



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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Spring, 2016

Events

Mark your Calendars

- April 27 - Quarterly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
- May 24 - Community Night - 7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
- June 12 - Show Us Your Collection
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
- July 10 - Ice Cream Social
- July 27 - Quarterly Meeting
- Aug 20 - Boat Show
- Sept 11 - Harvest Fest
- Sept 22-24 Rummage Sale
- Oct 26 - Quarterly Meeting
- Dec 3 - Tree Lighting

2016 PAHS President Installed

Carole Brinkman was installed as President at our January quarterly meeting. Thank you Carole for accepting the responsibility this year. New board members Candy Muehl and Sandy Volmar were also installed at the January meeting.



Many thanks go to Cliff Muehlenberg who has served as PAHS President for the past two years and continues as a board member this year. Thanks Cliff for all that you have done to keep PAHS running smoothly! Thanks also to outgoing board members Mark Muehl and Jack Muehl for their service on the board.

Notes from President Carole. . .

Spring is in the air and the Clark House is coming back to life. Our volunteers are busy making preparations for another fun filled season of activities. Please mark your calendar with the event dates on the left of this page and note the information in this newsletter about upcoming events. There's sure to be something to interest everyone.

New exhibits are taking shape featuring our latest acquisitions. Be sure to come and take a look! We open for the season on Sunday,

May 29th (Memorial Day weekend). Remember, this is YOUR historical society . . . without YOU we don't exist!! Come and join in the fun, we're looking forward to seeing and/or meeting you!

PAHS April Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. located on the Clark House Museum property. Following a brief business meeting, our program will be "An Evening with Pewaukee Artists", featuring Dint Sweitzer and Orel Rooney. The artists will talk about what inspires them, why they especially like Pewaukee and what artistic accomplishments they are most proud of. Orel Rooney is the artist who has created the wonderful murals in the Clark House Museum. They will answer questions from the audience following their presentation. All are welcome, please join us.

Recall the 1950's at COMMUNITY NIGHT - May 24

The annual Community Night hosted by Mr. Yuskis's Pewaukee H. S. History students is Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. The subject of the student's presentation will be "The 1950's in Pewaukee and America". The students appreciate stories and information from the audience and this annual event is always an interesting, fun evening. Please join us.

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 12th from 12:00 til 4:00 p.m. If you want to reserve a table to display your collection, there is no charge for PAHS members and a \$10 table fee for non-members. Our show is held 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 want to reserve a table, leave a phone message at the Clark House or send us an email. There is no charge to just attend the event and learn about what people collect.



Congratulations!!

Sharon Strieter selected as the "Pewaukee Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year!"



(Following is the criteria and information used by the Chamber to select Sharon for this honor.)

Qualifications: A person who unselfishly donates their time and talents, outside of their paid job position or business directive, in serving the Pewaukee Community.

Resident of Pewaukee since 1952. Her many volunteer activities include: Redeemer United Church of Christ, Cub Scouts, 4H, Girl Scout Troop Leader, driver and shopper for residents at River Hills, Pewaukee Interchurch Lay Council, Interfaith intergenerational programs at Waukesha County Schools, and food for the sick.

Served 20 years with the Pewaukee Museum/ Historical Society with research, museum displays, cemetery walks, answering resident inquiries, promotion and special events.

Congratulations Sharon!!

REMINDER: Ice Cream Social in July

Mark your calendars for our Ice Cream Social on July 10th. More information in the June newsletter but don't want you to forget it!

Pewaukee Historical Society "2015 Volunteer Of the Year"



Richard Rosenberger was awarded the PAHS 2015 Volunteer of the Year award at our January quarterly meeting. If you're looking for Richard on Wednesday afternoons, you'll find him at the Clark House helping with anything that needs to be done. He is also always on hand to help setup, cleanup and be on hand at our events. Thanks to Dick for volunteering so freely of his time to help keep the Clark House in order. Congratulations Richard!!

Thank you to the family of Joyce Seeboth for designating PAHS as a recipient of donations in memory of their mother upon her death. Joyce was a life member of PAHS and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

We Need Three More BRICK ORDERS

to place our Spring order.

It would be nice to Get the order in very soon.

Order forms are on the flag pole or the screen porch and they're still only **\$50.00**

“And in this Corner ...”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

In January, Susan and Jim Daniels of Oconomowoc donated a Newman Brothers parlor pump organ. It's been in the Daniels' family for a long time. Newman Brothers organs were built in Chicago from 1880 to 1895. It was originally purchased by Jim's grandparents Henry and Hannah (Byhre) Anderson. Grandma Hannah taught school and gave organ lessons in Canton, Wisconsin. Grandpa Henry farmed and was a mail carrier.

Jim's mother, Avonel (Anderson) Daniels moved to Rice Lake about 1935 and loved to play the organ. The organ was “replaced” by a piano in about 1940 and the organ moved to the upstairs of the family garage. Jim says, “a perfect place for playing make-believe music”.

After Jim and Susan married in 1980, they inherited the organ. The organ has been restored by Bill Hickens of Oconomowoc and is again in good working condition.



It's a handsome piece and is in the Clark House. Thank you Jim and Susan Daniels for your generosity.

“Greetings from Camp Tisch. . .”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Who remembers Camp Tisch or Roesé's Resort on Pewaukee Lake (1914 – 1915)?

Lowell Joerg who currently lives in Stockton, California found some postcards in an antique shop dated August 13, 1914 and the other June 20, 1915. The Camp Tisch card was mailed for 1 cent to Ida Simm, 733 2nd St., “City” (which one?) and says, “Having a good time fishing and bathing all the time. You ought to be out here. Your loving friend, Melinda”.

The second card: “Greetings from Roesé's Resort, Pewaukee Lk., Wis.” was mailed June 20, 1915 to: Mrs. Gus Simon, 733 2nd St., Milwaukee, Wis. (note both were mailed to the same Milwaukee address?) Message: “Just *road* over with the steamer, Elsie”.

Both postcards were “colored” having color-enhanced skies which was an early treatment that added some color to black and white photos. The cards were mailed to City of Pewaukee Mayor Scott Klein and forwarded to the Historical Society. Mr. Joerg calls his hobby, “A redistribution of happiness - our world sure needs it” and indicated that he “gave \$6 for the two cards and if we wanted could send him \$7 or \$8 plus a little extra for postage”.

He noted that his wife laughingly said if he heard from us, he'd have to take her to lunch. Lowell is 87 and still going strong! Lowell

closed saying, “Thank you and God-speed in our work and a successful new year to us all.”

Thank you Lowell, I'm sure it will be a lengthy discussion by the board whether to reimburse you for your kindness. Blessings to you. The postcards can be viewed at the Clark House.

Some of our Latest Archives

by George Strieter

We are always happy to accept donations of Pewaukee historical items. We have been fortunate that our local community understands the importance of preserving these items for future generations to see.

Following are just *some* of our latest acquisitions. We wish to thank everyone for their donations. We will have a display of some recent donations at the Clark House.

- *Possum Belly Dough Table from Carolann Aiken
- *Pump Organ-1880 Vintage from Jim & Susan Daniels
- *Crocks, bottles, high chair, books, old pictures, etc.-too many to list from The Lutgen Family
- *Books, pictures and newspaper about Waukesha Beach from Jack Koepf
- *Pram with umbrella from Kari Norris



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 first one . . .

From the Kitchen of
KATHY SAMPSON

Grammy's Sugar Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 5 cups (at least) flour
- 2 or 3 eggs

Mix all ingredients, adding flour until it feels right. Roll out to about ¼ inch on floured board. Cut. Bake at 350 degrees about 10 minutes. These can be sprinkled with sugar or cinnamon/sugar before baking or frosted after baking.

About the recipe:

We grandkids always knew this recipe as "Grammy's Sugar Cookies". I don't know how far back in the family the recipe originated. Grammy, Dora Mae Stein, was born in April 1895. She married Charles F. Steele (born September 1876) in October 1914. Their son Kenneth was my father. We never had much in the way of directions for making the cookies, just sort of do what seems right



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

Molly Maids of Lake Country

(262) 691-5000

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(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!

New PAHS Member

We extend a welcome to our newest PAHS member, Joyce Thompson. Joyce, we hope you feel welcome and enjoy meeting other members at our upcoming events. We look forward to getting to know you.

Happenings:

The December Tree Lighting was a huge success and fun for all, young and old.



The January quarterly meeting featured Bill Camplin. Bill talked about growing up in Pewaukee and his experiences in entertainment. Hope to see YOU at our next event!!



NEWSLETTER
CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 15, 2016

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School Memorial

Erected (from the Joe Ryan 1940-1941 newspaper clipping book)

submitted by George Strieter

After a great deal of planning and work, a very splendid memorial has been erected on the corner of the school grounds near the grade school building for the purpose of paying tribute to the first settler, Asa Clark, and the pioneers responsible for the century of progress in the development of our schools in Pewaukee.

The memorial is a large rock selected from a farm near the community and placed on a very suitable concrete base. This stone is about seven feet high and six feet wide with a beautiful and elaborate bronze tablet, thirty-one inches wide on the front of stone. The inscription on the bronze reads as follows:

**Pewaukee Public School
Joint District No. 1
1836**

This school site was donated to the school district by our first settler, Asa Clark. In memory of the pioneers who established this institution of learning, we dedicate this memorial of appreciation.

1936

*Pewaukee Centennial
Homecoming, Inc.*

Below this inscription are five pictorial views of the five school buildings during the past century; the first simple one-room building in 1836; the second, a little more elaborate in 1856; the third a brick structure, in 1885; a larger and more elaborate brick building in 1917; and in

1936 a three building unit, a grade school, a high school and a gymnasium.

The committee of the Pewaukee Centennial Homecoming, Inc., comprise the following members: Messers Ed Sheldon, Charles Jones, Ed Burroughs, Joe Ely, Harry Asby, John Morrow (deceased), and Mrs. Harriet Bartlett. To these people should go the credit for the planning and work in erecting this fine memorial. Enough cannot be said to thank them for this contribution to our community. The community surely owes them this expression of thanks.

There are two descendants of Asa Clark living in Pewaukee today, Miss Jennie Clark, a granddaughter of Asa Clark and the only Clark living here that bears that name, and Mrs. Charles Larson a great granddaughter of the same pioneer.

Early Homes Far From Ideal

by Penny Williams

A hearth and shelter overhead, regardless of how crude, was the main focus for early settlers.

The size of a cabin was often decided by whether the builder worked by himself or had help. One man could easily construct a small cabin using 6 inch diameter logs. However, with help of a friend, and using 20 inch diameter logs which were dovetailed, a larger cabin could be built in just a few more hours of labor.

The wood used, of course, was of prime importance.

Some were too heavy or split too easily, while some tended to rot or were bug infested. Pine rotted easily and burned much too easily. Ideally, the builder used tamarack from the swamps because it was impervious to rot and insects, but hard wood such as walnut, poplar, maple, and chestnut proved durable and easily obtainable.

A team of oxen was used to drag the logs to the building site. If time allowed, the logs were dressed on all four sides and dovetailed at the ends. If not, only two sides were smoothed for a tight fit and the ends dovetailed. The ends were pegged together for a permanent fastening. Interior walls could always be dressed later. Prepared ahead of time, the foundation could be as simple as a dugout cellar, or as complex as a laid stone or rock base.

When in place, most doors and windows were shuttered inside for protection against the weather, wild animals, or marauding Indians. Hinges, usually of leather, were used for opening and closing, and latches secured them at night or in bad weather.

The fireplace was on one end and extended outside of the cabin and was made of stones packed together with thick mud. The fireplace provided heat and a source for cooking.

Our early settlers had a hard and dangerous life, and we bless them for their perseverance. Without them, we would not have the good lives we now enjoy!

**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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