



Markesan Historical Society Gazette



January/February/March 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Program Chairman, Susan Gorr, has arranged programs for the following months:

April 15th: City Hall, 7 p.m.

Officer Andrew Knurosowski is an Oshkosh police officer who has been on the force since 2001. Andy was a member of the SWAT team and is presently an FTO, or field training officer. He will be giving us a bit of an insight into the daily routine of an Oshkosh police officer's duties.

May 13th: City Hall, 7 p.m.

Andrew Attar, one of our top field trial dog trainers, hails from neighboring Princeton during our pleasant months and from Georgia when our northern winter settles in. A field trial is a competitive event in which dogs compete for placements against each other. Andy is going to give us an idea of how he trains Labrador retrievers for field trials.

June 10th: The Barn, 7 p.m.

Two voyageurs from the fur trade era along the Fox River, Jerry Disterhaft and Glen Gorsuch, will engage you in the history of fur trading along the Fox River. Come prepared to hear about the voyageurs' way of life in the 1600s. Vive la compangie!

July 8th: The Barn, 7 p.m.

How appropriate to welcome Betty Burns for our July meeting,

a few days after we have celebrated our country's Independence Day. She is a quilter for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a national group with chapters in every state, whose mission it is to bestow patriotic quilts upon the veterans of our country in honor of their service to help keep America free!

August 12th: The Barn, 7 p.m.

Our last summer month we will be host to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Erdman from the Berlin Historical Society. We have invited them to come and share with their sister society (us) what their members are active in, and what they do to promote and encourage interest in their local history.

September 9th: The Barn, 7 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Willett, well known physician in the Green Lake and surrounding areas, and also a son of our own community of Markesan, will take us back in time when life was simpler in our home town. Fond memories for all.

October 14th: City Hall, 7 p.m.

October brings us to our last monthly meeting outside of November's Christmas dinner. Cheryl Nichols, who has been part of Princeton's city crew for many years and who has headed up Princeton's cemetery walk for the past three years, will come to share with us how Princeton's cemetery walk is organized and the interest that it generates.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

The first time that women voted in a presidential election was in the year of 1920.

When we vote in this year's presidential election, may we all remember the effort that was put forth to gain the right to vote!

The theme at the Grand River Valley Museum this year will be Women's Suffrage. In 1917, The National Women's Party was formed to help fight for women's rights. President Woodrow Wilson was against the 19th Amendment, but in 1918 he changed his mind and decided to support the amendment and on August 26, 1920 the 19th Amendment was signed into law.

Wisconsin women played key roles in the suffrage movement. Look for their names at the museum:

Theodora Youmans
Carrie Chapman Catt

Ada James

Olympia Brown

Jessie Jack Hooper

Laura Ross Wolcott

On the national level, Susan B. Anthony, was instrumental in this effort.

Did you know...
When women vote today, they stick their "I Voted" stickers on her gravestone?



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IN MEMORY

We pause in memory of
Lorenz Prochnow, Arlene Werth,
and Lyle Plagenz

NEW MEMBERS

Cristine Hess, Gina Kok and Chris Scott have joined the Markesan Historical Society. We welcome them, and look forward to working with these ladies. The old adage, "Many hands make quick work," is as true today as it was when first said. Bring a prospective member along to the April 15th meeting. New members are needed to help with all the work that goes on at the museum. It is enjoyable!

BABIES

Diane Cupery Meissner has given the Society an album filled with pictures of many of the babies her father, Dr. Dowe Cupery delivered during his time in Markesan. You will have the opportunity to look through this album when you visit the museum.

KIENAS BUILDING

A new furnace has been installed, walls are up, new wiring is in place, CAN lights will be placed and drywall and painting will soon be finished.



DUES

Support your historical society by paying your dues if you need to do so.

MEETINGS

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month during the summer at the museum at 7 p.m. October, November,

December,

April & May meetings are at the City Hall.

MEMBERSHIP

\$5/yr. individual

\$100/ lifetime individual
or husband & wife

MUSEUM HOURS

The Grand River Valley Museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

May through September.

The Museum is also open by appointment.