



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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Fall, 2015

Events

Mark your Calendars

Sept 13 - Harvest Fest
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

Sept 19 - PAHS
Display at the
Wisc. History Fair
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha Library
321 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Waukesha, WI

Sept 24-26 Rummage
Sale: Clark House,
Steele Building
Sept 24: 9 am - 3 pm
Sept 25: 9 am - 3 pm
Sept 26: 9 am - noon

Oct 14 - Quarterly
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

Dec 5 - Tree Lighting
Clark House,
Steele Building

HARVEST FEST

By Kathy Sampson

Sun. Sept. 13th
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House
Museum



NEW THIS YEAR - RAFFLE ITEMS:

- Pewaukee Pirates mini helmet signed by JJ Watt
- Janesville Ball Bearing Coaster Wagon
- Green Bay Packer shawl
- UW Badgers afghan



This year's Fest will continue to emphasize the skills and crafts from years gone by. Among the demonstrators will be a wood carver, blacksmith, weaver, spinner, knitter and quilter. Also chair caning, basket weaving and flint carving. Well-known local artist, Orel Rooney, will be capturing the event in paint and Marilyn Hagerstrand will help people trace their family history. Local personality, Bill Woolley, will guess your weight (if you so desire). Visitors will be able to churn butter, slice cabbage, grind coffee beans, shell corn, and play old time games.

The Girl Scouts will again have hot beef sandwiches for sale.

Donations of baked goods for the

bake sale and garden produce will be appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or before noon on Sunday. Please bring items pre-packaged, labeled and ready for sale.

Harvest Fest Contacts:

Kathy Sampson (Chair) 262-691-1229
Sandy Volmar (Bakery) 262-649-3228

RUMMAGE SALE

Sale Dates/Times:

Sept. 24 & 25 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sept. 26 - 9:00 am - noon

There's sure to be something for everyone, please help make this event a success - support PAHS.

Donation Drop off Dates/Times:

Sept. 16, 20 & 23 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Sept. 19 - 9:00 am - 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:

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.

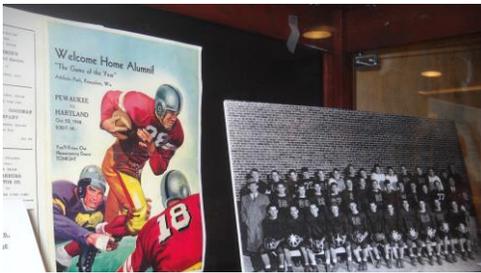


Wisconsin History Fair

Plan on attending this free fair on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Waukesha Public Library, 321 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha. We will have a display and information about the Clark House Museum at this event which will be featuring local historical societies. This is a great way to learn something new about other historical groups in our area.

Football Display at the Pewaukee Library

Sharon Strieter with an assist from our summer Wednesday volunteer college intern, Allison, have recently setup a wonderful football display in the cases located in the lobby of the Pewaukee Library. Stop by the library and check out if you know anyone in the pictures . . .brings back lots of memories. Well done Sharon and Allison!



Quarterly Meeting October 14th -7:00 p.m.

Don't miss the next PAHS quarterly meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. Following a short business meeting, Jim Sweitzer and Roger Brook will provide our program "The History of the Pewaukee Yacht Club and Sailing on Pewaukee Lake". Plan on joining us for an interesting discussion. All are welcome.

****HELP WANTED****

We need your help to make this year's Harvest Fest the best ever! If you've been looking for a short term volunteer job, we have one for you. We need help with:

- Day before, Saturday, Sept. 12th – setup for demonstrators. 1-3 pm
- Sept. 13th – 11:00-noon help demonstrators setup.
- Selling raffle tickets during Harvest Fest for only a portion of the fest.

Call Kathy Sampson at 262-691-1229 to volunteer.



Go Karting in Pewaukee?



Who knew? Apparently not many because it seems no one at the Clark House recalled anything about karting in Pewaukee!

Recently Charles Wiedeman of Waukesha dropped off some information about "Go-Karting" that was sponsored by Dynex Corporation on Capitol Drive. The picture above is of Charles' brother, Dan Wiedeman, after he had crashed into a hay bale driving his kart in 1960. The kart course went from the liquor store on Clark Street and Oakton Avenue to the old Village Hall on Hickory Street. The trophy Dan won was also donated. If you have other information about karting, please let us know.

Clean Gutters for the Steele Exhibit Building

By Tom Brick

We now have gutter guards on both sides of the Steele Exhibit Building thanks to the initiative of Clark Steele. Clark is one of our dedicated Wednesday volunteers. He bought the gutter guards on sale from Menards' and personally cleaned out the gutters and installed the gutter guards. All this at a cost to PAHS of only \$95.00, a real bargain. Thanks very much Clark!

“And in this Corner ...”

By Cliff Muehlenberg

Where would you go to hear, “Breakfast in My Bed on Sunday Morning”; “Who Ate Napoleans with Josephine when Bonaparte was Away”; “A Little Birch Canoe and You”; “Silver Threads Among the Gold”; and “Hold Your Hand Out Naughty Boy”?

The correct answer is of course: the Edison Disc Victrola at the Clark House Museum . . . of course you knew that!

This NEW feature (“*And in this Corner...*”) was suggested by Jean Miller at our July Quarterly meeting. Thanks Jean! And will feature a specific item in the Clark House collection. Care to write one?

George Warren of Pewaukee donated the “Edison Disc Phonograph” in July of 1998 along with the drawer-full of “discs” where the above selections can be found. The drawer is full and heavy with 10” diameter discs that are nearly ¼ inch thick! They have selections on both sides and are made with a wood core and then coated so they are not fond of water.

The phonograph is thought to be a vintage of 1920 to 1923. The patent was acquired for this model in 1903 according to the metal tag inside the top cover. Disc players were made from 1912 to 1929.

The cabinet is beautifully made of mahogany veneer like much of the furniture of the day. The mechanism to position the heavy arm on the disc is finely machined and allows the large arm to be gently positioned and lowered

onto the disc precisely and gently.

There is an adjustment to vary the speed of the disc. It seems the speed is determined by ear since there is no way to determine the speed that the disc is turning. Diamond Discs are designed to play at 80 rpm.



The hand crank on the side requires many turns to play a single selection. It too works smoothly and easily. The quality of the mechanism is impressive for its day and the fact that it works flawlessly today is further testament to that quality.

There is a reproduction of Thomas A. Edison’s signature on the rear right corner of the turntable platform. Thomas A. Edison, Inc. was located in Orange, New Jersey.

Diamond Discs were made from 1912 til 1929 and require a diamond stylus to play them. Collectors state the diamond stylus lasts a “long time” but not forever. I have a feeling that our stylus is beyond that “long time” as background noise rivals the recording in some cases.

Competing players of the day such as Victor were not compatible with Edison so recordings were not inter-

changeable between machines. Edison began experimenting with voice recording in 1877 using cylinders. He decided to put his recording work aside for a while when he was distracted by a “light bulb that went off in his head”. But that’s another story.

Estate Planning

By Tom Brick, PAHS Treasurer

As you know, the Historical Society has many ongoing expenses in maintaining our buildings and property. It is always a struggle to balance our budget and we often have to dip into our reserves to pay the bills. Please consider the Pewaukee Area Historical Society in your estate planning. Your gift would help preserve Pewaukee’s history far into the future.

Save the Date for our December Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5th,
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Clark House Museum



Picture taken at the 2014 Tree Lighting

PAHS will be hosting the Pewaukee Tree Lighting. This family friendly free event is fun for everyone. Plan on joining us to welcome Santa, enjoy some treats, sing Christmas carols and light the Christmas tree in the yard. Watch for more information in the November newsletter.

Ice Cream Social Review

By Carole Brinkman
Chairperson



Once again our annual Ice Cream Social held on July 12th was a great success. This was due to cooperation from Mother Nature with a spectacular custard eating day. I'd like to especially thank Culver's on Grandview for their donation of wonderful custard and Pick 'n Save on Ryan Road for their donation of a gift card used for toppings and supplies. But, our success was primarily due to our "Super Scoopers", without whom the day wouldn't have happened. Special thanks go to Chuck Westcott, Karen Merz, Judy Litvin, Marilyn & Milt Hagerstrand, Tom Brick, Mary Person, Clare Pray, Julie Fowler, Carol Palmer, Mike Thaller and our cashier Penny Williams. Additional thanks go to our Wednesday volunteers for their tireless work in keeping our grounds looking beautiful. The day was made more memorable by the marvelous singing of the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet. Thank you again for coming, we look forward to seeing you next year!



Our first ever raffle winners were:

- Golf Clubs – Pati Rolf
- Grill & Grilling Tools – Dulcie Shupe
- Picnic Supplies, s'mores, etc. – Sally Ruf

Thanks for your support!

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Cornerstone Tax & Accounting
5 O'Clock Club
Molly Maids of Lake Country
Pewaukee Dental
Spargo Salon & Spa
Wall Family Dentistry
Ken Weber Truck Service

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!

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, 2015



Please save your receipts from the Sentry store on Meadowbrook and the Sentry 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 appropriately on the screen porch. Penny Williams is our "Receipt Gal" and will take it from there. PAHS receives a 1% rebate from the receipts. Thanks for remembering.

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Pewaukee's Early Days

By Penny Williams

Even before Asa Clark took his first look at Pewaukee, this area was well known as a gathering place. The Potowatomi tribe had made this their permanent home, but other Wisconsin tribes used it as a stopping place on their seasonal treks to summer and winter encampments. The Sac, Fox, and Winnebago all used the area as a stopping place. Rich in herbs, berries, nuts, and game animals on the land, it also provided plenty of fish and rice from the lake.

When Asa decided this would be his new home, he purchased a quarter section of land for \$80.00 and returned home to Lunenburg, Vermont to gather his family and friends . . . who became the first white settlers in this area. In April of 1837 his eldest son, Timothy Lyman and three companions were sent ahead to prepare a place for the family's arrival. It was an arduous journey. They traveled by way of the Erie Canal, rode stagecoaches, Great Lakes steamers, and finally a schooner to cross Lake Michigan to Milwaukee.

In Milwaukee, they purchased a team of horses and the necessary tools and supplies to establish a homestead on the land which Asa had staked claim to the previous year. First they built a temporary shelter to give them protection from the weather. Next they planted a garden of oats and vegetables to feed the family over the winter of 1837. A team of oxen was rented in Racine at a cost of \$6.00 per day to

help with the hard work of plowing the virgin land.

The four young men chose a picturesque site in the oak grove overlooking the south shore of the lake and proceeded to build the log cabin which would shelter the Clark family and that of Deacon Bell, who accompanied the Clark family on their new adventure.

The cabin was located on what is now the Connell farm on the southwest fringe of the village. A replica of the cabin was made by Asa's granddaughter, Marietta Larson, and is now a part of the Clark House Museum collection.

Plan on displaying your collection at next years "Show Us Your Collection" event

This year's event on June 14th was a success and will return next year. If you don't already have a collection . . . start one. Here are some of the collections that our visitors could learn about.



George Strieter: Gettleman Brewing



Dick Rosenberger: Rocks, Fossils & Minerals

BRICK WALK UPDATE



We need two (2) more BRICK ORDERS to place our next brick order. If you have a yellow order form that you've been waiting for just the right time, that time has just arrived! Thanks For your help. You'll be glad you did. (And if you do it now, Dick won't have to shovel snow to plant your brick.) Still only \$50.

Welcome New Members

Diane Kleinsteiber – had the Dan Patch / Harness Racing display at the collection event. Carol Palmer is a docent and volunteered at the Ice Cream Social. Carol Warren displayed her miniature books at the collection event. Steve Zwicky from Ripton, VT is our newest member. A warm welcome to these members!



Robert Strieter: Cast Iron Farm Tools



Mary Person: Aprons

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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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