

Markesan Historical Society Gazette

Summer/Fall 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 9th

City Hall

7 p.m.

Nicole Overbeck,

Markesan Public Library Director,
will present the program

on Ancestry.com, a program

to which the library subscribes for
patrons to research their ancestry.

This will be an extremely informative

meeting. With the knowledge

shared, the long winter months can
be used to search your family tree.

Spread the word about this meeting

to find your roots.

The Historical Society has donated
funds for the library's subscription.

CALENDARS

The 2020 Calendars, designed by
Gayle Schultz and Sue Abendroth,
have arrived. They are \$5 each and
feature the Movers & Shapers of the
Grand River Valley Museum who are
no longer with us, but live on in our
memories.

COLORING/ACTIVITY BOOK

A history coloring/activity book has
been designed for children by Sue
Abendroth, Susan Gorr and Jeannine
Justmann. This book will enable the
younger crowd to become familiar with
the museum, its artifacts, and history
of Markesan. It will go to a publisher
in the near future.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, November 13th

City Hall

5:30 p.m. Gathering

6:00 p.m. Catered Meal

This gathering will be a membership
appreciation dinner in place of the
Christmas Party.

The members have decided it would
be easier to gather in November
instead of December,

due to Wisconsin's unpredictable
weather. The meeting will be

discussed in detail at the October
meeting. If you have immediate

questions, you may call Kathy at
(920) 295-3042. The meal format will

be the same as before, with

members who have paid their dues
being treated to a free meal. A fee

will be charged for each guest.

Please bring a non-perishable food
item for the Food Pantry.


KIENAS BUILDING

The Kienas Building now has new
siding. The Society is considering
putting log siding on the front of the
building to match that of the main
building. Electricity has been
connected, and the overhead door has
been repaired. Board member, David
Prill, found 8 cabinets at a sale that will
be utilized in the building. Progress
continues, and plans for the office
and genealogy archives are being made
for the front section of the building.

WALTER O. KIENAS

Since the Society has purchased the Kienas Building, information about Walter Kienas is pertinent to historians.

Mr. Kienas attended Berlin schools and the School of Engineering in Milwaukee. He married Mary Godfrey in 1934. In 1945, Mr. & Mrs. Kienas moved to Markesan where he assumed ownership of the International Harvester dealership. He was active in the business for 12 years. Since leaving the implement business, he had operated Kienas Floral and Nursery in Markesan. He was active in civic affairs and served the city as mayor for 10 years. During his tenure as mayor, he was instrumental in the building of Riverdale Manor Nursing Home in 1961 and the Lanterns Supper Club in 1968. He was an honorary member of the Central Wisconsin Small Cities Association; Green Lake County Deputy Sheriffs Association; and a member of the Markesan Chamber of Commerce.

 Thank you, Shirley Parker, for arranging programs for our monthly meetings for many years. Your willingness has been greatly appreciated. Susan Gorr will now take up this responsibility.

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HERITAGE DAY

The 28th Annual Heritage Day was held on Sunday, September 15th at the museum from 1 to 5 p.m.

A good turnout of 180 plus people toured the facility, enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors, partook of refreshments, and reminisced about days gone by.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all who readied the museum for Heritage Day by cleaning, arranging displays, making pies and other refreshments, lining up demonstrators, and advertising the event.

Plans are already being made for 2020.

 Thank you to all members who so faithfully staffed the museum throughout the summer for visitors to enjoy. The museum could not be open without you! Thanks, too, to the Markesan Beautification Committee for maintaining the garden by the Depot and the museum flower pots. A special thank you to Kathy Holl for arranging the member appreciation dinner. Fellowship is important!

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.