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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1996:

1998

1997

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HERITAGE DAYS -- OPEN HOUSE AT THE MUSEUM JULY 21 1 - 4 PM JULY 28 12-4 PM HERITAGE DAYS -- OPEN HOUSE AT THE MUSEUM

JULY 25, 26, 8 AM TO 2 PM RUMMAGE SALE DAYS

NEWSLETTER

TROLLEY RIDES/ TOURS, HOT DOGS/ SNACKS, GIFTS JULY 28

JULY 28 8 AM TO 4 PM RUMMAGE SALE

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

OCT. 7 & 8 OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM (Sesquicentennial City of Milwaukee)

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to Lois Schreiter for serving as President of the South Milwaukee Historical Society for the last year. Under Lois, the Society's finances have grown despite unforseen repairs to the museum's basement and curator's office. In addition, many new ideas were brought forth and much work done. Thanks for a job well done.

Thanks also to Greg Meka for his many years of service to the society. Greg completed his term as Secretary last month.

Please join me in welcoming our new board members. Fran Saxler is new on the board of directors. Fran fill the position left by Dolores Kowalski, who is our new Secretary. Fred Brutvan is the new Treasurer of the Historical Society. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents.

Much work lies ahead in the coming months and I'm excited about the many challenges that work holds.

The Business Fair held at the high school was well attended and a success! Thanks to Ann Monson, Jewell and Ken Heise, Eunice Hahn, Greg Meka, Dolores Kowalski, Debra Baer and Gertrude Endthoff for their help. A good time was had by all.

Our Pot luck held at the First Congregational Church was an enjoyable evening. Good food, good fun and a very interesting program by Gertrude Endthoff were on the agenda. Gert's button collection was displayed and she gave a very informative talk about it.

Our first Rummage Sale of the year was on May 31st and June 1st. Thanks to Jewell and Ken Heise, Gertrude Endthoff and Bill and Mary Maguson. Things went so well, Gert and Mary started a "Bag Sale" of goodies the following week. Look for the Bags at the Rummage Sale during Heritage Days Week.

Speaking of Heritage Days, the museum will be open on July 21 from 1 to 4 PM and July 28 from noon to 4 PM. Gertrude will again hold trolley tours on the historic sites of South Milwaukee on July 28th from noon to 4 PM. Tours will run every half hour. Rummage sales will be held Thursday and Friday July 25 and 26 from 8 AM to 2 PM and on July 28 from 8 to 4 PM. Come join the fun. Also, please look for the Historical Society's entry in the Heritage Days parade.

If anyone is interested in helping with planning the Society's participation in the South Milwaukee Centennial Celebration please contact me. Your ideas are encouraged and welcome.

The Society will be open from 2 to 4 PM on October 7th and 8th to help celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the City of Milwaukee.

A big thank you goes to fellow member Gene Stark (treasurer and past president, Oak Creek Historical Society) for the beautiful geraniums planted around the museum sign. The flowers look and smell great.

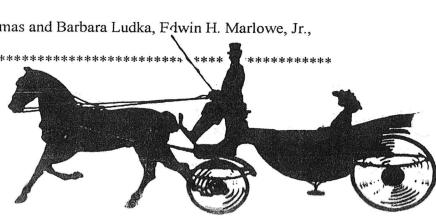
Hope to see you at the museum during Heritage days!

Dean Marlowe, Jr., President

On February 21, 22, 1997 The State Historical Society of Wisconsin with the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will present Genealogy '97 in Middleton, WI. Titled, "They Came in Ships: Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors" This conference will feature speakers, vendors of genealogical books and supplies. (Middleton is a burb of Madison)

If you are interested in car pooling or bus-ing call Lois at 762-5214

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Thomas and Barbara Ludka, Fdwin H. Marlowe, Jr., GET WELL SENT TO: James Ward **************





CURATOR'S CORNER

by Gertrude Endthoff

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A HISTORIC QUILT'S STORY IN PEN AND INK

This is the third continuing article about the sketches on the quilt hanging in the SMHS Museum. Quilt and sketches were made by Dora Lee Sczewuga, former curator, former resident, and artist now living in Necedah, WI. She chose 24 structures and sites to depict the formative days of South Milwaukee.

(Correction: In Zion Church // 2. Article: The land was purchased in 1974 not 1994.)

5. The First Methodist Church, 1893-1955

Methodism in the settlement along Oak Creek dates back to covered Wagon and Circuit Riding Preacher Days. Reports show that in 1840 Methodists built a parsonage for the Circuit Rider Preachers from which they served adjacent areas. Services in the early days were held in the local school house. People came to morning service and brought lunch in order to stay for the afternoon service. In 1893 with the help of Reverend J.M. Wilkinson, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church in Milwaukee plans were made to establish a church. At first a storeroom on the corner of 12th and Michigan Avenue was used for meetings. Just ten weeks after the first preaching service in March, a dedication service was held in the newly constructed Methodist Church building at 8th and Monroe Avenue. As the congregation increased, a new location was found. In 1953 a site at 1327 Marshall Ave was selected and the first service was Easter Sunday 1955. Ground was broken for a church school addition in 1960 and bells were placed in the bell tower.

In 1955 the old church on 8th and Monroe was sold to the Assembly of God. A new parsonage across from the church was built in 1961 on Marshall Avenue. Methodists have been very good in sharing their building space. When St. Adelbert's school system needed classroom space they met in the extra room. When Parkway elementary was over crowded two classrooms were used. Angel Care Child Center used the facilities, Easter Seal Trainable Children used the facility, Interfaith has office space and the last several years the Woman's club of South Milwaukee has had literacy classes in the building.

6. Dr. Sidney Smith's Hospital 1892-1960's

Dr. Sidney Smith came to the new community from Canada about 1892. He set up a practice and soon built a hospital on Milwaukee Avenue across the street from the Stand Pipe of the water department. He established the first nurses training school in this area. Many nurses were trained there. The hospital was in operation until the 1960's. Do you know someone who was born at the hospital or someone who took nurses training there? If you do why don't you drop a line to us and give the statistics, we'll put it in the file headed "Born in Dr. Smith's Hospital" or "Nurse's Trained at Dr. Smith's Hospital". In 1990 the building was converted into five apartments, two on the main floor, two on the second floor and one on the third floor.





Nancy and Pat Browne, thank you for the Word Perfect for DOS program for our computer.

The Museum office is painted, thanks to Lois Schreiter for the painting and Fred Brutvan and Dean Marlowe, Jr. for moving the furniture. Dolores Kowalski washed the curtains and ordered the blinds.

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



LET THERE BE LIGHT

Candle sconces were scarce and thus valuable in the 1700's in North America. The sconces were attached to a wall and featured a glass chimn by which kept the candle out of wax wasting drafts. Sconces also had a metal backing v hich reflected the light to increase brightness. Later, glass and mirrors replaced the metal for better reflecting. In the early Twentieth Century, some of the early sconces were electrified, at which time owners may have chosen to add lamp shades.

Chandeliers are an elegant way to showcase light. In the Colonial and Federal Periods, chandeliers were made from wood and metal. They were simple, airy, and spacious. Many featured turned wooden center posts and spindly candle-bearing arms made of tin, copper or iron. Fancy glass chandeliers appeared in 1850. Gas-powered chandeliers were popular from approximately 1850 to 1887.

Brass Chandeliers become available in the late 1800's. They had a central stem of brass globes from which emanated curved metal candle holders. These elegant chandeliers were first designed for churches. They were imported from England and were inspired by Dutch craftsmen.

By 1876, the dramatic centerpiece of a stylish Victorian Period Room was the gasolier chandelier. Early gasoliers had large round globes to enclose the flame. A shorter, wider flame-encasement base was developed in 1876.

Pressed glass was the earlier type of glass followed by the etched glass.

The Fixture and Decorative Bronze Department of the Edison General Electric Company (later GE) advertised "the latest in electric lights and combination gas fixtures" in 1890. These combination fixtures worked two ways. Not only did they burn gas, but they also had electrical elements. These fixtures did double duty because electric service was limited to certain hours of the day and was only offered in limited areas. So the chandelier had gas fixtures facing the ceiling and incandescent bulbs pointing downward, allowing use at any time.



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DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY.

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