



PEWAUKEE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winter Newsletter 2011

HOLIDAY FEST

Saturday, December 3, 2011

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Clark House Museum

It's that time of year again! PAHS has teamed up with Positively Pewaukee this year for Holiday Fest. This is an event you surely will not want to miss. New this year, the Tree Lighting will take place on Friday night, December 2 at Village Hall at 6:30 pm. Saturday activities include:

- Hot chocolate and cookies
- Museum tours
- Kids crafts
- Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Volunteers are needed to man the museum, if you are available, please call the Clark House at 691-0233. We hope to see you there!



During the season of thanks, the Pewaukee Area Historical Society would like to take a special moment to thank all of the volunteers that continue to help make the Society a wonderful success! Through helping with events like the Ice Cream Social or Fall Harvest Fest and the countless hours spent working at the museum as docents, archival organizers, grounds keepers, exhibit creators and many other things, we simply could not survive without all of your help! We hope to see you all again in 2012 for another wonderful year full of history! THANKYOU!!

PAHS helps with Applebee's Mural!

Applebee's on Capitol Drive recently went through some remodeling and created all new murals throughout the restaurant. The Historical Society gave them a few pictures to be included in the murals. Stop by and check them out!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

It's time to renew your PAHS membership! Enclosed you will find the renewal form, please complete the form by **January 31, 2012.**

Newspaper Excerpt:

Waukesha Freeman, Dec. 16, 1880

Now is the time to get your Christmas trees and the place to procure them is at George P. Peffer's at Pewaukee, where sizes and prices will be found to suit. Trees from 2 feet high to 20 ft. at prices ranging from 10 cents to \$1.00. Remember you can get just what is desired at Peffer's Nursery everytime.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

As we move into 2012, the PAHS Board will be looking for 4 new Board members. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the Clark House at 691-0233 and leave a message with the interested party's name and phone number. Board members serve a three year term.

2012 Calendar of Events

January 23 - Annual Meeting
April 18 - Quarterly Meeting
July 15 - Ice Cream Social
September 16 - Harvest Fair
October 17 - Quarterly Meeting

Clark House Museum Hours:

Open May 27-October 28
Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm
Or always available by appointment.

2011 FALL HARVEST FEST

The Fall Harvest Fest took place on Sunday, September 18 at the Clark House. The day started out wonderfully, however the rain decided to join us for the afternoon cutting the event a little short. Overall the event was successful and we thank Helen Ackley for putting the event together as well as Judi Dimond and Sarah Hintz for their work on the Rummage Sale. Below and to the right are some pictures from the day.



2012 ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Monday, January 23, 2012
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Pewaukee Public Library
Community Room

“If a Collection Could Talk: The Artifacts of the Civil War Museum”

Join us for a presentation from Doug Dammann, the Curator and Site Coordinator with the Civil War Museum. Prior to that, he worked for nearly eight years as a Museum Technician with the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air Museum in Washington D.C. He was born in northwestern Illinois, received his bachelor’s degree in history from Kalamazoo College and a master’s degree in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. He and his wife Holly have two children, Andrew who is 4 and Charlotte who is 9 months.

Prior to the presentation, the Society will elect new Board members. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Board member, please call the Clark House at 691-0233 and someone will be in touch with you. Board members serve a 3 year term.

Also, take this opportunity to give your opinion about the proposed Ice House to be built on the museum property. We will ask all members to vote either for or against building the Ice House and we will also be looking for volunteers to create a committee to build the Ice House should the membership determine that is what they want.

Newspaper Excerpt:

Waukesha Freeman, Dec. 27, 1888

Christmas was celebrated by the three Sabbath Schools here. A happy crowd of children gathered in each church to sing and recite appropriate selections and the large audiences felt themselves well entertained. The exercises were of a similar character in each church. The well laden trees were of course the most pronounced feature of the occasion. No one was forgotten in the distribution of gifts, and peace and good will seemed to prevail.

3rd Grade Visits Museum

The 3rd grade from Pewaukee Lake Elementary School enjoyed spending time at our museum Oct. 3rd and 4th. There were 4 classes on Monday and 4 classes on Tuesday who were assisted by Jim Willis, Charles Westcott, and George & Sharon Streiter. The teachers included Mrs. Vega, Mr. Marincic, Mrs. Patskowski, Mr. Austin, Mrs. Brodbeck, Miss Draeger, Mrs. Duerwachter and Mrs. Gospodarek. Below are some excerpts from the 200+ thank you letters we received from the children.

"I also enjoyed all the buggys especially the mailman one. I thought it would take more power to move all that mail, but one horse only."

"Thank you for showing us all the cool things. The typewriter was awesome. I hope I can come again. I can't believe the phonograph still works. P.S. that was the best fieldtrip ever!"



Newspaper Excerpt: Waukesha Freeman, Dec. 22, 1863

The anniversary of our friend Peter Pepper's resurrection from a living grave, occurred on Tuesday, the 15th. Four years ago Mr. Pepper was in the bottom of P.N. Cushman's well, when the earth suddenly closed in upon him burying him in stones and earth some 20 feet below the surface. And yet, hopeless as it may seem, he not only managed to live in that deep grave some seven hours, but was finally taken out alive though badly bruised and marred. Ever since that time, the 15th of December has been observed as a day of joyous thanksgiving in the family of Mr. Pepper, for the wonderful preservation from death. Friends from all parts of the county gather and partake of the charming hospitality which is there afforded. There is no particular order or programme laid down, but everybody seems to understand that innocent recreation and amusement is the order of the evening. We noticed, however, that our horse was put in a warm underground stable-after which followed an hour's in testing the splendid domestic wines of "mine host". Supper shortly after follows-and such a supper-oysters of unsurpassed excellence, sandwiched with strawberry preserves and other like condiments and substantial-with coffee equal to the best "old Mocha". Supper ended-music is introduced-and the younger guests "trip the light fantastic toe" to the strains of merry music. But we will not further particularize. We managed to escape from the hospitable host and hostess, only to find a huge bottle of choice wine smuggled away in the sleigh by our kind hearted friend for the use of our better half. May the life of him who was thus miraculously preserved, ripen into a green old age, and his worldly prosperity continue to increase in a scale commensurate with his hospitality.

Civil War Committee Looking for Help

The Civil War committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Clark House Museum. The committee is looking for more volunteers to help with the reenactment scheduled for July, 2012. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please call Jim Willis at 691-0233 or Sharon Strieter at 691-0081. A special THANK YOU to Christine Plichta for knitting trigger mittens and socks for our display!

Archive Donations

Walter Schwarting - pictures and stories of ice boating on Pewaukee Lake.

Linda Hiller Deppe - Painting of Clark House she painted in Spring of 2011.

Royal Morse - 16mm movie films that were taken by Bill Brown.

Kathy Sampson - USDA yearbooks, wood drill, spice boxes and nature slides.

Ken Neumann - 3 old Pewaukee telephone directories.

Ramona and Richard Powers - Large newcome weaving loom.*

Wm. Clarke Steele - books, diplomas, tools, jugs, crocks, lanterns, corn sheller, milk cans, signs, walnut plank, and many other items all from his father Allen Steele.

*The Historical Society is looking for someone that knows how to run a weaving loom. This loom, a new acquisition, needs to be restrung so that it can be demonstrated at the museum. If you or someone you know has this expertise and are willing to help, please call the museum at 691-0233.

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Once a stagecoach inn, the **Clark House** 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.

The museum is open by appointment and will reopen in 2012 in May.

