



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Avenue, 53172

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## Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 15 Bake and Craft Sale at the Museum 9:00 to 1 PM  
Bring items Friday evening 6 PM to 8 PM
- Nov. 23 Old Fashioned Christmas 12:00 to 6 PM at the  
City Administration Building. Come for the parade, music, Santa, goodies,  
tree lighting, and fireworks.

## From the President:

The Milwaukee County Historical Society has added the Oak Creek dam in South Milwaukee to their list of historic sites. The action came as a result of a proposal by the South Milwaukee Historical Society. A certificate will be presented to the South Milwaukee Historical Society at the County Historical Society meeting later this month. A historic site committee visited the dam site last summer. The committee was met by Chet Grobschmidt, past president of the SM Historical Society. Chet had taken care to insure that the grass and weeds were cut and flowers planted for the occasion. The committee was very impressed. Many appeared to have had no idea such a place existed in the county.

There will be no more water dripping in the curator's office at the Historical Society museum. The upstairs bathroom has been remodeled and the offending pipes replaced. The new bathroom even has a shower, which pleased Mr. Thinnes very much. Some water damage in the curator's office will need to be taken care of in the future.

A storied tablecloth containing the embroidered names of 22 former presidents of the South Milwaukee Homemakers club, beginning in 1949, has been donated to the SM Historic Society. Mrs. Peggy Dielen Johnson donated the tablecloth at the request of her mother, the late Rosemary Goodspeed Dielen, who originally created the cloth and donated it to the Homemakers club. She had asked that it be donated and to the SM Historic Society when the club no longer used it. The tablecloth represented gracious serving.

Don't forget, the Annual South Milwaukee Historical Society Craft and Bake sale on November 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Historically Yours,

Don Bulley, President

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**Curator's Corner by Gertrude Endthoff**

Museum Visitations Call 762-8852 or D.Bulley at 762-7605 Allow 45 minutes. The South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum is open for viewing by appointment. Visitors, school groups, scouts, families, clubs and individuals are welcome.

Growth and Changes at the South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum. A few weeks ago I was able to get to the museum. I found many new items there, some were identified and not others. My request is for those donating to please leave some sort of written identification, with name address and phone number, so accession papers can be properly processed. Photos are so necessary but are useless if they are without names. A dress form was given which we need but from whom? I had a helper with me and she enjoyed her trip. Her muscles really helped me because we sorted and cleared part of the desk in the office. An old candy box revealed wedding invitations from 1908 to 1927 of early settlers. My helper was intrigued by them and helped to assemble them into plastic covers in their own binder. They number in the thirty's.

Work is underway to put together a collection of information on the Lawson Airplane and its crash.

I'm working on portraits and biographies of early settlers from the History of Milwaukee County by Howard Conard, 1890's.

Thanks to Addie Becker for the new file cabinet in memory of her husband, Richard Becker. Materials have been transferred to the new cabinet from the old one.

Our joint efforts with the S.M. Association of Commerce with the Christmas ornament sale. The 2003 ornament depicts the Mill Pond and warming house. It is packaged for shipping for \$12.00 The SMAC also has a new city profile map. Congratulations!

Bake and Craft Sale on Nov 15 at the Museum 9:00 to 1 PM. Please donate items. The items may be brought to the Museum on Friday evening Nov. 14 from 6 PM to 8PM for the Saturday sale. See you there!

Our Sympathy to Erna Hann's family and to her sister Eunice Hahn. Erna, who died in August, faithfully attended all of the Historical Society's events.

The South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. If you know of someone who should be remembered please contact Sunshine Chairperson Barbara Mueller, 762-2712. If you leave a message please indicate if the card should be sent to their home, hospital or nursing home. The name of the hospital or nursing home would also be appreciated.

For only \$100.00 you will never have to remember to send in your dues again. Use the form below to remit your dues payments.

**South Milwaukee Historical Society Membership form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of membership: \_\_\_\_\_ amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Form of payment: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_

Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00;  
Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society. Donations are always welcome. Send membership dues to Membership Chairperson, Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172 (414)764-2118.

**Wanted--Jelly Jars with covers--Call Jewell Heise, 762-4650.  
SAVE grocery receipts from Piggly Wiggly for Historical Society. Mail to Jewell Heise,  
1822 Manitoba Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Thanks for the added effort.**

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**Happy Holidays to all  
Of our membership!**

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