



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2024 Museum Hours:

Sundays 1-4 pm
May 26 - October 27
Wednesdays 1-4 pm
May 29 - October 30

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Fall, 2024

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 8 - Harvest Fest
Grounds of the
Clark House Museum
Noon - 4:00 pm

Oct. 30 - Fall Mtg.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting
Clark House Museum
& Steele Exhibit Bldg.
2:00 - 5:00 pm

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HARVEST FEST!

by Carole Brinkman

The big day is almost here! Mark your calendar for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - NOON - 4:00 pm.**



We'll have another excellent day of skilled people sharing their crafts with us. This year's demonstrators include Christine Plichta - knitting, Nancy Ryan - chair caning, Dick Minch - wood working, Geri Coen - basket weaving, Mac McDonald - stone and wood carving, Robert Strieter - corn shelling and much more.



Kids love to shell corn

Marilyn Hagerstrand will explain how to find your long-lost ancestors and develop your own family tree. Marilyn will be located in the Clark House.

We will again have a **BAKE SALE**, but *we NEED BAKERS*. If you are willing to bake for us, it would be greatly appreciated. All kinds of baked goods are welcome (cookies, cupcakes, breads, pies, cakes). Gluten free items are also needed. If you prepare canned goods, we'd also like whatever you make (jam, salsa, dilly beans, corn relish) surprise us! You can drop off your items at the Steele Building on Saturday, September 7 from noon - 3:00 pm, or leave your items on the table in the side porch of the Clark House by the driveway.

George Strieter will have fresh produce from his garden for sale. If you have an overabundance of produce from your garden, bring it on over! We will also have house plants available for sale.

And of course, we'll have our delicious hot beef sandwiches (made with Rosemary Larkin's special recipe) and hot dogs available for purchase.

As this is one of our major fundraisers, come spend a fun and educational afternoon with your family and friends and learn from our wonderful demonstrators. You don't even have to worry about missing a Packer game as they are scheduled to play on Friday.

PAHS FALL MEETING

It's Apple Time

by Carole Brinkman

Have you ever heard of the Pewaukee apple? If you have, you probably know that we have two trees on the grounds of the Clark House Museum.



There are many more scattered throughout the Pewaukee area. But where did they come from? Learn about the development and re-introduction of these trees by Sarah (Ruf) Spencer, Sally Ruf and Diana Conway at our PAHS Fall meeting on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 pm in the Steele Building. Who knows, maybe we'll have apples to sample!

Albrecht's Sentry Receipts

by Carole Brinkman

Do you shop at Albrecht's Sentry in Delafield? Are you aware of their *Funds for Friends* program? This is the easiest way to help PAHS raise funds. You go shopping, right? All you need to do is save your receipts and turn them in at the Clark House. We receive 1% of the total of all receipts received. You might say "what will my small amount do"? When you add all the others saving along with yours, it can add up in no time. Receipts must be less than 6 months old. You can leave receipts in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the side porch of the Clark House or mail them to PAHS (address on page 1). Thank you to all our regular savers. You help keep the lights on.

Traffic on the Plank

Road (by Alex Caldwell)

submitted by Tom Brick

(In 1843, one year old Alex Caldwell migrated with his family from New Haven, Connecticut to the Town of Pewaukee. His father, William Caldwell, purchased land just north of the current village. The following is part of a 1915 speech Alex gave to the Pewaukee Woman's Club. He describes what life was like in Pewaukee's early years, especially with the building of the plank road.)

Pewaukee had no railroad previous to 1853, but there was a good plank road built from Milwaukee to Watertown. Over this road, the products of southwestern Wisconsin were hauled to the Milwaukee market with horse teams. It was no rare thing to see forty teams in a string, all loaded with wheat, headed for Milwaukee. From 300 to 400 loads a day traveled through Pewaukee. A four-horse stagecoach, once a day each way, carried the passengers and the mail to and from the west. Stickney Goss kept the Pewaukee post office in his store, the building now occupied by George Alton. The stage stopped at the store door, the driver threw off the mail bags containing all the mail he carried, the bags were emptied on the store floor, Mr. Goss, assisted by all the persons who happened to be in the store, got down to work sorting the mail. All directed to Pewaukee, and to Merton, Monches and Sussex routed through the Pewaukee office, was kept; the rest put back in the bags, thrown on the stagecoach and away it went to the

next office to go through the same sorting process.

(Editor's note: And we complain when we don't get our mail in two days)

No, you didn't read this already!?

by Cliff Muehlenberg

This picture couldn't have been taken in January, so we waited til now! Linda Wittmann is finally being presented her *Volunteer of the Year* award for 2023 by Cliff Muehlenberg.



She is feverishly at it again this year. Please stop by and see the beauty that is growing better by the day. We've never looked so good! And this year, she has a fellow Master Gardener Volunteer giving her a hand whose name is Fe Petterson. Flowers and supplies from Schulte's.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Business Membership
Heather Noel/Ampersand
Marketing

Annual Membership
Juli Garton

Thank you for supporting
PAHS!

“And in this corner ...”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

One complaint about museums is, “We’ve seen it. Why should we go there again?” Well, if they never changed, that would be a good reason. One of our local historians, Sharon Strieter, does an excellent job of frequently changing the Clark House exhibits in the “main room”. That’s the room that has the beautiful mural of Waukesha Beach, by Orel Rooney. When viewing it, I get a *feeling* of what it was like to be there so many years ago.

So, the Clark House *does* have exhibit changes and not always the same! But what about the Exhibit Building? We will be redoing part of it to make it easier to change. Giving us flexibility to change subjects easily. Some renovations will be made in the near future to make that possible!

One of the permanent exhibits that will be redone is the Ice Harvesting on Pewaukee Lake. It was a huge business from the late 1800’s til about 1930 when refrigeration was first being introduced. Ice houses were everywhere! And some were huge! Especially along the railroad line by Kopmeier Drive. Some may not know but Mr. Kopmeier was president of Wisconsin Ice and Coal in Milwaukee.

Ice was important to the meat packing and brewing industry in Milwaukee and Chicago. In those days most every home had an “ice box”. And the ice man would come year-round with a horse-drawn wagon full of ice covered with a heavy tarp on the same day each week. It

was up to the resident of the house to put a placard in the window indicating how many pounds of ice was needed. He would carry it to the house and usually come inside and put it in the ice box.

In the summer, kids on summer vacation would often follow the ice wagon in hopes he would chip off a piece of ice for the kids to suck on. On hot days, he was very popular!

If you have any ice industry memorabilia that you’re no longer using, perhaps we could incorporate it into our revised display.

The area that will be changing will be where the ice exhibit is now and the wall adjacent to it. It should be fun. I don’t know why anyone would ever think a museum is boring when each of us is making *new history* each and every day...and without even realizing it!

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

*Ken Carpenter – Vintage doll

*Juli Garton – Vintage 1936 wicker doll buggy.

*Diane McFarlin – Rug beater, Fenton bowl, Goebels items, weather forcaster, Hotel Empress mug.

*Sussex-Lisbon Hist. Society – Photos of Pewaukee, ash trays from Oakton Manor & Beer Depot, various newspaper articles, framed photo of boy fishing.

Thank you for helping us to keep Pewaukee’s history alive!



If you want to become one of the most popular people at the Clark House, become one of our Wednesday volunteers. Volunteers are at the Clark House every Wednesday (year round) from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Stop in and help out. There’s always something to do.

On the lighter side

A Senior’s Version of Facebook

For those of us who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists. . . . here’s a senior trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying all the same principles . . . Here’s his story:

Everyday I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I had done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing basically what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to the conversations, give them a “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. And it works just like Facebook I already have 4 people following me:

2 Police Officers
1 Private Detective . . .
and
1 Psychiatrist

Art at the Museum

by Carole Brinkman

Sunday, August 11th was a “picture” perfect day for us to be hosting the Pewaukee Area Arts Council plein air (outdoor) art competition. Eight artists used their skills in pencil, chalk and paint to create beautiful renderings of the Clark House and grounds. Artists were judged by people’s choice and the top four winners received a cash prize with the others receiving honorable mention. Besides being able to watch creations unfold, the public could view various forms of art in both the Clark House and Steele Building from our own collection. A favorite was our “hair wreath”. Don’t know what that is? Come and see for yourself in our kitchen. If you missed this year’s event, we hope to have the artists back again next year.



NEWSLETTER

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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 262-695-0060

Deadline for the next newsletter is

October 15, 2024

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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!

Nancy Sinatra said,

**“These bricks were made
for walkin’.”**

(And at Blue Light Special pricing - \$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
Karen Merz*

Old-Fashioned Apple Crisp

- 8 large tart apples (peeled & sliced)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine

Place sliced apples in a 9" x 13" x 2" greased pan.
Combine cinnamon and brown sugar.
Sprinkle apples with half of this mixture.

Combine granulated sugar, flour, egg, salt and baking powder and spread over apple slices. This will act like pie-crust dough.
Sprinkle remaining cinnamon and brown sugar over contents.

Pour melted butter or margarine over the top and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until done.

Can be frozen after preparation and baked after being frozen

Yield: 10 servings



Note: I know where you can get some Pewaukee apples.

Plein art in progress



and musical art.



Memories of the 2024 Ice Cream Social . . .



Scoopers
are
setup and
ready!



All customers are welcome!

Thank you everyone for your support!

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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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