

JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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COME FOR A TOUR AT JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE

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Private and small group tours are available at a time that fits your schedule.

Schedule a tour for your family, friends or colleagues by contacting Nina Look and Margaret Bussone and the talented JCH team of docents.

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To schedule please call or e-mail us to set up your visit.

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OUR MISSION

Collect, preserve and share the history of the Jonathan Clark House and the early settlers of Mequon and Thiensville.



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A Unique Opportunity for Area Scout Troops

My name is Matthew Seiberlich, and I am an Eagle Scout and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 865. I am also the JCH Museum Young Historian Ambassador. I am reaching out about an opportunity for area scout troops.

The Jonathan Clark House is a unique architectural and historical treasure that is being preserved for use by the Mequon-Thiensville community and beyond. The house was built in 1848 and was home to Jonathan and Mary Clark, their eight children, and two hired men. It was not only their home but also served as a community meeting place during a time when early settlers such as Clark, his father-in-law Peter Turck and neighbor William Bonniwell were developing the government of the township. The Friends of Jonathan Clark House is a 501c3 organization with volunteers who provide fascinating historic events and awesome tours to be enjoyed by the whole family!

The JCH is offering free scheduled tours to troops in the area. The museum is on the National Register for Historic Places, and thus a tour would satisfy requirement 7a of the Eagle-required Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge.

If you are interested or would like to know more information, email me at matthewjseiberlich@gmail.com, and we can talk details, and possibly plan a tour date!

Yours in scouting,
Matthew Seiberlich

2023
EVENT
RECAP

HERITAGE DAY

AT THE JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE



The event featured treats from the Ozaukee County Dairy Group, farm animals (one of the chickens even laid an EGG at the event) with Lindenwood 4-H & tours of the Jonathan Clark House.

Thank you to our generous event sponsors



2023 FRIENDS OF JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE VOLUNTEER STAFF

Anne Bridges,
Assistant Director/Special Projects
Retired, Financial Analyst

Shaw Bridges, Advisor
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Reed Perkins, Historian
Musician/Turck Family Descendant

Matthew Seiberlich,
JCH Young Historian Ambassador
Honor Student,
Homestead High School Class of 2025

NOT ON THE DONOR LIST?

Go to the donate section of our website
to make a positive impact on our community
www.jonathanclarkhouse.org



JCH STAFF & BOARD

Front Row from Left:

Linda Chay
Margaret Bussone
Matthew Seiberlich
Nina Look
Reed Perkins

Back Row from Left:

Fred Derr
Scott Ballering
Patrick Steele
Joel Willems
Brady Seiberlich
Tom Gifford

Missing from Photo: Judy Button & Kirsten Reinhardt

THANK
YOU
DONORS

2023 FAMILY DONORS TO DATE

Scott Ballering
Frederick Bock
Anne and Shaw Bridges
Margaret Bussone
Linda Chay
Susan Gattoni
Tom Gifford
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Dr. Nina Look and Fred Derr
Kirsten Reinhardt
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Al Lustig & Janice Watson

2023 FOUNDATION & ORGANIZATION DONORS TO DATE

Cedarburg History Museum
Lindenwood 4-H
Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation
Ozaukee County Dairy Promotion Committee
Sunrise Rotary of Mequon Thiensville
Thiensville Mequon Lions Club
Thiensville Mequon Rotary Club
Wisconsin Historical Society

2023 BUSINESS DONORS TO DATE

Antique Center @ Wales
Baird - Andy Krogstad
Bank First
Boehlke Hardware
Cedar Creek Winery
Cedarburg History Museum
Cedarburg Toy Company
Choice Cuts
Creekside Valley Farm
Egelhoff Lawn Service
Foxtown Brewing
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Mid-State Insurance
Old World Wisconsin

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Port Washington State Bank
Portside Investment Advisors
Ruby Tap
St. Paul Fish Company
Sommer's Automotive
Stilt House
Spectrum Investment Advisors
TRU Heating and Cooling
The Stilt House
Washington House Inn

SUPPORT
LOCAL!

WHAT A FUN EVENT!

2023
EVENT
RECAP

PIE ON THE PATIO

We had an awesome event thanks to our guests, donors and outstanding volunteers!



Young Volunteers Enjoying the Pie



Young Historians Taking a Break



Sponsor Jim Marshall (2nd From Right)



JCH Board & Staff Members



4-H Auctioneer Tim Gierach



Young Historian's Ball Game



Unique Auction Items



Osborne Family Enjoys Time Together

For more information contact us at
jchmuseum@gmail.com
or at www.jonathanclarkhouse.org

CLARK HOUSE HISTORIAN FROM THE BLOG

Clark House Historian Reed Perkins

THE ORIGINAL “LAPTOP”

One of the ways we collect, preserve and share the history of the Clark House and the early settlers of Mequon and Thiensville is by acquiring and interpreting furniture, tools, clothing, and various accessories that would have been familiar to the Clarks and their neighbors. One particularly fine item in our collection is this box, a treasured heirloom generously donated by JCH Friend Frederick Bock.



When closed it measures about 16 x 6 x 10 inches. It is made of wood, stained a rich golden brown. On the top is a brass plaque inscribed Rt. Beveridge / 1854. There is a lock on the front. Why? Because this is more than a nice box, it's a mid-1800s portable office, containing all that one needed to conduct professional or personal business in the Clarks' era.



Fold open the lid and it becomes a portable writing desk, also known as a lap desk or writing slope. It features an ergonomic slanted writing surface and, at the high end of the desk, spaces for quills or steel pens, ink bottles, penknives and sealing wax. And each half of the cloth-covered writing surface hinges open to provide space for storing fresh paper, letters received, and more.



For more on the box's history, come see it at the Clark House. And I'll have more to say about this box and its uses in an upcoming post at Clark House Historian <https://jchmhistorian.com/>

Reed Perkins, Clark House Historian | Photos courtesy of Tom Gifford (2023)



**GROUP PHOTO OF THIENSVILLE
MEQUON ROTARY CLUB**

Donation: Support of the JCH Young Historian Project (\$500)

In photo from left: Nina Look, Linda Chay, Scott Ballering, Heather Mader, Evonne Mader, Kolby Zellmann



**GROUP PHOTO OF
MT OPTIMIST CLUB**

Donation: Ongoing support providing event volunteers

In photo from left: Fred Derr, Nina Look, Tom Daub, Tom Frank, Linda Chay



**GROUP PHOTO OF MEQUON
THIENSVILLE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Donation: Preservation Project support (\$5,000)

In photo from left: Nina Look, Matthew Seiberlich, Lynn Streeter, Lori Lorenz, Paula Taebel, Kolby Zellmann, Evonne Mader



**GROUP PHOTO OF
MT SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB**

Donation: Support of the 2023 Heritage Day Event (\$500)

In photo from left: Nina Look, Lynn Streeter, Kolby Zellmann, Bob Blazich, Linda Chay



**THIENSVILLE
MEQUON LIONS CLUB**

Donation: Support of educational programming and museum tours (\$500)

**WOULD YOUR GROUP
LIKE TO DONATE?**

For more information contact Nina Look with an email message to jchmuseum@gmail.com.



Blanket for the Hired Man's Bed



Child's rocker/bench



Pillow on the child's rocker



Coverlet for the Hired Man's Bed

COMFORTS AND COLORS

RECENT ARTIFACT DONATIONS



Thank you to JCH Friend Lynn Rix for adding a bench/rocker, wool coverlet, wool quilt and pillow to our collection of mid-19th century artifacts that tell the story of the lifestyle of the Clark Family and their neighbors.



RECENT NEWS

Exciting news! Eighth grader and JCH Young Historian Kate Zellmann won 1st place on her Lindenwood 4-H Club history poster! She also won awards on her jewelry entries.

Sixth grader and JCH Young Historian Kolby Zellmann won 1st place on his Lindenwood 4-H Club history poster. Kolby also won the National 4-H Week Exhibit Award and the Reserve Champion Award! We are so proud of Kate and Kolby!

SAVE THE DATES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trinity Freistadt Historical Society Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 20, 11:00 - 3:00, in the historic village off of Freistadt Road.
Stop in the blacksmith shop to watch a demonstration by blacksmith Fred Derr.

Taste of Mequon

Saturday, September 9, 12:00 - 8:00, along the Town Center on Cedarburg Road.
Stop in the Isham Day House to say hello to our friends from the Mequon
Thiensville Historical Society.

Ozaukee County Historical Society Train Show

Saturday, September 9, 9:00 - 4:00, Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Hwy I, Saukville.
The OCHS will partner with the Kettle Moraine Balast Scorchers and Metro Model
Railroad Club to put on a train show to benefit and raise funds for the 1940 Milwaukee
Road Rib-side Caboose Restoration Project. They will bring layouts and a great display
of bells, horns and whistles. Food will be available to purchase and the village will
be open for tours.

Cedarburg History Museum Wisconsin Beer History Program

Saturday, September 9, time and details available from Joel at the Museum.
This program will feature Concordia University Wisconsin History Professor Dr. Patrick Steele.
Many of you had enjoyed JCH Board Member Professor Steele at previous CHM and
JCH presentations.

Friends of Jonathan Clark House Year-End Fund Drive

Mid October, watch for details in the mail and on our website.
This will be your opportunity to make an impact on the JCH mission.

Mequon Thiensville Historical Society Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 1:00-3:00 PM, Mequon City Hall.
This year's program will highlight the history of local businessman Brook Stevens.
You will be amazed to learn about the world-wide impact Mr. Stevens had on contemporary
design. JCH will have an interactive exhibit. Check the MTHS website for details a
bit closer to the event date. mthistoricalsociety.org

THANK
YOU

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We are located on the corner of Cedarburg and Bonniwell Roads.
Tours are available by appointment. Contact 262-618-2051 to set up a tour.