



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Museum Hours:
May through October
2020 - by Appointment Only

Email: info@pewaukeehistory.org
Website: www.pewaukeehistory.org
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262-691-0233

Fall, 2020

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 13 - Harvest Fest
CANCELLED

Sept. 24-26-Rummage Sale
CANCELLED

Oct. 28 - Fall Mtg.
CANCELLED

Dec. 5 - Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Exhibit Bldg.



**Clark House
Now OPEN
For Visitors
by
Appointment
Only**

by Tom Brick

The Clark House Museum and Steele Exhibit Building are now open to the public, but by *appointment only*. Please leave a phone message (262-691-0233) or contact us by email at (info@pewaukeehistory.org). We will get back to you and make arrangements for your tour which can be scheduled for weekdays or on weekends through the end of October.

Event Update Information

After much discussion by PAHS board, due to the safety and with consideration of our volunteers and visitors, *the following 2020 events have been CANCELLED.*

- Ice Cream Social
- Pewaukee Boat Show
- Harvest Fest
- Rummage Sale
- Fall Meeting

We look forward to 2021 when we can again share time together at these events.

Remember . . . We're making history whether we like it or not!

Historical Society in Bloom

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Today is the final day of July, and I haven't caught my first fish yet! I was out early today for some reason. It's fun to drive around when there's almost no traffic. And no school buses. I stopped at the Historical Society to tend to another matter but took the opportunity to walk the grounds before the sun was higher and hotter.

The low angle of light cast long shadows everywhere. Everything was illuminated differently with the early golden glow. It was peaceful, serene. And made me feel fortunate to be part of a beautiful setting cared for by so many good people that work together for the common good. And to share it with anyone who takes the time to stop by "to see what's old". But new to many!



Next time you see Duane Bower, our perennial (and annual) caretaker, thank him for the job he does planting and taking care of the flowers and many other things. The flowers were again donated by Schuelte's.

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Thank them too.

Stop by soon and walk the brick path, visually inhale the flowers that are blooming and waiting to be admired. If you see a weed, give it a yank! And there are new bricks in the path. They're the ones you don't remember seeing before. Thanks for planting them Dick.



Take a slow stroll on us!



Paint-a-thon an update...

by "Rembrandt"

Going past at 30mph, you can't tell the difference, *Pshaw!* But to view a fine diamond you must look carefully and closely! This is no *diamond in the rough* anymore but does have a few rough spots which Duane can't help but point out. But, who wouldn't at 170 years, not Duane, the house! We have painted on about seven different days that were forecast to be cooler and cloudy. Most of the time, they were. We had a variety of painters with a variety

of experience. Our youngest was Jim T's grandson Morrison (8) and granddaughter Emma (10) who said she "liked to paint" which was evident in her eagerness to have a brush and something to paint. She was put in charge of painting all the rusting gas pipes. They now look like an ad for the gas company.

Unlike his grandfather, Morrison had too much energy. How to harness that exuberance and control it at the same time? He scurried as his grandpa deliberately counted the steps up to the second floor porch. They chipped away at the peeling paint til it looked like it was snowing in June. Thanks Jim for including them in our project.

Then the age curve jumps abruptly so we won't mention age. With age comes experience and hopefully skill in painting.

Getting the paint matched to the original "1836 Asa-Gold" took about 3 days. The first vendor had changed paint matching systems so were unable to plug in the old recipe. And the new system would not match it. So off to the next vendor, Sherwin-Williams, who had a bit of a struggle but got it after several tries. They have it "on file now" so should be no problem in the future. Sound familiar?

Dick Rosenberger pressure washed the first floor and blew paint chips all the way to Waukesha. Thanks Dick, now I have to rake.

Painters were: Duane B, Carole B (Picasso), Jim T, granddaughter Emma

grandson Morrison, Tom Brick and myself (Rembrandt). So we had a variety of talent but we still have openings.

Our goal was to paint one board above the windows/doors on the first floor only. We have already gone beyond that and bent the rules by painting the railings in the gazebo which were much in need. Then the upper porch west end railing was painted by Picasso and Duane. And as long as they were already up there, the gable (gold) was painted as well.

All of the Asa Gold on the first floor has now been completed. And we didn't even use all the paint.

What remains for this year is to paint all the white trim on the first floor. We'll wait for some cooler weather and let blisters heal before we start up again.

Painting volunteers are still needed to paint trim. There is a lot of trim but far less than Asa Gold so it will go much faster.

The plan next year is to have the second floor painted by professionals. Way too high for us seasoned painters!

Thanks again to all who have helped so far!

***Check out the pictures
on Page 5***

Welcome New Member

Linda Klimowicz

Thank you for your membership!

“And in this corner ...”

by Jeff Phillips

PAHS recently acquired a large photo of the “Shangri-La Mansion” on Pewaukee Lake (also known as the “Old Perigo Mansion”, during the 1960’s and 70’s). There are 25 additional photos that show the interior and the grounds of this 1920’s Italian Renaissance home.



The gift was donated by Alan Kodzik of 180 Property Restoration. He found the pictures in an attic of a commercial building in Waukesha.

Armin Schultz, son of a wealthy banker, created the ultimate summer house, which he named Shangri-La. It was built between 1926 and 1927. The 4,300 square foot house overlooks Pewaukee Lake, and yet it would be at home on the Italian Riviera. A rise in the land monumentalized the stuccoed concrete house, accented by a tiled roof and trios of arched openings, marked by twisted columns. A grand staircase swept up to the entrance on either side of which were concrete balustrades topped with classical urns. Inside, for years the house retained much of its original detail, such as brass and etched-glass light fixtures and wrought-iron gates between the dining and living

rooms. In the upstairs ladies’ lounge, Art Deco finishes included gold-leafed beveled woodwork, ziggurat and palmette moldings, reeded light fixtures, and multicolor lights concealed within the coved ceiling’s crown molding. Similar treatments embellished the enormous living room’s coved ceiling.

Schultz added a three bedroom Art Deco guest-house to the property in 1936, where his nephew’s family lived. This flat-roofed concrete building was marked by fluted ornaments at the corners, suggesting pilasters, and fluted panels over the ground-floor windows. The ornate doorway featured an elongated sunburst.

The house deteriorated over the years and was torn down and replaced a few years ago. Elements of the guest house, a garage, still remain. Boaters from the lake can still see much of the original staircase to the lake.

These photos can be seen by appointment at the Clark House Museum in Pewaukee.

Driveway. . . . paves the way (to the past?)

by Cliff Muehlenberg

After waiting as long as we could, we hired PLM, who put the driveway in initially in 2007, to do the necessary replacement of the top (flat) section. Half the thickness was milled out and new asphalt was put back in, leveled, rolled, sealed and striped. It looks like new!

I was there on the day it

was done. It was one of those really hot days in June. The kind of day back when you were a kid and it was too hot to play baseball. And your mom suggested you setup a Kool-Aid stand on the front sidewalk. Yup, it was that hot.

If you stop by, you’ll see some tire marks in the new part. Apparently it’s been too hot for the asphalt to get as hard as it needs to get. But it should get “touched up” when it gets cooler and will look like it’s “right out of the box” again.



Historic Year = Money Blues

by Tom Brick, Treasurer

We’re making history..... the Pewaukee Area Historical Society has had to cancel all of our major fund raisers this year. Unfortunately, our monthly expenses continue as usual. We are asking our members and the community to help us out. Any donations to help us with our shortfall would be greatly appreciated. We are organized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational corporation and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations can be made payable to the Pewaukee Area Historical Society and mailed to 206 E. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee, WI 53072.

Thank you for your continued support!

Note: If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also.

*From the Kitchen of
Kathy Sampson
Wacky Cake*

3 Cups unsifted flour
2 Cups sugar
6 Tbsp. cocoa
2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 Cup + 4 Tbsp. butter or marg. Melted
2 Tbsp. vinegar
2 Cups warm water
2 tsp. vanilla
Dash of salt

Put all the ingredients in a bowl, mix well with a spoon. Pour into ungreased 9 X 13 or 15 X 10 pan. Bake at 375°.

9 X 13 for 25-30 minutes
10 X 15 for 20 minutes

I'm not sure where the Wacky Cake recipe came from. Judging by the condition of the recipe card, we've had it quite a while.

Recent Acquisitions

The following donations have been received and will be displayed as space permits.

**Dennis Mallat* – Crosby Steam Engine Indicator owned/used by Otto Mallat

**Alan Kodzik* – Pictures of Shangra-La Mansion on Pewaukee Lake THANK YOU!

NEWSLETTER

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Be part of the next PAHS newsletter by submitting an article or other event information to

Karen Merz – email:

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Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

October 15, 2020

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These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the PAHS. Please remember them when you need their services. Let's keep our Pewaukee businesses in Pewaukee and keep growing our business community!

Thanks for your business membership!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked “Sentry receipts” on the screen porch of the Clark House. Thanks for remembering!

**Grandkids
would like their
names here.**

Bricks still \$50

VOLUNTEER AND YOU TOO
COULD HAVE YOUR PICTURE IN PRINT!!



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society (PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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