

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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Fall is a time to be thankful so...

Thanks to everyone who attended the September pot luck dinner. The food was great. Thanks to everyone who shared their recipes, which will be found in the newsletter. Thanks to Lois and Steve for the program featuring the Community Chorus's spring concert.

Thanks to Jim Rothschadl for arranging a tour of the Mitchell Gallery of Flight museum. Those who attended found it to be very informative.

Thanks to Lois, Barbara, Addie & Steve for their work at the Downtown Market this summer. We had a booth two Thursdays and sold ornaments, books, etc

Just a reminder that your 2011 dues can be paid at any time now. There's a separate Membership Renew Form included with the newsletter. If you are a life time member and would like to contribute, we would appreciate it.

The Historical Society has a number of events coming up in November and December. Please support these activities. They are a great way for the Society to participate in the community.

I hope you enjoy our new expanded newsletter!

Bob Pfeiffer

P.S. From the Editor/Secretary:

We're expanding!!! Well, our newsletter is. Thanks to the great response to the 'go green' electronic newsletter we're saving enough money on printing and postage to add another couple pages to the newsletter. Not only does that mean more articles and pictures but also larger fonts that I hope will make for easier reading. If you'd like to sign up for the electronic version just send an email to sziarek@wi.rr.com and I'll gladly add you to the list.

Sue Ziarek

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

This past summer saw the passing of three long time Historical Society board members; Jewell Heise on July 22nd, Eunice Hahn on August 5th and Cecile Pomohac on September 20th.



Jewell and her husband Ken have been life members for over 20 years. In the 1990s she started selling her homemade strawberry rhubarb jam at all the Historical Society's functions, donating all proceeds to the Society. Over the years those sales brought in \$1000's of dollars as well as many smiles. Jewell, and her jam, will be greatly missed.



Eunice was involved in many local organizations and could be counted on to attend any and all functions. Her willingness to help out was well known to all and she was often spotted walking from one club meeting to another. Her sweet smile and demure manner will be missed by all who knew her.



Cecile had a keen interest in the history of South Milwaukee and rarely missed a board meeting. She was always willing to help out and especially enjoyed taking tickets for the Society sponsored trolley rides back in the 1990s.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to all who knew and loved these fine ladies.

We would also like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Charles Theisen who died on September 19. Dr. Theisen was a long time member of the Historical Society as well as a respected member of our community.

CURATOR'S CORNER

The year was 1892. South Milwaukee was a young town trying to lure investors to our area in the hopes of turning our corner of the world into a thriving metropolis. To that end, the South Milwaukee Company created a brochure, perhaps publishing it in newspapers around the country. We recently discovered a partial copy of that brochure in the Museum files.

**** WHY ****

SOUTH MILWAUKEE

***BEARS THE STAMP OF
ABSOLUTE PERMANENCY***

The chief reason for the marvelous success and unprecedented growth of South Milwaukee is in the fact that the South Milwaukee Company began the enterprise of establishing the town with strong men, representing abundant capital in its membership. That the company has established a substantial town is shown by the character of the factories which have been located, the organization of the National Bank, and the many general and substantial Improvements made. The policy of the company has not been to obtain the largest amount of money from the sales of lots, but to sell them to desirable purchasers who would make substantial improvements upon them. Of all lots thus far sold by the company not a single payment has been in default, and every purchaser has made, or can make any day, a handsome profit on his investment.

IMPORTANT FEATURES OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

*Accomplishments of the year 1892
Over \$1,250,000 spent in substantial improvements
Eleven large factories and nine of them in operation
Two hundred and fifty dwellings and business houses completed
A National banking company organized and its building nearly completed
Sixteen miles of graded and graveled streets, and twenty miles of sidewalks built
A substantial harbor established, and a belt line built connecting it with the Northwestern railroad*

*Assured in 1893
Double the expenditures of 1892 in substantial Improvements
Completion of the harbor and establishing of a government lighthouse
A new passenger station at a cost of \$15,000.
An opera house to cost \$20,000
A new school house to cost \$25,000
At least three new church buildings
Electric Light Plant*

*Negotiations Pending for by the
South Milwaukee Company
The building of complete water works and sewerage system.*

This marvelous new town is between Milwaukee and Chicago, six miles south of the City of Milwaukee, on a main line of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

MIDWEST POTTERY DISPLAY

The South Milwaukee City Hall recently asked if the South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to put something in the display cases in their lobby. Steve & Lois Schreiter took up the challenge and came up with a wonderful display showcasing some of the Midwest Pottery pieces from our collection. For those of you who didn't have a chance to see it, we've got a picture to share.



Of special interest is this TV lamp. We originally thought that most TV lamps were made by a pottery in Texas but recently found out that some of them may have been made by Midwest Pottery. It turns out both potteries had the same artistic director; Howard Kron. If anyone has any information on TV lamps, please contact Steve Schreiter at 762-5214. Most Midwest Pottery pieces are marked by an initial in gold on the bottom.

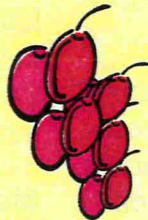


RECIPE BOX

We had a number of requests from the people who attended the Fall Pot Luck meeting on September 13 for the recipes of some of the dishes. Thought we'd share them with all of you. Maybe entice you to join us at the Spring Pot Luck meeting (mark your calendar for May 9!). We have some interesting old cookbooks at the museum. Watch for some of those recipes in future newsletters.

Grape Salad from Sue Ziarek

4lbs of red grapes, washed and thoroughly dried
 8oz Cream Cheese, 8oz Sour Cream
 1/2 cup White Sugar, 1t Vanilla
 1/2 cup Brown Sugar, 1/2 cup Toasted Pecan Pieces



Combine cream cheese, sour cream, white sugar and vanilla, refrigerate for 1 hour. Gently stir in grapes. Spread in a 13 x 9 inch pan. Combine brown sugar and pecan pieces. One hour before serving sprinkle brown sugar & pecans on top.

Pineapple/Cheese Casserole

from Addie Becker

1 large can crushed pineapple
 1/2 cup sugar
 3 T flour
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 24 Ritz crackers, crushed
 1 stick butter, melted



Put ingredients in 8 x 12 inch baking dish in order given.
 Layer, DO NOT STIR Bake for 25 minutes at 350 °

Broccoli Salad from Carol Braby

4 cups fresh broccoli cut into small pieces
 1 cup sunflower seeds
 1/2 cup red onion cut into small strips
 1 cup bacon pieces
 1 cup Hellman's mayonnaise
 1/4 cup white sugar
 3 T vinegar



Combine broccoli, onion, sunflower seeds & bacon in large bowl. Mix mayo, sugar & vinegar and add to broccoli mix. Stir to coat. Chill for 1 hour before serving.

TIDS AND BITS

Garden Tour 2010 was held on a beautiful last Saturday of June. Although we did not receive any large donations this year; we sold double the number of tickets.

Thank you gardeners, Stephanie & Robert Proctor, Susan Gresser, Kay & Jerry Grant, Marilyn Geiger, Mary & Tim Anderson, Tedi & James Joerres, Kathleen & Arnie Pecard and Bernice & Jerry Johnson who volunteered their lovely garden the same week Danette Stephan became ill and had to cancel.

Thank you volunteers: Kathy Leffel, Suzanne McKinney, Don and JB Bully, Bob Pfeiffer, Dee Balsis, Jan Schumacher, Barb Mueller, Linda and Jim Rothschadl, Theresa Aghbashian, Lois Schreiter, Lisa Foyer, Sarah Foyer, Rachael Foyer, Richard Thinnes and Judy Balestrieri who sold and checked tickets at gardens and Steve Schreiter who drove around to give breaks to the volunteers. Thank you to the Jill and Jim Receley, our garden scouts, who hosted the pre-tour luncheon for the gardeners and volunteers. Thank you everyone!!

We have chosen our 8 gardens for the last Saturday of June 2011, and are looking forward to another fun day.

The Mitchell Gallery of Flight tour was held on August 21. We apologize if the change in date on the last newsletter caused anyone to miss it. And our thanks to Jim Rothschadl for taking the time to give the tour.

The September Pot Luck was wonderful—check out a few of the recipes on Page 3—of special notice was a jar of Jewell Heise's famous strawberry rhubarb jam. Steve & Lois brought a DVD of their community Chorus Spring Concert. Unfortunately technical difficulties prevented us from seeing more than a few songs but what we saw was enjoyed by everyone. Mark your calendar for May 9, 2011 and plan to join us at the Spring Pot Luck.

The Christmas Tag & Bake Sale will be held on November 20 at the Historical Society Museum. If you have any gently used Christmas items you'd care to donate please call Sue Ziarek at 520-1959. She'll even come pick them up! All you bakers out there...we'll be looking for your homemade goodies for the bake sale. Expect a reminder call in early November. Anyone have a special holiday recipe they'd like published in the winter newsletter? Bring it along when you drop off your item. Be sure to include your name and if there's a story associated with it feel free to include that too.

Membership dues for 2011 can be sent in any time now. As noted in the President's letter, memberships run from January to December, no matter when you signed up. If your dues are not paid by the Annual Dinner meeting in February we'll have no choice but to assume you no longer want to be a part of the Historical Society and will remove you from the membership list. A reminder will be included in the Winter newsletter for those of you who don't want to send in your payments too early! If you haven't already signed up to receive the newsletter electronically be sure to check the box on the renewal form or send an email to sziarek@wi.rr.com

The 2010 Christmas Ornaments have arrived. In honor of it's 100th birthday, this year's ornament features Grant Park. We have a limited supply available at the museum for \$12 each. We also have 2007, 2008 & 2009 ornaments available for \$10.

The South Milwaukee Downtown Market will be holding an indoor market at the Bucyrus International Heritage Building on Saturday December 4 from 10am to 3pm. Be sure to stop by the Historical Society table and say Hi. We'll be selling books, ornaments & postcards. As well as taking orders for t-shirts. You can also renew your membership while you're there!

SPECIAL EVENTS!!

PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010
5:30 PM



SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORIAN
NELS MONSON PRESENTS

"TALES & TOMBSTONES"

A CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF OAK CREEK
SETTLEMENT'S OLDEST CEMETERY.

JOIN US FOR THIS UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE RESTING
PLACES OF MANY OF THE
FOUNDERS OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CEMETERY

MEET IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF
NORTH CHICAGO AVENUE & PINE STREET IN
SOUTH MILWAUKEE

Sponsored by the First Congregational Church - United Church of Christ
Free Will Donations Greatly Appreciated
All proceeds to benefit the First Congregational Cemetery Fund

Join the
Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc
and the
South Milwaukee Historical Society
for an

Old Fashioned Holiday Tea



Saturday, December 11, 2010

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

at the

Grant Park Golf Clubhouse
100 Hawthorne Avenue - South Milwaukee

Enjoy a delicious lunch with tea and dessert
in this beautifully decorated Historic building

Cost: \$17.50 per person. Invite a friend!

For reservations please call 571-1191 or 762-5214
or send payment to:

Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc
810 Hawthorne Avenue
South Milwaukee WI 53172

Please respond by December 4, 2010

Christmas

Tag & Bake Sale

Date: Saturday, November 20

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

We have a wide variety of gently used Christmas items for
every room in your house and our prices can't be beat! Be
sure to check out the bake sale table for a wonderful
selection of home baked goodies

Inside the Historical Society Museum located at 717 Milwaukee Av



COMING EVENTS

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend. As an added incentive, we'll be serving refreshments.
UPCOMING MEETINGS ARE: October 11, November 8, December 13 and January 10, 2011

- Oct 31 PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR**
Sponsored by the First Congregational Church
- Nov 20 CHRISTMAS TAG & BAKE SALE**
At the Historical Society Museum
- Dec 4 INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET**
In the Bucyrus International Heritage Building
- Dec 11 CHRISTMAS TEA**
At the Grant Park Club House

Look inside for more information on all these events!

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