

MARKESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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“Weather” it seemed like the Easter season or not, Easter was a glorious day – spring is really right around the corner even though the snow led us to believe otherwise!

Let us talk business meeting first. We held our first business meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 13th. Lots was discussed from counting banks to making greeting cards to blacktopping the parking lot to deciding how many Saturdays we can be open depending on how many volunteers are able and willing to help out. The program was delivered by Officer Andrew Knurowski of the Oshkosh Police Dept. Andy is a 21 year veteran in Oshkosh and has lots of ‘history’. He has been involved in many different facets of police work and had a lot of different stories to share.

If you have been to the museum lately, you probably have noticed a few changes. Several of the young ladies (mannequins) have exchanged their apparel for a different look – lots of beautiful black dresses and/or skirts with crisp white blouses adorned with eyelet beading and furs. Very lovely. There is a new Tiffany-style lamp in the parlor. It was donated by Mr. Clarence Bush and hung in the Bush farmstead home. It had been stored in a box for many years – now it can be seen once again.

On a day in April, Jeannine Justmann gathered a little crew together to work in sorting, organizing, storing and admiring our quilt collection. So many and so beautiful. An old axiom says, “Many hands make light work”. So true; and, the work was fun! Speaking of many hands, on April 20th a group of high schoolers came to the museum for Youth Service Day and cleaned. The whole complex was dusted and swept in one afternoon. A big thank you to Larry and Kathy Holl, Peggy Cotterill,

Susan Gorr and Marlene Scott for supervising the crew and keeping them on task.

Next month we are looking forward to hosting Thomas R. Willett. Dr. Willett is a son of the community and he surely will be able to take us back at least 70 years in Markesan's past. Hope to see many of you at our meeting in May. **UPDATE* This meeting will be held at city hall.*

The elementary school children will finally be able to visit the museum once again and we need volunteers to show them around. Two groups will be coming down on Tuesday, May 31st – 4th graders at 9:00am and 3rd graders at 12:15pm. Please come and help pass our history down to the next generation. We will need at least 6 people for each group.

MEETINGS – For the status of meetings please check the Regional Reporter, the website , or the sign board in front of the museum

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