



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2022 Museum Hours:
May 29 through October 30
Sundays 1-4 pm
June 1 through August 31
Wednesdays 7-9 pm

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Winter, 2021

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Dec 4 - Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 pm
On the grounds of the
Clark House Museum

2022 Dates to Remember:

January 26-Annual Mtg
6:30 pm
Pewaukee Library,
Community Room

Apr. 27-Spring Mtg.
7:00 pm
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

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

June 12 - Show Us
Your Collection

July 10 - Ice Cream
Social

Sept. 11 - Harvest Fest

Oct. 6-8-Rummage Sale

Oct. 26 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 3 - Tree Lighting

TREE LIGHTING 2021 Saturday, December 4th 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

by Jeff Phillips

Pewaukee Historical Society's Community Tree Lighting will take place again this year! The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club is once again sponsoring this event on the grounds of the Clark House Museum. North Shore Bank is providing funds for the purchase of the Christmas tree.

Santa & Mrs. Claus are back to visit with the kids!! They arrive at 2:15 pm



Take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus (bring your own camera). There will be a Santa's gift shop for the little ones to purchase a gift for mom and/or dad at \$2.00 per gift which includes wrapping. Kids can make a craft. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Pewaukee Kiwanis. From 4:00-5:00 pm we'll sing Christmas carols with the Civic Broadway Singers while we wait for the tree to be lit at 5:00 pm.

We are grateful for the continued sponsorship and funding from the Pewaukee Kiwanis and North Shore Bank. Hope to see you at this Pewaukee tradition.

It's Time to Renew your Membership

by Tom Brick, Treasurer

All PAHS members are receiving this newsletter in the mail this time because it includes the 2022 annual membership form or a life member update form depending on your membership status. Your membership is always appreciated. It helps us to continue our free tours and provide repairs to the Clark House Museum. We hope that you renew your membership promptly and if it's within your means please consider an additional donation to help us pay the bills. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

*Kurt Mauerman - Smokey the Bear Bank made by Product Miniature of Pewaukee.

*Donald & Blanch Schoenhaar - Picture painted by Edmont Monte Sheldon of ice boating on Pewaukee Lake in 1954.

*Mike Slauson - 1966 Pewaukee High School graduation picture

*Nancy Wolck - Small "portable" melodeon owned by Roger Brook and handed down through generations.

*Old Wisconsin Saying:
Apple pie without cheese is like a
kiss without a squeeze . . .*

PAHS Annual Meeting

by Jeff Phillips

The Annual Meeting of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society will take place *January 26, 2022*. The event will be held at the *Pewaukee Public Library, Community Room, 210 Main St., Pewaukee*. A short business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a presentation to follow.

This meeting's presentation will be about the history of Michael's House of Prime, presented by the last owners, Rick and Dave Buckley. For over 90 years, this small supper club on Pewaukee Lake had been family owned, serving diners delicious slow cooked prime rib and other wonderful entrees and appetizers. While the families have changed, names like Gus Frank, Duke Mitchell, Ray and Dorothy Anderson along with their children, Debby, Judy, and Michael have each carefully taken on the responsibility of bringing great food with equally great service.

Near the end of December 2016, this responsibility passed to brothers David and Rick Buckley, patrons of this iconic restaurant for over 50 years, and they continued to build on the history of this family-owned restaurant.

Please respect that this presentation is about the rich history that this location had on the Pewaukee area. It will not be about its last day, or aftermath. We encourage, that if you worked there, had a birthday party, family gathering, wedding reception, or just squeezed past the small bar for a good meal with friends, please come and share your stories. Bring any photos of the past with you.

Bring a friend, see you there! Refreshments will be served.

Carpenters finishing up!

by Cliff Muehlenberg,
Bldg & Grounds

All in good time. Some wet weather delayed the repairs to the Clark House. Mike Iverson was the "lead hammer" on this piece-meal job. No two repairs were the same. It takes time, patience and know-how to handle all the various challenges.

You may recall, Mike built the Ice House in 2012. It doesn't hold ice but holds rakes and shovels really well. And looks as good today as the day it was completed.



You see in this picture Jason is demonstrating how a ladder is used. Mike is a little shy at taking that first step. They installed aluminum wrap to the pieces above the windows so that they'll outlast the pyramids.

And the really good news is that our painter, Poncho (a nickname) started painting November 2nd with his crew. The forecast looks encouraging.

The Clark House should soon look like it did the day Asa put his hammer away!

(Note: The painter completed his work on Wednesday, November 10th. The Clark House is ready for the cold and snow.)

This & That

Pewaukee Scout Troup 13 has volunteered to decorate the Christmas Tree on November 28th from noon to 3 pm. Our volunteers appreciate the help and it's really nice to see the younger generation around the Clark House. Thank you!!

Thank you Carole Brinkman (super volunteer) for representing PAHS at the Pewaukee Park & Rec Super Senior Open House on September 10th held at Christ Lutheran Church. Carole is always happy to display information about PAHS anytime there is an event looking for local participants.

It felt good to get together at Harvest Fest this year. The weather cooperated and the rain held out until 4:00 pm.



Dick Minch, Wood Carving

Thank you to all of the people that demonstrated their craft or hobby, to those who provided items for our bake sale, hot beef for the sandwiches and especially to everyone that attended to make this event a success!

Idea: New Year's Resolution Have fun, enjoy life, meet new people. . . . volunteer more at the Pewaukee Area Historical Society.

“And in this corner ...”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Asa get's a new door...

It's rumored that some thought the screen porch door was being neglected. The truth is that the Building and Grounds Manager sometimes has a propensity for procrastination (PFP). Yup, it's looked bad for some time.

I began shopping for a wooden screen door early this summer, the kind that “slaps” closed and has that great sound that only a wooden door can make. It's that audible part of history that resides in the memories childhood, grandma's house or that rented lake cottage.

Ahh...the slam of that door as we ran to the lake after lunch.

The search for doors was silly to sublime. Prices were \$90 to \$800! The cheap ones were good for maybe three gentle slams. And the high-end were destined for Lake Zurich.

I found this one online at Lowe's. The design was right for Asa's and Elizabeth's summer (and winter) home. The specs were good and it was available in 2 weeks!!! Stunned, I placed the order before they changed their mind.

I picked it up on a hot summer day bringing it directly to the Clark House. Upon opening the carton, I realized I was overly optimistic and discovered wood that had never experienced *sandpaper*. I noticed a stamping on the bottom that read, *Made in Chile*. And thought to myself, “when did they get doors?”

I put the door back in the carton and took it home where

sandpaper is often used as napkins. It was treated to various grits, various sanders and even dreadful “hand sanding”. It was finally ready for primer. But before that, vulnerable areas got a coat of “wood hardener” sometimes called “wood petrifier”. Then it was primed (yes, Duane) and then finish coated.



My goal these days is not to say, “that should last 10 years.” But instead I say, “All I want this to last is longer than I do.” Here's hoping for both of us!

WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

2022 Annual Memberships

David & Christine Nevinski
David & Sherri Perrigo

Thank you for joining PAHS!

Hope to see you at the Tree Lighting and 2022 Events.



Presentation by
David Perrigo

Quarterly Meeting hosts tour of “The Big House”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

For those who've ever queried, “I wonder who lives there...?”, as they cruised past one of Pewaukee Lake's beautiful homes...

At our Fall Meeting, October 27 (open to all) we had a guided tour inside one of Pewaukee Lake's most iconic homes, known to the Perrigo family as “the Big House”. And to their great uncle and builder Armand C. Schulz as *Shangri-La*.

All that attended were treated to first-hand history shared by David Perrigo who grew up in the house with his sister, two brothers and parents Madeline and Bill. David was accompanied by his wife Sherri and son Brady. Photos dated back to the 1930's, '40's and as recent as the 1990's.

A number of neighbors and friends also attended the meeting. The main house was razed in 2018. Accompanying structures still remain.

The evening's tale was set against the backdrop of our newest exhibit in the Steele Building memorializing *the Big House* for all to see.

It welcomes your visit at the Clark House...where history lives on.



David, Sherri, & Brady Perrigo

Ice Harvesting in the 1920's



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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Deadline for the next newsletter is

March 15, 2022

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(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!



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!

Gift a Brick

One size fits all.

No wrapping required.

Lasts forever or a darn long time.

Doesn’t fade or shrink.

And you always know where it is!

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*

Split Pea Soup

1 lb. Split green peas
3 quarts water
Couple chopped onions (to your taste)
1 lb. carrots, diced
Couple potatoes, diced (to your taste)
Ham bone with meat
Salt & pepper to taste
3 Bay leaves

Soak peas overnight, rinse well.
Put everything in a pot, bring to a boil, then simmer about 3 hrs., stirring occasionally.
Add more water from time to time if needed. (Depends if you like soup or thicker like stew).

My older children and I like it like stew. They get a bowl and if the spoon stands up by itself, it's just right!

Note:
I make and use my broth instead of water. I boil 3-4 nice, meaty ham bones with meat in a large stock pot until it gets a nice brown broth (takes a bit of time) and I believe this helps make it a better tasting soup.

September Rummage Sale

by Tom Brick

Because of many "valuable" donations from our members, this year's PAHS rummage sale was a big success. We made a total of \$1,084.00, which will help pay for some of the repairs and painting being done to the outside of the old Clark House. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and those that donated items. Please start saving items for next year's sale.

Abraham Lincoln's Official Proclamation Establishing Thanksgiving, October 3, 1863

submitted by Helen Ackley

It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; To confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope and genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates this land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But, we have forgotten God; we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitful needs of our hearts, that all those blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtues of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel this necessity of reclaiming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God what made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one-heart and one voice by the whole American people, I do therefore, invited by fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, so set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

The first official Thanksgiving was on Thursday, November 26, 1863.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

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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