



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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Summer, 2024

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

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

July 14 - Ice Cream
Social
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
Noon - 4:00 pm

Aug. 11 - Art at the
Museum
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
Noon - 4:00 pm

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

Show Us Your Collection, Sunday, June 9th

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Yo-yo's, accordions, waffle irons, wallpaper, yardsticks, Cracker Jack prizes, feathers, banana labels, ceiling tins, sheet music, aprons, door knobs and drive-in speakers. If you have any of these, you're invited! If you don't, you're still invited. We've had a wide and interesting selection of things in years past. And most likely will again this year. And you'll get to ask, "why do you collect these?"

If you want a table for your wares, leave a message on the Clark House answering machine stating who you are and what you intend to display along with your phone number. Tables are no charge to members but guests will be asked for a \$10 donation for a table. And it's from noon til 4 pm. This is a great family friendly event in the Steele Exhibit Building.



George Strieter and his Donald Duck collection. I wonder what collection George will be showing this year.

It's Ice Cream Social Time

by Karen Merz



I Scream,
you Scream,
we all Scream
for
ICE CREAM!

Mark your calendar, it's time to meet at the Clark House on Sunday, July 14th Noon-4:00 pm to enjoy an ice cream sundae, cone or root beer float. This is always a good time to spend a relaxing afternoon eating ice cream and visiting with friends.

There will be some "old time" games for the kids, entertainment, and free tours of the museum. Tell your friends to meet you there!

To make this event happen, WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME "SUPER SCOOPERS". If you could scoop for an hour shift, contact Carole Brinkman at 262-352-7892. This is one of our major fundraisers, your support is appreciated!



Art at the Museum

August 11th

by Karen Merz

PAHS second annual Art at the Museum event is sure to be a great day to stop at the Clark House Museum from noon – 4:00 pm and check out the art that perhaps you haven't noticed during past visits. As a special part of our day, the Pewaukee Area Art Council is holding a Plein Air Art Competition on the grounds of the museum.



More information about PAAC is available on their website at www.pewaukeearts.org.

Art is all around us, but we just need to take time to look for it in our lives. Join us on August 11th, you might be surprised at what you've missed.

The Booming 1840s

by Tom Brick

The 1840s brought a huge population surge to the Town of Pewaukee. Entering the decade, Pewaukee was home to 222 people (43 families). Most were farmers and came from New England.

The 1850 census shows that there were 1,092 people living in the Town of Pewaukee. And they were not just more transplanted Yankees. They were born in many states and countries; New York 29%, Wisconsin 21%, Germany 13%, Vermont 10%, England 10% and Ireland 3%. Coming from so many states and countries, Pewaukee must have originally been a community of strangers. Yet, they were all pretty much in the same boat,

struggling to make new lives for their families. There are many stories describing how the early settlers helped each other out, whether it was building log cabins and barns, or making sure their neighbor had enough to eat. They weren't strangers for long.

Wisconsin, as a whole, also boomed in the 1840s, growing in population from about 31,000 in 1840 to 304,000 in 1850. Statehood was obtained in 1848.

Harvest Fest – A Fun Fall Tradition, Sept. 8th

by Karen Merz

Harvest Fest is a good time to take a look at some of the crafts and activities that our ancestors did on a daily basis. We'll have hands-on demonstrations, old time games for the kids, tours of the museum and much more. There'll be bakery and lunch to purchase too.

We need your help. Can you volunteer to show your craft, make bakery or preserves for the bakery booth, help sell the bakery? There's a variety of ways to help. If you can volunteer, leave a message at the Clark House. We appreciate your help.

Another easy way to help is to spread the word, bring a friend and attend Harvest Fest from noon – 4:00 pm Sept. 8th.

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

**Dennis Anders* – Vintage ash tray from Gene's Live Bait, Pewaukee.

**Hans Meyer* – Vintage Food Press.

Thank you for your donation.

Donations

by Jeff Phillips

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society is always accepting of donations to the museum. We will take almost anything, with no strings attached. Well, maybe a few strings.

Because of our limited space, we only have room for so much. We seek items that have a significance to the history of Pewaukee. So, if you bought an antique dresser on a trip to Virginia fifty years ago, then kept it in Pewaukee, that is not necessarily significant. If something historical happened with it while in Pewaukee, that's different.

Everything that is donated to the museum is considered a gift. That means, if PAHS wants to sell that item, or dispose, or give it to another museum, it has every right to do so. If you want a donation valued, we can't do that. If you want a tax deduction, that must be worked out between you and your tax accountant.

Please feel free to contact us anytime about a donation. If we accept it, don't be surprised if you come by later and don't see it on display. We change exhibits every year, so items are coming in and out.

The museum is for everyone. It tells the story of Pewaukee and the people that live in and around it.

WELCOME NEW
MEMBER

Sarah Hintz

Thank you for joining
PAHS.

“And in this corner ...”

by Jeff Phillips

Pewaukee has a hidden historic site, that many might see, but usually don't pay attention to. On the corner of Bluemound and Busse roads, you might notice the silhouettes of five stone structures. These are the remains of huge ovens called Lime Kilns.

Believed to be built sometime around 1905, in their heyday, lime kilns dotted Waukesha County's many quarries. They were used to create the limestone mortar used to construct buildings that still stand today in our region. The structures themselves were made mostly from limestone. These were giant furnaces that transformed limestone into quick lime powder. Today, the kilns are owned by the Walbec Group which also owns Payne & Dolan.

The furnaces have iron doors that resemble pizza ovens if it weren't for the towering structures above them. They heated the stone in there and then pulled the quick lime out from the bottom.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Hadfield Company Lime Kilns, a historical study of the nearby quarries asserts that the kilns weren't constructed by the Hadfield Company at all. The five kilns were constructed by John O'Laughlin, who purchased the Hadfield property and renamed it the Waukesha Lime & Stone Company in 1905.

While the Hadfield Company's kilns were linked by a ramp system and located just north-east of where the current kilns sit, the O'Laughlin Kilns were

linked by tunnels to quarries to the west and south. They operated until 1918, when they were damaged by fire.

The Hadfields purchased the quarries in 1871, and quickly turned the operation into one of the largest business concerns in Waukesha and the biggest stone producer throughout Waukesha County. The rebuilding of Chicago following the Great Fire in 1871 created a huge market for building stone and lime mortar. In 1880, the Federal Manufacturing Census listed the company as having five lime kilns in operation and 56 workers. Eight years later, the company reportedly employed 175 men, 75 horses, 2 steam engines and shipped 20-40 train carloads of stone and lime daily.

The company eventually became so successful that it purchased other quarries in what is now Lannon and Menomonee Falls, building its own rail line; the Milwaukee, Menomonee Falls and Western Railway (now the Bugline Recreation Trail).

Payne & Dolan became closely associated with the Waukesha Lime & Stone

Company in 1926, purchasing the company outright in the mid-1960s. Today Waukesha Lime & Stone is mainly known for producing aggregate, though some agricultural limestone is still made there.

Pictured below are the remains of the lime kilns.

(Wisconsin State Historical Society photo)

Community Night . . .

by Karen Merz

Pewaukee residents, we are so fortunate to have a wonderful school system that develops great students, they are our future. I again enjoyed an evening learning about “*The Roaring Twenties*” as presented by Pewaukee High School teacher Aaron Yuskis' Advanced History students on *May 21st* and hosted by PAHS.

Just a few of the subjects that were covered were finance, gardens, advertising, music/jazz, Waukesha Beach, prohibition and many more. The students gave power-point presentations as well as table displays of their research.

Storms were predicted that night but held off until later and I'm so glad that I attended. I wonder what the subject will be next year?



PAHS Spring Meeting Highlights

by Susan Schweda

What better way to welcome spring at PAHS but a presentation on baseball.



Dick Hoffmann, PAHS life member, presented *My Time on the Business Side of Professional Baseball* on April 24th at our Spring meeting. Dick shared his 22

years of experience with the Brewers. In addition, providing history of how both amateur and professional baseball came to Milwaukee.

Professional baseball teams made appearances in Milwaukee beginning in 1868. 1869 was the first-year professional baseball became acceptable, prior to this date there were social clubs. These clubs were amateur and were mainly for exercise. They formed neighborhood teams and church teams. Sometimes they wore uniforms, but sometimes they wore the clothes they wore that day at the factory. Mothers and fathers played when they got home from work or after dinner. They played in the vacant lot down the block or in the street.

The first all-professional baseball team to form in Milwaukee was the West End Club in 1877. Milwaukee had two minor league teams in 1902 & 1903, the Brewers in the American Assoc. and the Creams in the Western League. The Creams were transferred after the 1903 season but the Brewers played for another fifty seasons.

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NEWSLETTER

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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!

**Tomorrow
has promise
because of what
we do 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 Jim Willis

Tuna Melt

Impress your family with this warm, tasty sandwich ring. It's guaranteed to make a splash! (Makes 8 servings)

- 2/3 Cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 Cup sweet pickle relish
- 2 Cans (6 ounces each) water-packed Tuna, drained (OR canned chicken)
- 1/4 Cup chopped celery
- 2 Tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 Cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 Pkg. (8 ounces each) refrigerated Crescent dinner rolls
- 1 Medium red or green bell pepper
- 1 Cup shredded lettuce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Mix mayonnaise & pickle relish in a bowl. Place drained tuna in a bowl, break apart. Finely cut celery & onion.

Add celery, onion, cheese and 1/4 cup mayonnaise mixture to the tuna. Mix well. Refrigerate remaining mayonnaise. Unroll crescent dough and separate into 16 triangles. Arrange triangles in a circle on a 13" round baking stone with wide ends of triangles overlapping in the center and points toward the outside. (There should be a 5" diameter open circle in the center of the baking stone and the tips of the rolls will hang off the edge of the stone for now.)

Scoop tuna mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Bring the outside points of the triangles up over the filling and tuck under the wide ends. (filling will not be completely covered).

Bake 20-25 minutes or until deep golden brown. Remove from oven.

Cut top of bell pepper off and clean insides. Fill with remainder of mayonnaise. Place filled bell pepper in center of stone. Shread lettuce and place around bell pepper and serve for garnish.

(Dick Hoffmann baseball presentation)

October 1950 ground was broken for the construction of Milwaukee County Stadium. March 1953 Lou Perini moved his National League baseball club from Boston to Milwaukee and the Braves became the first major league ball club to change cities in half a century. This initiated a series of westward team migrations and provided for league expansion. From 1953-1958, the Braves led Major League Baseball in attendance. The Braves moved to Atlanta in December 1966.

Bud Selig (a successful Wisconsin car dealer) purchased the Seattle Pilots for a reported \$10.8 million dollars and the Milwaukee Brewers were born in 1970 when a Seattle bankruptcy court awarded the Seattle franchise to the investment group led by Selig. Selig's philosophy was to run the operation on a low budget. The VIP dining room had a concrete floor and tables were used as a lunchroom.

Dick wore many hats during his career; whatever it took to get the job done. He had various offices, some were good, but not always . . . leaking ceiling, sharing an office, etc.

In 1977 the Brewers wanted a replacement for the Barrelman logo but didn't want to spend \$5,000 for a new design. The Brewers' now-iconic "ball-in-glove" logo was created by Tom Meindel, a 30-year-old Univ. of WI-Eau Claire art student who submitted one of 1,932 entries in a team-sponsored contest. Meindel, a father of two and a veteran of the Air Force received \$2,000 for his work and the Brewers' makeover was underway. The Brewers donned the logo from 1978-1993.

September 28, 2000, the last game was played at Milwaukee County Stadium.

October 12, 1995, Governor Tommy Thompson signed legislation clearing the way for the construction of a new stadium at the County Stadium site; Miller Park.

April 6, 2001, the first game is played at Miller Park.

2021 Miller Park was renamed American Family Field and the rest is history.

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volunteer today!*

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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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