



MENASHA CITY SQUARE 1888

MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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LOOKING BACK

A huge "thank you" is due to Tim Sweet for his interesting, informative, and entertaining presentation at our November meeting. We learned about Wisconsin's earliest lighthouse, Rock Island's Potawatomi Lighthouse, and its restoration. A large audience - almost at capacity - heard the story of the salvation through the tales Tim related. It made us all feel the urge to visit the site to see for ourselves. Thanks, Tim.

Trick or treat night in downtown Menasha was a total success. The Historical Society was represented by our own costumed members, Nancy Barker and Jean Chew. Though the winds were powerfully strong and the temperature lowered, they manned the tent which contained the downtown merchants' carved and decorated pumpkins waiting to be voted "the best". Over 600 delighted, costumed children filed through between the hours of 4:00 -7:00 p.m. Thanks to all of the merchants who participated to continue to make our city a "great place to live".

LOOKING AHEAD

On Friday evening, December 3, the city Park Department will again sponsor its annual hayride beginning and ending at the Memorial Building. As a part of this affair, we will open our Museum/Resource Center for the community to view our newly expanded exhibits.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are once again approaching the Christmas Season and time to turn our thoughts toward our annual Christmas gala. On Thursday, December 9 at Germania Hall we will gather at 5:00 p.m. for socializing and at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. We will gather for food, fellowship, and history. Your check for \$15.00 (made out to the Menasha Historical Society) is your reservation and should be sent to Menasha Historical Society, Box 255, Menasha, WI 54952 by Friday, December 3. This year's theme is "A 'Dairy' Merry Christmas" and will feature Menasha's four dairies.

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"You will hear our members tell the history of several of our dairies, and we hope you will tell us your memories of our local small business men and their bovine friends. We look forward to seeing you all there along with our faithful Neenah friends."

President Nancy Barker

LAST CALL

This is your last call for dues. No dues, no news. Send \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple to Menasha Historical Society, Box 255, Menasha, WI 54952 and do it now!

This is the last news letter to all members until February in time for the March meeting. There are no meetings in January and February.

VOLUNTEERS

Yes, Katie and Jean are again putting in countless hours of physical labor to continue to improve the visibility and working areas of your Historical Resource Center and mini-museum. Our artifacts are coming to life in the many new displays that are being exposed. All this is possible with the tremendous help received from members, Jim Chew, Bob Smarzinski, and Tom Konetzke. From donating supplies, to their expert knowledge of building, to moving and, yes, even "to suggesting", their help is invaluable. Thanks again and again. Physical, intellectual and financial help is always welcome, and much needed, in a variety of areas so don't wait to be asked ----- volunteer ----- they will match you up with a job.

DO YOU ENJOY WRITING?

The society is looking for an individual who is creative and enjoys writing. Caryl Herziger, long-time society member, board member, and editor of our newsletter has decided that, upon reaching the young age of 90, it's time to find other outlets for her creativity.

If you are interested in finding out the requirements of this position, (you will get a lot of help), contact President Nancy Barker or any of the board members.