



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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Summer, 2015

Events

Mark your Calendars

June 14 - Show Us
Your Collection
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

July 12 - Ice Cream
Social
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

July 22 - Quarterly
Meeting
Clark House,
Steele Building

Aug 15 - Antique &
Classic Boat Show
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Pewaukee Lakefront

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

Sept 24-26 Rummage
Sale: Clark House,
Steele Building

Oct 14 - Quarterly
Meeting
Clark House,
Steele Building

Dec 5 - Tree Lighting
Clark House,
Steele Building

NEW EVENT:

“Show Us Your Collection”

By Cliff Muehlenberg

You're right! It is about time we did something NEW! And you're invited to show us YOUR collection. I have a hard time thinking of someone who doesn't have some sort of collection and I know some don't even think of it as a "collection". Collections begin simply as something we like so we acquire one. Then, because we liked the first one, we acquire a second, etc. And if it's not anvils, we begin to get them as gifts.

We'd like to see your collection at the Clark House on Sunday, June 14th from 12:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. Collections will be displayed on our tables either inside or outside depending on what is suitable to you, your collection and of course the weather.

There is no fee for PAHS members. A \$10 table fee will be charged for non-members. The whopping \$10 fee was set so that no one would be discouraged from sharing their collection.

We'd like to see what you've got and hear what you have to say about it. You get to speak one-on-one with our guests and visitors.

This idea was spawned by an article about another historical society and brought to our attention by D.R. whose name I promised not to disclose. We never

discussed initials.

There will be a variety of themes so come and see what we have. Admission is free.

Contact us before June 7th if you'd like to reserve a table by calling the Clark House at 262-691-0233 or via email at info@pewaukeehistory.org and please include what type of collection you will be showing.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

By Carole Brinkman

Summer is upon us and that means trips to the beach, picnics, vacations and our ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL! This year's event will be held on Sunday, July 12th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Clark House Museum. Come and enjoy a sundae, root beer float or cone. There will be yummy treats for everyone! Enjoy the music of the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet as they stroll the grounds. Bring in an old ice cream scoop, old photos, artifacts, antiques (anything related to ice cream) and get .50 cents off an ice cream treat! **New this year:** *We have a set of new golf clubs (2 woods and 8 irons) valued at \$230 as well as a couple other items that will be raffled off at this event.*

Come and support our Pewaukee Area Historical Society. All are welcome, no admission charge. Hope to see you there!



Quarterly Meeting July 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Steele Exhibit Building at the Clark House Museum

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our next quarterly meeting. As always, an interesting program will follow our brief business meeting. The program has not yet been confirmed.

Please check our website at pewaukeehistory.org or listen to our phone message at 262-691-0233 for event information closer to the date of the meeting.

Darryl Gust's Book "There Is No Top"

By Penny Williams

The Clark House Museum will be selling local author Darryl Gust's book "There Is No Top". This is a light hearted series of vignettes about life in the great outdoors as lived by the author. A bit of reading that is welcome for relaxation.

The museum will have a supply of the books which sell for \$11.55 including tax. If you are interesting in purchasing a book, ask a docent for help. Please bring the correct change for your purchase as the docents are unable to give you change for large bills.

In addition, there will be another book signing at our Ice Cream Social on July 12th, so don't miss this opportunity to meet our local talent.

Correction:

Merry Maids referred to in the spring newsletter should have been MOLLY MAIDS of LAKE COUNTRY. We apologize for this error.



Antique and Classic BOAT SHOW

Saturday, August 15

By Cliff Muehlenberg

The eleventh annual show begins at 9:00 a.m. and wraps up at 5:00 p.m. with a tribute to veterans with color guard arriving by boat, drummers, patriotic music and a flyover by vintage WWII aircraft.

The Boat Show is so much more than classic boats with multintudinous coats of varnish (some still drying on their way to the show). There'll be 50-some boats on display, most in the water with others on land. If you're not into boats, then maybe the antique cars are more your speed. Some very impressive automobiles will entertain and delight your eye.

Then there's the Wheelman bike club that will be peddling the day away. Also there will be model radio-controlled boats to see. The Pewaukee Area Arts Council will have plein aire artists brushing the day into history. Paintings will be for sale.

Are you interested yet? There'll be live music by "A Little Bit of Heaven". Food and beverages will be available including beer from the Delafield Brewhaus.

There will also be a tent staffed by the Pewaukee Historical Society where you

can speak with volunteers and learn more about Pewaukee. There is archival information available at the Clark House that's always interesting to discover. Stop by and pay us a visit at 206 East Wisconsin Avenue (which is the old Watertown Plank Road). Can you imagine oak wood planks from Milwaukee to Watertown?

Harvest Fest 2015

By Kathy Sampson

The annual Harvest Fest will be Sunday, September 13th from noon to 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Clark House Museum.

This year's Fest will continue to emphasize the skills and crafts from years gone by. Among the demonstrators will be a blacksmith, wood carvers, weaver, spinner, knitter, and quilter. Visitors will be able to churn butter, slice cabbage, grind coffee beans, shell corn, and play old time games. We hope to have some farm animals for you to meet also. Donations of baked goods for the bake sale and garden produce will be appreciated.

The Girls Scouts will again have delicious hot BBQ beef sandwiches for sale.

If you have suggestions of someone who could demonstrate a craft or if there is a craft that you would like to see, please contact Kathy Sampson (262-691-1229) as soon as possible.

New at this year's Harvest Fest; we have a Janesville Ball Bearing Coaster Wagon valued at \$295 that will be raffled off.

REMINDER:

We need your items for our RUMMAGE SALE

Sept. 24-26, 2015

When cleaning out your cupboards, drawers and garage, put your discards in a box until the drop off dates in September.

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.

Drop off days are September 16th, 20th & 23rd 1-4:00 p.m. and September 19th 9:00 a.m. til noon.

Please save your items to help make this sale a success!

Help Us Save Postage

Did you know that when you move and the post office returns mail to us with your new address because we mailed it to your old address, we are charged .57 cents? Please remember to include us in your address change notices. Also important – let us know if your email changes especially if you receive your newsletter electronically.



Clark House Museum 2015 Featured Exhibit “Businesses That Built Pewaukee”

By Karen Merz

It's that time of year again and the Clark House is open for tours on Sundays from 1-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7-9:00 p.m. Plan a visit to check out our new display of local businesses from the past and rekindle memories. We are very fortunate to be able to provide regular open hours as many local historical societies do not.

Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to be a docent and have not been called to volunteer, please let us know by calling 262-691-0233 or via email at info@pewaukeehistory.org.

Calling All Gardeners

By Penny Williams

We are still looking for volunteers to give an hour or two of their time to keep our grounds at the museum attractive. Our master gardeners will recommend the best plants that will be outstanding with the least amount of work. Please leave a message at the museum (262-691-0233) to let us know that you are willing to help. We will then contact you with more information. The more hands the better. We hope to keep our grounds looking their best!

Sharing Our History

Our volunteers have been busy. The following tours or events have been hosted in May:

May 14th – Pewaukee High School History Class

May 18th – Brownie Troop 1425

May 19th – Breakfast Club

May 26th – Community Night



Pewaukee Volunteers Provide Program for Sons of the American Revolution Meeting

By Sharon Strieter

Penny Williams and Sharon Strieter gave a presentation to the Sons of the American Revolution on Saturday, April 25th at the Country Springs Hotel. The subject of the presentation was Pewaukee Native American history and early settlers.

Seated at our luncheon table was a grandson of Helen McDermott (she donated the hat collection to PAHS) and another woman who is the 5X great granddaughter of Solomen Juneau. It was an interesting experience.



In The Beginning

By Penny Williams

Even before Asa Clark arrived in 1836, Pewaukee was known as a gathering place for the various Indian tribes inhabiting the Midwest. The Potawatomie people were permanent residents of the area, but the Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Menomonee tribes were also known to pass through on their way to and from seasonal encampments. The area was abundant and beautiful. It was rich with berries, herbs, fruit, and nuts as well as fish, game, and birds of the air.

When Clark arrived on his first visit, he knew he had found a place that would serve him and his family well as a home for years to come. Although the eastern, or what we know as the “village” end of the lake, was more or less a swamp with a river running through it, Asa was a man who could see the possibilities in turning that marshland into a venture that could prove profitable for him. It could also provide a location for future settlement by white families who were caught up in the westward movement. This appealed to people who wanted to escape the confines of a rapidly over crowding east coast area. They wanted a place of their own and the freedom to develop it as they saw fit.

Clark paid \$80 for a quarter section of land and returned to his home in Lunenburg, Vermont to gather his family in preparation for their move to their new home on the frontier. In the spring of 1837, Asa’s eldest son, Timothy Lyman, and three of his friends were sent ahead to prepare a place for the family who would become Pewaukee’s first permanent white settlers. The cabin they built was located on a knoll overlooking the marshland. It is now owned by the James Connell family on Prospect Avenue at the very western edge of Pewaukee Village.

BUY A BRICK

**and let people
walk all over YOU!**

Order forms are in the box on the flagpole and in the screened porch. Only \$50

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

August 19, 2015

REMINDER



The Clark House Museum collects the grocery receipts from both of the Sentry Stores; Albrecht’s in Delafield and BKT Sentry on Meadowbrook Road as a fund raiser for our society. You must request a sticker on your receipt at the BKT Sentry. Sentry pays 1% of the total submitted receipt as part of their “Funds for Friends” campaign. Receipts can be up to six months old and there is no minimum. Just put them in the dresser drawer on the porch of the Clark House marked “Sentry Receipts”, Penny Williams will turn them in. Thanks for your help. Every little bit counts!

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COMMUNITY NIGHT World War II

Article written by Pewaukee High School Students:

Anthony Grotogan
Matthew Derzay
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Jeremiah Frodl

On Tuesday, May 26th, the Clark House Museum hosted a night filled with conversation about memories from World War II. The crowd of roughly thirty people contained a diversity of age groups, from local Pewaukee High School students, to World War II veterans. The students of Mr. Yuskis's US History class came to contribute their knowledge of history to the public, but ended up learning about the WWII era themselves from first hand accounts of those who lived through it. The main goal of the night, however, was to enrich our community's historical knowledge through personal experiences.

There were four veterans in attendance, along with others that remembered life on the homefront. From the veterans, the audience heard many stories about how the veterans were drafted or how they enlisted. Like how one veteran ended up being transferred across the country, even having his branch of service changed, from places including Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska and countless other locations before being shipped out to Normandy.

Another veteran described a harrowing experience in a submarine posted near Japan. The servicemen feared for their lives as their

fired torpedo circled back, threatening to destroy their ship. Luckily, they were able to maneuver away from the weapon, barely escaping as it passed underneath the submarine as the local veteran mouthed the Lord's Prayer.

Beyond the stories of war, the accounts of life at home were veritably sombering in the midst of a time where purchasing power far surpasses basic needs, and much is often taken for granted. The reality of rationing was incredible to hear, as one woman described the restrictions that promoted scarce use of precious resources. She described a very different world, where people pitched in together to provide for her wedding, and the gift of her Toastmaster toaster was a symbol of such gratefulness for the simple things that we seem to lack today.

The night truly gave a unique perspective that no history book can teach, one that was filled with personality and emotion. Students

and community members alike were enlightened of the themes of a very different lifestyle, where nothing was taken for granted and where the diverse people of the United States came together for a common goal.



Pictured left to right; Roger Brook, Al Hansen, Jack Koepp & Ernest Yanke



Program presenters were; Mitchell Grinwald, Gabe Hall & Kayla Holzhauser



Military Display at the Pewaukee Library

Sharon Strieter had a lot of help setting up a new display of military pictures and memorabilia in the display cases in the lobby of the library. Pewaukee High School history students Drew Barth, Bennett Eldredge, Courtney Johnson and Jackson Sewell spent time getting the items organized and setup. The display will be available for you to see through summer.



Pictured left to right; Drew Barth, Courtney Johnson, Bennett Eldredge

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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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Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 pm
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Or by appointment

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