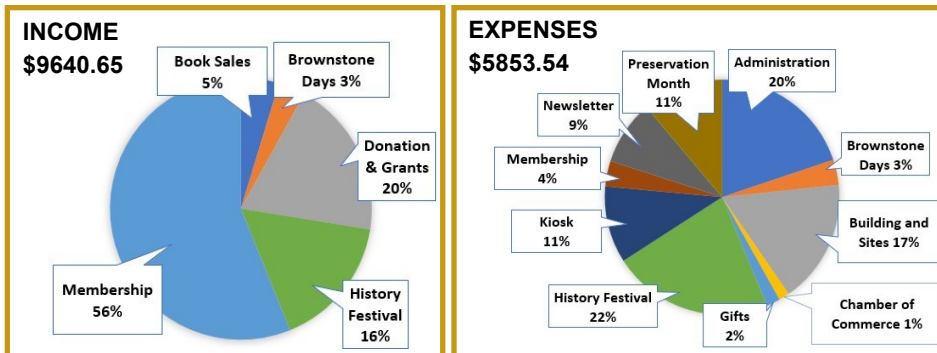


# Your Money at Work

## President's Letter

Mary Gruhl, President

Because a picture is worth a thousand words, the two images below show WHA's income and expenses for 2022. These clearly indicate how our membership, donations and grants allow us to celebrate the heritage of the greater Washburn Area. These funds supported all the committees except the Bayview History Committee (BHC).



When the BHC became part of the WHA in 2018, it continued to raise its own funds to restore the Houghton Depot because of the size of the project. Over the past 4 years through grants from the Apostle Island Historic Preservation Conservancy, the Washburn Community Education Foundation, the Town of Bayview, large donations from Ron and Kay Maassen as well as several anonymous donors, hundreds of donations from local and far away supporters and several thousands of hours from volunteers who gave of their time and use of equipment, the Houghton Depot has been renovated. In the process, the BHC raised \$40,000 and spent \$34,000.

Because of continued support from our community, both near and far, all of WHA's events continued as planned with our yearly celebration of the May Preservation Month, Trolley Tours, Façade Awards, Certificates of Recognition for Preserving Heritage and the Tony Woiak History Festivals. New this year was the Grand Opening of the Houghton Depot, school programs, and for the first time in many years, awarding Local Historic Designation status for Washburn City Hall.

This Fall we welcomed three new board members, Ella Cross, Aaron Austin and Matthew Simoneau. We also said goodbye to Jill Lorenz, who served as treasurer for seven years and provided us with accurate financial reports. She served on several committees while sharing her expertise and advice both as an architect and a concerned citizen. We also said goodbye to Dave Nyhus who retired after 5 years and had been involved with the Building and Sites committee. Sadly, we lost one of our Advisory Board members, Don Eckstorm, who was one of the founding members of the WHA in 2009.

With the year coming to a close, we look forward to another year full of heritage events including a new one that fulfills our mission — we will celebrate our *Cultural Heritage* during May Preservation Days Month. We also welcome the return of a past favorite, the Brownstone Days Architectural Scavenger Hunt.

We invite all our members to WHA's Annual Meeting at the Washburn Cultural Center on January 17th at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for you as members to offer suggestions to our board. We are always looking for new ways to share our heritage with all the residents of the City of Washburn and the Towns of Washburn, Barksdale and Bayview.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports the Washburn Heritage Association.

## Bayview History Committee

Ella Cross

With restoration of the Houghton Depot nearing completion in 2022, the Bayview History Committee thanks those individuals and organizations who helped make this possible and continue to provide support with the depot restoration and educational programming. During the winter we will focus on completing interviews with older Bayview residents, conducting historical research on the Bayview area for a future book about Bayview, and continuing research on historic names, including the graffiti names on the depot walls. We will review education materials to prepare for programs we will offer area 4th grade classes in May as part of the Wisconsin history curriculum. We will also work on developing programs to offer adults during our summer and fall open houses. We are researching the costs and materials needed to restore the baggage cart and handcar.

Major 2022 activities drew over 200 individuals to our June 11 Grand Opening and seven open houses from June through October. We presented *Day at the Depot* education to 4th graders from four local schools, interviewed older Bayview residents, nearly completed Depot restoration, and continued historical research on the Town of

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## The Tony Woiak History Festival Winter 2023

Ginny Pedersen

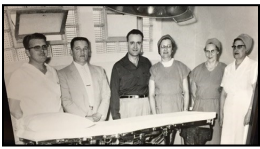
2023 marks the 13th year of our Tony Woiak History Festivals. Once again we are grateful to the Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy grant for financial support. From the first year we have enjoyed working side by side with the Washburn Area Historical Society in planning and promotion. We appreciate the enthusiastic community support and look forward to seeing everyone again this winter! See the listings below and mark your calendars now for ALL FOUR evenings of history and camaraderie.

**All Events are on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Harbor View Event Center. Admission \$5.**



### JAN. 10- GIKINOO' AMAADIWIN - WE GAIN

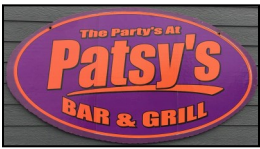
**KNOWLEDGE** The PBS Documentary, "Gikinoo'amaadiwin - We Gain Knowledge," narrated by Winona LaDuke, and produced/directed by Lorraine Norrgard, describes the traditional ways of education in Ojibwe communities before European contact by highlighting the role of elders before European contact. The documentary is concluded with a focus on tribal sovereignty today where Ojibwe communities determine their own approaches to education. Marvin Defoe, Red Cliff Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Lorraine Norrgard, Producer/Director, will be present to comment and answer questions. This video was one of six in the "Waasa Inaabidaa" series that won 5 Regional Emmy awards.



### JAN. 24- PERSONAL STORIES OF HEALTH CARE IN WASHBURN'S HISTORY

Who are the people in this photo? Come and find out and hear their stories. This talk is not a complete history of health care in our community, instead we will meet a few of the early and not so early doctors, nurses and

other health care providers. We will hear their stories and there will be plenty of time to share some of your own stories and memories. Led by Doctor Donn Christensen and Friends.



### FEB. 7- PATSY'S IS THE PLACE!

Join Gary Holman and his musician pals as they recount in story and song the rich history of Patsy's Bar in Washburn. Reminisce with your family and friends in a special evening of memories.



### FEB. 21- THE ANDERSONS- SIX GENERATIONS OF COMMUNITY COMMITMENT!

One of the few early family businesses to survive and flourish in WASHBURN despite fires and economic turmoil. This story encompasses six generations beginning with Norwegian immigrants with only the clothes on their backs building a small grocery store to the largest retail business in Bayfield County and a family deeply committed to the betterment of WASHBURN. John Anderson—Presenter.

## Buildings and Sites Committee

Karen Novachek

This year the Buildings and Sites Committee focused on two exciting projects made possible through member support and financial contributions.

### FACADE GRANTS

To improve the aesthetics along Bayfield Street we invited business owners to apply for a grant to repair, refurbish, or enhance the exterior of their building. With a grant budget of \$10,000, we reviewed 13 worthwhile proposals totaling \$78,000. Awards were granted to Patsy's Bar (\$8,000) and Chequamegon Picture Framing (\$2,000). Both businesses are making significant improvements to their buildings and completion of the work will occur by Spring, 2023.



### HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

The Committee featured the Washburn Public Library in a number of events in May to celebrate Historic Preservation Month. Our Carnegie library, built in 1904, is an excellent example of Classical Revival brownstone style and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in America. Lectures about its history and the importance of a library to a community were held throughout the month. Children's activities, a chamber music concert and luncheon culminated the month's activities. We distributed the WHA brochure to encourage people to take self-guided tours of the other historic buildings in Washburn. Two buildings of historic significance were awarded a Certificate of Recognition for Preserving Heritage: Chequamegon Books and the Pumphouse, now a private residence.



Chequamegon Books



The Pumphouse

## Wood, Stone and Water "Washburn Walking Tour"

We continue to sell this timeless booklet which celebrates our heritage. Aaron Austin will reach out to the local distributors who have been selling our books for many years.



# Meet Our New Board Members

Hello! My name is Matt Simoneau. I am originally from Fridley, MN. When my wife and I had a chance to relocate we chose Washburn as our home. My father grew up in Washburn, so I spent most of my summers here enjoying Washburn's natural beauty. My wife, Nancy, is currently teaching second grade at an international school in Alesund, Norway. I currently serve as Associate Professor in Career and Technical Education at UW-Stout. Prior to that, I worked for 18 years as a municipal building inspector in Minnesota which fueled my passion for historic buildings and preservation. I am honored to be a member of the Washburn Heritage Association to help preserve Washburn's historic past.



Hello everyone. My name is Aaron Austin and I am a lifelong Washburn resident. I grew up here, met my wife here, and we raise our family of three kids here. I teach special education at Washburn Elementary School, and have worked in the district

for 8 years. I appreciate this community and all of its history and am looking forward to being a part of this group that helps keep it alive!

Hello. My name is Ella Cross and I joined the WHA Board as the representative from the Bayview History Committee and Houghton Depot. I am originally from Blackduck, MN, a small town north of Bemidji. I received my Masters in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island where we lived for 5 years. Moving to Superior, WI, I worked at the University of Wisconsin – Superior as a reference librarian and associate professor of Library Science, retiring in 2016. My husband, Rob Bergman, and I became full-time residents of the Washburn area in 2018, after visiting Rob's family for many years. His father and mother both grew up in Washburn and we spent many hours at their Bayview family home. I became involved with the Bayview History Committee and Houghton Depot project in 2019.

Rob and I enjoy living in the Washburn area, building new friendships as we settle in. Besides working with the Depot project, I enjoy hosting visits from family and friends, gardening, hiking and snowshoeing, volunteering at the Washburn Area Historical Society Museum, and the NGLVC wildflower seed orchard.



# Kiosk Display Challenge

Can you identify the location of the architectural details on our newest Kiosk panel? Check your answers on the side of the image.



1st column: St. Louis Catholic Church, 229 East 4th St, City Hall, Washburn Cultural Center, Washburn Cultural Center, 2nd column: St. Louis Catholic Church, Bayfield County Courthouse, 319 East 4th St., 213 West 5th Ave. South, Washburn Chamber of Commerce, South Central Ave., 3rd column: Cultural Center, Bayfield County Courthouse, 3 East 5th St., 16 East Bayfield St., Washburn Cultural Center, 4th Column: The Club, Opera House-30 East Bayfield St., 12 East 4th Street, Pump House, 127 East 3rd St., 231 West Bayfield St., Memorial Park Entrance.

# Historic Property Named

WHA successfully requested the City of Washburn Historic Preservation Commission to designate Washburn City Hall as an historic property. The 1893 building was initially the site of Washburn's first library. When the Carnegie library was constructed in the early part of the 1900's, it was enlarged to become town hall, and today serves as city hall. It houses the city's administrative offices and the police department. This designation is an example of WHA accomplishing its mission "...preserving the historic buildings and culture of the Washburn area". Your WHA membership greatly assists WHA in its preservation efforts.





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