

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



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Open House

The Society's house has been open to the public every Sunday from 2-4 p.m. since the end of May, and although there has not been a lot of traffic we are happy to say that at least 6-8 persons came through each Sunday. We had several join the society and even several donations because people see that we are trying. Thanks to all those who gave a few hours of their time to keep the house open. We are hoping to try something new for next year.

Paint Job

The garage at the Society's house sports a new coat of paint thanks to the hard work of Lois Schreiter her husband, Steve and their children; Harvey Johnson; Richard Grobschmidt and Dan Fax. They spent a lot of time scraping and priming before they applied the finish coat on Aug. 12th. Loose boards were repaired and new metal corners were applied where needed. It was a lot of work but greatly appreciated. The house needs painting again, but will have to wait until next year.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 30th has been picked for the date of our annual Rummage Sale at the Historical Society house, 717 Milw. ave. This year the sale will be held in the garage. If you have rummage to donate or would like to start some plant slips for the plant table, (it was such a success last year) both would be appreciated. Call DoraLee at 762-7828 if you have items to donate and need a pick-up. No clothing, please.

Spinner to Appear

Ginny Jenkins who does spinning of raw wool will be our special guest at the Sept. 11th meeting. She will demonstrate carding, drop spinning and show us how her wheel works while sharing with us the history of spinning. She will also display items made from the wool shes done. Ginny won first place in the crafts division at the So. Milw. Art Fair for a patchwork quilt. Plan to attend.

Changes in the Bylaws

The board of directors has felt that some changes in the bylaws of the Society are needed to improve the quality of our meetings, elections, and membership classifications. The following changes will be voted on at the September meeting.

Article II Membership ---Section 2 Classification and dues
(change) a) Annual memberships shall be of eight classes as follows: individual, individual life, family retirees and/or persons 65 years or older, junior historian, business and professional, sustaining, and school classroom membership.

(change) b) Dues for each class of annual membership shall be as follows: Individual \$3.00, individual life \$100.00, family \$5.00, retirees and/or persons 65 years of age or older \$2.00, junior historian \$1.00, business and professional \$10.00, sustaining \$25.00, school classroom \$1.00

(add) d) Life membership dues shall be invested and the proceeds be added to the general fund each year.

Article V Elections. Section 2 Officers

(change) a) Officers with board rank-pres., vice pres., sec., and treas.- shall be elected by the membership at the annual May meeting to serve for a period of one year, and shall take office at the June Board of Directors meeting which will be a joint meeting of old and new officers.

Article V Section 3. The Nominating Committee

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(change) c) The nominating committee shall present the slate of officers at the annual May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Article VI Meetings Section I

(change) a) The Board of Directors shall meet the first Monday of August, October, December, February, April and June.

Article VI Section 2 Meetings of the Membership

(change) a) The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Monday in the month of May each year. Other regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the second Monday of September, and the first Monday of November, January and March.

Please note especially the last section pertaining to meetings of the membership. In an effort to generate a little more enthusiasm in our organization the Board feels that a change to every other month will enable us to prepare a better program and business meeting.

Art Fair

Thanks to Florence Johnson who shared her space at the SM Art Fair on Aug. 13th the Society was represented by a display of books (Then to Now by our own Gert Endthoff) rocks with our logo varnished on and a few city maps left over from the bicentennial. Our booth was manned by Otto Kuppert and

DoraLee. It was a hot, bright day and if business was less than brisk at least we sold one book, 17 stones and 2 maps. Every little bit helps they say-- and it also helps to talk up our organization and let the people know we're here. Several books have been sold at the open house on Sundays, too. Let's keep it going.

NEW FLAG

A new flag is flying from the pole at the historical house. Our old one disappeared. The new one was donated by Rick Grobschmidt. Thanks, Rick.

Depot Notes

Not much to report about the depot lately. We have received a letter from the C&NW RR stating they could not give a price on the depot since they are waiting word from the Trans. Commission of Wisconsin about their request to abandon use of the depot. And another letter received from the Transportation Commission of Wisconsin (formerly the Public Service Commission) informs us that they, too, are waiting word before making a decision. They are waiting to hear from the National Historic Register to see if the depot qualifies for such status. The depot committee is also waiting for this decision.

Greeting Cards

The society feels that a good project would be selling cards that have been designed with a picture of something relating to South Milwaukee on the cover, perhaps a pen and ink sketch of the old mill, the water tower, or even the depot. Tentative discussion has brought up the possibility of having old time receipts on the inner pages- or making a series of cards for sale during the holidays. This project will be discussed at the September meeting so if you have any ideas that could help, please come and share them with us all.

Paving Blocks?

One of our bicycling members was tooling along north Chicago Ave. about the 1000 block when she noticed strange lumps under the asphalt, laid out in a rather symmetrical pattern. Are they old paving bricks?

Repairs, Repairs

One of the problems with old houses has to do with water leaks because of old wood drying out and pulling away from siding, ect. This was the cause of a big leak that has caused the paint to flake off in the dining room of the historical house. At first it was thought to be a radiator leaking on the upper floor, but Otto Kupert persisted and finally the offending spot was located where the west overhang is attached to the house. A carpenter was called in and the job done, now the ceiling needs a touch-up paint job. Thanks Otto for your persistence.

Until We Meet Again

One of our members has moved to the land of warmth and sunshine. We all wish her and her family well in their new home in Florida. Before she left Jackie Granec gifted the Society with many rummage items and some to be used in our museum both of which deserve our thanks.

If any wish to drop Jackie a card her address is:

601 Florida
St. Cloud, Fla. 32769

Thank you again Jac, for all your past help in the Society. Until we meet again! -*--

DONT FORGET-- MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, SEPT. 11th

RUMMAGE SALE SEPT. 30TH

(for pick-up call 762-7828)

HISTORY

Out of monuments, names, words proverbs, traditions, private records and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books, and the like, we do save and recover somewhat from the deluge of time.--(Bacon)