



President's Letter

Mary Gruhl, President

Congratulations to our authors, Patra Holter, Sharon Stewart, Ginny Pedersen and Lynn Adams. After hundreds of hours producing over 30 panels for the Kiosk

located in Wikdal Park, they have successfully converted the information into a fantastic book *"The Spirit of Washburn."* This is a tremendous accomplishment and fulfills our mission of "Enriching the experience of living in our community by telling the compelling stories....of the Washburn area."

And the storytelling continues. Details for the upcoming winter series of the Tony Woiak History Festival are in place with, yet again, four exciting presentations. This is one of few events that has not increased in price. It is \$5 and free for students. Join us for another exciting series of stories about our local history.

And still more stories will be told on May 24th when we will celebrate the East Third Street Residential Historic District and Jackie's Field and how they came about. It will be a day

full of fun with activities for children and adults alike and opportunities to learn about the history of the homes surrounding the field. We look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming storytelling events. Thank you always for continuing to support our efforts.



MAY is Preservation Month

Each year, the Washburn Heritage Association observes May Historic Preservation Month. The Buildings and Sites Committee has primary responsibility for planning events and activities that focus on Washburn's historic buildings and their stories.

May Historic Preservation Month 2025 will tell the story, not only of structures, but also the heritage of place and the importance of its preservation.

Major activities are:

- * Proclamation early in May: Mayor Mary Motiff
- * All month: historic buildings self tour (look for orange signs designating locations)
- * Saturday, May 24 at Jackie's Field, a variety of events for all ages:

Cannon volley to signal the start of events

Guided tour of the exterior of some houses built to house DuPont employees (tour led by an architect/Board member Lucille Strawn Sells)

Presentation by Jack Peterson's family members focusing on his heritage and the heritage of the park Games from the 50's for all ages

Pickleball clinic for adults and youth at the Pickleball Courts

Courts

Softball and soccer games

Food Truck

Free popcorn and s'mores

A schedule of events and times will be available in April. Mark May 24th on your calendar and plan to join us to celebrate Washburn's history and heritage.



Invitation to Annual Meeting

We invite all our members to WHA's Annual Board Meeting at the Washburn Cultural Center on January 21 at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet board members and offer suggestions. We are always looking for new ways to share our heritage with all the residents of the City of Washburn and the Towns of Barksdale, Bayview, and Washburn.

2025

Dues are Due!

It is time to renew your membership. This year there is an additional way to pay. WHA now accepts payment using Paypal or credit card. Visit our website:
www.washburnheritage.org

While you are online check out our giftshop to purchase our new book "The Spirit of Washburn" or "Wood, Stone and Water."



Tony Woiak Season Fourteen

Stories in the Sands, Stories in the Stones, Stories of a Scoundrel and Stories in Song!
This season you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars.
Still the best deal in town at \$5.



14TH ANNUAL TONY WOIAK WINTER History Festival

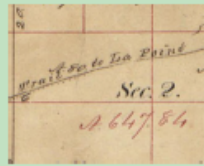
Students Free

HARBOR TABLE – WASHBURN

ALL EVENTS TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

\$5

TUES JAN 14



"TRAIL TO LAPOINTE": A JOURNEY ACROSS THE NORTHWEST SANDS THROUGH TIME

The Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape (our "sand barrens") has been a conduit of travel throughout human history. This presentation will explore the reasons for this and the people who utilized it, as well as the modern initiative to create a Northwest Sands Auto Trail. Geology, ecology, history, and culture intersect in telling the story of this fascinating landscape. — **BRIAN FINSTAD, SPEAKER**

TUES JAN 28



"THE BANK BUILDING": DICK OLSON WITH KAREN MAKI, SHARON STEWART, AND STEVE COTHERMAN

What it was and how it was saved! This presentation developed from a panel discussion about the Cultural Center Building which was given last spring during Historic Preservation Month.

TUES FEB 11



"THE WICKED MR. PROBERT": BOB MACKRETH

Early Washburn Mayor A.C. Probert was a genuine scoundrel, a conman so smooth that he left a cross-country trail of hoodwinked investors and broken hearts from Wisconsin to California. Join Bob Mackreth to hear tales of a consummate villain, his crimes, his narrow escapes, and much more, including new information from Bob's recent research.

TUES FEB 25



"COMMUNITY VOICES IN HARMONY": MICHAEL POWERS

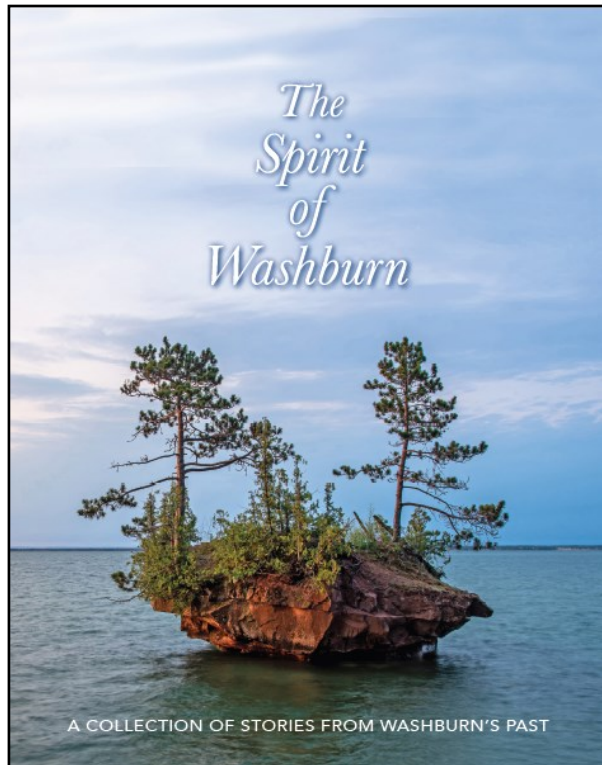
Share and celebrate in the 52-year journey of the Chequamegon Area Choir, a "painless and penalty-free" vocal ensemble singing on the shores of Lake Superior for over a half century. Come and discover how singing can help you "find your inner voice"! No auditions required for this event!

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WHA Launches New Book

The Washburn Heritage Association is happy to announce publication of *"The Spirit of Washburn,"* a 200+ page book telling stories of the culture and history of our town. The Washburn Community Educational Foundation and the Washburn Heritage Association supported the project financially.

Authors Lynn Adams, Patra Holter, Ginny Pedersen, and Sharon Stewart met twice a week for two years adapting for publication their previous work on panels for the WHA Kiosk in Wikdal Park. Some topics of the twenty-eight chapters include logging, Dupont, the library, city parks, churches, and city bands.

Roslyn Nelson of LittleBigBayShop.com designed the book. The cover photo is the work of Jeremy Oswald of FirstClickPhoto.com.

A book launch was held on November 21 at the Washburn Cultural Center. *"The Spirit of Washburn"* can be purchased at area bookstores, businesses, and through Amazon.

This important book tells many of Washburn's past stories and is dedicated to all who came before us to make the City what it is today. Now that the book is published, work on new kiosk panels continues.



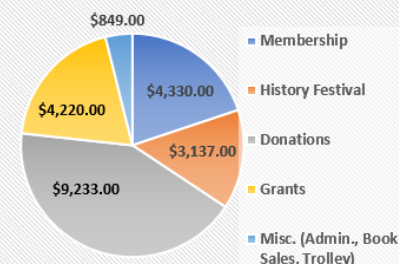
Above: Book launch and signing reception at the WCC.

Left: The books are here!

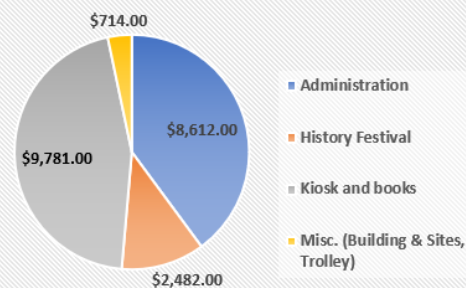


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2024?

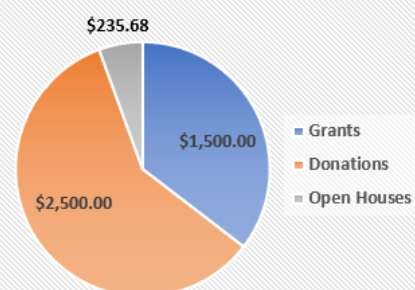
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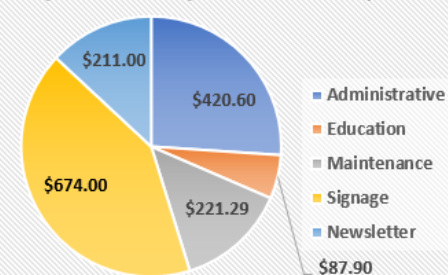
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