

BRECKENRIDGE WHEELER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Breckenridge Wheeler Area Historical Society is announcing its event schedule for the 2016 year. The Society is planning on having some type of event every month from May through September and the Plank Road Museum and the Drake Memorial House will be open on the third Saturday of every month from 10 until 2 for walk-in visitors. Special group tours will be available by request. The contact information for the BWAHS is available at the top of this page.

Before the museum buildings are open, two events are planned in early May. On May 7, the Society will host a Vintage Clothing and Accessory Show. Visitors will be able to view vintage clothing from the Drake House at the Breckenridge United Methodist Church. The cost of admission (\$6) will also include a luncheon. Some surplus inventory items will be available at a Silent Auction and a bake sale will also be featured. On the following week, the Society will be holding its annual perennial plant sale.

The Society will officially open its doors on May 21st this year. We invite everyone to come and view a new exhibit available to us through a loan from Bonnie Briggs. The exhibit will feature a collection from her father-in-law, Louis Briggs. He called this collection, his curio collection. Included in the exhibit will be a collection of Indian tools and arrowheads which he collected while clearing land at the family farm on Adams Road during the early 1900s. Also included in this exhibit will be a spoon that came over on the Mayflower, memorabilia from World Wars I and II, early kitchen items and much more. The exhibit will be on display for the 2016 season, but those who come on May 21st will get the first opportunity to view it.

In June, the BWAHS is planning an Agricultural Day. Vintage tractors and possibly some machinery will be parked on the Plank Road Museum lawn for visitors to view and reminisce about. Both buildings will be open on this day which is set for June 18.

July 16th will feature a Youth Hands-on Day. Children and their parents will be invited to come and try their hands at some old time activities such as doing laundry, mowing lawn, shelling corn, and playing old fashioned games on the grounds of the Plank Road Museum.

In August, visitors will be treated to the very popular "Jazz on the Green" event. This activity will be sponsored by the Plank Road Arbor of the Gleaners who will provide free ice cream to enjoy while they listen to the stylings of the Breckenridge Summer Jazz Institute.

During the Fall Festival in September, the BWAHS will offer those not living in the Village and wishing to participate in the annual garage sales to set up on the lawn of the Plank Road Museum and sell their hidden treasures at our prime location.

Thank You!

The BWAHS would like to thank the corporate sponsors who have donated to the Society to help with the cost of maintaining our buildings and supporting our programs. We are still looking for additional sponsors and hope that we will add to this list when the next newsletter comes out. If you see one of these sponsors, please take time to thank them for their contributions.

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Accessioning

During this winter, we have made some progress in cataloging the backlog of items at the Plank Road Museum. Dale Kemler, Linda Chapin, Carrie Schaub, Glenda Bloomquist and Dave Briggs have put in some extra hours trying to get caught up in this area. We can always use extra help, so if you have some time and would like to help, contact us. We'll be glad to put you to work!

Al Weburg

We lost one of our charter members in March. Al Weburg passed away after a battle with cancer. He was a past president and board member of the BWAHS and did a lot for the community and the Society. He will be missed!

Review of Upcoming Events

May 7th – Vintage Clothes Show and Luncheon

May 12 & 13 – Perennial Plant Sale

May 21 – 2016 Opening

June 18 – Buildings open (AG Day)

July 16 – Buildings open (Youth Hands-on Day)

August TBA – Jazz on the Green

August 20 – Buildings open

Sept. TBA – Fall Festival Garage sales on PRM lawn

Sept. 17 – Last day for public walk-in visitors