



# 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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262-691-0233

Spring, 2017

## Events

### Mark your Calendars

April 26-Quarterly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 23 - Community Night - 7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

June 11 - Show Us Your Collection  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 9 - Ice Cream Social  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark House  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 26-Quarterly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug 19 - Boat Show  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept 10 - Harvest Fest  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept 28-30-Rummage Sale

Oct 25-Quarterly Mtg  
Dec 2 - Tree Lighting

## PAHS April Quarterly Meeting

It's time to start thinking of all the events that are planned at the Clark House Museum this year. Plan on attending our April quarterly meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Steele Exhibit Building located behind the Clark House Museum. Following a brief business meeting, our program will be presented by Jeanine Knutson from the 5 O'Clock Club in Pewaukee. Jeanine will share stories about this historical business.



Mark your calendars and join us for an interesting evening and maybe see some friends that you haven't seen while the Clark House was closed for the winter.

**Reminder: Annual 2017 Memberships were Due 1/31**  
Reminder membership forms have been mailed to those members who have not renewed their 2017 memberships. This is the last newsletter that will be sent without a membership renewal.

## Recall the 1960's at COMMUNITY NIGHT

# 1960's



May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

### Steele Exhibit Building

What do YOU remember about the 1960's? The annual Community Night hosted by Mr. Yuskis's Pewaukee H.S. History students is sure to bring back memories and maybe tell us information that we didn't even know when they present "The 1960's in Pewaukee and America". The students always enjoy hearing stories and information from the audience so bring along anything that you would like to share. This event is an interesting, fun evening. Please plan on attending.

## Did you change your address?

Because we want to make sure that you continue to get your newsletter, all of our mail states "Address Service Requested", therefore when you move and don't notify us, the post office charges PAHS \$0.57 to send us a notification of the change. Please help by letting us know your new address.

Thank you for helping us save on postage as we know we can use the funds for better things!

## Show Us Your Collection

by Cliff Muehlenberg

The third annual **Show Us Your Collection** event will be Sunday, June 11, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Steele Exhibit Building.

So have you taken up a new hobby? Have you inherited your mother's knitting needle collection? Or your dad's tongue depressor collection? You needn't be shy and think, "Who'd want to see that old stuff?" Because you'd be surprised how much interest there is in things we haven't seen before. And that's the way it works. So surprise us!

Our first event was more fun than we thought. Our second event was more fun than the first! And, I think that we'll gain even more momentum this year...with your help that is!



Dennis Sampson brought more than one collection to our 2016 event.

The show begins at Noon, setup opens at 11:00 a.m. You can drive up to the Exhibit Building, drop off your things and go park your car so others can do the same. If you prefer to be outside on the drive, that's okay too. Tables are free to PAHS members and \$10 for non-members.

If you'd like to reserve a table, send us an email at ([info@pewaukeehistory.org](mailto:info@pewaukeehistory.org)) or leave us a phonemail message (262-691-0233) with your contact information. Hope to see you there!

## PAHS Volunteers

by Helen Ackley

In our Winter 2016 newsletter, we looked at the PAHS financial picture. This article details other very important aspects of maintaining the Historical Society. Board members are needed to plan and guide all Clark House activities. Many of you have helped to plan, carry out and clean up after the events that we have each year. You also serve as docents to show visitors our facility on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings from Memorial Day until October 31<sup>st</sup>. A regular group of women and men donate their time Wednesday afternoons from 1-4:00 to create displays, catalog donated items into our archives and work on the buildings and grounds. All of these things are accomplished by VOLUNTEERS and we thank them all!

As you can see, we need many helpers. If you would like to join our team, please call the Clark House (262) 691-0233 and leave a message or stop in any Wednesday afternoon and meet the team. We have a grand time!

**Plan ahead . . . SPRING  
Is brick planting  
season!**

**BUY A  
BRICK  
Still only ...\$50**



Order forms are in the box on the flagpole and in the porch at the Clark House or on our website.

## Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

Some of our recent donations are listed below and some will be displayed in the Clark House this year.

\*JJ Watt signed Houston Texan mini helmet donated by Jim Newell.

\*Several Madushaw/Andree family treasures including a dress made in 4-H by Ernabelle that won a blue ribbon, 1936 picture of Ernabelle & Shirley Andree and the dresses they wore in the picture, 1930's wedding dress, many cards, plat books and sewing tools. Donated by Elaine Griswold. Thank you for your donations!

**Volunteers are busy during the "closed" season!**

by Cliff Muehlenberg



Pictured left to right:  
Cliff Muehlenberg,  
Jim Willis,  
Tom Brick,  
Richard Rosenberger &  
Duane Bewer

After just 10 years, these volunteers decided it was time to completely wash the maple floor of the Exhibit Building. ALL the wagons, sleds and everything else was MOVED to wash under them...and then moved back again. Only with such stout-hearted volunteers could the task be accomplished in just 3 hours! Thanks to all for pitching in to make a big job manageable! As my mom used to say "Many mops make a floor smaller".

## “And in this Corner ...”

by Candy Muehl

Hair is one of the most personal mementos that people can give to each other. It was given by friends to friends and as a remembrance of loved ones.

Human hair is a unique natural material in that it does not decay. It has chemical qualities that make it last for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years.

Human hair jewelry had been made for several hundred years, going back to the Middle Ages, but it was during the Victorian era that it became an art form. Besides the common hair jewelry, they started to make elaborate wreaths and other pictures.



Human hair wreaths acted like a family tree. The wreaths were mainly shaped like horseshoes. The hair was collected from the deceased and kept in a special dish called a “hair receiver”. When enough hair was accumulated, it was made into flowers and leaves by twisting and sewing it around shaped wire forms. These were then put in frames with a silk or velvet background and covered with glass. The open end of the horseshoe was always up as this symbolized

ascent to heaven.

The human hair art was beneficial for the many craftsmen who had created the powdered wigs worn in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. With the popularity of the powdered wigs gone, many craftsmen had hardly any work. The new art made jobs for them as they created elaborate mourning jewelry to be worn or hung and displayed in their homes.

This art form was very expensive so only the wealthy could afford to have it made. This eventually led to instruction guides being made for hair art to the public at large. Groups of women set up classes to teach the skill to others. This made the hair art available to women of any class.

Human hair art didn't become popular in the United States until the 1860s and was due to Queen Victoria mourning the death of her husband (Prince Albert) and her mother (Princess Victoria). The queen went into an extended mourning period and always wore a piece of jewelry which contained Albert's hair, or a heart shaped locket that held one of his locks.

People have continued to make human hair art through the years. Recently there appears to be more of an interest in recreating this art form. The only problem being that you must find and use instructions from the 19<sup>th</sup> century and adapt them to modern styles and conditions.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society has been very

fortunate to have been given a piece of this human hair art that was donated by the Lembke family. It is currently available for viewing at the Clark House.

### Podcast/Walking Tour

by Kathy Sampson

Three members of Girl Scout Troop 2553 are working on earning a Girl Scout Silver Award. Sydney Gergen, Nedda Besharat, and McKenna Kloss are preparing a walking tour podcast of historic sites in Pewaukee. They began the project by making a list of sites, dividing the list, and researching them. Their research included finding written background and interviewing community members who could provide information. It was a little easier to find information about the better known sites such as the Octagon House, Forest Hill Cemetery, Clark House, and the Connell Farm. Locating historical information about Burrough's Three Sisters, Old Stoney (Schumann Home), and the lakefront was more difficult. The Scouts also have included St. Mary's Catholic, First Baptist and St. Bartholomew's churches, the Pewaukee Schools, and the Pewaukee Public Library all of which have undergone significant changes in their lifetimes.

The walking tour/podcast has a two-fold benefit. Participants will be able to combine learning about historic Pewaukee with getting exercise by walking or biking the the tour. The Scouts plan to have the project completed and available by late summer.

**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*  
**SHARON STRIETER**

**Sour Cream Coffee Cake**

Grease 9 x 13 Pan  
Preheat oven to 350°

Cream together:

1-1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
Add 1 egg

Alternately add to above:

1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Fold in: Blueberries or Rhubarb  
(quantity as desired)

Fold above batter into pan

Topping: (mix following together and  
sprinkle on batter in pan)

1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 tablespoons soft butter  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until a  
toothpick comes out clean)

*Editors Note:* If you volunteer on Wednesday afternoons at the Clark House, one of the bonuses of volunteering is sampling some of Sharon's delicious recipes as she regularly brings her homemade bakery for the volunteers. Thank you Sharon for sharing

**Welcome new PAHS board member**

Following our annual meeting in January, we had an open board position. PAHS member, Jeff Phillips, has volunteered to fill the position. Welcome to the board Jeff! We look forward to working with you to keep history alive in Pewaukee!

**BUSINESS MEMBERS**

**Artisan 179 – (262) 691-0200**

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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!

**New PAHS Member**

We extend a welcome to our newest PAHS members, Stacey, Tyler and Ericanna Mabbett. We look forward to getting to know you at our upcoming events!



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. Penny Williams will take it from there. 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**

**May 15, 2017**

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## Native Americans in Pewaukee

by Penny Williams

It was well known that the tribes of Native Americans who lived in or passed through this area were friendly and welcomed settlers as they came. There is no record of any problems until 1862. There may have been some feelings or uneasiness on the parts of whites based on reports that had trickled in from other areas, but life was always serene in Pewaukee. However, in the fall of 1862, a report of an Indian massacre in Minnesota reached Pewaukee, and as usually happens, each time it was repeated it was also embellished. There were reports that Hartland had been burned to the ground, as well as horrible tales of scalplings and torture.

Eventually somebody cried “Injuns are coming”, and madness ruled in Pewaukee. Furniture and household items were loaded into wagons, and families abandoned their homes in panic to gain safety in the “big city” of Milwaukee. Some people left their homes to hide in the forest, even forgetting to take food, and within 24 hours hungry children were crying for something to eat. One man rushed two children into his wagon and took off, only to discover enroute that he had taken the wrong children and left his back in Pewaukee. A few men volunteered to go out to scout for Indians, but they finally ended their search in a Brookfield tavern where they drowned their fears drinking beer.

When the “Injuns” failed to

make an appearance, the people finally calmed down and returned to their homes, businesses, and neighbors. Life once more settled into a normal routine. Naturally, some were ashamed of their fears and actions, while others claimed they had never been afraid because they knew that the talk was only an idle rumor all along!

Whether the stories were true or false, they had made quite an impression on the good people of Pewaukee, and created enough chaos that in later years the incident was referred to as “The Injun Scare”.

## Thank you to PAHS

by Karen Merz

I wish to extend my appreciation to the PAHS board for selecting me to receive the PAHS 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award. The award was presented to me at our annual meeting on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> by President Carole Brinkman. Thank you!



## Happenings:

Just a quick update of what’s been happening since the last newsletter . . . . .

Bill Schley presented the program at our annual January meeting on the Lynndale Farms Racetrack. He shared many memories of the track and the book he has written, “Four Short Years”. It was a great evening.



## Happenings Con't.

The Community Tree Lighting event is always fun. Check out the pictures – are you in any of them?

Santa & Mrs. Claus were there and so were the kids!



Train sets & elves wrapping gifts.



Kiwanis brought cookies & hot cocoa



AND finally the tree was lit! Hope you were there!!



**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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