



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1996:

FEBRUARY 10 ANNUAL DINNER AT BUCYRUS CLUB For entertainment
Russ and Betty Tschohl will host an "Identification Clinic". Bring an antique
or treasure for show and tell. Questions
welcome. Russ will also talk about refinishing antiques. No jewelry please. Fill out
form at end of newsletter for dinner and/or dues. Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30PM
We'll be waiting to see you.

MAY 6 POT LUCK 5:30PM First Congregational Church, Pine and Chicago Ave.

MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE FREE ADMISSION FOR MOTHERS

JUNE 1 RUMMAGE SALE

JULY 20 - 28 HERITAGE DAYS

SEPT. 9 POT LUCK 5:30PM First Congregational Church, Pine and Chicago Ave.

DEC. 7 CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

DEC. 8 or 15 CHRISTMAS AT MUSEUM -CHRISTMAS CRIB DISPLAY - PLEASE
REGISTER BY NOV. 1st IF YOU WISH TO DISPLAY YOUR CHRISTMAS
CRIB.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In December our Craft and Bake sale and Christmas at the Museum were wonderful events. Thank you to all who attended and made it a success. Thank you to the many members who donated bakery and craft items. The cookies I sampled were great and I am enjoying the Amish pillowcase doll that I bought. Thank you for all those who

helped set up and worked for those 2 days. You are all appreciated. Our Society benefits and thrives because of all of you.

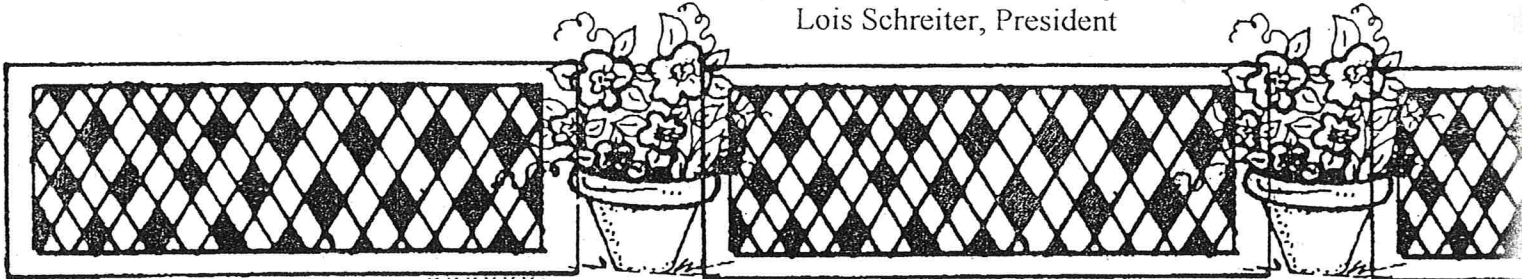
Our membership drive in November brought some new members and a few donations. The mugs arrived in time for the Bake and Craft sale and were selling well. The 10 ounce mugs have the entrance to the seven bridges printed in brown on two sides of the porcelain mug. It makes a great gift for Valentine's Day with an individual package of flavored coffee or cocoa. The mug alone is \$4.00. Shipping is extra. If you need one please call me, (414)-762-5214.

Our annual dinner is coming soon on February 10. The menu is salad, rolls, stuffed pork chop, rice pilaf, California mixed vegetables and Black Forest Torte. The price is \$12.50. The program will be wonderful. Social hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30.

As you know the Historical Society is a non profit educational corporation. It does not promote political parties or candidates, but recently signs have been put on the Historical Society grounds that have not been authorized by the the Society. The board of directors voted to not allow any political signs or endorse political candidates. We hope you will understand our position.

During our wonderful Christmas holidays and running to the airport eight times to pick up or return family travelers, Steve and I flew to Baltimore for the wedding of a friend. We stayed in the recently renovated inner harbor area. We visited the aquarium dolphin show and loved the coral reef display. The inner harbor has a boat bus and many shops and eateries. Special tours on the Civil War sloop of war *Constellation* were being offered to raise money to renovate the 1955 reproduction of the 1797 ship.

Lois Schreiter, President



After two years of trail and error Steve and I, mostly Steve, has perfected the label making process on our computer. We are very happy with our new success and hope this will be an improvement to our newsletter. On the label, to the left of your name, I will put the year when you paid your dues. (Schreiter, 96) or (Schreiter, L) for life members

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: ESTELLE HAACK

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS.
VANCE CHAMBERLAIN, MRS. ARTHUR KASPER, DR. JOHN GLADIEUX,
FREDERICK HOOK, ROSE PALASZ

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

**CURATOR'S CORNER** by *Gertrude Endthoff*

Good news! As curator I'm always happy to receive copies of abstracts of titles to property. We've added a few more in 1995. There were more and more inquiries about property and people who lived here. I'm happy to answer if I know.



**A Historic Quilt's Story in Pen and Ink**

Dora Lee Sczewuga, former curator, former local resident and artist researched and interpreted twenty four structures and sites from the early days of the settlement along Oak Creek(1835) and the formative years of the growth of the city of South Milwaukee(1897) from a farming community to industrial city of importance. After Dora Lee moved to Necedah, she used log cabin quilt blocks to set off the sketches to make a quilt, which she quilted and finished. In 1988 she presented this work of art to the South Milwaukee Historical Society to be hung in the museum.

The intent of this research of the sites recorded is to preserve the importance, value and use of these buildings and to show their influence and preserve the heritage of the community. The pen and ink sketches give views of sites of importance as the community grew steadily after the U.S. Government sold land for \$1.25 per acre in 1838. Farming flourished here until the 1890's when farmers sold their properties to make way for change. Investors "boomed" the area by encouraging industries to move and build here. A new townsite was laid out, areas platted for factories, lots for homes, a water system, fire protection, police protection, churches, schools and stores. A downtown east and west along Milwaukee Avenue from Fifth Avenue to twelfth Avenue and north and south along Tenth Avenue from Hawthorne to Marquette Avenue.

The area was renamed *South Milwaukee* in 1892 as the village promoters began to advertise and sell land. Growth began. By the census of 1895 the village had grown from a few hundred to a population of 2662.

By the laws of the State of Wisconsin Section 98 Chapter 287 in 1897 a fourth class city by the name of South Milwaukee became a reality at the end of the election held June 30th 1897. This was recognized by the state in the Capitol city of Madison on July 6, 1897.

In the first city election in 1897, George C. Bush, who had formerly served as village clerk of South Milwaukee and Oak Creek was elected mayor, D. J. Sweeney was chosen city clerk and William Grobschmidt, city treasurer.

It is fitting that accounts of the sites be recorded and remembered as this community celebrates one hundred years as a city in 1897.

Issues of the newsletter will have accounts of the sites and structures seen on the quilt from left to right top to bottom. Watch for them.

Gertrude Endthoff

**DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Donations welcome.

Treasurer, Dean Marlowe, Jr., 3516 18th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Membership Chairperson is Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172

**Both dues and dinner reservations may be sent to Dean Marlowe. Dues alone can be sent to Addie Becker. Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society.**

**ANNUAL DINNER AT BUCYRUS CLUB**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF DUES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE DINNERS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS @ 12.50 EACH

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