



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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WELCOME

Dates to Remember:

- July 23 and 30** Heritage Days Open Houses 12 – 4PM Tea, coffee, homemade desserts available.
- July 26,** Evening on the Avenue, 2-8 PM Look for us. Help us raise building funds. Checks are acceptable.
- September 11** Pot Luck at the First Congregational Church 5:30, Entertaining talk by Dolly from Wildflower Bakery.
- February 10** Annual Dinner

From the President: Greetings, everyone!

Plans are in the final stages for the Heritage Days celebration at the Museum. The Museum will be open each Sunday of Heritage Days from Noon to 4PM. On July 23, the Society will sponsor a book signing by Author Alice Klaybor. Alice's children's book, Meet the Robins, is on sale at the Museum for \$5.95. Alice lived in the 1200 block of Marquette Avenue for 39 years. Her book takes place in South Milwaukee.

Remember, the Museum building will be open Sundays from 2-4 PM and by appointment.

Summer finds the Society in a precarious financial position. Due to repairs to the exterior and roof at the Museum building, the Society's operating funds have been significantly reduced. In addition, additional repairs are needed to the plumbing and other interior repairs, which will further drain operating funds. I am asking you, our members, to find it in your hearts to make a contribution to the Society to offset these costs. The Board of Directors is also looking at other ways of funding in order to continue the preservation of South Milwaukee's rich history.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration! Enjoy summer!

Historically Yours,

Dean S. Marlowe, Jr., President

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Museum Visitations:

Call Dean Marlow, Jr. allow 45 minutes. The South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum is open Sundays, Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2 to 4 PM and by appointment. Visitors, school groups, scouts, families, clubs and individuals are welcome. Your support of our Historical Society is appreciated.

Museum Roof Repair Fund

Richard Thinnes, who does a marvelous job maintaining the museum grounds, has removed upwards of 20 squirrels from the attic of the Museum. The roof and some siding has been damaged and the repair is in progress. The cost is \$12,000.00. We are soliciting donations to help defray the large expense. We will have donation containers at our booth on Milwaukee Ave, July 26 just east of the corner of 10th and Milwaukee Ave. Please help do what you can. WE ALSO NEED MEMBERS TO HELP MAN THE BOOTH. IT'S A FUN TIME. COME AND HELP.

Curator's Report: There is no curator's report. Nels Monson has asked to be on hiatus until October.

Donations from Dora Lee Szewczuga Belfield include a 1900's soda fountain glass from an Ice Cream Parlor on 9th and Milwaukee Ave. and some 1911 South Milwaukee Journals.

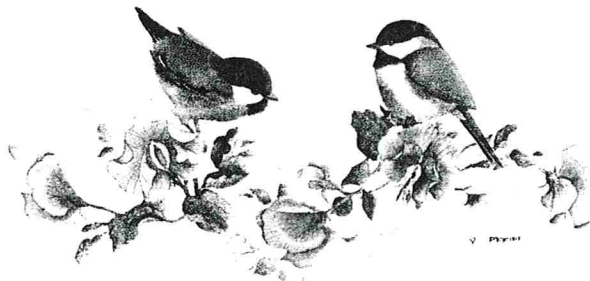
Door plaques are installed noting donations from Ruth Lewis and the S.M. Lions for the new front and back doors at the Museum.

Dr. Nolan notified the society of a Channel 10 TV program. Outdoors Wisconsin has produced a 15 minute program on the South Milwaukee High School Tree of Life Totem carving. It was aired in late June.

***Images of America, South Milwaukee*, a picture history book is for sale at the SM Historical Society. Authors are Nels Monson and Dean S. Marlow, Jr. \$19.99.**

Our Sympathy to the families of Francis Saxler and Rosemarie Broskowski. Fran Saxler died in January. She was a life member and served on the Board of Directors. She always helped out at our bake sales and special events. Rosemarie Broskowski died in July and was a life member of the Society, she and her late husband, Don, spend many hours promoting and keeping the museum operating in the beginning years in the 1970's and 80's. Both families were involved with the beginning of this Society and devoted to the preservation of South Milwaukee History.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS A PAGE ON THE SOUTH MILWAUKEE WEBSITE. The site is getting remodeled so check it out sometime.



Lois' Letters

First annual \$500.00 Scholarship Award went to Amanda Framberg, a South Milwaukee High School 2006 grad. Amanda is going to study at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the Fall. We wish her the best. She sent a thank you letter to us:

Dear South Milwaukee Historical Society Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for giving the students of South Milwaukee High School the opportunity to compete for a scholarship from the SM Historical Society. It was a great way to connect the future to the past.

I want to thank you so much for the \$500.00 scholarship, it is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Lois Schreiter for attending and presenting the award at the Senior Honors Program. It was a great honor to receive this award in the presence of my peers.

I greatly appreciate this assistance with my college education. Thank you!

Amanda Framberg '06

Come join us for the two Open Houses we will have on July 23 and 30. Both are Sunday afternoons from 12 noon to 4 PM. Come and chat. Have a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade dessert.

We have decided to not have a rummage sale this year for lack of rummage to sell. So please come and enjoy a homemade yummy dessert with us.

The City Newsletter will be mailed to your house in September. Look for the Historical Society flyer on the inside of the letter. We are trying to promote and enlarge our membership. Get a friend to join.

Support your Historical Society-----It is the best bargain around!

For only \$100.00 you will never have to remember to send in your dues again.

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.

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. Send membership dues and dinner reservations to Membership Chairperson, Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172 (414) 764-2118.

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