

JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

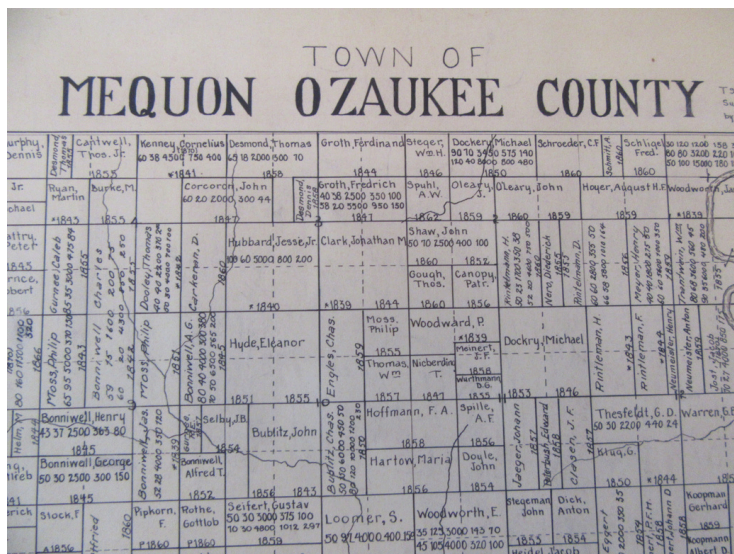
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Mequon in 1860 – Special Map Event & Open House

Mark your calendars and save the date!

Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 9:00 am to Noon, the Jonathan Clark House Museum, at the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads in Mequon, will host a special museum open house featuring an up-close exploration of our newly-acquired 1860 Plat Map of Mequon.



Detail from our 1860 Plat Map - can you find the JM Clark farm?

Mequon's first white settlers

In January, 1836, when the U.S. government surveyed the first official map of Mequon, there was not one white settler to be found in the whole town. By 1860 there was not one quarter-section of government land left unsettled, including the 160-acre Jonathan M. Clark farm.

Were your—or your neighbors'—ancestors among Mequon's first farmers? Come see our new, annotated, 1860 Mequon Plat Map and discover where Mequon's early settlers lived and learn details of how they farmed. Bring your favorite magnifier or use one of ours.



Jonathan Clark House, south facade in winter

Event Details

This is a free, family-friendly event for ages 10 and up. Donations will be accepted. And if you can't attend on this date? Contact JCH Preservation Manager Fred Derr to arrange a personal map exploration session at a date and time convenient to your schedule:

web: www.jonathanclarkhouse.org

email: info@jonathanclarkhouse.org

tel. [262-618-2051](tel:262-618-2051)

The 1860 Plat Map Exploration and Open House is sponsored by the Friends of Jonathan Clark House and underwritten by Tammie Strause of the [Pink Llama Gallery](http://www.pinkllamagallery.com) in downtown Cedarburg.



Article by JCH Historian Reed Perkins.



Meet your 2025 JCH Board of Directors

The Friends of the Jonathan Clark House membership elected five new board members at our annual meeting, held January 7, 2025, at Spectrum Investment Advisors, Mequon. The newly elected members are Nicole Buerosse of Bayside and Bill Kroyer, Chris Osborne, Randy Trumbull-Holper and Kurt Zellmann, all of Mequon. Continuing board members are Shaw Bridges and Brady Seiberlich of Mequon, and Tom Daub of Thiensville. These outstanding community leaders look forward to serving the organization and representing its awesome members.

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Daub, President
 Brady Seiberlich, Vice President
 Shaw Bridges, Treasurer
 Nicole Buerosse, Secretary
 Bill Kroyer, Board Member
 Christopher Osborne, Board Member
 Randy Trumbull-Holper, Board Member
 Kurt Zellmann, Board Member



L to R: Randy Trumbull-Holper, Tom Daub, Nicole Buerosse, Bill Kroyer, Brady Seiberlich, Chris Osborne, and Kurt Zellmann (not shown: Shaw Bridges)

2025 VOLUNTEER STAFF

Dr. Nina Look, Executive Director
 Anne Bridges, Special Projects
 Fred Derr, Preservation Manager
 & Museum Curator
 Jean Hill, Photographer
 Reed Perkins, Historian &
 Media/Web Design
 Matthew Seiberlich, JCH Young
 Historian Ambassador

Scenes from the 2025 Annual Meeting



Left: program presenter Curt Gielow with JCH president Tom Daub and Mary Gielow



Right: friends Sandy Custer and Lori Lorenz in conversation

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Board president Tom Daub (left) conducting the 2025 annual business meeting of the Friends of the Jonathan Clark House.

MTCF honors our Margaret Bussone & Diana Hetzel



JCH Board president Tom Daub, honorees Margaret Bussone and Diana Hetzel, with MCTF president Lori Lorenz and executive director Deb Turk

JCH Members attending the Annual Meeting were pleasantly surprised by a \$2,100 “big check” donation from the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation President Lori Lorenz and Executive Director Deb Turk. With an introduction from former Mequon Mayor Curt Gielow, Lori explained that the donation is in honor of past board members Margaret Bussone’s nine years of serving the JCH Board and Diana Hetzel’s 8 years of board service. Diana and Margaret continue to volunteer; Margaret is the JCH Education Coordinator and Diana is an on-call volunteer at a variety of fun JCH events.

Matthew Seiberlich receives JCH scholarship

The Friends of the Jonathan Clark House are pleased to present JCH Young Historian Ambassador Matthew Seiberlich with a \$500 scholarship toward his college expenses. He is a Homestead High School honor student who has volunteered at the Clark House museum in a variety of capacities since he was nine years old. Matthew has been a role model to other youth, including local scouts. We will think of him often, but especially when we walk past the two bike racks that he built for his Eagle Scout project. The JCH Board of Directors and Staff thank Matthew for his dedication to our mission. We wish him the best in the coming year as he continues to pursue his dream of becoming a professional historian.



Brady and Amy Foshag Seiberlich, JCH president Tom Daub, Matthew Seiberlich, JCH directors Nina Look and Fred Derr

You're invited! Be a volunteer at the Jonathan Clark House!



Do you love history? Would you like to share that interest with others? Then join us, as a volunteer at the Jonathan Clark House Museum!

Whether as a Young Historian, an adult docent, or a behind-the-scenes project helper, we would love have you join us as we bring history to life at the Jonathan Clark House. Interested? Contact executive director Nina Look for details:

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Introducing Nicole Buerosse



We are excited to welcome new Board member—and spring semester intern—Nicole Buerosse to the Jonathan Clark House family. We asked Nicole to introduce herself to the JCH Friends with a short article for this newsletter...

Hello my name is Nicole Buerosse. I have worked as a painter and educator for the past 15 years. My background is in Fine arts and Art history, with a minor in English. I am currently in my final year of my graduate program in “Museum Studies and Curation” through the University of Oklahoma. I am a California native, but reside in Bayside with my husband and four children.

I am excited to serve on the Jonathan Clark House Museum Board because I feel their mission, approach to preservation of the past and vision for the future is of the utmost importance, and matches my own views and values when it comes to historical preservation and community involvement. I think my skills will make a difference and provide support to the museum's mission.

My intern supervisor, Nina Look, and I are off to an ambitious start with a list of important projects. The first major project is to work with Preservation Manager Fred Derr to develop a long range preservation plan. I look forward to meeting all JCH members along the way.

Other Donation News...

The Friends of JCH have recently been awarded two other important grants:

- Pieper Power Foundation - partial funding of the building foundation masonry project
- Mequon Thiensville Optimist club - sponsorship of 2025 programming for children and adults

We thank them both for their generous support!

Never too late to donate!

Our 2024 Fall Fund Drive may be over, but it's never too late to donate to the Clark House! Future grant and sponsorship needs for important preservation projects include:

- Remaining funding for the masonry work project = \$5,000
- HVAC project = \$5,000

Contact JCH Preservation Manager Fred Derr for more details. Email: info@jonathanclarkhouse.org or call [262-618-2051](tel:262-618-2051)

And you can always make an online or by-mail donation to the JCH. See our [website](#) for details:



2025 Coming Events Save the Dates!

- June 10 – Pie on the Patio, donor event
- June 14 – Heritage Day, family fun
- July 12 – Heritage Day, family fun

More details of these—and other— JCH events will be available in our next Newsletter and online at [our website](#).