Start saving the items that you no longer need because someone else will want them! Please keep them until the *drop off dates on September 14, 18 & 21 from 1-4:00 p.m. and September 17 from 9 a.m.-noon.*

We need a variety of general rummage sale items as well as newspaper, plastic & paper bags to wrap purchases.

**ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

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

This is great fund raiser for our society, we appreciate your donations.

**NEWSLETTER  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

**Karen Merz - email:**

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**Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600**

**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**August 15, 2016**

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## Remembering The 1950's

By Cassie Doubek &  
Allison Rokus

For the third year in a row, the Clark House Museum has continued its tradition of Community Night – a night full of cross-generational interaction and historical discovery. As students from Mr. Yuskis' U.S. History class, our class has worked hard to prepare speaking points to spark discussion among the community, giving us an opportunity to hear from first-hand perspectives. Our theme for the night was the 1950's and students spoke on topics ranging from pop culture, inventions, the Interstate Highway Act, and the Korean War.



Mr. Yuskis (second from right) and students

As only late 90's babies ourselves, it was interesting to hear history not only in the broader sense of the nation as a whole, but local to Pewaukee. Community members spoke of a Pewaukee with its own movie theater and bowling alley, the famous Pop's Custard stand, and Woolley's Bakery & Restaurant. Stories of the wonders of color television, microwave ovens, and even pantyhose brought the seemingly distant 1950's to life. Personal recounts of driving in cars without seatbelts on a once two-lane Capitol Drive formed connections to our own experiences

and highlighted the changes and consistencies in local life over the last half-century. Even local anecdotes of a gas station owner customizing sweatshirts in support of soldiers overseas during the Korean War made a broad event much more specific to our hometown.

Overall, for community members and students alike, it was a very valuable experience in both learning and reflecting on such a monumental time period in American history. Hearing stories of Tom Woolley tricking customers with his famous "nickel-nailed-to-the-floor" trick or how the kids used to come home smelling like greasy french fries from Pop's Custard provided an insightful and personalized part of history we couldn't have learned in our history textbooks.

## The Selection of a County Seat

by Penny Williams

Most people today consider the place they live to be a nice place to come home to after a day of work. However, in past years Pewaukee was a thriving, stand-alone community which was very important in its own right. In fact, Pewaukee was a close contender to become the Waukesha County seat in 1846. In the early years of local history, Wisconsin was a territory and Waukesha, Pewaukee, and surrounding towns were a part of Milwaukee County. It wasn't until 1846 that Milwaukee County yielded Waukesha County its' free-

dom as a county in its present size, shape, and independent status.

The first order of business after becoming a county was to select a site to become the official county seat. Accordingly, a meeting was held in June of 1846 at the Congregational Church in Prairieville, now Waukesha. Sixteen towns and villages in the new county sent their representatives to make the momentous decision. Pewaukee's central location in the county made it a prime prospect to be selected. The first ballot showed Delafield having 6 votes, while Pewaukee and Prairieville (Waukesha) each had 2 and Genessee had 2. After several more votes with little change, the group adjourned until the next day.

Subsequent votes the next day had Pewaukee and Prairieville tied with no foreseeable change in the delegates' votes. It seems as though politics have not changed much in the intervening years, as according to C. W. Butterfield's "History of Waukesha County", written in 1880, it was at this time that the "log rolling and wire pulling" began. The third days' voting results were as follows: Prairieville 5, Pewaukee 4, Genessee 3, Delafield 2, and Parker's Melon Patch 1. There was no record of the 16<sup>th</sup> delegate's vote. Perhaps by that time the delegate was disheartened and decided to return home to take care of his crops and animals! Pewaukee lost by one vote but has become the place that we call home!

**Pewaukee Area Historical Society**

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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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