

MENASHA CITY SQUARE 1888

MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2009

WELCOME BACK

Let's go! It's September and time for us to begin another year of activity. We hope you had a productive and relaxing summer. Now it's time to gather and turn our thoughts to recalling and preserving our historic past. We begin our year with our annual September POTLUCK supper. We'll gather at the Resource Center (Memorial Building) on Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. Board members will provide meat hot dishes and we'd like you to furnish vegetables, salads, desserts, and other "fill ins". We'll provide plates, utensils, and beverage.

We promise you an interesting program following supper. Frank Beyer was an old time broom maker who constructed brooms and sold them from his home on Milwaukee Street near Menasha High School. Nancy Barker, historian par excellence, will recall the man and his art. Do you remember him? See you on September 10 at 5:30 p.m.

It will be light when you arrive so come early and enjoy another year of glorious flowers deluxe in Smith Park.

DUES DUE

As our year starts we want to remind you that it's time to pay your yearly dues. The amount remains \$10.00 per person, the biggest bargain in town. Imagine attending gatherings with friends, learning historical facts, eating goodies, visiting places of interest -- all for only \$10.00. Bring your dues with you in September or mail to Nancy Spindler, 1845 Eagle Drive, Neenah, WI 54956.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Your society members, (hopefully you, too) were involved in several summer community projects and activities. We participated in an open house at our newly restored Historical Museum and Resource Center coinciding with State Preservation Week, the Doty Island rummage sale, the annual Sun Runner sponsored by Menasha downtown merchants and the City Carnival held in Smith Park.

Our caboose was open several times and a large number of visitors have enjoyed tours. Thanks to Jack Hammett and Jim Chew for hosting.

OUR CENTER

Katie LaMore and Jean Chew have turned our "home" into an interesting and informative mini-museum. They have placed our collections of artifacts on display. We are now a resource center and a museum. A large number of persons have already visited and reviewed our new look. You're welcome, too. We're open Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by appointment. Call Katie LaMore - phone: 722-4364 or Jean Chew - phone: 722-7349.

BY LAWS

The Board has been working on a review of our By-Laws. Some changes have been made and will be presented for your approval (or not) at a future meeting.

LOSS

Recently, we lost one of our members, Lori Albert. She was one of those people who really enjoyed and took part in our tours and visits.

ENCLOSURE

Along with this letter please find a brochure indicating your information for the year. Keep it handy for dates, places, and member facts.

FROM COLUMNS

Quote P. 14 Columns "It's difficult to imagine the foresight that was needed to establish Wisconsin Historical Society more than 150 years ago, especially when the state was still largely wilderness at that time. If it were not for the vision, leadership and commitment of a small group of individuals, we would not have the cherished institution that is now our state's memory and foremost storyteller." from Dennis Dorn, president of Wisconsin Historical Foundation.

The purpose of the Menasha Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of Menasha. In order to do this we...

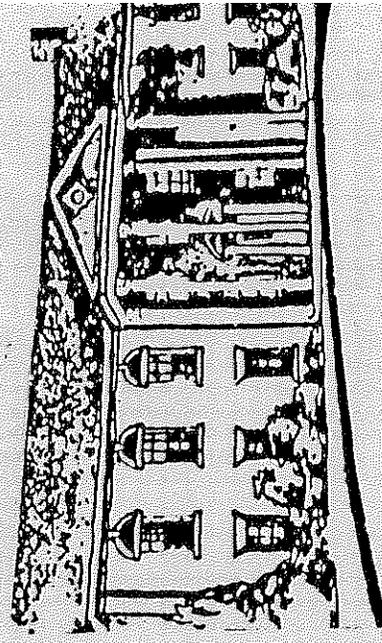
-hold on-site historical programs
-take historical tours
-research and relive Menasha's history
-become acquainted with former public figures
-assist the school children in understanding their past
-preserve artifacts
-assist researchers into Menasha's past by providing facts, pictures, etc.
-encourage fellowship with other historians

If you are not already a member, we invite you to join our group and participate in our interesting activities. Dues are \$10.00 per year payable in September. For further information stop at the Museum and Resource Center located in the Memorial Building at Smith Park on a Monday morning- 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or call Katie LaMore - 722-4364 or Jean Chew - 722-7349

Presidents Of the Past 53 Years

1956-1958	Harold Bachmann
1958-1963	Florence Wilterding
1963-1964	Charlotte Auer
1964-1965	Jay Joslyn
1965-1966	Harold Bachmann
1966-1968	Mary Cory
1968-1970	Amos Page
1970-1972	William Herziger
1972-1975	Douglas Strong
1975-1977	Zoe Hayes
1977-1979	Genevieve Schierl
1980-1981	Anthony Simon
1982-1985	Randolph Haase
1986-1987	William Herziger
1987-1989	Dolores Gear
1990-	Edward Hill
1990-1991	Raymond Feit
1992-1996	Winifred Pawlowski
1997-1998	Mary Jane Van Lieshout
1999-2001	William Herziger
2001-2005	Dolores Gear
2006-2008	Beverly Sund
2008-	Nancy Barker

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Museum and Resource Center
Located in the Memorial Building
640 Keyes Street
Menasha, WI 54952

2009-2010

PROGRAM

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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Nancy Barker
VICE-PRESIDENT Katie LaMore
SECRETARY Dolores Gear
TREASURER Nancy Spindler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jack Hammett
Caryl Herziger
Rosalie Terry
Carol Sweet
Mary Jane Van Lieshout
Jean Chew

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Social Rosalie Terry
Newsletter Caryl Herziger
Attendance Mary Jane
Van Lieshout
Caboose Jack Hammett

Museum & Resource Center

Director Katie LaMore
Assistant Jean Chew

SEPTEMBER 10 – 5:30 p.m.

(Resource Center)
Potluck supper
Program by Nancy Barker
“Menasha Broom maker-
Frank Beyer”

OCTOBER 8 – 7:00 p.m.

(Resource Center)
“Clovis Grove Family” Skit

NOVEMBER 12 – 7:00 p.m.

(Resource Center)
“Isle of Valor”
Guest speakers

DECEMBER 10 – 5:00 p.m.

(Germania Hall-Menasha)
Annual Christmas dinner
“Winter on Lake Winnebago”

JANUARY 14 – NO MEETING

FEBRUARY 11

To be announced
(weather permitting)

MARCH 11 – 7:00 p.m.

(Resource Center)
“Share Your Memories”
Slides presented by Dick Loehning
A past look at downtown Menasha

APRIL 8 – 7:00 p.m.

(Resource Center)
“Memories of Waverly Beach
and Brighton Beach”

MAY 13 – 9:30 a.m.

(Oshkosh tour)
Winnebago County Buildings
Lunch at a local restaurant