

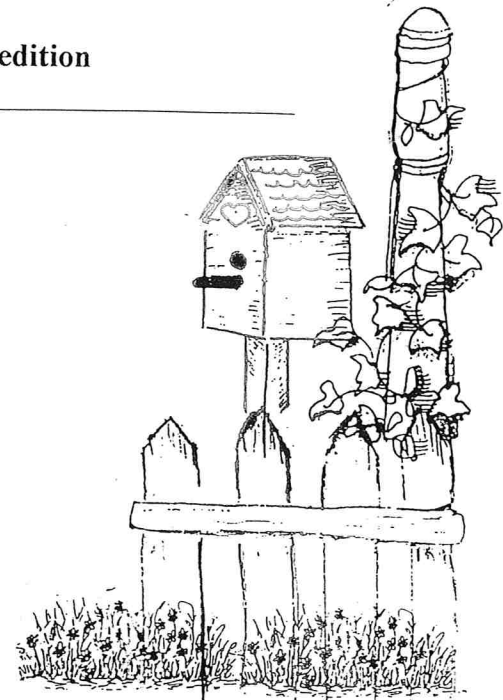


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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1995:

JULY 13,14,15, 20,21,23	--- RUMMAGE SALE DAYS ---
JULY 16-23	HERITAGE DAYS, OPEN HOUSE, SPECIAL EVENTS
JULY 16	FLAG DEDICATION, 1 PM, FREE ICE CREAM TO 1ST-- 200 PEOPLE
JULY 23	TROLLEY TOURS
SEPTEMBER 11	POT LUCK, 5:30 P.M. 1111 N. CHICAGO AVE.
NOVEMBER	NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2	BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you Addie Becker for serving 8 years as President of the South Milwaukee Historical Society. She served 1986-88 and 1991-95. Thank you for a job well done.

Hello everyone. I'm baaack. It has been 18 years since my first term as President and this year marks my ninth term. I hope I can do as well as Addie.

The Business Fair was successful again this year. Thanks to all who helped, Addie Becker, Ann Monson, Jewell Heise, Mary Magnuson, Eunice Hahn, Dean Marlowe, Jr. Greg Meka, Delores Kowalski and Debra Baer.

Our Pot Luck and election meeting was well attended. Thank you for coming. Our entertainment was two videos showing the 1967 South Milwaukee Spectacle of Music Parade and a 1930's view of South Milwaukee.

Please note the new officers and board members as a result of the election. Thank you for generously giving of your time and talent to the society.

Mary Magnuson is continuing the rummage sales on July 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23. The sales have been very successful. Thank you Mary. Another Thank you goes to Oak Creek Historical Society President Gene Stark for donating 12 geraniums planted at the Museum

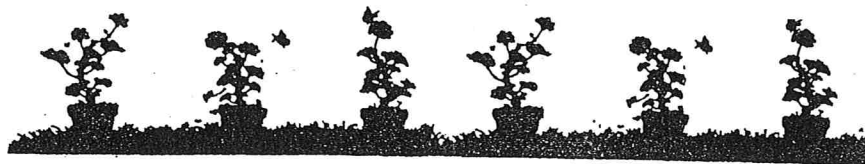
Heritage Days are coming soon. We are planning to dedicate our new flag poles on the opening day of Heritage Days at the Museum Sunday, July 16 at 1PM. We have planned a flag raising and ribbon cutting ceremony, and we will have free ice cream for the first 200 guests. Open house and some special demonstrations will take place during the afternoon.

Trolley tours will be held on July 23 every half hour from 12 noon to 5 PM. Hot dogs, potato chips, and soda will be sold. We have a new hot dog stand built by Greg Meka. Come and see it.

Start thinking of your favorite recipe for the September Pot Luck. It will be held again at the First Congregational Church, 1111 N. Chicago Ave. 5:30 PM.

See you on July 16 at the museum for the dedication of the flag poles.

Lois Schreiter, President



Welcome to new member Shelley D. Lee of Parkville, MO. (Cousin of the Tangen's)

On July 24 and July 25 the Northwest Territory Alliance reenacted battles and parades and demonstrated Revolutionary War crafts. The weekend was dedicated to Rick Tangen. Rick, a SMHS president and vice president, died last July, a week after promoting and taking part in the NTA event.



MINT ICE TEA

Use 1 quart size pan.

2 cups of water

7-8 level teaspoons instant tea

6 mint sprigs about 6 inches long, rinsed.

1/2 cup sugar

In pan put water, sugar, tea and mint.

Bring to a boil, remove from heat.

After 5 minutes remove mint.

Pour mixture into 6 cups of cold water.

Makes 8 glasses of iced tea.

WANTED--JAM AND JELLY JARS WITH COVERS -- CALL Jewell Heise, 762-4650
DEPOSIT grocery receipts from Piggly Wiggly into Historical Society slot at store.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. DUES: Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Send dues to Dean Marlowe, Jr., 3516 18th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172



Indians, Explorers, Fur Traders, Missionaries and Us.

You know your bored when you have to read your wife's books. This happened a few weeks ago when while recovering from a bout with a kidney stone I found my self reading "Waterways of Wisconsin" by Margaret Bogue and discovered that our state contains two famous routes from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River. In particular I was mesmerized by her description of the portage between the Brule and St. Croix rivers. It is located in far northwestern Wisconsin, near the town of Solon Springs. A few weekends ago we traveled north for a reunion in Lois' mothers family and went a bit further to look for the portage and "walk where they walked'.

The head waters of both rivers are in a long narrow swamp just northeast of Solon Springs, the St. Croix beginning at Upper St. Croix Lake adjacent to the swamp and the Brule a small stream flowing out of the swamp and on northward toward Lake Superior. We followed the directions in the book and drove out of Solon Springs on Highway A but only found a large sign which announced that the site was that of the portage. A bit of exploration in the woods on the north side of the Highway at the sign produced clear evidence of the portage path. Lois and I walked up the path on a gradual slope for about 1/4 mile and returned. The path is about 18 inches wide and is worn into the ground from an inch or so to 8-10 inches in some places. It is especially worn in the steeper places where heavily laden hikers probably slipped slightly as they trod downward. We were unable to find a route to the other end of the portage but maps show it to be downriver from the headwaters presumably at a point where the river would support canoe traffic. Standing on the trail that was used starting in 1680 gave one a rush of feeling for the thousands of people who had walked there.

The two markers at the south end of the portage were placed in 1966 by the Wisconsin Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and in 1933 by what appears to be the same group.

We had detailed county maps of the area but could not locate a road to the opposite end of the portage trail. The 1994 "ST. Croix Riverway, Official Guide and Map" as obtained from the ranger station in St. Croix Falls shows the portage paralleling the Brule river before joining it, but does not show any roads near the northern end.

reference: Exploring Wisconsin's Waterways, Margaret Beattie Bogue

Note- Mrs. Bogue refers to a magazine article in WISCONSIN TRAILS AND TALES vol. 10, 1969. The South Milwaukee library does not have this magazine. If a member has this back issue I would appreciate an opportunity to copy the article.



SPARKY SPEAKS

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY
TODAY IS A GIFT, AND THAT'S WHY WE CALL IT THE PRESENT



Things Acquired:

1. Many items from the George Zychs: Among them are Mrs. Zych's prom and graduation dress, a yellow straw bubble type hat of the 50's, a framed picture of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zych, possibly a wedding anniversary. Joseph Zych was a druggist. The store was on the northwest corner of 12th and Milwaukee Ave. And more items.
2. Remember when using a cigarette maker was better than "rolling your own". The museum now has two different brands complete with papers and tobacco.
3. Also from the Zychs, a copy of a map of the village of South Milwaukee dated 1892.
4. Two pieces of Blenko glass and a vase of yellow spatterware were brought in.
5. Two once lovely, priceless and large cut crystal vases kept for memories sake.
6. Three hats from the 40's and 50's. Classy!
7. On loan for the winter will be a four piece mink scarf.
8. Copies of Bay Mist to add to our collection.
9. Many donations of materials for rummage sales, July 13,14,15th and July 20, 21, 23rd.
10. Anyone able to recall the Butterfly Cafe? There was a staff of about 20. Possibly in the 40's or 50's when yellow with brown trim on uniforms was popular.

Items of Interest:

- a. Material has been prepared on the history of Grant Park Clubhouse, which will be framed and placed in the enclosed area which was the carriage entry. The style of the architecture and stone work was retained to permit a useful starter point for the golf course. A pro shop is housed in the enclosure.
- b. Come ride the Trolley Sunday, July 23, first tour begins at noon, the last tour is at 4:30PM. See you there.

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