

JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING NEARLY 178 YEARS OF HERITAGE

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MUSEUM UPDATES

The Jonathan Clark House Museum has been awarded Grants from Pieper Power, Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation, the Junior Women's Club of Mequon Thiensville, and The Optimist Club. The Jonathan Clark House Museum will utilize these grants to further the mission and interpretation of the museum through updating, restoration and preservation projects over the course of 2026-2027.

As the Clark House passes through another season of winter, the silence and still beauty enrobing the house like a stunning blanket, I am struck by how beautiful the Clark House is in all seasons. In the quiet of the winter, we are busy planning for the upcoming spring and summer at the museum. In this newsletter, you can read about our upcoming events at the museum, such as our book club, St. Patrick's Day event and look forward to our summer events like Heritage Days. We will also share upcoming plans to interpret the area known as the single-story section to be part of the Clark House Tour, and other larger projects we will be approaching at the Museum in 2026.

THE CLARK HOUSE WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER ALEX TRUMBULL-HOLPER



BOARDMEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Jonathan Clark House proudly welcomes new board member Alex Trumbull-Holper. For many years, Alex has volunteered with her husband, Randy, a current board member, and their son who has enjoyed the Young Historian program. Alex's background in Museum Studies and History, along with her work in the museum field, adds wonderful strength to our mission. We look forward to all we will accomplish together.



BOARD MEMBER ALEX, EDUCATORS MARGARET AND BEV LEARN HOW TO MAKE INTRICATE SNOWFLAKES FOR AN UPCOMING GIRLS SCOUT EVENT

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND TRADITIONS

Celebrating the Season at the Clark House

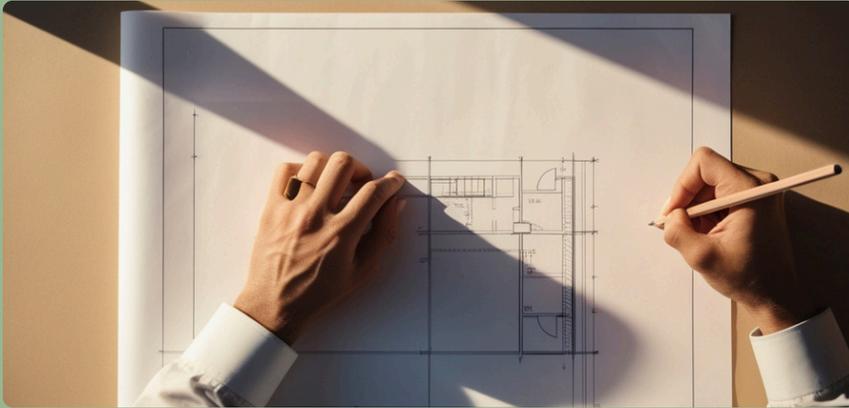
December at the Clark house was beautiful, in its silent blanket of snow. Despite the chill in the air, the ambiance inside the museum was warm and welcoming. The Clark House was joined by old friends, and new to bask in the beauty of Holiday trimmings. Tours were given throughout the two nights, while guests nibbled on various treats and tasted libations generously donated by Fox Town Brewery.



The Clark house was treated to beautiful music on the Celtic Harp played by Dr. Jen Mackinnon, as Young Historian Lilli greeted each visitor upon entry and offered a chance at a door prize. The Clark House Museum's young volunteers chatted with guests and enjoyed the joyous atmosphere. The evening at Jonathan Clark House was a beautiful start to the holiday season.



Upcoming Projects



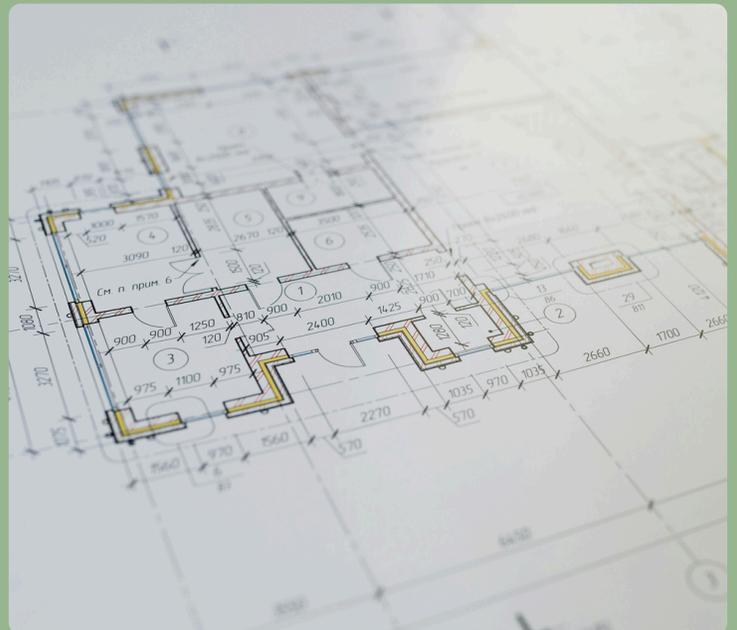
After a successful Exterior Preservation Project was completed, the Clark house has decided to pursue some exciting and necessary preservation projects in the museum and museum grounds. These projects will ensure Clark House Museum's future as a place where local history comes alive is preserved for future generations.



Historic Landscape and Single Story Section Restoration Projects

The Clark house will be utilizing the talents of Brookwater Creations. We are fortunate to be able to procure their services again for the upcoming projects at the museum. Currently in the planning phases, the Clark house is seeking to include the one-story section in the museum tour and historic interpretation. The Board of Directors feel this project and inclusion of this space will not only enhance the experience for tours and visitors; as well as providing increased space for visitors and an additional prep area for museum events. Additionally, the roof in the single-story section is in need of repair and restoration, so this project will fulfill enhancing the museum's impact as a historical destination while preserving the building itself.

The Clark House will also be embarking on repurposing and preserving the historic shed on the museum grounds. The project will include, re-thinking the logs, repairing and restoring any areas of need, and weathering proofing the inside area. The plan for the inside area is for the storage of tents, signage, and exterior equipment thus clearing space from inside the museum. The Clark House is in beginning stages with Landscape Architect Katie Fedorski to reinterpret the museum grounds to what they would have looked like and included in 1848. This will include grading, improved walking paths and period appropriate plants and grounds layout.



THE CLARK HOUSE ANTICIPATES A VIBRANT AND EXCITING YEAR AHEAD



AS WINTER CONTINUES ON ITS STEADY PATH TOWARDS
SPRING THE CLARK HOUSE IS FOCUSED ON HOSTING
MANY EXCITING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

The Jonathan Clark House is gearing up for a busy and event packed 2026. This spring at the Clark House is looking forward to hosting its third book club in February, the book we will be reading and discussing is based on the Joshua Glover story.

We have also partnered with a local Girl Scout Troop and will be hosting a private snowflake crafting event over the course of two weekends. The Clark House is excited to provide a space for scouts to earn badges and volunteer.

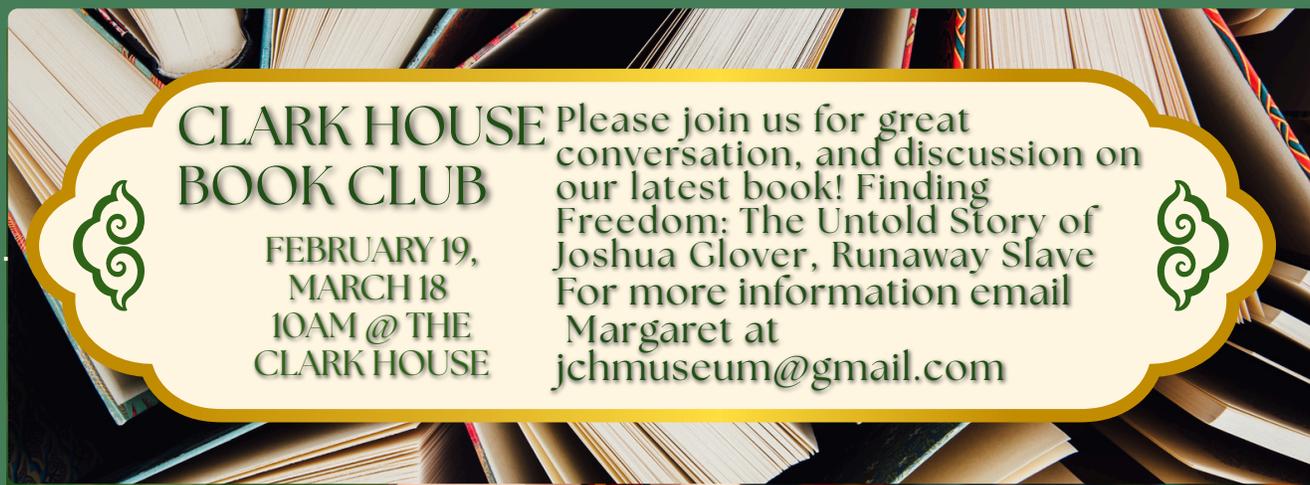
The Jonathan Clark House museum has recently partnered with Arise Homeschool Group and will be hosting their students at the museum in March. Activities and historical programming will focus on the Clark House time frame, pioneers, history and geography of Wisconsin in 1848.



*Photographs taken by longtime Museum supporter Sandra Osbourne at the 2025 Jonathan Clark House Museum Holiday Lights and Traditions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Bringing Our
Community Together This
Season*



CLARK HOUSE BOOK CLUB Please join us for great conversation, and discussion on our latest book! Finding Freedom: The Untold Story of Joshua Glover, Runaway Slave For more information email Margaret at jchmuseum@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 19,
MARCH 18
10AM @ THE CLARK HOUSE

ST. PATRICKS DAY MAP EVENT AT THE MUSEUM

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

9am to 12pm

Please Join us at the Jonathan Clark House on March 7th, look over maps and see if you had historical Irish neighbors. Listen to some reels and jigs on the Celtic Harp. Nibble on house made Irish Soda bread and butter. We hope to see you there!

HERITAGE DAYS

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH
12PM-3PM

SATURDAY JULY 11TH
12PM-3PM

PIE ON THE PATIO

TUESDAY JUNE 9TH
5PM-7PM



EVENT REMINDERS

- All events are free and open to the public.
- Parking available onsite.
- RSVP encouraged for indoor events.