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Living on the Lake: Washburn Historic Cottages

On Saturday, July 28 from 10:00 to 2:00, the Washburn Heritage Association (WHA) will hold its fourth annual home tour from 10:00 to 2:00. Join us for this opportunity to see some of Washburn's historic, waterfront cottages.

Lake Superior Magazine published an article about this tour in the July/August issue which highlights the amazing restoration of the old Washburn Pumphouse. The other four residences on Pumphouse Road which will be open for the tour include "White Wings" (Bowles) cottage, the Sprague cottage, "Sandy Cove" (Pitblados) and the Bremner home.

Each building has a unique personality which is very different from the rest. All have a story to tell, and some of the histories go back three and four generations. In some cases, descendants of the original owners will be on hand.

Tickets for the tour are \$10.00 and can be purchased at Karlyn's Gallery in Washburn, Stone's Throw in Bayfield and Salmagundi in Ashland. They can also be purchased the day of the tour at the WHA tent situated on the corner of Pumphouse Road and First Ave. East.

Summer Events Calendar

Tuesday, June 26 – Tony Woiak History Festival

Tuesday, July 10 – Tony Woiak History Festival

Tuesday, July 24 – Tony Woiak History Festival

Saturday, July 28 – Brownstone Block Party Trolley Tours

Saturday, July 28 – Living on the Lake-Home Tour

Tuesday, July 31 – Tony Woiak History Festival



All Aboard

Could you find a craftsman style house in Washburn? How about a Dutch Colonial? Take a free, air-conditioned trolley ride around Washburn during the Brownstone Block Party and in just an hour you may learn lots of details you didn't know about your home town. The trip starts and ends at the corner of Bayfield Street and 3rd Avenue West in front of the IGA. Tours will start at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

The tour has been supported each year by Ron and Kay Maassen who, grew up in Washburn and love their childhood memories and local history.

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Seventh Annual—2018 Summer Tony Woiak

History Festival

Harbor View Event Center, Washburn, WI ~ All presentations on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.
\$5 admission—refreshments will be served.



Tuesday, June 26: Karlyn's Pretty Good Pot Shop

Join Karlyn Holman as she shares her fifty-year-long history of beginning a small "brick and mortar" pottery shop to developing the space into a present-day art school.

Music: Russ Darwin and Dan Holman

Tuesday, July 10: The Great War Comes to Washburn

The First World War had a profound effect on the Washburn community. Bob and Susan Mackreth will offer a view of the home front and tell the stories of the Washburn men and women who served in the war. Music: Rick Gilman



Tuesday, July 24: Sata Ratkaisau: A Look Back at the Finn Settlement

A Look Back at the Finn Settlement - Join Irene Blakely for a walk back in time down Friendly Valley Road at the junction with Niemisto Road.

Music: Jan Lee and Kris Edmunds



Tuesday, July 31:

Ballyhoo! Backstage! Big Top Show Memory Wars of the Song and Chance Man.

Backstage at the Big Top Tent Show. Memory Wars of the Song and Chance Man. Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua founder, impresario, and host Warren Nelson brings to the stage his 23 years of being top hat of this Wisconsin treasured tent show. Music: Warren Nelson

Brought to you by the Washburn Area Historical Society and the Washburn Heritage Association.

Major festival funding provided by the Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy

Visit: www.washburnheritage.org for more detailed information on each program.

Washburn's Airstrip, Missing Houses of Washburn...

... Explosion at the Barksdale Plant, Houghton Point Village, Influential Washburn Women, Lake Superior is the Boss, Area Skiing History, Walker High School Fire, Tracing History of Healthcare in Washburn ...these are a few of the topics from previous history festivals.

We are in the seventh year of Tony Woiak History Festivals and if you haven't yet had a chance to come to a presentation, this summer's line-up promises to be intriguing and fun and we hope you can join us. In addition to the talks, area musicians will entertain and refreshments are provided during the social time.

The goal of these festivals is to share stories about our past, to remind us of where we have been and to build community among those who hear the stories. The Heritage Association co-sponsors these events with the Washburn Area Historical Society. DVD's of many of the presentations are available at the Washburn Public Library.

What's New on Washburn's Main Street

Keep your eye on Bayfield Street. Changes are coming this summer.

Thanks to some very generous gifts from several donors over the past few years, the WHA treasury increased to more than we need for routine business. We had enough cash on hand to take on a substantial project. We wanted to choose something our members and donors would endorse that would align with our mission of preserving the buildings in our community. The decision finally approved was to offer monies to businesses for façade improvements.

In March, we went door to door along the entire length of Bayfield Street to hand to business owners our information and application packet. During this time, we heard about lots of plans from lots of owners. It seems we all agree that a vibrant, welcoming main street would reflect the caring community in which we live.

On the April 30 submission deadline, we were delighted and gratified to receive 12 applications. As we read the proposals, we wished we had had enough money to fund each one. Clearly, we could not. The strategy we adopted was to fund three adjacent construction projects in the heart of town that, taken together, will create a big, lasting impact. Each project will receive a portion of the total they will be spending. As least one owner will reach out to the City's façade loan program to supplement our grant.

The three buildings are the law offices of Spears, Carlson and Coleman, the ABC Thrift Shop and the Brownstone Pharmacy. By summer's end, each will have a new or refreshed façade. From all reports, other business owners will also be making improvements up and down Bayfield Street. Our main street will invite those who pass through to take advantage of our shops and services, and to consider living here, investing in our community and sustaining our community into the future.



Bayfield Street Businesses Recognized

Harbor House Sweets and Blue Water Realty will receive awards this summer in appreciation of their appearance and their contribution to the overall ambience of our public areas. In so doing, the Washburn Heritage Association (WHA) recognizes the commercial as well as the aesthetic value in having a downtown we can point to with pride.

Harbor House Sweets highlights what is possible with imagination and lots of elbow grease. Blue Water Realty's navy and white façade, signage and overall charm demonstrates what a little (okay, a lot) of paint can accomplish. Both buildings are examples of the Western Fake Front design so popular at the turn of the 20th century and repeated many times in Washburn's downtown buildings.

These awards are presented by the WHA Façade Committee which looks to the history of the structure, the design attributes, maintenance, signage and even windows on the street, as these features add to the sense of charm and pride-of-place. All structures are considered, even those without commercial status, which have a visual impact on our community. Professionals within the WHA are ready and willing to work with building owners contemplating small or large changes.

OTHER WHA PROJECTS

Historic Maps/Placemats

We have available the Washburn historic maps/placemats which show historic sites around town and provides some historical background and photos. Contact Sandy Johnson: 715-373-2404 if you would like a copy.

Walking Tour Booklet

We are the distributors for the Washburn Walking Tour booklet, *Wood, Stone and Water*, which contains a treasure of Washburn information. They are available at the Cultural Center, Chequamegon Books and other area outlets.

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Welcome to these Amazing New Board Members

Steve Cotherman trained to be an art historian and museum curator at Hamline University in St. Paul and at the University of Kentucky in Lexington and has been working as a cultural historian ever since. He moved to Washburn in 1992 and became director/curator of the Madeline Island Museum. In 2016, he accepted the position of director of the Washburn Cultural Center. In his limited spare time, Steve creates art and plays music. His wife, Mary, has ties to Washburn from the 1890's when her great grandfather migrated here from Norway.

Karen Novachek grew up in Washburn. She attended St Olaf College for her undergraduate degree in Sociology and the University of Illinois where she received a Master of Social Work. Most of her adult life was spent in Arizona where she worked as a Human Services planner, administrator, public policy advocate. Karen returned to her hometown a year and a half ago and really enjoys being back. She currently is a volunteer at the ABC Thrift Shop, co-chairs the Cornucopia Art Crawl, and was elected to the Washburn City Council in April.

Join us!

If you are interested in any of our projects and would like to volunteer to help, or if you have ideas for new projects, please talk to any board member. You can join the Washburn Heritage Association by visiting our website and downloading the membership form. Or call 715-373-5212 to have a form mailed to you.

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