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LIGHTHOUSE EXPERT AT QUARTERLY MEETING

Find out what it was like to live in a lighthouse, and what it took to restore it, from an expert on the subject at our next Ozaukee County Historical Society Quarterly Meeting, Monday, August 6th, at the Grafton Senior Center.

Our speaker, Tim Sweet, from the Friends of Rock Island, will explain the history of Rock Island and talk about the Pottawatomie Lighthouse located there.

The original Pottawatomie Lighthouse was constructed in 1836, and in 1858 it was replaced with the current structure. Rock Island was purchased by the State of Wisconsin, in 1965, and made into a state park. The nonprofit organization, Friends of Rock Island, partnered with



Speaker Tim Sweet and his wife Julie

the DNR in the restoration of this historic lighthouse in 1997, and

seven years later--it was completely restored.

The Historical Society's meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by Tim Sweet's presentation at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.



MIKE QUINN MAKES HISTORY

Sunday, June 10th was a special day for Mike Quinn and his family. He received the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout with a ceremony held at Pioneer Village.

The Society became acquainted with Mike when he volunteered to work for the entire duration of the Revolutionary War Event in any capacity where help was needed. We wondered, "Who is this young man and where did he come from?" His inspirable good manners and genuine dedication and in-



terest in history were so unlike that of many teens these days.

Mike just completed his sophomore year at Homestead High School where he is on the honor roll. He participates in wrestling and in track as a pole vaulter. Mike also enjoys snowboarding, rock climbing, and unicycling.

Besides all this, he is a Civil War reenactor. This year, Mike convinced his

sister, "KT", to get involved in reenacting too.

Just when you thought his plate was full, he found time for more. He works at McDonald's (full time in the summer).

But did we forget about the Eagle Scout Mike Quinn? This is no easy task either. In order to become an Eagle Scout, you have to pass through each of the ranks (Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star & Life) which involve earning merit badges, attending troop camping and other service events, and to serve in various leadership roles. Then, a service project needs to be completed and approved in order to achieve this honor.

Please see **Quinn**, Pg 6

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's difficult to believe that summer 2007 is half gone! With all the activity surrounding the Interurban Depot, the Stone and Century Home Tour, painting of the depot at the Village, developing the "Bluegrass at the Village" event, preparing for the annual Quilt Raffle fund raiser, and making plans for the usual events at Ozaukee Pioneer Village, the season has quickly slipped away. But each time I am on the grounds of the Village, I know that all this hectic activity is worth it. The Village is a serene and beautiful spot in the county that offers a place to enjoy history and escape from the routine of daily life.

Being a member of the Society is wonderful, but being an active volunteer for the Society is even greater. Our volunteers do everything from mailings, mounting pictures, manning the Archive, building a stage, cleaning buildings, improving the sound system, and planning/working at our events. Lucy Kolb and I appreciate the dedication of our volunteers and hope more members will join this friendly and generous group. If everyone does a little, a lot can be done.

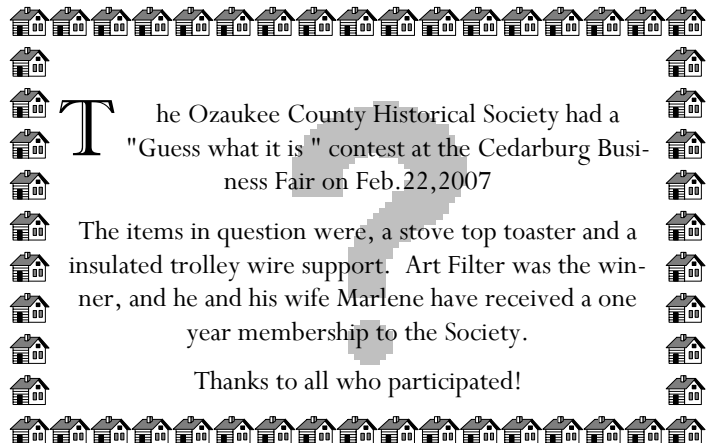
At some of our events this season, you might see the Discover Wisconsin crew taking shots of the activity for a future TV program. Or, you may see a local film company shooting scenes for a full length movie on the Revolutionary War.

Also be aware that the Dedication of the Interurban Depot is the weekend of September 29th and 30th.

When you are at the Village, take time to thank the caretakers, Al and Karen Rimmel, for their loving care of the grounds and historic structures. I am thankful each day for their dedication.

I hope that you are having a summer of fun and good health.

- Mary Sayner



The Ozaukee County Historical Society had a "Guess what it is" contest at the Cedarburg Business Fair on Feb. 22, 2007

The items in question were, a stove top toaster and a insulated trolley wire support. Art Filter was the winner, and he and his wife Marlene have received a one year membership to the Society.

Thanks to all who participated!

DEPOT DISPATCH ... KEEPING ON TRACK!

BY CURT GRUENWALD



Progress has been made and the “Gala Opening Celebration” is just around the bend!

Since our last TimeLines newsletter, many elements have been completed creating a great deal of excitement amidst volunteers, members and visitors regarding the nearly completed Electric Interurban Depot site. This structure will be the new home of the Hazel Wirth Center comprised of the Ozaukee County Archives Research Center, Museum and Society Offices. The Wirth Family has been a major contributor. Therefore, naming the facility in memory and honor of Hazel Wirth is very appropriate and fitting.

The Ozaukee County Highway Department did an exceptional job with on-site removal of the existing asphalt along with preparation of the site. With their efforts, the wooden loading platform and setting of the tracks were also completed. We have received many compliments on this work.

There were also a few hidden obstacles along the way which were efficiently handled through exceptional teamwork and professionalism by the Highway Department staff and crew. Additional landscaping elements were completed along with the installation of the replicated Cedarburg sign which now graces the westernmost side of the building. It is located in the same place it was approximately 90 years ago.

Some fine tuning on the networked computer system has been completed, and the Archives Research Center now offers two public use computer workstations for direct access to historical research and genealogy. This includes over twenty direct networked links with business class speed and reliability.

The treasure trove of original hard

copy research materials, and the library of documents and records on microfilm, are on hand. The ability for research via computer on site, plus the one-of-a-kind restored landmark structure, without a doubt creates a first class public facility. All aspects of the Society’s Mission Statement are being addressed as it relates to the project, the restored structure and its planned use.

The Society was asked to include the Depot on the 2007 Stone and Century House Tour which was held in early June. Many of the elements needed to be completed prior to opening up for such an event were accomplished just prior to the weekend when the tour was held. We were advised by the sponsoring organization that approximately 800 attended the various sites to include the Depot. The comments and response were very positive, and resulted in increased “traffic” and interest in the Society, the Archives Research Center and the restored building itself.

You’ll want to mark your calendars and plan to attend the special weekend celebration held on Saturday, September 29th and Sunday the 30th. The event will include an open house, displays, the unveiling of a very special commemorative collectible and more. The official dedication will be held on Sunday at 1 PM. Watch for additional details as we get closer to the date!

While there are some elements left to complete, along with some additional operational fixture and material needs, for the most part the Interurban project is almost complete. We are now focusing on fund raising which will create a trust for future maintenance needs. This is another important part of the project for which tax deductible donations are welcome. Lets continue to work together to preserve and share that past for today as

well as for future generations. You can make a difference by sending your contribution to:

The Interurban Depot Preservation/
Maintenance Fund P.O. Box 456 Graf-
ton, WI 53024.

We’re looking forward to a great event, and you’re invited to be a part of it! All aboard!

INTERURBAN DEPOT PROJECT THANKS!

*Thanks to all those who
contributed time, talent and
financial resources to the
project.*

*Recent contributors of goods, fi-
nances, services, time and talent
include...*

*~ Ozaukee County Highway Depart-
ment ~ Laura Kacmarcik ~ Chuck
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Renz ~ Curt Gruenwald*

*Also thanks to all those who served as
a host or hostess for the Stone & Cen-
tury House Tour ... your efforts did
not go unnoticed. We appreciate all
who assist in a wide variety of ways!*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

RELAX WITH A GOOD BOOK...

OCHS Newsletter Book Review

Theme: Boyhood Visits to a Midwestern Farm in the 1920s and 30s



Recently, Ozaukee County Historical Society Archivist, Ruth Renz, recommended a delightful book titled One Little Farm. In fact, she loaned her precious signed copy in the anticipation that I would write this book review.

This book is about the Brott family farm in rural Ozaukee County. It is a reconstruction of Dan Henning's memories of Uncle Frank and Aunt Carrie. However, it is not just about a farm and its buildings, but about the people who lived and worked on the farm in the 1920s and 30s. These are charming, cherished memories of Henning's boyhood when he visited the farm and was free to wander a world very unlike his city neighborhood.

In the introduction Henning writes

that he hopes "this book will bring back warm wonderful memories for some of you." He says that for "others who have never had the pleasure to experience farm life, I hope you will enjoy the education."

This book is so special because Henning is both writer and artist. The 51 exquisite pen-and-ink drawings are perfectly woven together with the text, taking the reader through details whereby one can almost see Uncle Frank's heavy denim overalls, hear the tick-tock of the old oaken clock, or smell the mixed fragrances in the barn.

It is interesting to note that after Frank and Carrie passed away, their farmland was sold and became the nucleus of the Ozaukee County Pioneer

Village as well as Hawthorne Hills County Park golf course.

Donald S. Henning was born and raised in Milwaukee and began drawing when he was a child. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Art from the University of Wisconsin. He and his wife, Carol, reside in Grafton.

One Little Farm is appropriate for young adult to adult level readers and is for sale at the OCHS Archives Research Center.

If you have a favorite book that you would like to feature in "Relax with a Good Book" give me a call at the OCHS Archives Research Center at 262-377-4510.

Nina Jo Look

BAKERY ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy baking? We could use your skills!

Please donate your baked goods at the following events:

Antique Power Reunion Tractor Show, Saturday and Sunday July 21st and 22nd

Bluegrass at the Village (New Event), Sunday, August 19th

Revolutionary War Event, Saturday

and Sunday September 1st & 2nd


Or, if you can give us some of your time at our events this summer, or behind the scenes, please contact Lucy Kolb at 262-389-4448, or e-mail to lucia-maria@wi.rr.com.

We are also in need of assistance on various committees. If you would like to be a part of history, please give us a call.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Membership renewals have been coming in to us regularly, and we have grown to 501 members! Your continuing support makes it possible for us to operate our Archives in the 100 year old Interurban Depot in Cedarburg, Pioneer Village, and Stony Hill School. Without YOUR help, the Society would not be what it is today. Once again, THANK YOU and I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

- Don Engelbert, membership chairman

The **CRACKER BARREL** 

"There are two ways to live your life. One is though nothing is a miracle. The other is though everything is a miracle." **Albert Einstein**

"Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were." **Cherie Carter-Scott**

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." **Abraham Lincoln**

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – not the absence of fear." **Mark Twain**

"There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness." **Josh Billings**

"God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest." **J.G. Holland**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Our relocation to the Interurban Depot has certainly been a positive move. Not only do we have more space for our artifacts, but it is a pleasant and enjoyable place for our visitors.

Activity has increased beyond my expectations. I can't begin to tell you how many people come by to just have a look or to find out what we are all about. People living nearby are interested after watching the restoration process. We also have people that have been here before but now are bringing their summer visitors in as well. One lady who has contributed numerous things, comes back from time to time to see if we are taking good care of her items! It pleases her to see that we have some of them on display. This is something we strive to accomplish.

Visitors enjoy looking at the pictures and artifacts. Some comments repeated often are: "I had no idea that you have all these things.", "I didn't know you collect that.", and "I have lots of things you can have." Now that they know we will use them, people gladly bring in folders, pamphlets and so on.

At this time, our staff is going through photographs and putting them in order. However, we have many that are not identified which makes it a challenge to file them. We accept any information we can get for identification! For example, a grand old family portrait of the Dietrich Family is drawing attention. At present we are getting to know who those folks are, but we have many other items, such as sports photos, with no names.

Another major challenge is indexing scrap books. This is not an easy task, but it is oh so worth while, as these old books often have information that is helpful to someone else.

One interesting request pertained to "The Japanese Tea House". It only took

a few moments to figure out what she was talking about. It was the old Wadhams Station in Cedarburg, now called the Pagoda Jewelry Shop. This information was for RoadKing Magazine and will be featured in an upcoming issue. If anyone receives a copy, I would like to see what was written about it.

Among the recent tour groups were the 3rd graders from Westlawn School. One young man had visited us during the Stone House Tour and came back with his class. A short time later, he brought his mother, a friend and several other children. He is our main PR man!

One call came in requesting that we take a look at some things in "Mom's" basement to see if we could use anything stored there. That was a most interesting visit, and we came away with many "keepers". Another lady called to tell us she was bringing in a wicker basket. When she got there it was a **huge** basket. It was an immigrant's trunk made around the turn of the century in Poland. The Henry Ford Museum also showcases one like it. Another interesting piece is an old 1898 Oliver typewriter. Church booklets, and old German songbooks and Music books have also been added. We even received a Pullmann Conductors Uniform which we are proudly displaying.

Recent Acquisitions....

Mrs. Audrey Erdmann - One PotBelly Stove, a large framed picture of the Jaeger Family, 2 blow torches, a stove plate handle, old flashlight, a glass beaker, 11 old bottles with glass stoppers, a wood handled cutter/chopper, a Sauerkraut cutter, 3 fire hose nozzles, and old sheet music.

From the Robert Williams Family - A Pullman Conductor's Uniform worn by R.M. Costello for the Milwaukee Road, and given to Mr. Williams by

Mrs. Costello.

Art & Marjorie Palleon - A Wicker Immigrant's Trunk 1900 era.

Edward and Eunice Tarcin - The Oliver - standard visible Writer #3, 1898, donated in memory of Joseph Werra's Grandfather who used it when he worked at City Hall in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Sylvia Wessel - Numerous church booklets, pamphlets and programs.

Gregg Erikson - An antique check writer in original container.

Mrs. Alice Dietrich - Several German books, Music Reader, Songbook, Hymnal, Story book belonging to her father and other ancestors.

Once again, thanks to all of you for making our Society the new home for your interesting items.

Ruth J. Renz, archivist



INTRODUCING OUR BOARD MEMBERS.....



Mary Sayner took over as our Society President in February 2004. She volunteered at our Village Gift shop as early as 1999 before taking over as manager. Mary has so many talents and is certainly not afraid of work. She can be seen in every department of our Society, whether it be scrubbing something or working in the office. Mary is a born leader. She served as Secretary of the OCHS for numerous years beginning in 2001. She has been a tremendous asset and keeps things moving. While some of us are working on this week, she is forging ahead to assure that the wheels of the Society are oiled and turning. She is always available to help or to answer questions. Her talents are put to use in all our Pioneer Village events throughout the season as well as keeping a watchful eye on the many upkeep and restoration projects that are always in progress. Thank you Mary! -R.J.R.



Max Kolb became interested in OCHS when we were about to dedicate the Liberty School, as he himself had attended a one room school. He volunteered as an auditor numerous times, and later became a member of the Board in January 2005. It didn't take long before he was in with both feet. He helped with the Revolutionary War Event, and before you know it he was in charge! Max graduated as an attorney, and started his own insurance business, Kolb Assoc., in 1977. Max is currently putting his talents to work raising funds for the many extra needs to keep our Society on track. -R.J.R.



Marie Bannenberg was elected to our Board November 11, 2001. She assisted with the Artist and Artisan Show held in June of 2002, the Annual Fund/Membership drive towards the end of the year, as well as other events at the Village. Before you know it, she was in charge of Food Service. This is a monumental job. She handles the planning, the purchasing and the organization/preparation, not to mention the clean up after the events. She has also been our very own "Lady Bird" planting all sorts of things to beautify our Village. She can be counted on to serve on any committee when asked. Her leadership and input are always a great help. -R.J.R.

2007 FUND RAISER: THE ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE

All members of the Ozaukee County Historical Society should have received a letter with raffle tickets announcing the 2007 Quilt Raffle fund raiser. With the threat of decreasing county funding in 2008, it is imperative that all members put forth great effort to support this fund raiser. With out these funds, the Society cannot continue to function or collect and preserve items

that tell the history of Ozaukee County.

To cut expenses for this year's raffle, most of the raffle items have been donated. This includes the major prize of the queen sized double-wedding ring quilt; a limited edition print by artist Henry A. Klapproth, Sr.; a pottery piece by Corky Jon; and a 14 inch crystal vase.

Donated from the gift shop at the Village are a set of quilted pillows, a glass

bowl created by Artist Jan Stensby, a basket of bath products, and a set of quilted place mats.

The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 2nd at the Revolutionary War Event. You have the month of August to support this effort.

If you do not like to sell raffle tickets, a donation is very welcome. Thank you for your support.

CONTINUED: MIKE QUINN MAKES HISTORY

Quinn, from Pg 1

Mike's service project involved Pioneer Village. He completed the interior restoration of the Carpenter Shop that was in major need of updating. He whitewashed the walls, cleaned and hung the artifacts with descriptions, and de-

signed the floor layout making this building a museum of sorts.

Mike's goals include attending the US Coast Guard Academy after high school. His parents, John & Sharon Quinn, plan to visit the campus with him this summer.

The next time you are out at Pioneer Village, be sure to make a special stop at the Carpenter Shop. Remember the name, "Mike Quinn", because we're certain you'll be hearing it again. Thank you, Mike, for all your hard work!

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WHERE IN THE COUNTY IS RUTH RENZ?

Ruth Renz has been an Ambassador for the Ozaukee County Historical Society this spring and summer having made appearances at four events throughout the county.

On Tuesdays, Ruth is Archivist at the Archive Research Center. However, you may have also enjoyed her knowledge of research and the county's history at Lasota, the Cedarburg Woman's Club event at the Cedarburg Senior Center, the Port Washington Senior Conference on Aging, or as part of the West Lawn School Tour. In addition, Ruth served

as a docent at the Interurban Depot during the Stone and Century Home Tour.

On Tuesday, July 10, Ruth celebrated her 10th year as archivist for the Archive Research Center. Congratulations, Ruth!

Ruth is scheduled for a September 7th engagement with Cedarburg High School's Class of 1947 at the Archive Research Center. The group will enjoy a tour of the Interurban Depot and learn about all the fun things that go on at the Research Center.

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**"BLUE GRASS AT THE VILLAGE"**  
*SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2007*  
**11 AM TO 5 PM**  
 OZAUKEE PIONEER VILLAGE  
**PERFORMANCE LINE UP:**  
**NOON: OLD TIME STRING BAND**  
**1:00: JAMES CREEK ROAD**  
**2:00: HAWTHORNE HILLS BAND**  
**3:00: PICKIN' UP SPEED**  
**4:00: PIKE CREEK**  
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August 19th, Sunday

“Blue Grass at the Village” Event

September 1st & 2nd, Saturday and Sunday,
Revolutionary War Event

September 29th & 30th, Saturday and Sunday,
Interurban Open House and Dedication

For more info visit our website:

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs/events

or call 262-377-4510

You're cordially invited to join us in ...

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS & THE INTERURBAN DEPOT GALA OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION!

2007 marks the Centennial Celebration of the Electric Interurban Railway Line that served Ozaukee County beginning in 1907. Celebrate with us as we dedicate the newly completed landmark structure that has been fully restored and now housing the HAZEL WIRTH CENTER comprised of the OZAUKEE COUNTY ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTER, MUSEUM AND SOCIETY OFFICES! Society Members, Friends, Family and the General Public are all invited to attend this special event!

SATURDAY 11 - 4 & SUNDAY 12 - 4 -

SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH

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