

JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE NEWSLETTER

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DYNAMIC PRESERVATION

Here at JCH *preservation* has many important meanings to us, so much so, that we consider preservation to be a cornerstone of our mission. We also believe that preservation should extend to the land and all that grows upon it. When an environmental event occurs like the Emerald Ash Borer and the mass death of our Ash trees, we had to take action. Read within to learn more about our *Tree Preservation* project as Spring marches into April, and how you can help answer our call to action.



SPRING BOUNTY

Partnerships Abound at JCH!

See how our new and sustained partnerships help us to fulfill our mission, spark innovative programming and events, and add a fresh vibrancy and mutual support that allows us to continue what we love to do every day. It's not just what we do AT the Jonathan Clark House, but what we do with YOU in our community.

JCH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

We have
sprung
forward in

2022 with education and fun here at JCH, and our calendar continues to fill up! Check out within to see what we've been up to, and what the rest of the year has to offer you here at JCH!



FRESH TOURS & OPEN HOURS

We have been planning and working hard at JCH to bring you consistent open hours every month, and our launch is finally upon us! Starting **May 2022** we will be open **11am - 2pm** every **First Friday** and **Second Saturday** of the month to serve you.

We have also been researching and updating our tour to bring you a fuller history of our shared past. So, stop in soon to hear the story of the Jonathan Clark House and the history of your community!

A CALL FOR ACTION

Undertaken by Preservation Manager Fred Derr, and Assistant Director Nina Look, the *Tree Trimming and Tree Brush Removal Project* was begun in 2019. The objective of this considerable project first required the need of a local professional tree service. While expensive, this initial step was necessary as seven trees needed professional skill and equipment due to being dangerously close in proximity to the building. The professional was also needed to trim four trees, and to top off three ash trees allowing Fred to complete cutting down these trees. With this accomplished, Fred and Nina could then proceed to recruit volunteers to assist in the removing of the brush created. Several members of the community answered this call to action.



ASSESS, PLAN, RESPOND, PROTECT, REPEAT PRESERVATION



Project Support and Milestones:

JCH Young Historian Matthew Seiberlich brought his scout troop to spend an afternoon removing brush and hauling it to the Mequon Brush Site.

JCH Young Historian Cooper Ressel spent an afternoon helping Fred and Nina remove brush.

Four adult volunteers (**Henry Hile, Tom Daub, Tom Gifford and Kurt Zellmann**) helped Fred haul brush to the brush site on two occasions.

Fred has cut down **40 trees**, countless buckthorn brush, and split several cords of wood in **2019, 2020 and 2021**.

As illustrated above, Fred Derr, Nina Look, and a multitude of dedicated volunteers have made great strides in this important project of preservation. But, as many dead Ash trees still remain, and our expenses continue to mount, we still express our **call to action** to our community and ask **YOU** to assist the Jonathan Clark House in this worthy mission. **To find out how you can help, please email us at jchmuseum@gmail.com, or call (262) 618-2051.**

THE NUMBERS

Project Expenditures TO DATE
= \$4,245

Local tree service fee = \$4,000

Wood splitter supplies and fuel
/chain sharpening = \$188

Snacks for Volunteers = \$57

Project Grant Awards

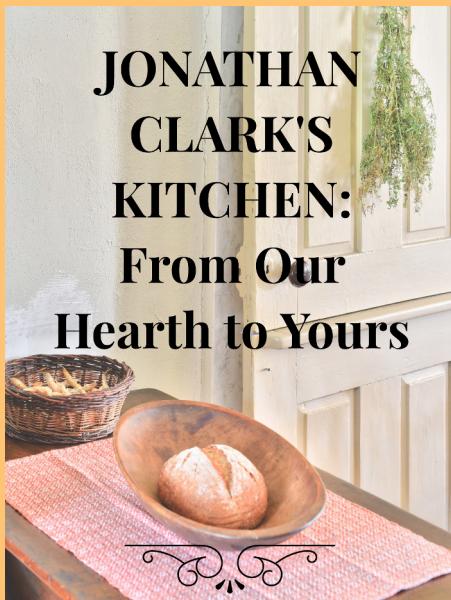
Pieper Power = \$1,500

Egelhoff Lawn Service = \$50

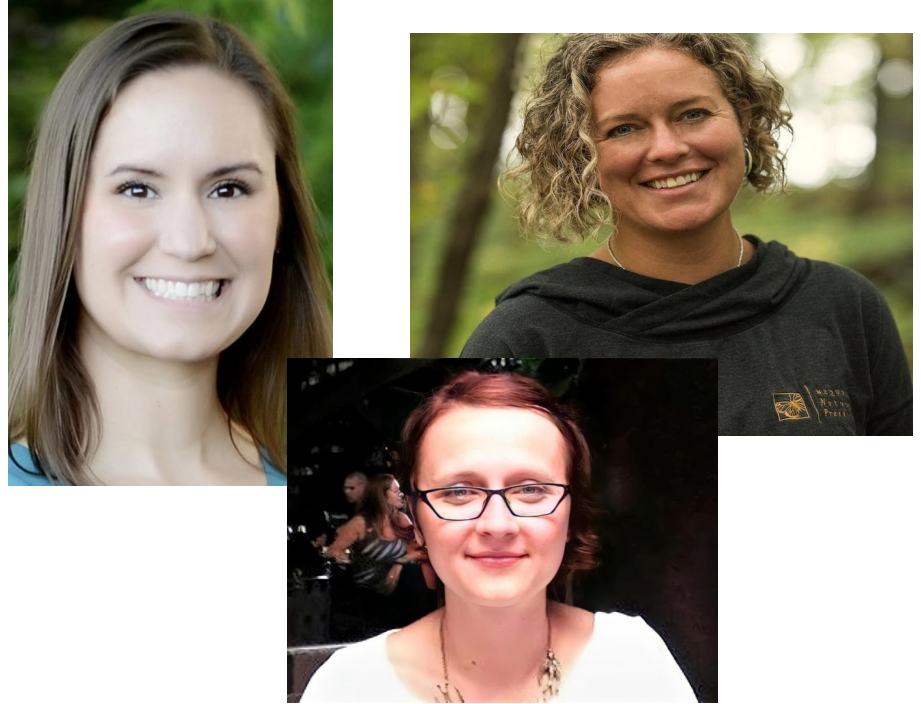
***Remaining Project Expenses =
\$2,695**

A COMMUNITY PLATFORM

JCH was recently invited back as a guest of the Frank L. Weyenberg Library here in Mequon as their March 2022 exhibition. We were proud to present our exhibit *Jonathan Clark's Kitchen: From Our Hearth to Yours*, a historical perspective on the relationship of food to settler life in Wisconsin as interpreted from the time period of the Jonathan Clark House (1848). It was a pleasure to share our historical voice with the library's committed community of users, and hope to be back to continue our partnership that helps to serve both our missions of education. To view the content of our 2022 exhibit, visit our website here: <https://jonathanclarkhouse.com/gallery>.



A GROWING FRIENDSHIP SPARKS MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION



Great partnerships can grow from conversations with friends, and the new JCH Partnership with Kritsin Gies of the Mequon Nature Preserve, and Kate Erickson of MATC (Mequon Campus) is just such an example.

Dubbed the **Brown Bag Series**, these informal afternoon talks will discuss the history of the Mequon Nature Preserve land, and the development of your community. Please see details below to join in on this enriching series.

All talks will be **in-person** at the PieperPower Education Center at Mequon Nature Preserve and **streaming live** on Streamyard (stay tuned for the link!).

“Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: The Beginning of Human Connection to the Earth.” w/ Kate Erickson, professor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. **Wednesday, April 20 from 12-2pm**

“Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: European Settlement and the Shift of Mindset About the Earth.” w/ Dana Hansen, Executive Director at Jonathan Clark House. **Wednesday, May 18 from 12-2pm**

“Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: It’s Time to Reconnect to the Earth, But How Do We Do That?” w/ Kristin Gies, Executive Director at Mequon Nature Preserve. **Wednesday, June 15 from 12-2pm**

NEW PARTNERSHIP BEGETS FUN AND FUNDS, SEE YOU AT THE BALLGAME!



FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Raise money for a cause you believe in.



Jonathan M. Clark House
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JCH PLAYS BALL WITH THE CHINOOKS FRIDAY, JUNE 3

6:35PM | vs WISCONSIN RAPIDS RAFTERS

\$18 package (\$28 value) includes: General Admission ticket, hot dog, chips, and canned soda or water

For every package sold, your group receives \$5!

PROMO CODE: JCH

Purchase tickets online, by phone, or email:

Lakeshore Chinooks Baseball • N83 W13280 Leon Rd • Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Phone: 262-618-4659 Email: fundraising@lakeshorechinooks.com

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- 4
Select your seats and follow the checkout instructions
 - 5
Print your tickets!

Tickets must be printed by purchaser, vouchers will be mailed



HERITAGE DAY(S) ARE BACK!

As the Spring chill gives way to a summer breeze, our *Heritage Days* event series is back in full bloom during 3 different Saturdays June-August. Each event will feature a new theme (TBA), interactive features, and family fun and refreshments for you to enjoy and come back for all summer. All your nostalgic favorites will be back too, with historic outdoor games, rope making with Fred Derr, and hands-on activities that engage understanding and learning of life in the mid-19th century. The house will be open with our revamped tours, so make sure to sign up for your time slot when you arrive. We invite you to be a part of your communities heritage, and spend a few Saturday's at *Heritage Days* this summer at JCH!



UPCOMING NOTABLE DATES & EVENTS

Mark your calendar's to experience the Jonathan Clark House Museum's fun and community centric events, coming soon and made for you!

APRIL

- **Wednesday, April 20th, 12pm-2pm** (PieperPower Education Center at Mequon Nature Preserve)
"Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: The Beginning of Human Connection to the Earth." w/ Kate Erickson, professor at Milwaukee Area Technical College

MAY

- **Wednesday, May 18th, 12pm-2pm** (PieperPower Education Center at Mequon Nature Preserve)
"Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: European Settlement and the Shift of Mindset About the Earth." w/ Dana Hansen, Executive Director at Jonathan Clark House
- **Thursday, May 26th, 4:40pm-6:30pm**
Tours & Trails Historic Bike Ride with the Cedarburg History Museum & Foxtown Brewing (Begins at CHM, ends at Foxtown)

JUNE

- **Tuesday, June 14th, 5:30pm-7pm**
Jonathan Clark's Kitchen: Strawberry Shortcake with Biscuits
- **Wednesday, June 15th, 12pm-2pm** (PieperPower Education Center at Mequon Nature Preserve)
"Mother Earth is Where We All Meet: It's Time to Reconnect to the Earth, But How Do We Do That?" w/ Kristin Gies, Executive Director at Mequon Nature Preserve.
- **Saturday, June 18th, 12pm-3pm**
Heritage Days (#1)
- **Tuesday, June 28th, 5pm-7pm**
Pie on the Patio (a Thank You event for our Donors & Friends)

JULY

- **Saturday, July 16th, 12pm-3pm**
Heritage Days (#2)

AUGUST

- **Saturday, August 20th, 12pm-3pm**
Heritage Days (#3)

SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday, September 1st, 5:30pm-7pm**
Jonathan Clark's Kitchen: Dutch Oven Corn Bread
- **Thursday, September 22nd, 4:30pm-6:30pm**
Tours & Trails Historic Bike Ride with the Cedarburg History Museum & Foxtown Brewing (Begins at CHM, ends at Foxtown)

SPRING 2022 SPOTLIGHT

Production of Threaded Rope in the 18th-19th Century

By: Spencer M. Holloway (JCH Young Historian and Volunteer)

Before industrial or machine operated rope was produced, it was traditionally made in peoples establishment of living, and produced by skilled workers and sold locally. Attaching the material or “thread” to hooks and twisting the strands together became prevalent as a practice in the 19th century once appliances became useful for rope making. It is this era of “Industrial Revolution,” where innovation and invention of machines, specifically spinning mills, made machine produced rope an everyday reality.

The first example of mass scale rope/thread production sees its roots back to 1764 when the Spinning Jenny was invented by James Hargreaves. Shockingly, it is said to have done the work of eight men. In fact, the Jenny was so effective at spinning thread and yarn, that it caused the price of yarn to dip. This development then led to an episode in 1768 where a group of spinners broke into Hargreaves house and destroyed his threading machines, a group of people that would later fall under the well known term Luddite (a blanket term used to describe people who dislike new technology). James Hargreaves would later apply for a patent but did not receive it as a large quantity of his machines had already been sold.

The second major advancement did not come until 1828 when John Thorp, an American, invented the ring spinning machine. This notable advancement in industrial threading would lead to its mechanized counterpart that we now use today. The main reason for the ring spinning machines' great effectiveness in production is due to the use of a ring and “traveler,” which reduces the friction coefficient while also keeping the spinning tension on a constant balanced level. This innovation in technology would pave the way for how rope is now made in our modern time. **Come to *Heritage Days* this summer at JCH to experience making your own piece of historic handmade rope!**

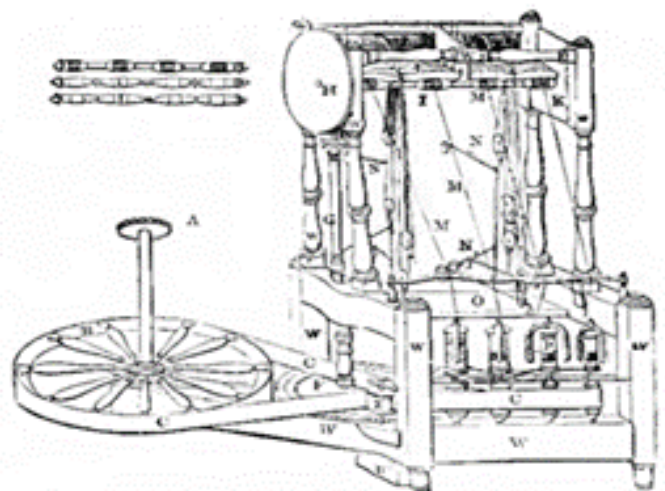
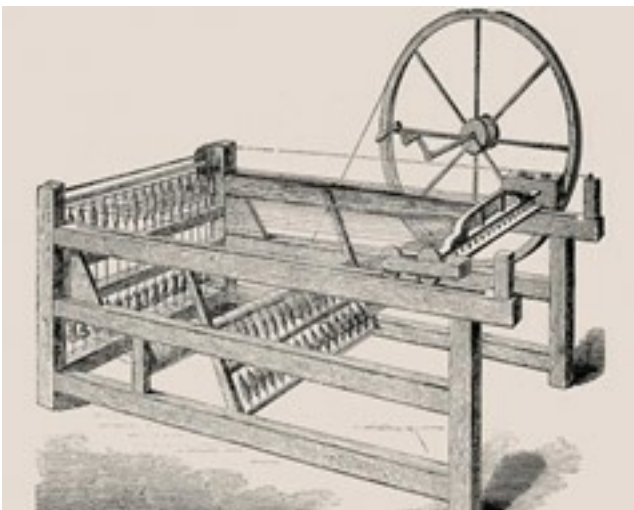


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