



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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Summer, 2017

Events

Mark your Calendars

April 26-Quarterly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 23 - Community Night - 7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

June 11 - Show Us Your Collection
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 9 - Ice Cream Social
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Clark House
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug 19 - Boat Show
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept 10 - Harvest Fest
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept 28-30-Rummage Sale

Oct 25-Quarterly Mtg

Dec 2 - Tree Lighting

Show Us Your Collection IV

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Sunday, June 11th will be our fourth "Collection" event! The event is a nice way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon. It's from Noon til 4:00 p.m. Set-up at 11:00 a.m.

We have a number of collections already lined up but have space for a few more. So far we have: WWII carvings, cows, china, cameras, marbles, new rocks, Abe Lincoln, Christmas Barbies, WWII hand-made model planes, Haitian art, and others.



2016 - George Strieter brought his stamp collection

If you want to show-us-your-stuff, leave us a phone message or send an email. No charge for members but non-members will be asked for a \$10 table fee. (Phone and email address at top of page.)

Antique & Classic Boat Show Saturday, August 19th

by Tom Brick

The Historical Society will have a booth at this year's Antique and Classic Boat Show which is once again at Pewaukee's lakefront just

north of the downtown beach from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The show features old boats, old cars, old bicycles and at least a few old people. We will be displaying pictures and artifacts of Pewaukee's early years and there are always a lot of folks who like to talk to us about the "old" days. Make sure to stop at our booth and say "Hi". If you would like to help at the booth, contact Tom Brick (262-691-2191).

Ice Cream is Summer Comfort Food!

by Carole Brinkman

The thoughts of an ice cream cone, sundae or root beer float on a summer Sunday afternoon bring happy thoughts to mind. You too can enjoy one of these treats at our *Annual Ice Cream Social* to be held Sunday, July 9th from Noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Clark House Museum. Besides the ice cream treats, there will be activities for the kids, music by the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet and tours of the museum. Bring in an old ice cream scoop, old photos, artifacts, antiques (anything related to ice cream) and get .50 cents off your ice cream purchase. Plan on attending this event to support our Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Everyone is welcome, no admission charge. See you there!



LFL Update

by Kristina & Alexis

Hello! Our names are Kristina and Alexis, and we are the ones that put in the Little Free Library (LFL) in front of the Clark



House. The LFL has been installed for almost a year now, and we are so happy to see so many people using it.

We have been working hard to keep up with the library. Every week or two, we go and check the library to make sure it is full of good and appropriate books for all ages. The LFL is available 24/7, 365. We try to keep a mix of books always available and have been able to have seasonal/holiday themed books as well.

Although we check on it a lot, maintaining the library itself is less work than we would have thought. To maintain a good presence, we make sure to keep the library full of books and keep the inside clean. We also brush off any snow on the top to keep it clean during the winter months.

This has been an amazing experience for both of us and we have learned so many things from everyone who helped us! Overall the LFL has been manageable so we can still keep up with our school work, Girl Scouts and other activities. We are so glad that the PAHS let us put up the LFL on the property and that the community seems to enjoy it so much!

NO July Quarterly Mtg....

due to our summer events and open hours at the Clark House. Hope to see you this summer!

Harvest Fest

by Kathy Sampson

The 2017 Harvest Fest is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th. The Harvest Fest is always an excellent time to learn about (or be reminded of) old-time crafts. You can churn butter, grind coffee beans, slice cabbage, and shell corn just like your ancestors did. There will be demonstrations of wood carving, a black smith, weaving, spinning, knitting and many other crafts. The very popular square dance group, The American Heritage Dancers, with caller Eric Tangman, have reserved the date and are looking forward to participating at the Fest. Lunch/supper and baked goods will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss Harvest Fest!

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

The following donations have been received recently and some will be on display at the Clark House as space permits.

*Roger Brook donated "The Pewaukee League of Women Voters" book.

*Darryl & Carol Gust donated two framed pictures of the 1940's Pewaukee lakefront.

*Harvey & Janice Buth donated a 1919 school book, vintage clothing, 45 Star U.S. flag, miscellaneous old pictures, pamphlets, planning books and many other items of historical interest.

Thank you to all of our donors! Your donations help us provide "hands-on" programs for school and scout groups.

Music to Our Ears....

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Several years ago, a player piano was offered to the museum by Greg deWerff. Tom Brick and I encouraged the board to accept the donation. The generous offer included moving and whatever initial repairs needed once it was delivered. It soon arrived and so did the technician who went over the piano. He said it needed a new control that regulates the speed of the motor fan which in turn controls the volume.

When the part arrived which took many months, it was installed. As soon as the piano was plugged in, a discouraging and ominous "poof" was heard. It never even paused to play a note. A new one had to be reordered. All these steps were months apart and Tom called and attempted to get an update.

After a number of calls (Tom knows the number by heart) we assumed we'd heard the last from the technician....and the piano.

Then about February of this year, Tom got a call from the tech! He was coming with the new part! It's been installed. It works! So don't be surprised if you hear some slightly out-of-tune piano music coming from the Exhibit Building!



Even Tom Brick knows how to play the piano now!

PAHS just keeps "rollin' along".

“And in this Corner ...”

by Carole Brinkman

Usually this column is devoted to a particular item of interest at the Clark House. What I would like to focus on is not an item, but rather a dedicated group of people known as “our volunteers”. As President, I am often stopped around town and complimented with how nice our buildings and grounds look. I smile with pride and say “thank you, but you know, it’s our volunteers that make everything happen. Without them, we couldn’t exist”.

Our volunteers do it all; being a docent on a Sunday afternoon, clipping, sorting and filing our archives, doing planting and taking care of our gardens, upkeep of our buildings (which is never ending), helping out at any of our events, keeping our office up to date and running smoothly, answering inquiries, being on the Board of Directors

Our volunteers do it all and I would publicly like to say, “Thank you one and all for your hard work and dedication to make the Clark House the best that it can be”.

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?? We are always looking for others to come and share their talents. Being a volunteer is one of the most rewarding feelings you can have, especially when you can tell others, “I’m a volunteer at the Pewaukee Area Historical Society Clark House Museum”.

Give us a call at (262) 691-0233 for further information.

Membership Campaign

by Tom Brick

In an effort to recruit members to the Historical Society, 2017 rates for new members have been reduced by 50%. New members would pay \$12.50 for a family membership, \$9.00 for an individual membership and only \$5.00 for a senior (62+) membership. New members who join at the Collection Event, Ice Cream Social or Harvest Fest will also receive free raffle tickets for joining. Renewal rates will be our regular full membership fee. Tell your non-member friends about our new member deals!

Newsletter Info

by Karen Merz

Because our regularly scheduled events are during the summer through fall months, we have adjusted publishing our four yearly newsletters so that we can highlight these events. Newsletters will arrive as follows: April, June, September and November.

Also, members have asked for color print newsletters and we would love to print our newsletter with color pictures but the cost is more than four times that of black and white copy. Emailed newsletters are in color. Please let me know if you would like to switch to receiving your newsletters via email and also help save postage by sending your request to:

info@pewaukeehistory.org.

I would love to include articles written by more of our members. Please consider submitting an article.

Don't forget to save your stuff for our annual RUMMAGE SALE September 28 – 30

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 20, 24 & 27 from, 1-4:00 p.m. and September 23 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 a fund raiser for our society, we appreciate your donations.

Hope you didn't miss Community Night!

by Karen Merz

The students of Pewaukee High School history teacher, Aaron Yuskis, presented “The 1960’s in Pewaukee and America” on May 23rd at their annual Community Night in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. Lots of memories!



Teacher, Aaron Yuskis (center back row) and his history students at Community Night.

As this newsletter was ready for print when the event took place more about the event in the next newsletter.

Note: 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.

From the Kitchen
PENNY WILLIAMS

Rhubarb Dump Cake

9 x 13 ungreased pan
Preheat oven to 350°

Cut rhubarb into ¾" to 1" pieces and fill ungreased pan half full with rhubarb.

Beat together the following and pour over fruit:

3 eggs
3 Tbsp flour
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/3 cup milk

Sprinkle 1 pkg. (2 layer, 16-18 oz. white or yellow) dry cake mix over the above fruit and egg mixture.

Melt ½ pound (2 sticks) of butter and drizzle over the dry cake mix.

Top with 1 cup flaked coconut and bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Cool completely before cutting. DELICIOUS!!!

Editors Note: Penny told me that she once made this recipe in reverse (in error) and put the cake mix on top of the rhubarb and then had to put the egg mixture on top of the cake mix finishing it with the butter and coconut . . . and it turned out just as delicious!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. 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

Century Fence – (262) 547-3331

Chiropractic & Wellness on

Pewaukee Lake – (262) 695-0022

5 O'Clock Club – (262) 691-9960

Harken, Inc. – (262) 691-3320

Chris R. Lueth Ins. Agency

(262) 695-1981

Molly Maids of Lake Country

(262) 691-5000

Ken Weber Truck Service

(262) 691-0333

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!

NOW is the best time to

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Still only ...\$50

Order forms are in the box on the flagpole and in the porch at the Clark House or on our website.

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

August 15, 2017

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Beer Gardens Aren't New

by Penny Williams

In these days of beer gardens in the parks, it might be interesting to look back at Pewaukee's feelings on public and private drinking. According to former Pewaukee historians, there have been many discussions about the consumption of alcohol, whether in public or private. There are writings on file that report that the first known temperance society in this area was organized in 1839. Many of those who "took the pledge" were early Pewaukee settlers.

Later that same year a group of local citizens formed their own society to deal with potential problems in this specific area. Organizers included Asa and Lyman Clark, Elder Griffing, and Rev. Daugherty of St. Mary's Church. Their constitution required members to report anyone who violated the pledge they had taken. It isn't known if anyone did, but it was noted that in 1843 there was quite a "to-do" over the consumption of hard cider.

After the Village was incorporated, there are several mentions in Board minutes of housewives who requested that their husband's name be posted outside taverns to prohibit them from buying alcohol. The wives complained that money was spent in taverns that should have been spent for family needs.

In addition to an alcohol problem, the Temperance Society raised other issues. In the 1860's a letter was sent to the Milwaukee Sentinel which read "Please publish the following: By so doing you will oblige society and those who

have a proper Sabbath Day". The item read as follows: "To those in Milwaukee and elsewhere who are in the habit of coming to Pewaukee on Sundays to fish or hunt or think of coming hereafter: It annoys people very much. Please choose some other day which would be agreeable to all concerned. A word to the wise should be sufficient". With that notice "blue laws" were enforced in Pewaukee. There was no traffic on the lake on the Sabbath.

This lasted a while before things reverted to past pleasures. In 1911 the plea was repeated, and a news item appeared in the paper. "There was general rejoicing among citizens and businessmen in Pewaukee at the closing of all businesses in Pewaukee on the Sabbath commencing on June 29.

This was at a time when the Village had 11 saloons and most, if not all, boats were propelled by muscle power. HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

Pewaukee Woman's Club Donation

by Tom Brick

The Woman's Club of Pewaukee has donated \$1,000.00 to the Pewaukee Area Historical Society to help us repair or replace some of the windows in the front of the Clark House. Some of the wood frames on the windows are rotting and they are in pretty bad shape. We are very thankful for the support that the Woman's Club of Pewaukee has given us, not only this year, but other years as well

Thank you!

The Clark House is Open for the Season

Regular tour hours are:
May 28th – through October
Sundays – 1:00-4:00 pm
Wednesdays – 7:00-9:00 pm
Or... always by appointment

Besides our "Businesses That Built Pewaukee" display and all of our other regular displays, Sharon Strieter has put together a great display of Boy Scout and Girl Scout memorabilia.



Stop in and check out what's new!

Many thanks to:

*Molly Maids of Lake Country for continuing to donate their cleaning services to of the Clark House and Steele Exhibit Bldg. You make life easier for our volunteers!

*Schulte's Flowers – Franz and Christine Weding have donated the flowers that make our grounds look so good!

*Jeanine Knutson of the 5 O'Clock Club for providing the program for our April meeting. Such a fun evening!

*Aaron Yuskis' Pewaukee High School history students for presenting Community Night on May 23rd. We enjoyed the memories!

**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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