



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Avenue, 53172

NEWSLETTER

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"WE NEED MAGIC, AND BLISS,  
AND POWER, MYTH,  
AND CELEBRATION AND RELIGION  
IN OUR LIVES, AND MUSIC IS  
A GOOD WAY  
TO ENCAPSULATE  
A LOT OF IT."

JERRY GARCIA



## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Along with your officers we are pleased to update our membership on several nice happenings at the museum house and historical site locations.

The millstones: Plaques, with the assistance of many, are now in place on the north and south ends of the beautiful waterfalls (at Oak Creek on the Mill Road) along with plantings of two dwarf albertson upright evergreens. Site improvement will continue.

The Museum: Two benches are located to the east and west on the lawn of the museum house along with a new city logo and sesquicentennial flags. Museum tours are perking up. Thanks to Gertrude and her crew. We are regularly receiving historical memorabilia but really need a working crew to sort and display.

We are looking toward the holidays with participation in the old fashioned Christmas, Bake and Craft show and Christmas at the Museum. Happy Holidays.

Chet Grobschmidt, President



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## SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1998 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



DEC	5	BAKE AND CRAFT SALE 9 AM - 2 PM AT MUSEUM
	6	OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS 2 - 6PM CITY HALL CARRIAGE AND WAGON RIDES
	14	BOARD MEETING 7 PM AT MUSEUM
	13	CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM 12 - 4 PM ROCKING HORSES AND MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREES AT MUSEUM
FEB.	13	ANNUAL DINNER

**Curator's Corner** by **Gertrude Endthoff**  
**Museum Visitions available. Call 762-8852 or 762-2519**  
 Many school tours are scheduled for Oct. and Nov. already.



**Saturday, December 5th** is the Bake Sale at the Museum, 717 Milwaukee Ave, 9 - 2 PM. Bring donations on Friday, Dec. 4th from 6 to 8 PM. Help is needed to put up Christmas tree, set up tables and clean the Museum before Saturday. Persons needed for sales.  
**Sunday, December 6th** is Old Fashioned Christmas at City Hall. Carriage rides \$2.00 and Wagon rides \$1.00. The day ends with the tree lighting at 6PM.  
**Sunday, December 13th**, 12 to 4 PM is Christmas at the Museum. Help is needed to set up, to greet and to clear away afterwards. Santa will be there too.

On Saturday, September 26, 1998 the South Milwaukee Historical Society was represented at the Metropolitan Regional Convention of Local History by Gertrude Endthoff, Anne Monson, Barbara Schouten, Gene Stark, and Caroline Haack. Flora's Restaurant in Franklin was the meeting place. Wisconsin Sesquicentennial banners by several societies were shown. The banners will be in the State Historical Convention parade in Madison. Slides were shown on "The Burlington Route of the T.M.E.R.&L". After lunch a tour of Franklin's Historic Complex in the Lion's Legend Park, Weiland School, St. Agnes Church, and Museum building was available to all who were interested.

**ACQUISITIONS:** 1. Two bottles from the Sparkling Water Bottling Co. 2. Genealogy about former Alderman, Andrew Ragan's family Dolores Puschautz. It is a fine collection memories and family photos. 3. A beautiful and interesting framed wreath made of human hair from the ladies of the John Fowle family. It was donated by Ronnie Nelson. Ronnie's husband, Irving Nelson's mother was from the Fowle family. Hair weaving was a "hand done skill of the 1800's" Mrs. Dauphin gave the museum some pieces hand made by her father, a Milwaukee jeweler, who made watch fobs and chains for pocket watches out of human hair. 4. Scrapbooks of brides of the 1950's and 60's. Much interest has been shown in looking at them.





Membership dues in Jan. 1999

Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00;

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