



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

NOV. 13 ANNUAL BAKERY AND CRAFT SALE 9AM TO 2 PM
DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORY BOOKS, SPOONS, TIE TACS, NOTE CARDS,
CRAFTS, BAKERY, JAM

FEB. 12, 1994 ANNUAL DINNER

MUSEUM OPEN BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE WEEK call Rick Tangen or
Gertrude Endthoff (numbers above)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Now that spring and summer have passed and all activities that go with those times of the year, we must merge forward into fall and winter.

I would like to thank all who helped during heritage days, rummage sales, house sitting and just being there when needed.

On October 2, 1993, there were seven of us members who attended the 1993 Metropolitan Regional Convention, hosted by Historic Milwaukee, Inc. The convention was held at Turner Hall on North 4th Street. (A very unique building with a ballroom upstairs that had a fire in the early 1900's. Renovation is just starting as financial funds were not available before.)

They had two panel discussions, one on the "Revitalization and Tourism in three Historic Districts", Historic Brewers Hill-- Historic Third Ward--and Walker's Point, the other was on "Heritage Tourism". The panels talked about Wisconsin Ethnic Settlement Trail and the 19th Century European Settlements along the Wisconsin shore of

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Lake Michigan.

One of the disappointing factors of this years convention was that the 3 minute talk from each society was eliminated. I've always enjoyed hearing what other societies were doing and to be able to inform them what we did, also give them a brief history about our society. Hopefully, this will not be eliminated from next years convention.

At our September pot luck dinner our speaker was Tony Kotschi. At this time he presented a beautiful hand painted picture of the Ed Rawson House to the Society. Thank you Tony, it is greatly appreciated and you do beautiful work.

Mark your calendar for these up coming events. Our craft and bake sale date has been changed to November 13, 1993. If you have any craft or bake items that you would like me to pick up please call me at 764-2118. Also keep in mind our annual dinner held at the Bucyrus Club on February 12, 1994. More information will follow.

Come one, come all, come to our Craft and Bake Sale.

NEW HANDCRAFTED ITEMS!!!

See you Saturday.

Addie Becker
President

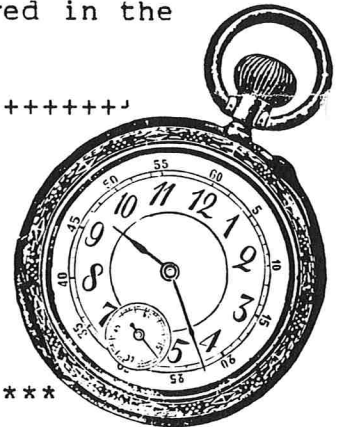
Tony Kotschi's painting of Ed Rawson House will be displayed in the library after the Bake and Craft Sale.

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TREASURERS CORNER

Dues are due in January. The date next to your name on the address label is the date you last paid your dues.

Send dues to Treasurer: Janice Tylicki,
1611 Walnut St., South Milwaukee, WI 53172.



BAKERY AND CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 am to 2 pm. Someone will be at the Historical Society to take your bakery and craft items on Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm and on Saturday morning from 8 am. If you bring a craft item please suggest a sale price. Donations of your extra jam and jelly jars with covers are appreciated.

REMEMBER SPEED WAY RACE TRACK?? A dirt track racing track on 5th Ave. during the 1920's and 1930's. Does anyone have any photos?

NEW: Copies of the new South Milwaukee Brochure will be available at the Bake and Craft Sale.

AQUIRED: a dress form from St Mary's Rummage Sale from Jean Hetzel and Leroy Opal.

THANKS: to boy scouts under the leadership of Neal Omernik for collating and boxing old newspapers.
to Neal Omernik's grandfather who built shelving to hold the boxes of newspaper.

THE MAJESTY OF THE CASCADES-

When the last issue of this news letter was in the mail, I was off to Seattle to be with my daughter and her husband, Craig and Lisa Foyer, when their first child and my first grandchild was born. I am happy to announce the arrival of Christopher Foyer, 8 1/2 lbs., born on the 4th of July just before the fireworks display. Baby, mother and father are all well, thank you.

Steve and I have now joined the ranks of dotinq grandparents and we're thrilled with the new love in our lives.

Craig and Lisa gave me the opportunity to spend more time in the Pacific Northwest. Each morning I could look out my bedroom window and watch the fog lift over Puget Sound. July is mostly a month of overcast skies and short warm misty rains. There were 3 sunny days during July. I heard thunder but never experienced a thunderstorm unlike the midwest. Blue hydrangeas, rododendrums, and azaleas are planted around the landscaping of homes in this mild climate. The sea shore parks were full of clam and mussle shells in the firm sand. Tiny crabs hid under small rocks and sea weed in the tide pools waiting for the water to come back and wash over them again.

Steve's vacation began the last half of July. So he joined us in Seattle to hold the new baby and do some exploring. We rented a car and drove along the Columbia River trying to imagine Lewis and Clark nearing the end of their long trek on the Oregon Trail. The mountains are magnificent, especially to a flat lander like me. The Pacific side is lush with green growth and frequent water falls, high, majestic, frothing and misty, falling in different shapes from the mountains above to creeks and rivers and ultimately to the Columbia River below.

The eastern side of the Cascade Mountains appear as a desert with



tan colors and sparse growth. We stayed overnight at The Dalles (The Rapids). Exploring the river edge which is full of huge 5 foot, 10 foot and larger boulders, we found a place flat, 50 feet across with a sand bottom, surrounded by jagged boulders and 20 feet over the river where Lewis and Clark and their party camped. Marked with a plaque. The geology of the place was awesome. Although a super highway is now near, the travelers of the Oregon Trail nearing the end of their difficult journey now had to decide whether to go over the rugged mountains or shoot through a few miles of dangerous rapids and currents. Some families lost more than one member of their families when rafts and possessions overturned in the currents.

The next day we took a scenic route over the mountains, really an old wagon route (unbelievable) and this old flatlander had a panic attack of fear and sweaty palms and I could not continue driving. Once we got to the top of the mountain I was fine. There we were in the middle of the dozens of pear and apple orchards, sawmills and even a cattle ranch. We took the Mount Hood Scenic Railroad from the site of its depot listed on the National Register of Historical Sites to Parkdale, Oregon had a most delicious lunch at a small bakery, viewed Mt. Hood from 20 miles away and returned over streams and through the orchards and past someone's grandmas house to the Columbia River Basin.

Lois Schreiter

Our SYMPATHY: to Fran Saxler and her Family on the death of her husband, Harold.

to Mary and Bill Magnuson on the passing of Bill's stepfather.

GET WELL WISHES: to Ray Thibeadeau, Ken Heise, and Merle Monson

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: to Ann Monson

To send get-well wishes to members, call Mary Magnuson.

TWO LOTS-Forest Hill cemetery. Offers accepted. See Gertrude Endthoff

THANK YOU FOR USING YOUR PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE GROCERY RECEIPTS: The S.M. Historical Society BENEFITS from your efforts.

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Dues are listed below. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH TIME, MONEY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PROGRAMS. THANK US--BY BECOMING A MEMBER. YOU ARE NEEDED.

DUES: Seniors	\$4.00	Professional	\$10.00
Single	\$5.00	Life Membership	\$100.00
Family	\$6.00	HELP PRESERVE YOUR HERITAGE.	

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Type of dues _____

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