



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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Spring, 2023

Upcoming Events

Apr. 20-22 - Spring Rummage Sale

Apr. 26-Spring Mtg.
7:00 pm
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 23-Community Night 7:00 pm
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S. History students)

June 11 - Show Us Your Collection

July 9 - Ice Cream Social

Aug. 13 - Art at the Museum

Sept. 10 - Harvest Fest

Oct. 5-7- Fall Rummage Sale

Oct. 25 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 2 - Tree Lighting

Springing into PAHS Busy Season

There's just something about spring flowers that wakes us up and gets us ready for the seasons of warm weather . . . well, not here yet but coming soon (we hope). Mark your calendars and don't miss any of our upcoming events. Attend, bring a friend or heck, maybe even volunteer. See you at the Clark House soon!



Honoring our Veterans Who Gave of Themselves

**PAHS Spring Meeting
April 26th
7:00 pm
Steele Bldg.**



PAHS member, Jean Miller will present our program with updates on the Bell Tower Memorial project scheduled to be at Kiwanis Village Park.

What better way to show respect to our veterans who gave their selves for our freedom than a memorial site of remembrance.

Plan on attending this meeting, bring a veteran that you know. Refreshments will be served and friendships renewed.



April 20 - 22

Steele Exhibit Building

For the first time, we are having a *SPRING* rummage sale. So, when you're doing your spring house cleaning, think of donating some of those old, but still nice, dusty items to us. This is one of our main fund raising events and all donations will be appreciated.

Drop off dates are April 12, 16 and 19 from 1:00-4:00 pm, and April 15 from 9:00 am - noon.

We need a variety of general rummage sale items. We CAN NOT accept: TV's, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment. *Sale dates* are:

Thurs., April 20, 11:00 am-6:00 pm
Fri., April 21, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat., April 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Stop by and shop, you're sure to find a bargain.

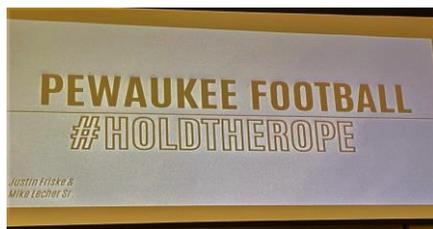
Clark House Museum Tours

Looking for something to do with the kids, grandkids or out of town visitors? The Clark House Museum will begin it's 2023 free tours on Sunday, May 28. Tours are Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Hope You Were There. . .

by Karen Merz

PAHS annual meeting on January 25th was an enjoyable evening. The program was presented by Justin Friske and Mike Lecher Sr. representing our Pewaukee High School football program with information – past and present.



The annual meeting is always the time that we award the “Volunteer of the Year”. This year the most deserving couple was awarded the top honor. George and Sharon Strieter have been the “back bone” of our society since the start in 1977. They have spent so many hours at the museum either at events, as docents or volunteering on Wednesday afternoons to do whatever needs to be done.



PAHS Vice President Jim Tredwell and Secretary Carole Brinkmann presented the award. Congratulations Sharon and George!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bob & Sharon Burns

Thank you for your membership!

We look forward to seeing you at this year's events.

COMMUNITY NIGHT Tues., May 23rd, 7:00 pm Steele Exhibit Building

If you want to spend a couple of interesting hours and support Pewaukee's history students, here's your chance. Aaron Yuskis's high school history students have chosen “Sports Through the Years” as this year's theme for Community Night. Their presentations have become a PAHS favorite.



Students research various areas of their chosen subject and provide interesting information. This is also an interactive discussion and the students are interested in comments from the audience to also learn from the experiences of those attending.

Plan on attending Community Night and spread the word. You'll be amazed at what our high school youth can teach you about history.

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

*Tom & Joanne Haasch – Vintage Wood Sleigh.

*Richard Taff – Pewaukee Elementary School Dedication Booklet, March 13, 1955.

*Wil Vidal – 53 Vintage Post Cards.

Thank you for your donations!

Show Us Your Collection, June 11th

by Cliff Muehlenberg

I bet you have a collection and don't even realize it. Think about it . . . do you have a few of something and when you see a different one, you like it, or buy it? Now's the time to set them all out on a table and tell other people about them and why you collect them at PAHS 8th Show Us Your Collection event. If you'd rather just see what others collect, you can come to the Steele Exhibit Bldg. on June 11th to check out the displays.

We already have some collectors lined up but we have space for more. Setup is at 11:00 am with visitors arriving starting at noon.



If you want to display your collection, leave a message or send an email (*contact info on page 1*). There is no charge for PAHS members, but non-members will be asked for a \$10 table fee. It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”

– Sherry Anderson

“And in this corner ...”

by Jeff Phillips

Cast Iron Wood Stoves:

There was a time, during the 19th Century, that cast iron wooden stoves were the modern invention of the day. Prior to that time, people cooked with stone fireplaces or cooked outside. The cast iron stove allowed you to cook on a flat surface, bake in an oven, and of course heat the house. The latter wasn't such a great perk during the summer months. While iron type stoves had already been around for several hundred years, their popularity was limited until industrial production made them affordable.

The first iron stoves appeared around 1847, when iron was mined in Mayville, Wisconsin. The Pewaukee Area Historical Society has several iron stoves. Three are on display in the museum, the rest are in pieces and stored in the archives. Two of the stoves are better known as “Parlor Stoves”. They were meant to heat a room or large area. They usually have a fancy top that can come off, revealing a flat surface to put a pot or pan on.

The museum's true cast iron stove is in the Clark House kitchen. It was donated several years ago by Phillip Collins who last used the stove to heat his basement on Prospect Avenue. This stove was manufactured by the Copper-Clad Malleable Range Company out of St. Louis, Missouri. That company later became Monarch Stoves. While the name might make you think there is copper in the stove, there is not. While the

stove is not hooked up to a chimney, it could be fired up with a few logs and be ready to go. Pretty good for a kitchen device that is well over 200 years old.



Check it out the next time you're at the museum.



Basement Floods in the Steele Building

by Jeff Phillips

The heavy wet snow of February, along with frozen ground resulted in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. experiencing flooding in its basement. The flooding started with just a trickle of water weeping in through the walls onto the floor. Then both sump pumps failed which resulted in 4" of water collecting.

It was unusual that both sump pumps would have failed at the same time. However, they were over ten years old. Both pumps had been running continually for several days. Water in the basement had only happened once before, several years ago. Most of the items stored in the basement had previously been placed on higher shelves, or pallets. The process has begun to inspect every item that got wet. Some will need just to be

dried off and placed in a better place. Some items will need to be disposed of. A few items will be divested and placed for sale at the museums upcoming Spring Rummage Sale. Those items will be marked as flood damaged items.

The more valuable pieces of the museum collections were not stored in the basement. There is a climate controlled second floor to the Steele Bldg. that houses many of the artifacts.

The basement is also a workshop space for repairs and restoration. Tools were properly stored and not affected. A horse sleigh, in the process of restoration was also in the basement and not affected by the flood.

Pewaukee History Talk

by Tom Brick

On January 19th, I gave a presentation on the history of Pewaukee to the Waukesha Park and Rec's history group. It was held at the Waukesha County Museum and I got to see their very impressive Les Paul display. About eight or nine people attended the talk and they seemed to be interested in the topic, at least no one dozed off. . . .

PAHS Volunteers are Busy all Year!

Susan Schweda and Sharon Strieter have been busy updating displays this winter. . .



Stop by and take a look!

Memories of . . .OUR DOGS

by Tom Brick

Growing up in the 1950's on a dairy farm, we usually had a dog. Our dogs were always a mixed breed, "Heinz-57 variety" type. They were not useful farm animals like cows, chickens or even cats (which kept the mice population in check). A dog was just looked at as cheap entertainment for the kids.

We never paid any money for our dogs, they were either strays that wandered in, or a puppy that one of our neighbors was more than happy to give to us. Having a dog "fixed" by the vet, or taking a dog to a vet for any reason, was almost unheard of.

In 1958 we had a golden lab named "Flip-Flop", in 1959 we had a beagle named "Ginger" and another beagle named "Penny". In 1960, "Penny" had puppies, but I don't remember what happened to the puppies. They were all outside dogs and, in the winter, they stayed warm in the barn. Our dogs were mainly fed with "table scraps", other than a few dog biscuits from time to time.

It seemed that we never had the same dog for very long. There were a number of reasons for this. Some of our dogs took up the hobby of chasing cars that sped by on our dusty gravel road, and sometimes they got too close. I think one of our dogs started to chase and harass our neighbor's cattle, and a rifle usually solved this problem. We kids were told the dog ran away. When a dog died, my sisters and I were upset for a short time, but then we would move on and get another dog.

(Editor's Note: What are YOUR memories? Submit an article and see them in print. Email to info@pewaukeehistory.org)

NEWSLETTER

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 15, 2023

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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!

**How do you make a
brick smile?**

***By putting your
name on it***

(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 Jeff Phillips

Norwegian Coffee

Alfred Lunt, famous historical Broadway star and Waukesha County resident, had a recipe for Norwegian coffee. If you didn't make it just exact, he would certainly let you know about it. There is no coffee filter used in this process. I personally have never gotten it right.

Start with an old-fashioned enamel pot with a snub nose spout at the top. Add a heaping tablespoon of ground coffee for each cup being brewed. Add one more for the pot.

Mix coffee, a cracked egg (shell and all) and enough cold water to make a paste in the pot.

Add boiling water (one cup for each tablespoon of coffee).

Bring to a full boil, remove from heat and stir down.

Repeat this process twice more, three times in all.

Then, let boil steadily for three full minutes.

Remove from heat and add one-half cup cold water. Let stand for three minutes.

The cold water solidifies the egg and grounds, which drop to the bottom. Never let the coffee get cold. Do not reheat the coffee.

Editor's Note: Let Jeff know if you've accomplished making this coffee.

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Research for a New History Book of Pewaukee

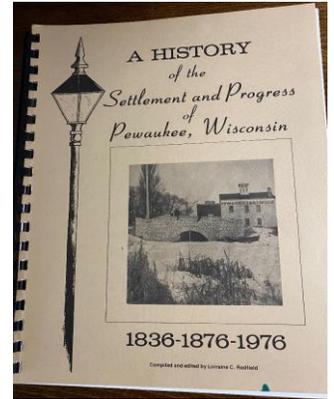
by Jeff Phillips

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society is in the process of updating its book, “A History of the Settlement and Progress of Pewaukee Wisconsin – 1836-1876-1976. The Society is looking for public input on suggestions for the update.

While information on any era is welcome, more information is being sought from 1976 to present day. Stories on famous people from the area, significant events, influential families and their legacy's, historical buildings

and land. As long as it relates to Pewaukee area history. What is necessary is significant details. We are looking for details, rather than ideas like “write about the lakefront” or “tell about that farm outside of town”. Personal historical oral histories will be welcome.

You can drop information off at the Clark House Museum or email it to info@pewaukeehistory.org.



From a 7-31-1913 local Newspaper:

Dr. & Mrs. Taylor drove to Delafield last week intending to spend the day with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Barker. The horse stood as long as he thought necessary for a physician's call, then slipped the halter and started off. Dr. Taylor left immediately for home by trolley to find a telephone message stating that the horse had arrived at the place where he often has summer pasturage. *(I guess a flat tire doesn't even compare)*

In Memory

Two Life Members of PAHS have passed. They were part of PAHS “family” for many years and will be missed.

Shirley Patzke
1927 – 8/21/2022

Donald Schoenhaar
10/26/30 – 10/29/2022

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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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