

We dedicate this newsletter in

Appreciation

and THANKS to all volunteers that work within the Washburn Heritage Association, its members and donors and all who participate in WHA events. Together we are keeping the heritage of Washburn's area alive.



President's Comments

This newsletter reflects these efforts. New brochures on the Washburn Historic Building Tour and the Washburn Historic Lakewalk have been designed and made available for free to the public. A banner has been installed to help locals and visitors find the entrance to the Historic Walking Trail at the south end of 6th Avenue West. May Preservation Month focused on the opening of The Club with multiple events for all ages. Trolley tours continued during Brownstone Days showcasing some of Washburn's historic buildings and places. The book *Wood, Stone and Water* found its way into many homes this year with the help of many new distributors. And after a hiatus due to COVID, the history festival returned with several wonderful presentations. Several new panels were designed for the Kiosk located at Wikdal Park to bring attention to Washburn's history. And the restoration of the Houghton Depot is nearing completion with a grand opening scheduled for the future.

In spite of the ever-present COVID threats, WHA practiced safety precautions and forged forward to continue to bring our best to the Washburn area. We welcome your suggestions and ideas. Thank you.

Mary Gruhl

Tony Woiak History Festival is Back



We were delighted to have Jan Lee and Tom Mitchell kick off our summer festival with a fun and interesting presentation, Up Home on Engoe Road, based on memories compiled by Harley Ekholm. A couple of weeks later, Joe Maassen and Judge John Anderson spoke at The Club about Hubert Peavey, Washburn's only congressman. Subsequently, Bob Mackreth talked about Chick Sheridan's role in creating the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and John Esposito related tales from his book about incidents on Lake Superior ice.

We are looking at an interesting line-up for the winter festival which may include a virtual trolley tour of Washburn historic sites and buildings, Anderson family stories, kiosk storyboard displays and area waterfalls. Potential dates are January 18, February 1 and 15 and March 1.

These festival presentations are well attended and we appreciate the ongoing interest and support of our audiences. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, or would like to make a presentation, please contact any of us on the WHA board or the Washburn Area Historical Society Board.

We will be mindful of the Covid situation this winter and, if needed, will ask audience member to wear masks. We will have spaced seating and observe other precautions. And of course, if it becomes necessary, we will cancel the festival as we did last winter.



Judge Anderson and Joe Maassen display the Hubert Peavey commemorative flag and certificate which will be displayed in the Bayfield County Courthouse.



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WHA PUBLISHES TWO BROCHURES



Over the past year, WHA, in collaboration with other organizations, has published two very informative brochures. Both brochures are free and can be obtained at the Washburn Chamber of Commerce office.

The first, *Washburn's Historic Lakewalk* describes the lakewalk history. It includes historic pictures and provides a map of the 1.5 mile trail. This brochure was the combined effort of WHA, Washburn Chamber of Commerce and Washburn Community Education Foundation.

The second brochure, *Washburn Historic Buildings Tour*, features nine historic sites in the city. While there are certainly many more notable historic locations in Washburn, these were selected for their proximity to The Club and the central core of the city.

Numbered orange dots on the map correspond to historical descriptions of each site or building, and in turn to an orange numbered circular marker installed at each property during May. History buffs could take a self-guided tour using the brochure as a guide to identify the site and read about each location as they walked or rode around the area. The brochure and signs were designed by the Buildings and Sites Committee to be used for future events.

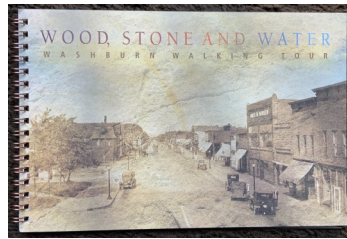
Washburn Historic Buildings Tour



Discover the fascinating and unique history of Washburn through its architecture and its historic buildings. These curbside views are easily accessible by foot, bike, or car.



Visit our Website at www.washburnheritage.org



Wood, Stone and Water

Interested in getting some exercise and learning more about Washburn's historic buildings? With numbered maps and photographs of Washburn's historic buildings and lakefront, the book *Wood, Stone and Water Washburn Walking Tour* is for you. It can be purchased for \$10 at the following locations: Washburn Cultural Center, Chequamegon Books, Karlyn's Gallery, AdventureUS, Ashland Historical Museum, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Honest Dog Books and Apostle Islands Booksellers. The proceeds help the Washburn Heritage Association with its mission.

WHA Informational Kiosk

The WHA kiosk is located on the corner of Bayfield Street and 3rd Avenue in Wikdal Park. It is a colorful and helpful source for Washburn's residents and visitors alike. The front window is reserved for the Chamber of Commerce and the other three windows are dedicated to Washburn's history.

The WHA Kiosk committee continue to work on interchangeable historical panels in collaboration with historian Susan Mackreth at the Washburn Area Historical Museum. To date we have completed 13 panels on the following subjects:

1. Washburn's Logging and Sawmills
2. Brownstone Buildings and Quarries
3. The Dupont Legacy
4. Washburn's Historical District
5. The Club
6. City Bands
7. Memorial Park
8. City Parks
9. The Lake Walk
10. Washburn Heritage Association
11. The Washburn Museum
12. The Library
13. Homecoming



We are presently developing an entertainment panel and thinking about an education panel. Since Washburn has such an extensive history, there will be more to come.

The current historical panels that are on display in the Kiosk windows are Memorial Park, City Parks, and the Lake Walk. Be sure to stop by for an enjoyable experience.



Trolley Tours

During Brownstone Days, WHA provides three, free, one-hour, air conditioned trolley tours of historic sites in Washburn. This year the trolley was in for repairs, so we went in comfort on a BART bus. At least 71 people joined us and we gathered \$240 in donations. Even locals claim to learn something when they take the tour! Ron and Kay Maassen have supported this event since its introduction in 2010.



May Preservation Month

The Buildings and Sites Committee's primary focus has been celebrating May Preservation Month. This May, an ongoing activity was a tour of historic buildings throughout Washburn. Walking/driving tours, using a newly published brochure describing nine historic sites was encouraged. In addition, WHA developed a series of events for each Saturday in May to feature The Club. Working in

conjunction with board members of The Club, the events included tours of the refurbished building, Mayor Motiff reading of a proclamation designating May as Preservation Month, games and cards for Seniors, basketball for middle and high school age youth, younger children working on plant identification sticks, and even music and dancing on the street. It is estimated that over 100 individuals participated during the month. Plans have begun for Preservation Month May 2022.



Historic Walking Trail

Another activity of the Buildings and Sites Committee has been the purchase of a large banner for the entrance to the Historic Walking Trail, located in West End Park. The committee worked with the City of Washburn Parks Committee and the City of Washburn Public Works Department regarding the design and installation of the banner. Check it out at West End Park—you will not miss it.



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Houghton Depot Restoration Project

After two years and hundreds of hours of volunteer work and some contract work, the Houghton Depot restoration project is nearing completion. The next few months will see the construction of a platform and ramp. When installed, a wheelchair accessible walkway to the ramp will be built. As a final addition, a twenty-foot section of rail will be placed in front to match the original photo. If you want to learn more about the process of restoration you can see photos in the glass display case behind the kiosk at the Bayview Town Park where the Houghton Depot is located. You can also go to <http://www.washburnheritage.org> or follow our daily progress at www.facebook.com/Bayviewhistory.



Volunteers help paint the outside of the Depot.



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