

Friends of Jonathan Clark House

June 2021 Newsletter

We Bring History to Life
on the Corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads in Mequon

Our mission:
To collect, preserve and share the history of the Jonathan Clark House
and the early settlers of Mequon Thiensville



We are pleased to be open for small group tours

The museum is open for small group tours of six or fewer, including children. We welcome your inquiry as to a good time to explore the museum or to see what is “new” since your last visit. Some tours will include outdoor games for children and adults. Contact Margaret and Nina.

Fred Derr and Nina Look are NOT Retiring

Fred and Nina are not going anywhere, unless you count their planned fall trip to Jonathan Clark’s home state of Vermont. Fred remains serving as the volunteer Preservation Manager, Grounds Manager, and Museum Co-Curator. He will continue to enlist the talents of JCH Friends in his work. Our organization is recruiting a paid part-time Director who will take on Nina’s current tasks of fund development, marketing, and event planning. Nina will continue to volunteer as Co-Curator of interpretation of the historic house museum, Lead Tour Docent, and will serve as an advisor to the new Director. Information on the director position is on the home page of our website. Please pass it on to anyone who may be interested in applying.

Gary Heckendorf, President
JCH Board of Directors

News of Recent Grants, Donations and Sponsorships - Thank you!

JCH Board of Directors and Staff – in memory of Diane Umhoefer

Linda Chay – In honor of Nina Look and Fred Derr

Fred Derr – Butternut drop-front desk to be used in the Curator’s Office on the second floor

Tom Frank/Mequon Thiensville Optimist Club – Stairwell painting project

Carolyn Lawrence – in honor of Margaret Bussone

Liz Merrigan – in honor of Linda Chay and the awesome staff at PWSB Mequon Branch

Tammie and Jim Strause – Education budget

Mike Uihlein – Sponsorship of wood-splitting froe

**JCH Young Historian Matthew Seiberlich
Organized a May Museum Tour and Brush Clean-Up Outing
Thank you, Scouts and Leaders!**



Museum tour, with Matthew on the left



Scouts tackling woodland brush

Announcing 2021 Events

Heritage Day - Saturday, July 17, 12:00 – 3:00

Pie on the Patio – Tuesday, July 20, 5:00 – 7:00

(rain date – Wednesday, July 21)



Event invitations will be sent in the next few days. Please feel free to send them to a friend or colleague. No reservations are needed for Heritage Day, but a **July 7**, RSVP date is set for Pie on the Patio.

Friends of Jonathan Clark House 2021 Board of Directors

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An Opportunity to Invest in your Historic House Museum

Would you like to sponsor a museum artifact or project? Contact Nina for details.



1790 Iron Tea Kettle \$200



Clothes Washing Equipment \$200



Hand-Forged Ash Shovel \$75

Friends of Jonathan Clark House 2021 Volunteer Staff

Dr. Nina Look, Executive Director and Co-Curator
Anne Bridges, Assistant Director – Special Projects
Shaw Bridges, Technology Director
Margaret Bussone, Education Director
Fred Derr, Co-Curator & Preservation Manager
Jean Hill, Photographer
Reed Perkins, Historian



Spencer Holloway



Cooper Ressel



Matthew Seiberlich

Congratulations to our graduating JCH Young Historians

Spencer Holloway – John Long Middle School, Grafton

Gabriel Cooper Ressel – Cedarburg High School, with honors. On to Michigan Tech.!

Matthew Seiberlich – Lake Shore Middle School, Mequon-Thiensville

Recent JCH Friends and Visitors



Chris Christon and fellow Cedarburg Artist Guild Members find unique spring painting opportunities at JCH



JCH Friends Henry Hile, Tom Daub and Fred Derr have fun hauling brush



My name is **Matthew Seiberlich** and I am an 8th Grader at Lakeshore Middle School and a Scout in **Troop 865**. I have been volunteering at the JCH for almost 4 years now, and I have loved every moment of it. When it came time for me to start planning my Eagle Project, I knew where I wanted to do it. It was just a matter of what to do. After much thought and discussion, I decided to build two bike racks for the JCH. I have recently gotten approval from my council and will begin construction very soon. I plan to finish in early summer.

The Jonathan Clark House, located between beautiful Mequon and historic Cedarburg, is truly a local treasure. From its unique architecture and historically accurate rooms and furnishings, it brings the visitors back to the 1840s frontier era of Wisconsin.

Dr. Patrick Steele, JCH Board Member and Professor, Concordia University Wisconsin

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