



# Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum  
206 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

## Museum Hours:

May 30 through October 31

Sundays 1-4 pm

Wednesdays 7-9 pm

or anytime by Appointment

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262-691-0233

Summer, 2021

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

June 13 - Show Us Your Collection  
Noon - 4:00 pm  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 11 - Ice Cream Social  
Noon - 4:00 pm  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 12 - Harvest Fest  
Noon - 4:00 pm  
Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 23-25-Rummage Sale  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Oct. 27 - Fall Mtg.  
7:00 pm  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 4 - Tree Lighting  
2:00 - 5:00 pm  
Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

## Show Us Your Collection . .

Let's get our event season started!

See you on *Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, noon - 4:00 pm* and learn about what and why people collect, and maybe even how they started their collection.

Do you have a collection you want to share? We can make 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.

**Ah, Spring...**The time of year when everyone is enjoying the arrival of something new. The flowers, newborn animals, graduations, weddings and finally WARM WEATHER.

But as wonderful as spring is, even better is SUMMERTIME! "Why?", you may ask...well, because with the arrival of warm, summer weather comes our annual

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Clark House Museum  
206 E. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - Noon - 4:00 pm

YES, after a year's absence, we'll finally have the chance to gather and enjoy an ice cream sundae, cone or root beer float.

We will be serenaded by the fabulous *Easy Days Barbershop Quartet* from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

I can picture it now...sitting in the shade, eating ice cream, listening to the Easy Days Quartet, watching the kids play "old fashioned" games. You can tour the Clark House and see what you missed last year. Tell your friends to meet you there!



BUT, to make this happen, WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME "SUPER SCOOPERS".



I would appreciate hearing from you if you could help scoop for an hour shift. Contact Carole at 262-691-4074 to volunteer.

As this is one of our major fundraisers, we appreciate your support!

Oh, I can't wait to see all of you there!!

## Clark House Gardens to be Featured in Local Tour

by Jeff Phillips



PAHS is participating in the Lake Country Art & Garden Tour, July 19<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. This weeklong event is a mix of art and gardens of the area, which include the Clark House Museum and grounds. The tour begins on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and you will enjoy unique events in ten local gardens that include a pollinator garden tour, tea and tour of a local historical inn, cake decorating demo including with flowers, evening sculpture tour, nature photography class, fused-glass and wine workshop, raku demonstration, clay workshop, production garden tours and a scavenger hunt through a spectacular sculpture garden. Most events are family friendly.

On the last day, Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, you may tour five Pewaukee area gardens, infused with music and visual art. Meet nationally renowned gardening expert Melinda Myers in person to ask your gardening questions and enjoy an art festival featuring PAAC (Pewaukee Area Art Council) member artwork for sale under the tent. For more information on the entire event, check out the Lake Country Art and Garden tour at [www.pewaukeearts.org](http://www.pewaukeearts.org).

**Help is needed for Harvest Fest – Scoopers, Crafters and Bakers, call Carole Brinkman (262) 691-4074 to help or if you have questions.**

## Thinking Ahead to Harvest Fest

by Carole Brinkman

While it's hard to think about fall when summer just started, it will be here before we know it. Plans are underway for our annual HARVEST FEST, scheduled for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4:00 pm. Demonstrators to date who have graciously agreed to show their craft are blacksmith (Jim Willis), basket weaving (Geri Coen), carving (The Tree Incarnator, Mac McDonald), and chair caning (Nancy Ryan).

We are always looking for crafters willing to demonstrate. Please share your talent with us!!

Marilyn Hagerstrand will assist you in how to find your long, lost ancestors and develop a family tree. If you would like her assistance, please bring along basic family information (name, date of birth, place, death, marriage, etc) going back to your parents and grandparents. The more information you can provide, the better. Marilyn will be located in the Clark House.

George Strieter will have produce for sale.

A bake sale is planned and **BAKERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!** If you could provide bakery or preserves for the sale, they would be most appreciated.

Old-time games will be provided for the kids and, of course, lunch will be available for purchase.

As this is one of our major fundraisers, come and share a fun and educational afternoon with your family and friends.

## Volunteer of the Year

by Karen Merz

Tom Brick, Treasurer of PAHS was honored as Volunteer of the Year 2020 at our recent April 28<sup>th</sup> Spring meeting. Although COVID-19 halted our normal activities, the duties of treasurer had to be done to keep our books in order and expenses paid.



Tom Brick (left) accepts the award from Cliff Muehlenberg

Congratulations Tom and thank you for all the time you spend volunteering as treasurer and in many other ways.

## RUMMAGE SALE September 23-25

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 Sept. 15, 19 & 22 from 1-4:00 pm and September 18 from 9:00 am-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.

We appreciate your donations! Call to volunteer and be the first to see what YOU might need.

# “And in this corner ...”

by Jeff Phillips

The Hoosier Hutch was wildly popular in the first few decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Previously, home built cabinets, or just shelving was used in most houses. Usually, only the rich had cupboards and built-in cabinets. The Hoosier Manufacturing Company in Indiana was one of the earliest and largest manufacturers of this product, thus the name. By 1920, two million cabinets had been sold.

They peaked in popularity in the 1920s, then declined as homes began to be constructed with built-in kitchen cabinets and counter tops. Today, Hoosier cabinets are valued by antique collectors.

A Hoosier Hutch is a stand-alone kitchen cabinet. It is considered an improved version of a baker’s cabinet. A baker’s cabinet is a table with one or more bins underneath. It has a small work surface and a shallower upper section on top of the table that was used for storing bowls, pans, and kitchen utensils. The Hutch cabinet expands on the baker’s cabinet by offering a pull-out workspace/shelf and storage for everything a cook would need. The base section usually has one large compartment covered in metal that offers more workspace, and several drawers to one side. The top portion is shallower with a slide out shelf and has several smaller compartments with doors. There is usually a flour sifter in the top cabinet. PAHS has two cabinets. One is kept in

the Clark House and used as part of the kitchen display. It is utilized with school groups during visits of how kitchens of the past used to work.



A second cabinet is kept in storage. That one has been painted red with contact paper attached. Many of these cabinets were modified over time to make them look more modern.



The Woman’s Club of Pewaukee has regularly donated to PAHS. Let’s help spread the word for their upcoming fundraiser.

**“PAWS  
in  
CELEBRATION  
Dog Walk”**

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Register: Kiwanis Village Park  
\$25/family - \$15/individual  
(includes 1 “doggy bandana”)  
Walking route through  
Pewaukee  
Clark House open for tours  
[www.womansclubofpewaukee.com](http://www.womansclubofpewaukee.com)

## Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

\*Harvey & Janice Buth – addometer, binoculars, vintage apron.

\*Andy Mueller – photos of tearing down the Pewaukee State Bank on the corner of Oakton & Wisconsin Ave. “SOO” railroad magazine with stories about Duplainville.

Thank you for your donations!

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

Andrew Mueller  
Mary DiPiazza  
Susan Schweda

Thank you for your memberships!

## Memorial Gathering for Roger Brook

The family of Roger Brook has provided the following information concerning the memorial gathering that they have planned to honor Roger’s life.

August 13, 2021  
Open house at the Pewaukee Yacht Club from 2-6 pm  
Military Honors at 3 pm  
Snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Roger F. Brook**  
Nov. 6, 1924 – Dec. 27, 2020



Family Man  
Sailor  
WWII Sub Vet  
GE Engineer  
Story-teller  
DIY Guy  
History Buff

**Memorial Gathering**  
2-6 PM on Friday, Aug. 13, 2021  
Join us to remember  
and honor Roger!  
*(Details to follow by early summer)*

## Annual Meeting Report

by Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, PhD

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, members of PAHS gathered for the annual meeting in the Steele Bldg. After the business part of the meeting and the appreciation of Tom Brick as the Volunteer of the Year, guest Chelsea Tegels, Education Program Coordinator from Old World Wisconsin (OWW) introduced the audience to current and future activity plans of the largest outdoor museum of rural life of the United States.

Chelsea presented about her work at Old World and how it changed with the pandemic. Like many other cultural institutions OWW switched from face-to-face interaction with their visitors to mostly on-line and virtual experiences in March 2020. Chelsea's role changed from teaching K-5 school classes in-person to creating virtual teaching material, which has now been made available for teachers upon request. To accommodate visitors OWW introduced a program called "Family Fun Drive" in Fall 2020. A similar event was planned for Memorial Day weekend (May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>), where visitors can travel through the grounds of OWW with their own car. The 45-minute-long experience leads the riders along the 60 historical buildings as well as not-so-well-known places, like the animal barn, for some backstage impressions. In 2020 this event has gotten a lot of positive feedback from families, who were able to bring along their senior or sick family members who would have had trouble exploring the many attractions otherwise.

The 2021 season will be opened to visitors again on June 17<sup>th</sup> and will include guided tours and self-guided experiences with appropriate COVID-19 safety measures. So many people have commented positively on OWW's facebook page and will now be able to get back onto the premises to experience the life from the Olden days personally again. Visit their website for more information.

<https://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/OldWorldWisconsin/>

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**Small World Children's Dentistry – Pwk**  
**(262) 780-9996**

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!

## **NEWSLETTER**

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

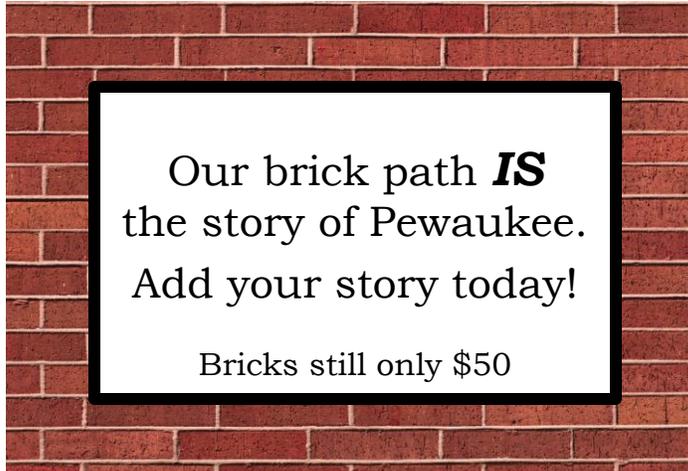
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**Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600**

**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**August 15, 2021**



Our brick path ***IS***  
the story of Pewaukee.  
Add your story today!

Bricks 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  
Penny Williams,  
Nancy Ryan &  
Carole Brinkman*

**ORANGE TORTE**

- 1 angel food cake – baked and broken into chunks
- 1 large box orange jello
- 1 pint orange sherbet
- 2 cans mandarin oranges – with juice
- 1 pint whipping cream, whipped

Drain juice from oranges and add enough water to make 2 cups.  
Bring to a boil.  
Remove from heat, add jello, stir well.  
Put into a large bowl and add sherbet.  
Chill to syrup stage.  
Add whipped cream and fold to combine.  
Place cake chunks in a 9 x 13 pan.  
Pour orange mixture over top of chunks.  
Garnish top with mandarin orange slices.  
Refrigerate for 3 hours before serving.

*Great on a hot summer day!!*

We are shuttled out to our places by a scenic tram. The mood is cheery, and we wish our colleagues a wonderful and fulfilled day when we get off the wagons. We make fire in the stoves, organize the supplies for the day's activities, and get ready for a wonderful day with a generous dap of sunscreen onto our hands and faces. I cannot decide which one of the three German farms is my favorite. The 1860s Pomeranian Farm impresses with its hand-woven buckhorn fence and its strictly arranged garden beds. Here you also find the last "Black Kitchen", where meat and fish were smoked. Activities like flax preparation and linen weaving as well as the use of the many herbs from the garden in kitchen and house can be observed by visitors.

In the 1880s Pomeranian farm I get the chance to introduce young and old visitors in doing the dishes and the laundry using soap made from pig lard. There they can interact with our hens and collect fresh eggs right from the nesting boxes. I enjoy hanging the laundered clothes onto the line and see it air dry. It reminds me of my grandmother who hung her laundry and I remember how she hurried to get the clothes down from the line when it started to rain. Many of the things on these farms remind me of my great-grandmother and grandmother in Austria. When I was little, I saw them boiling the clothes in a huge vat and hanging them onto these long lines across our garden.

I also remember the outhouse at my great-grandmother's house, which I feared because of the smell and the tightness of the little house with a crescent moon carved into the privy door. There is an example of an outhouse at the 1880s farm with 3 differently sized holes to accommodate the generations of the household.

A couple of times during the season special events take place on the farms. I remember the pig roast. One of our farmers prepared a pig for the roast and dug out a shallow hole in the lawn area behind the farm building to create a roasting place. It took the whole day and many, many turns of the spit to finally cook the meat. It was served with homemade cranberry sauce, roasted potatoes, and other vegetables.

I have decided to join the OWW team this summer again. I am looking forward to seeing you at the 1880s Pomeranian farm. Stop by and we can chat about the Olden Days while you fetch fresh eggs from the coop.

## **Facilitating Visitor Experiences at Old World Wisconsin**

*by Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, PhD*

Two summers ago, I had the opportunity to work as an experience facilitator at two German farms on the 600-acre property of Old World Wisconsin. This open-air museum houses 60 beautifully restored historic structures and visitors get the chance to feel, smell, observe, and experience some aspects of the life of immigrants who came to Wisconsin between the 1840s and the 1910s.

Dressed in colorful period clothing, the team starts with a morning meeting before

**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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