



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2023 Museum Hours:
May 28 through October 29
Sundays 1-4 pm
May 31 through October 25
Wednesdays 1-4 pm

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Fall, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sept. 10 - Harvest Fest
Noon - 4:00 pm
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Oct. 5-7- Fall Rummage Sale
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Oct. 25 - Fall Mtg.
7:00 pm
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 2 - Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

It's Coming: HARVEST FEST 2023

by Carole Brinkman

While it's hard to believe that summer is winding down and kids will be heading back to school soon, we get to look forward to *HARVEST FEST*. The big day is Sunday, September 10, noon to 4:00 pm. If you've never been to our Harvest Fest, you'll be in for a treat. Demonstrators will be showing their skills in chair caning, basket weaving, knitting, woodworking, corn shelling and more. Come and



Geri Coen - Basket Weaving

watch them working on their craft. We are always looking for crafters to demonstrate for us. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Carole Brinkman at (262) 352-7892 to volunteer and share your talent.

A bake sale is planned and **BAKERS ARE NEEDED**. If you can provide bakery or preserves for the sale, they will be most appreciated. Produce is also welcome. We'll take your over-abundance of zucchini or other garden veggies off your hands. Items can be dropped off on Saturday, September 9 from 1-4 pm

in the Steele Building.

Marilyn Hagerstrand will assist you in how to find your long-lost ancestors and develop a family tree.



Marilyn Hagerstrand - Geneology

If you would like her assistance, please bring along basic family information: your name, date of birth, place, your parents and grandparents (names, date of birth/death, place, marriage). The more information you can provide, the better. Marilyn will be located inside the Clark House.

Old time games will be featured for the kids and of course, lunch will be available for purchase. We'll also have a raffle with some wonderful prizes (hint: handmade afghans) and other great prizes.

As this is one of our **MAJOR FUND-RAISERS**, come and share a fun and educational afternoon with your family and friends.

Questions? Call Carole Brinkman
(262) 352-7892

(Note: Construction on Prospect Ave. is scheduled to be complete before Harvest Fest. The street may not be paved but we can park there. The Fest must go on!)

RUMMAGE



Fall Rummage Sale

October 5-7

by Tom Brick

Believe it or not, Fall is almost here and the Fall rummage sale is just around the corner. Now is the time to start looking through your closets or the attic for past “treasures” that may be ready for a new home.

Drop off dates are:

Sept. 27th, Oct. 1st & Oct. 4th from 1-4 pm and Sept. 30th from 9-noon.

We need a variety of general rummage sale items. We CANNOT accept: TV's, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment. We appreciate your donations!

And don't forget to come to the sale to find your *new* “treasures”.

Sale Dates are:

Thursday, Oct. 5th 11 am – 6 pm

Friday, Oct. 6th 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday, Oct. 7th 9 am – 1 pm

Call to volunteer and be the first to see what is donated. . . . you just might need it.

History of Pewaukee Homes booklet

Pewaukee High School history student Kylee Kane chose researching Pewaukee homes and created this booklet as her spring project for Aaron Yuskis' class. She presented it to PAHS.

She is attending Carroll Univ. this fall. Thanks Kylee!



Flower Power!!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

This year would be different without our *perennial* volunteer, planter, weeder, waterer, etc., Duane Biber.

Our prayers were answered! And in a far better way than we could have ever imagined.

Linda Wittmann, member and Master Gardener Volunteer, thought perhaps our gardens could become a MGCV project. We thought, “great idea”. We are now an approved project. Linda is still seeking fellow MGCV's to help with maintaining, as MGCV's need volunteer hours to keep up their accreditation.

Christine and Franz of Schulte's Garden Center love the Historical Society and find it a peaceful place to visit. Christine told Linda she'd like to help. The two of them decided to redo the long bed in front of the house to the right of the front door. It had long been our testing plot for new weeds.

The bed had to be prepared, the soil amended, and flowers chosen. All of that was done by Linda and Christine with several trips to Schulte's. “*Weedless-to-say*”, all of it was done *masterfully*. The



bed was planted and fertilized in late June.

The pictures above and below don't do the beauty justice, as the flowers chosen and the growth has been phenomenal. Stop by soon to see their flower artistry. The daily watering has been persistently done by Carole B with a dribble of help from her friend *Rem*.

Many flowers, were donated by Christine and Franz of *Schulte's Garden Center*. Many thanks to them for their generosity. When you stop by please thank them yourself. And also to *Holtz Garden Center* that sells flowers each year in front of Ace Hardware. When they closed for the season, they delivered their unsold stock to us. And we in turn offered it asking only for a donation.

If you'd like to help with watering next summer, pick a day you could water each week including weekends.

Thank you!



“And in this corner ...”

by Jeff Phillips

At the end of the 19th Century, a device that became highly popular was the washing machine. Cleaning clothes was something that needed to be done by hand with large buckets in the backyard. The job was tedious and required a lot of time. Several companies developed automated machines, or at least something easier than sticking your hands into a wet bucket. The Historical Society has three machines, one on display.

The 1900 Cataract was developed by Thomas Burr Crary. In late 1898 and into the early months of 1899, Crary and several others formed a new firm they called the 1900 Washer Co. They intended to capitalize on the movement to bring efficiency and new methods of housekeeping to the millions of homes across the nation. The 1900 model was made until the 1920's. It's not sure how the Cataract name came about, but it is believed to be a combination of the business owner's names.

The user either turned a handle to rotate or rock the washing box to agitate the clothes. The “1900 Cataract” electric wringer washing machine had a rocking copper tub. The wringer was used to squeeze water out. Wringer washers were popular until about 1960 when they were replaced by spin-dry machines.

The business developed with the addition of electric motors. They eventually became the Whirlpool Company.

Hundreds of different washers were developed at the turn of

the century. At the time, you could buy the Cataract for \$43.95. That would be about \$1,500 in today's dollars. As many things, only the affluent could afford one. As more companies made them available, the price came down. This washer today, in restored condition could be worth as much as \$2,500.

PAHS has other machines in storage, but they are in need of restoration.

Following are some pictures of machines at PAHS. Stop in to see them in person.



Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

*Mark Heard – Baby sleeping coach 1877.

*Jane Kohl – Vintage German doll made by Armand Marseille with custom made clothes.

*Tina Wallsworth – Vintage coffee grinder, flat iron mounted on flat iron holder.

*Woman's Club Pewaukee – club records.

A New Event was born: ART AT THE MUSEUM

by Carole Brinkman

How do you create a new event? Well, this one was right under our nose for quite a while. Have you ever gone about your business day after day and never noticed what you're walking past? That was the case at the Clark House. One day Sharon Strieter said to me “we sure have a lot of nice paintings. We should have an art show”. And viola, Art at the Museum was born!

After looking at our walls and in the back corners of our storage area, we determined we had over two dozen pieces of art done in different mediums. We have traditional paintings, murals, a model of the Octagon House, a wood carving, a quilt, an embroidered picture, we even have a hair wreath.

Our newest event had a nice turnout on August 13th. We had a lot of visitors (even two Pewaukee police officers stopped by) to enjoy the show. We hope to make this an annual event to show off some of our collections. Maybe next year we'll have artists on the grounds painting. You can see most of our pieces the next time you visit the Clark House. Just look around – you'll see art all around you.

Additional Acquisitions:

*Denney Zenge – Black walnut rocking cradle.

These donations will be displayed as space permits.

Thank you for your donations to help us keep history alive.

“And a Good Time Was Had By All”

by Carole Brinkman

That was certainly the sentiment following our annual Ice Cream Social on July 9. The weather couldn't have been better to be enjoying ice cream on the grounds of the Clark House. Dan Pollack and Don Vort (balloon artist and magician from Big Guy's Magic) provided entertainment and the kids had fun trying out the old-time games.

Raffle items were donated by First Watch Restaurant, Harvest Home, Karen Merz, Kathy Losiniecki, Theresa Hoff, Mary Roeber, and Park Avenue Pizza. Thank you all for your generous donations!

The biggest THANK YOU goes to all our volunteers: Tom Brick, Bonnie Gluth, Theresa Hoff, Kathy & Tony Losiniecki, Karen Merz, Jeff Phillips, Christine Plichta, Dick Rosenberger, Susan Schweda, George & Sharon Strieter, Jim Tredwell, Penny Williams, and Jim Willis. I hope I didn't forget anyone!! *Thank a volunteer today!*

But, what would an ice cream social be without ice cream?? Thank you to the *Chocolate Factory* for donating everything from the ice cream, toppings, etc. and even the coolers that kept the ice cream at perfect scooping consistency. Kathy Losiniecki coordinated *Big Guy's Magic* and *Chocolate Factory* – Great job Kathy – THANK YOU! See everyone next year on July 14, 2024!!

NEWSLETTER

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Karen Merz – email:
info@pewaukeehistory.org
Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

October 15, 2023

BUSINESS MEMBERS

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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!

**Bricks can't talk
But they read very well.
And that says a lot.**

Still only \$50

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 Losinieck*

Pewaukee Apple – Apple Crisp

Preheat oven to 375°

Grease 8" x 8" pan

Crumble Topping:

2/3 cup oatmeal

1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup light brown sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 cup soft butter cut into small pieces

Apple Filling:

4 cups peeled thin sliced Pewaukee Apple

3 Tbl. salted butter melted

2 Tbl. flour

1 Tbl. lemon juice

3 Tbl. milk

1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

In a bowl, peel and slice apples and set aside.

In a small bowl, stir together melted butter and flour until smooth.

Add lemon, milk, vanilla and stir.

Stir in brown sugar and cinnamon.

Pour over the apples and mix to coat.

Pour apple mixture into an 8 x 8 pan.

Sprinkle crumble topping over the apples.

Bake until golden brown, 35-40 minutes.

Let it set and cool around 15 minutes.

Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

YUMMY!

**Wondering where you can get
Pewaukee Apples?**

by Karen Merz

Answer:

PAHS has two
Pewaukee Apple
Trees on the
Clark House
property.



Have you heard the phrase “Your cup runneth over”? Well, our Pewaukee Apple trees branches are loaded with apples. Stop by and pick some and make the recipe to the left.

Did you know?

The Pewaukee Apple was discovered by George P. Peffer growing in the Village of Pewaukee. Mr. Peffer concluded that because of its surroundings and appearance that it was a seedling of the Duchess Apple fertilized by some winter variety perhaps the Jonathan or Northern Spy apple. It was first exhibited at the Wisconsin Winter Meeting of the State Horticultural Society in 1872, and by the vote of the society in 1873, it was placed on the commercial list of apples where it remained until it was well tested all over our state. It is of good quality and fine appearance of both tree and fruit.

It is a great baking apple. Help the tree branches and pick a few apples to bake a sweet treat.

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PAHS Fall Meeting

October 25th 7:00 pm

Steele Exhibit Building

Join us for the Fall meeting. Planning for the program is in process. Check our website or facebook closer to the meeting date. It's a great time to visit with friends. See you there!

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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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