



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 anytime by Appointment

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Fall, 2019

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 8 - Harvest Fest
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Clark House Museum,
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 26-28-Rummage Sale
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Oct. 30 - Fall Mtg.
7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

HARVEST FEST Sept. 8th, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

by Kathy Sampson

Harvest Fest on the grounds of the Clark House Museum will feature old time crafts and hands-on activities such as corn shelling, butter churning, coffee grinding, knitting, weaving and spinning. We will also have demonstrations of wood carving, black smithing, rug hooking, quilting and many more. The American Heritage Square Dancers will perform and invite spectators to join in. Genealogist Marilyn Hagerstrand will help people begin to trace their family trees. Lunch/supper, produce and baked goods will be available for purchase. Plan on attending our free family friendly event and learn about or renew your memories of this by-gone era. Enjoy an interesting afternoon . . . See you there, rain or shine!



Wanted: for Harvest Fest BAKERY BOOTH

Baked goods and canned goods

All types of baked goods or home-made canned goods (pickles, jelly, etc.) are needed for our bakery booth. Please have your donations packaged and ready for sale. Items can be either dropped off on Saturday, September 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or before noon on Sunday in the Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Also, your help is needed to run the booth on Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m., one hour shifts available. Call Sandy Volmar (262-696-4003) to volunteer.

This is a huge fundraiser for the PAHS only if we have products to sell. . . can you help?



PAHS Fall Meeting October 30th, 7:00 p.m. Clark House/ Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Our program will be presented by Ray Warell, President of Dynex Corporation, a long time Pewaukee business. Our recent meetings have highlighted other Pewaukee businesses and we look forward to learning about Dynex located on Capitol Drive in the Village of Pewaukee. You won't want to miss this interesting evening. Do you know someone that has worked there?... Invite them to join you.

Welcome New Members

New *LIFE* Members
Richard Hoffmann
Zwicky family in honor of
Jean Kidney Zwicky 1920-2018

New *Business* Member
Chick-fil-A - Pewaukee

Thank you for your membership!



RUMMAGE SALE

Donate/Attend

by Helen Ackley

Sale Dates & Times:

Thurs., Sept. 26, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 27, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 28, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

In order to make this important PAHS fundraiser a success, we need your useable donations.

Donation Drop Off Dates/Times:

Sept. 18, 22 & 25 – 1-4:00 p.m.

Sept. 21 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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:

TV's, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

PLEASE NOTE:

We need newspapers and paper grocery bags for packaging the purchases. We do NOT need plastic bags.

Now is the time to clean out your drawers, cupboards and garage and donate your items OR attend the sale and purchase a great item at bargain prices!

Questions or to volunteer to work at the rummage sale.... leave a message at the Clark House 262-691-0233

2019 Community Night

by Luke Spoerke

AP U.S. History student

On the evening of May 21, 2019, the Clark House Museum in Pewaukee hosted a WWI themed Community Night. The event was presented by Pewaukee High School AP U.S. History students who gave some insight into a variety of WWI topics.

Students presented about the music of WWI to the reasons WWI was fought. One specifically memorable presentation was about the Christmas of 1914, a heartwarming story about both sides of the war coming together as fellow people. On the opposite end of the spectrum students showed the haunting new technologies of the war and the many illnesses and diseases from the terrible trench conditions. The students covered the home-front of the war here in Pewaukee with the American Legion and the VFW too. Even the story of a local Pewaukee resident named Benjamin Clark's actions in the war (Benjamin was Asa Clark's grandson, you may recognize the name Clark from Asa Clark Middle School). So many aspects of the war were covered such as intricacies of WWI espionage or even the music from that era were discussed. If you weren't able to attend this year's Community Night and would like to attend next years, watch for the ad in the spring newsletter for the next Community Night. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to **Al Hanson** for your generous donation to balance PAHS first quarter!!

Sampson's Make History!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Recently Dennis and Kathy Sampson instead of waiting around for it to happen on its own, made **history happen!** They donated the very first NEW vacuum cleaner to PAHS ever!

Normally I verify things with Sharon or George but this time I went straight to the top and asked Asa Clark himself. He agreed, we'd never had a new vacuum before. But then said "and by the way, what's a vacuum cleaner?"

We now have a 5-gallon Shop-Vac with accessories that will be used mostly in the Exhibit Building. It's small enough and light enough to be easily used upstairs or down without calling the wrestling team in for help.

Thanks to Dennis and Kathy once again for your generosity and for "*making history*"

"Docent Details"

submitted by Tom Brick

A tour group was visiting the Natural History Museum, when they came to a room that had a dinosaur skeleton on display. A visitor asked how old the dinosaur was. The museum guide said it was 40,000,011 years old. The visitor asked how he could be so precise. "Well", said the guide, "when I started working here, they told me it was 40,000,000 years old, and I've been here for 11 years."

“And in this corner ...”

by Carole Brinkman, ICS Chair

Once again our annual Ice Cream Social held on Sunday, July 7th, was a great success. This was due to cooperation from Mother Nature with a spectacular custard eating day. I'd especially like to thank our business members, BUBBA'S FROZEN CUSTARD of Pewaukee, for their donation of wonderful custard and ANTON'S of Pewaukee, for a generous gift card used for our raffle.

Gift cards were also donated by PICK 'N SAVE on Capitol Drive and Village Square Drive (Hartland) which were used to purchase toppings and other supplies. Additional thanks go to longtime Pewaukee favorite, the 5 O'CLOCK CLUB, for gift cards and new Pewaukee businesses Chick-Fil-A, Jersey Mike's Subs and Mod Pizza, all of whom donated gift cards. Please consider patronizing all of these great area businesses.

A beautiful Packer blanket handmade by Candy Sturgal, Sandy Volmar's daughter, was also part of our raffle. The day was made memorable by the melodies of VINTAGE MIX QUARTET, new to our Ice Cream Social. This talented a cappella group of 18-year-old quadruplets came to the rescue when our scheduled group, EASY DAYS QUARTET,



was unable to sing. Easy Days was participating in the Greendale 4th of July parade when their lead singer, Frank, was involved in an accident and sustained injuries. Vintage Mix has been mentored by Easy Days for a number of years and recently performed at Carnegie Hall in March. We wish Frank a speedy recovery and look forward to hearing from both Easy Days and Vintage Mix at future events.

But our success was primarily due to our “Super Scoopers”, without them the day wouldn't have happened. Special thanks go to Jennifer Allison, Dave Bergles, Sylvia Krawczyk, Judy Litvin, Mac McDonald, Jeff Phillips, Marilyn Schneider, Sharon Vitek, Sandy, Ted & Teddie Volmar, Jim Williams, Mousey Winzenreid and our cashier Penny Williams. Wouldn't YOU like to be a “super scooper” next year? Volunteers are always welcome...let me know!

Jim Willis brought his delicious homemade black raspberry/rhubarb topping, Tom Brick was our raffle master, Helen Ackley and Mike Thaller provided tours of the Clark House and Sharon Strieter entertained the kids with our old time toys. Our Wednesday volunteers, Duane Bewer and Richard Rosenberger, worked tirelessly to make our grounds look perfect. Thanks especially to Bev Brick for creating our flyers and Karen Merz in generating publicity for our events. George Strieter assisted wherever needed. I hope I

didn't forget anyone.

Without the help of our wonderful volunteers, our activities wouldn't take place and we would cease to exist! So, the next time you see ANY volunteer, please give them a big THANK YOU!!

We'll see you next year on July 12th!!

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

The following people have recently made donations of items that will be displayed as space permits.

- *Irene (Baxter) Baena – miscellaneous Bill Brown pictures and photos.
- *Beverly Coshun – vintage Pewaukee post cards, Kiwanis River Run items from Ken Coshun's collection, Landmark Books.
- *Mike Durant – VHS tapes relating to Bill Brown.
- *Robert Flemming – 1914 framed plat map of Pewaukee township.
- *Al Hansen – an A.E. Hansen oil agent thermometer, vintage book of matches advertising Shore Bowl Bowling, Cocktail Bar and Coffee Shop.
- *Jeanie Kline – Vintage Pewaukee books, 1944 American Home magazine, 1969 newspaper featuring first man on the moon.
- *Jerry & Katie Redfield – 1953, 1955 & 1958 Pewaukee High School class pictures.
- *Dennis & Kathy Sampson – NEW shop-vac.

Thank you for keeping our history alive!

“History never looks like history when you are living through it”

John W. Gardner

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 of
Kathy Sampson*

Raisin Spice Oatmeal Cookies

2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1-1/4 cups shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk

1-1/4 cups raisins
3-1/3 cups quick oats

Blend shortening, sugar, eggs and milk. Sift flour, soda, salt and spices together and add to shortening mixture. Beat until smooth. Add raisins and oats. Mix well. Drop by teaspoon on lightly greased or non-stick baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Makes about 6 dozen.

This recipe was one my mother made often. It is always popular at PAHS events. We say it is good for you because it is made with oatmeal.

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have no season

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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!
Thanks for your business membership!



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. Thanks for remembering!

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

October 31, 2019

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Settler's Homes Different from Today

by Penny Williams

When homesteading, the first thing to come to mind was a house sturdy enough to provide shelter to withstand the storms of the first year and those to come in a new environment. Of course, that was on Asa Clark's mind when he left his son and friends in Pewaukee and returned to Vermont for the rest of his family, and that's exactly what the young men did over that first summer here.

After clearing the land, the decision of the size was foremost. The cabins were made of the best materials available. Some woods were too heavy to be easily carried **Show Us Your Collection** to the site, some split too easily, some were bug infested, and of course pine logs were out not only because they rotted, but also because they burned too easily. Tamrack from the swamps were the best because it was almost indestructible, but ash, walnut, poplar, chestnut, and maple were also used. The logs had to be straight and uniform in size to be joined easily.

Foundations for the cabin could be a simple dugout filled with stone or rocks, or sawn posts to support the floor above. Most times just a dirt floor was laid over the foundation. For walls, the logs used were dove-tailed to fit together and then pegged to provide as snug a fit as possible. Later the chinks were stuffed with moss to keep out the winter winds. Doors and windows were cut into the completed walls and measured as exactly as possible to fit the

frames which had been pre-made. Most families shuttered the windows at night for protection against weather, animals and roving Indians who were not always friendly!

An opening was left in one of the walls for the fireplace which extended outside of the cabin to prevent fires from burning the cabin down. Fireplaces were composed of rocks stuck together with mud, and the fires dried the mud and made it hard. Most times the fireplace was planked and held together on the outside with bolts to keep it all in place. The fireplace provided warmth, if you were close enough, and of course provided a source of heat for cooking, but by today's standards, they would have left much to be desired!

Why don't you start collecting something for next year's event?



Collection Event, June 9

by Cliff Muehlenberg

The initial event of the 2019 season was a big success. A varied menu of collections emerged bringing handmade aprons to license plates to carved duck calls to an impressive Civil War collection and much more!

Judging from the level of enthusiasm, exhibitors and visitors enjoyed the variety. It's almost like going to an antique store where you never know what you're going to see. But what's better here is you have the exhibitor to tell you about it without trying to get you to buy it! Here's what we had and the collector:

Lazer-cut Acrylic Blocks,
Roland Perschon
Vintage Aprons, Comic Books,
Sandy Volmar
Civil War Memorabilia,
Rick Gross
Postcards,
Kathy & Dennis Sampson
Memorabilia from China,
Penny Williams
Vintage Tools, Jeff Phillips
License Plates,
Robert & Ruth Strieter
Coins, Strieter grandchildren
Spinning Tops,
Cliff Muehlenberg
Vintage Duck Calls,
Gordy Merz
Longaberger Baskets,
Karen Merz
Fossels, Cave Onyx,
Richard Rosenberger
Vintage Medical Books,
Alexandra & Alex Gaggl
Vintage Ladies Hats,
Tom Brick

Everyone packed up and went home with a smile on their face. Thanks to all for a great event.

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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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