



# Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum  
206 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

**Museum Hours:**  
May through October  
Sundays 1-4 pm  
Wednesdays 7-9 pm  
or anytime by Appointment

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Summer, 2019

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

June 9 - Show Us Your Collection  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 7 - Ice Cream Social  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug. 17 - Boat Show  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept. 8 - Harvest Fest  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 26-28-Rummage Sale  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Oct. 30 - Fall Mtg.  
7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

## Collection Event, the kickoff event of the season!

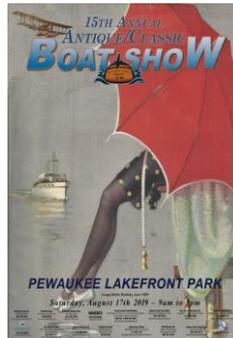
by Cliff Muehlenberg  
Mark your calendar for *Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>* and stop by the Clark House/Steele Exhibit Bldg. anytime from noon - 4:00 p.m. to learn about what people collect.

If you have a collection that you'd like to share with others, we still have room for you, call or email us to save a table (contact info above). Tables are free to PAHS members or \$10 for non-members. Tables will be located inside the Steele Exhibit Bldg. unless you'd like to display outdoors. See you rain or shine. Everyone is welcome, no admission charge.

## Antique and Classic Boat Show

by Tom Brick  
The Antique and Classic Boat Show will take place on Pewaukee's Lakefront on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Besides the classic boats, cars and bicycles, the Pewaukee Area Historical Society will have a booth displaying pictures and artifacts of Pewaukee's early years. Stop by and we'll talk about the "good old days". And, you can work on your sun tan. If you would like to help, contact Tom Brick (262) 691-2191.



## Summer Coolness

by Carole Brinkman  
Sitting here enjoying one of our first really "feels like summer days" brings thoughts of how to prepare for summer. What's on your checklist?

### 1. ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THE CLARK HOUSE!!!

The thoughts of an ice cream sundae, root beer float or ice cream cone on a warm summer Sunday afternoon bring happy thoughts to mind.

You too can enjoy one of these cool treats at our annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL. This year's event will be held on *Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>* from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Clark House Museum. Besides the ice cream treats, there will be fun activities for the kids, music provided by the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and tours of the museum. Come see our newest exhibit on World War I and the Pewaukee American Legion Post. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Bring in an old ice cream scoop, old photos, artifacts, antiques (anything related to ice cream) and get .50 off your ice cream purchase. Come visit with friends you haven't seen all winter. Plan on attending this event to support the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Everyone is welcome, no admission charge. See you there!



## **HARVEST FEST** **Sunday, September 8** **Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

by Kathy Sampson

The annual Harvest Fest is a great time to learn about or renew our memories of old-time crafts.

We will have hands-on activities such as corn shelling, butter churning, coffee grinding, knitting, weaving and spinning.

We will also have demonstrations of wood carving, black smithing,

rug hooking, quilting and many more. The American Heritage Square Dancers will perform and invite spectators to join in.

Genealogist Marilyn Hagerstrand will help people begin to trace their family trees. Lunch/supper, produce and baked goods will be available for purchase. . . on the grounds of the Clark House Museum. No admission charge. Bring family and friends!



## **RUMMAGE SALE** **September 26-28**

Now is the time to start saving the items that you no longer need because someone else might need them! Please keep them until the drop off dates on *September 18, 22 & 25 from 1-4:00 p.m. and September 21 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.*

We need a variety of general rummage sale items.

We CANNOT accept:

TVs, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

This is a great fundraiser for our society, we appreciate your donations! Call to volunteer and be the first to see what YOU might need.

## **2018 Volunteer of the Year!**

by Cliff Muehlenberg

You might recall shivering at the thought of us cancelling the January meeting due to being gifted with a Polar Vortex. It was a timely opportunity for those who received thermometers for Christmas, to give them a good test.

Therefore, a few items of business were carried forward to our first 2019 meeting in April.

One of those was the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year for 2018. This was our fourth award of this kind. The first year was presented to Dick Rosenberger, the second to Karen Merz, and the third year to Duane Bewer.

As the presenter of the award, I usually do a recap without divulging who the new recipient is. And I'm also careful not to make eye-contact with that person. This year caught our recipient totally off-guard and when I announced her name and walked toward her with her trophy, she was much surprised at being chosen and humbly said she didn't deserve it. But we know better.

Congratulations to Penny Williams, 2018 Volunteer of the Year!



Penny Williams receiving her award from Cliff Muehlenberg

## **Clark House Museum is Open for the Season**

by Karen Merz

Yes, Winter is over and Spring has arrived. That means that the Clark House Museum will again be open for free tours on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment. Spread the word, bring a friend or just stop in to take a look at the World War I display along with Pewaukee's history.

Hope to see you at the museum and also at our summer events. Enjoy the summer!

## **PAHS Budget**

by Tom Brick, Treasurer

I'm happy to report that the PAHS 2018 budget was in the "black" for the year. Through April, the 2019 budget has a deficit of about \$800. This has been caused mainly by the usual lower income streams during the winter and from higher than expected snow removal costs. As always, we appreciate all the support we get from our members and the community. Donations are always welcome.

## **2019 PAHS Board Installed at Spring Meeting**

President: Jeff Phillips

Vice President: Jim Tredwell

Secretary: Kathy Sampson

Treasurer: Tom Brick

Directors:

Carole Brinkman

Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi

Cliff Muehlenberg

Sandy Volmar

Penny Williams

Thank you for serving!

## “And in this corner ...”

by Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl

### “Das Glück der Erde liegt auf dem Rücken der Pferde”.

A Journey Back in Time....

I felt like this German saying, which translates to “The happiness of this world is on the backs of horses”, when I sat in a doctor’s buggy on Labor Day 2017. Beside me were my husband and my son and we were driving our horse, Tai, at a historical drive at Old World Wisconsin, a place to visit if you are a history fan and seek the feeling of living in the “Olden Days”. Just about a month earlier that day I had the luck to meet Carole Brinkman, then President of the PAHS, and we got to talking about the carriage exhibition in the Steele Building of the Clark House Museum on Wisconsin Ave. I admired the beautiful restoration of a doctor’s buggy and mentioned to Carole that our family owned horses and that it would be a great experience for us to use the buggy at a historical drive. If you know Carole, you know that this idea was put into action and so we got the opportunity to test the buggy for its usability and decided after a thorough test drive to go for it.



Wolfgang Gaggl & Carole Brinkman test driving the doctor’s buggy pulled by Tai.

The big day arrived quickly and the buggy got another check-over and a wheel grease session on a field of prairie at Old World Wisconsin before we took off.

If you have not heard about it, members of the Dairyland Driving Club participate multiple times a season in historical and recreational horse drives at Old World Wisconsin. They show their original and carefully restored wooden vehicles and dress up in period clothing. In 2017 it was our chance to “shine” in the authentic doctor’s buggy borrowed from the Pewaukee Area Historical Society and to show Old World Wisconsin visitors how it could have looked like in the olden days when horse-drawn carriages were a common site in traffic and everyday life.



Pictured front to back, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Alex Gaggl, Wolfgang Gaggl on their historical drive.

As a big thank you and in remembrance of this great day, we have decided to donate a picture of our family on the buggy to the museum. Make sure you get a good look at the picture and the buggy next time you visit the Steele Exhibit Bldg. of the Clark House Museum.

### Volunteers Needed for all PAHS Events

It’s easy, call 262-691-0233

## Spring Meeting

by Cliff Muelenberg

The Spring Meeting was held April 24<sup>th</sup> and thankfully there was no Spring Vortex to divert the meeting. One new board member was elected, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl (see her “And in this Corner” article on this page). And Jeff Phillips who was officially elected president. He had been serving as interim president since fall. Welcome and congrats to you both.

Our program that evening was presented by Tom Koepp, Manager and John Ruf, board member of the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District. Tom and John shared much information regarding the lake and its watershed. Plus programs they are working on and groups they are working with to improve the quality of the lake.

They both are very busy with all they do along with their board members and staff. We are very fortunate to have their degree of dedication protecting, preserving and improving our lake and watershed.

### Welcome New Member

Yonke & Son Funeral Home

Thank you for your Business membership!

### On a Sad Note . . . . .

by Kathy Sampson

Sally DeQuardo, fondly known as “Sally the Knitter” passed away recently. For many years she demonstrated knitting at Harvest Fest. She enjoyed showing kids how to knit and always looked forward to Harvest Fest. She also donated hats, mittens and scarves that she had knitted to Santa’s Gift Shop at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Her cheerful smile will be missed.

**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*

**Jean's Salad**

1 can (16 to 20 oz.) crushed pineapple  
1 small pkg. Jello  
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

1/2 pint whipped cream, whipped

Heat pineapple fruit and juice. Stir in and dissolve Jello in pan with pineapple. Cut cream cheese in small slices and stir into warm pineapple/Jello mixture. Let mixture cool. Fold in whipped cream. Put in serving bowl. Refrigerate until served.

ENJOY!

Note: This recipe was from a friend of Dennis's mother's. It was (and still is) a favorite of four generations of the Sampson family.



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. Penny Williams will take it from there. Thanks for remembering.

**A BRICK  
for**

**Father's Day?**

Sure! No one probably ever gave him one before.

He's got enough  
golf balls!

Order blanks available in the side porch  
and from our website

(Bricks will be installed sometime this summer)

**BUSINESS MEMBERS**

**Bubba's Frozen Custard-(262)695-8189**  
**Casa Tequila Restaurant-Pewaukee**  
**(262)796-6966**  
**Century Fence Co. - (262) 547-3331**  
**Edward Jones / Maggie Spada**  
**(262) 695-1109**  
**Ken Weber Truck Serv.-(262) 691-0333**  
**Molly Maids of Lake Country**  
**(262) 691-5000**  
**Yonke & Son Funeral Home**  
**(262) 691-1900**

These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the Historical Society. 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!

**COMMUNITY NIGHT May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Thanks to Mr. Yuskis and his Pewaukee H.S. history students for another great presentation on World War I. Lots of students did tons of research on the subject and was appreciated by everyone! See you next year at this annual event.



**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**

**August 15, 2019**

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## **A Look at Pewaukee's Origins**

by Penny Williams

Even before white men were here, Pewaukee was known as a gathering place to many Indian tribes. Permanent residents were the Potawatomi tribe who planted and harvested crops, but they had visitors from the Sac, Fox, and Winnebago as they passed through between summer and winter encampments.

The lake was called Sa-kaegan by the tribes, because it was a place of abundance and beauty. It had herbs, berries and nuts in addition to game in the forest and fish and wild rice in the lake. Sa-kaegan, by the way, translates to "Snail Lake"!

Deacon Asa Clark paid \$80 for a quarter section of land and returned to Vermont for his family to make the trip west. His eldest son, Timothy Lyman, along with three of his friends, were paid to stay behind to prepare for their arrival.

It was a long and arduous trip, and when they reached Milwaukee they bought a team of horses and the necessary tools to homestead in the wilderness. Upon arrival here, they built a temporary lean-to for shelter from the weather, and next they planted a garden of vegetables and oats to tide them over the winter. A team of oxen, costing \$6.00 per day was brought in to do the plowing.

The four young men built a log cabin overlooking the south shore of the lake in which the family started their new life. It is now part of the Connell property on Prospect Avenue. A replica of the cabin,

made by Asa's great-granddaughter can be seen upon request at the Pewaukee Historical Society Clark House Museum.

## **Downsizing**

by Kathy Sampson

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Just get rid of things you don't need or want anymore. Stuff you haven't used, looked at, thought about for weeks, months, years.

Okay, let's start with that closet under the front stairs. Hmmm, what have we here? A lifetime supply of used wrapping paper and the ribbon to go with it. Oh, there's even some unused paper. Six empty Wheaties boxes featuring the Chip Ganassi Racing Team, Jimmy Vasser and Alex Zanardi.

Four large tubs of LEGOS, a favorite of our kids and my husband, too. Games: Life, Anti-Monopoly, Inventors, Hüsker Dü? Puzzles: Plutos, Babes, Mount Rushmore, only missing a few pieces. Have Smart phones replaced Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs? Do any families gather around the dining room table to spend Sunday afternoon playing Tripoley?

Boxes of used greeting cards received from family and friends bearing messages of best wishes for birthdays or Christmas, or sympathy for someone's passing. Perhaps the easiest things to part with, rolls of wallpaper left from the dining room, living room and front parlor. Although, maybe we should keep them. They are only 38 years old and in good condition.

My daughters admonish

me, don't look through everything, just pitch the stuff! If you haven't used it or even looked at it in years, it's nothing you need and is just in the way. Unfortunately, need and want are two entirely different things. I'm resigned to sorting through the years' accumulations, enjoying my memories as I make the discard decisions.

## **Recent Acquisitions**

by George Strieter

The following people have recently made donations of items that will be displayed as space permits.

\*Carole Burzynski – Vintage crock, jars, clay beer bottles, 1893 insulator aqua and misc. items.

\*Carol Hollowell – 1947 Navy clothes worn by her father, Robert Wahlfeldt and Navy souvenir from the USN.

\*Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl – Framed picture of PAHS doctor's buggy at Old World Wisconsin.

\*Jim & Kay Lob – Framed 1847 map of Wisconsin, Moreth farm pictures.

\*Dennis & Kathy Sampson – Vintage kitchen & household items.

Thank you for keeping our history alive!

Ever wonder what our ancestors would think about what our phones can do now?



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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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