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Tour Historic Washburn on Free Trolley Rides

Bring the family and friends and take a ride on the trolley to explore Washburn's fun and fascinating history during the Brownstone Days Festival. On Saturday, July 29, guided tours will depart across from City Hall at 11:00, noon and 1:00 p.m. The trolley will meander past brownstone buildings, through the city's historic district and along the waterfront. Guides will share details about Washburn's lively past. Come and find out where Washburn's first golf course was, where Washburn's infamous banker lived and many other interesting tidbits. The tours are sponsored by the Washburn Heritage Association and underwritten by Ron and Kay Maassen.

Summer Events

Tuesday, July 11—Summer History Festival, 7:30 pm., Harbor View

Tuesday, July 25—Summer History Festival 7:30 pm, Harbor View

Saturday, July 29 - Architectural Hunt -11:00 am -3:00 pm - Bring friends and family of all ages to hunt for unique and interesting architectural items in the City of Washburn. Interesting clues, fun prizes. Start at the Washburn Heritage Booth by the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. Come prepared to walk, bike or drive the approximately two-mile route.

Saturday, July 29 - Free, Guided Washburn History Trolley Tours at 11:00, noon, and 1:00 - Meet by the Chamber of Commerce parking lot

Tuesday, August 1, Summer History Festival, 7:30, Harbor View

Tuesday, August 8, Summer History Festival, 7:30, Harbor View

WHA's Architectural Hunt featured during Brownstone Days



Discover unique elements of Washburn's Architecture in the WHA's Architectural Hunt. Participants will receive a map and photos of the places of interest for them to discover in the hunt. They will then follow the map through Washburn looking for the photos and matching them to their location. Forms may be picked up at the WHA's table in the Chamber Parking lot on Saturday, July 29th beginning at 11 am. Forms must be returned by 3 pm to be eligible for the drawing. The drawing will take place among those with the correct information on their maps. Participants can walk, ride, their bikes or drive to the locations. Join in this family adventure.

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We Like Our Members!

How do our members fit into our mission of “enriching the experience of living in the Washburn Community by telling the compelling stories of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of the area”?

Your suggestions and stories provide stimulation and ideas for the history festivals which we co-sponsor with the Washburn Area Historical Society and for our other projects. Your attendance at our events contributes to our sense of place in the community. Your financial contributions support the history festivals, the historic home tours, the annual trolley tour and the production of the historical notecards and maps/placemats. In addition, we have been able to provide modest monetary support to projects such as the DuPont Club restoration and the Pie and Politics event put on by the Alliance for Sustainability.

We hope you enjoy and value your membership in the Washburn Heritage Association. We endorse the axiom that knowing where we came from helps plan for the future and we need your ideas and suggestions for projects and festival topics. Are you interested in serving on the WHA board or in working on a specific project? Let us know!

Our Members

Individual

Irene Blakely
Catherine Lange
Jill Lorenz
Ginny Pedersen
Louis Schlinder
Bob Ungrodt
Sharon Vizanko-Miller
Kristin Christensen
Chris Lindsey
Terri Bahe
Karen Novachek
Mary Hudson
Richard Gierzak
Andrew Grimm
Sandra Carlson
Dora Kling

Lynn Adams
Beta Bodin
Adeline Swiston
Dave Nyhus

Family

Mark Abeles Allison
Steve and Mary Cotherman
Wanda Hanson
Mike and Connie Jackson
Lorraine and Phil Norrgard
Sharon and Jack Stewart
Jana and Peter Van Evera
John and Nancy Werner
Donn & Ann Christensen
Mark and Shari Eggleston
Gary and Karlyn Holman
Rita Foltz

Joanne and Marty Katzmarek
Becky Brown and Kim Bro
Tom and Connie Cogger
Carol and Richard Avol
Wanda Hanson
Dick and Sandy Olson
Dick and Sandy Johnson
Ken and Phyllis Krutsch
Bob and Susan Mackreth

Patron

Patra Holter
Peter and Carla Bremner
Craig Florine
Mary Franza
Ron and Kay Maassen
Bill and Mary Lou MacLeod
Wayne and Vernelle Mercer

Mike and Karen Crowell
Ken and Jane Weiler
Ron’s Repair and Towing
Judy and Jim Edwards
Hank and Marty Cole
Carolyn Sneed

Business

Don and Catherine Ekstrom
Dan and Sally Larson
Kitty and George Wilson
Washburn IGA
Monroe and Carol Sprague

Benefactor

Richard Montague
Jamie & Courtney Tucker

WHA Board of Directors

<i>Carla Bremner</i> - President	<i>Ginny Pedersen</i>
<i>Sharon Stewart</i> - Vice Pres.	<i>Patra Holter</i>
<i>Don Ekstrom</i>	<i>Andrew Grimm</i>
<i>Lynn Adams</i>	<i>Dave Nyhus</i>
<i>Dora Kling</i>	<i>Advisory Board:</i>
<i>Jill Lorenz</i> -treasurer	<i>Gary Holman, Ken Weiler,</i>
<i>Sandy Johnson</i>	<i>Jane Weiler</i>

Visit our Website at
www.washburnheritage.org

6th Annual Tony Woiaak

History Festival

We have a very interesting line-up of speakers for this summer event, co-sponsored by WHA and the Washburn Area Historical Society. Please note that the venue has changed for the summer, and all programs will take place at the Harbor View (formerly the Steak Pit) at 7:30 p.m. All programs cost \$5.00 admission. Refreshments will be served before and after the featured speaker. This summer series made possible by a grant from the Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy



Tuesday, July 11 – The Early Years of the Washburn Public

Library – Wisconsin had fewer than 28 public libraries when the citizens of Washburn chose to establish a free public library in the settlement in 1886. A decade later, the library outgrew the first building and the community was blessed to receive one of 63 Carnegie public library grants issued in the state. The story of the Washburn Public Library includes a cast of familiar characters such as A.C. Probert and his spouse, Chick Sheridan, Caldwellader Colden Washburn and May Greenwood, said to be the longest serving librarian in the nation. Join Pete Mann as he shares tales of the early years of the Washburn Free Library and Reading Room. ~ *Music: Rick Gilman*

Tuesday, July 25 – Lumber, Business and Living – Washburn 1900

Come hear about Phase One of Washburn, also known as before DuPont: Life in the 1910's fast lane; about venture capitalists in Washburn; and who left the water running for 110 years? Monroe Sprague, great grandson of one of Washburn's founders and family join us for this fascinating look at early Washburn.

~ *Music: Steve Cotherman & Rich Pogue*



Tuesday, August 1 – History of Washburn's Waterfront Walking Trail

– Washburnites have been walking along the lakeshore for over 100 years. The walking trail begins at Thompson's West End Park, follows parallel to the lakeshore and ends at Memorial Park. Landmarks and remnants along the 1.5 mile path help visitors imagine the vibrant story of Washburn's past. Come and hear Dora Kling tell the story behind the trail and what happened in 1985-86 that changed the path. Graphics by Andrew Grimm.

~ *Music: Yazmin and Bruce Bowers*

Tuesday August 8 – If Walls Could Speak

Tracing the history of the old "Brokedown Palace Site"– The building now owned by the City of Washburn is poised on the cusp of a new and as of yet an uncertain future. The property, still locally known as the Brokedown Palace, has been a furniture store, funeral parlor, movie theater, restaurant/supper club, private residence, legendary bar, concert venue and more. Social historian, Betty Ferris, will tell this story. ~ *Music: Warren Nelson*



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WHA Fortunate to Welcome Two New Board Members

Lynn Adams comes to us after teaching science, math and computer science for 35 years in the Washburn School District. She has a new, post-retirement job at Larson Juhl in Ashland. Lynn is a strong proponent of community volunteerism and is involved in many community activities, including the Chequamegon AFS, the Ashland Mural Walk, Northcoast Cycling and the Washburn Heritage Association. Her three children are scattered around the U.S. and her husband travels extensively in his wildland fire and teaching position.

Dave Nyhus recently moved to Washburn and has joined the WHA Board. He graduated from high school in Ashland and from college at the University of MN with a degree in architecture. In his career, he had an Interior Design practice in Minneapolis and, most recently, in Palm Springs, CA. He is a professional development trainer for the American Institute of Interior Design and has been active on numerous boards. He has three sons and three grandchildren.

Join

us!

If you are interested in any of our projects and would like to volunteer to help, or of have ideas for new projects, please talk to any board member. You can join the Washburn Heritage Association by visiting our website and downloading the membership form. Or call [715-373-5212](tel:715-373-5212) to have a form mailed to you.

Other Projects

Historic Maps/ Placemats

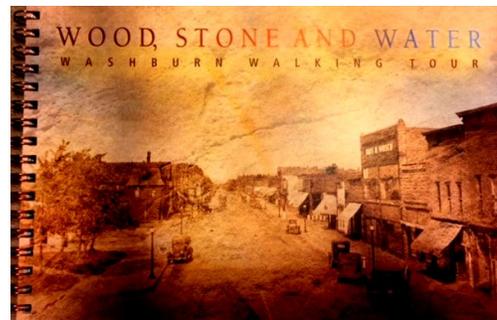
We have recently republished the Washburn historic maps/placemats which show heritage sites around town as well as provide some historical background and photos. Contact Sandy Johnson, 715-373-2455 if you would like a copy.

Historic Notecards

WHA published historic notecards with beautiful renditions of the Public Library, Bayfield County Courthouse, the old Castle Guards School, and the DuPont Club. Packets and individual cards are still available. Contact Patra Holter at 715-373-2404 if you would like to purchase some.

Home Tours

While we are not conducting a home tour this summer, we will be back in 2018 with an exciting and interesting tour. Stay tuned.



Walking Tour Booklet

We continue to distribute the Washburn Walking Tour booklet, *Wood, Stone and Water*, which contains a treasure of Washburn information. They are available at the Cultural Center, Chequamegon Books and other area outlets.