

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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South Milwaukee, Wi. 53172

P R E S E R V I N G T H E P R O U D P A S T

**FOUNDED
MARCH
1972**

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F R O M T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S D E S K

Most of you already know, Richard Raatz, our long term Treasurer was taken ill and is unable to continue as our treasurer. A big thank you is in order for his years of dedicated service. Richard is recovering at home.

Judy Balestrieri agreed to take over the unexpired Treasurers term on very short notice and we thank her for doing so. The account authorization forms at the bank have been changed. Judy and Lois are now signers. Our financial records were transferred and a large box of really old records sent to the archive, (placed in the museum for the curators to deal with). For a short time the lock box key was missing, but Judy found it tucked into the checkbook.

The Christmas ornaments have arrived and are available for sale at the Museum. The price is still \$12.00.

The museum is open to the public on the first Thursday of every month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Our board/member meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month. We meet at the SM Public Library at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

Don Bulley

P.S. From the Editor/Secretary:

Help?? Do you have a memory of South Milwaukee you'd be willing to share with our readers? How about an interesting picture of a place or event from our city's past that we could use. Maybe you'd like to try your hand at writing a short article for the newsletter? Give me a call or drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you. And, as always....If you'd like to sign up for the electronic newsletter just send an email to sziarek@wi.rr.com and I'll add you to the list.

Sue Ziarek

PAST EVENTS

Turn out for the fall Potluck was on the light side but as usual, everyone had a great time.



At the request of Sarah Lang of Crest House, Lois and I gave a one hour presentation of South Milwaukee history . We went to them rather than vice versa because of the difficulty of getting into the museum.

The visit actually stretched out to 1-1/2 hours, from 10:30 till noon. We talked about Alfred Lawson, Continental Faience and Tile Company, Midwest Pottery & the Yellowstone Trail and gave out sets of postcards.

Crest House has a nice small (maybe 35 chairs) theater room with a large TV and a counter in front. We put our display boards and books on the counter. Room is small enough that a PA system is not required. Everyone could hear us, and we could hear them. We tried to get feedback and questions from the audience and that seemed to work well. All in all, a good way to publicize the Society and make us known in the community.

Steve Schreiter

On Saturday, October 19 the Society hosted a garden talk at the Museum. Horticulturalist Jeff Jackson, who's gardens will be included in the 2014 Garden Tour, gave a wonderful seminar on Native Plants of Wisconsin and how to incorporate them into our gardens. He also gave lots of great tips on how to preserve our environment by using more natural means to control weeds and bugs. Jeff is a great resource on the types of native plants in Wisconsin that work well in our zone. Our thanks to Jeff for a wonderful seminar! If you would like to learn more please see Jeff's website at www.nativegardens.info And if you would like to see Jeff's garden for yourself, plan on attending the Garden Tour!



SAVE THE DATES!

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 7, 2013
 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
 at the

Grant Park Golf Clubhouse
 100 Hawthorne Avenue - South Milwaukee

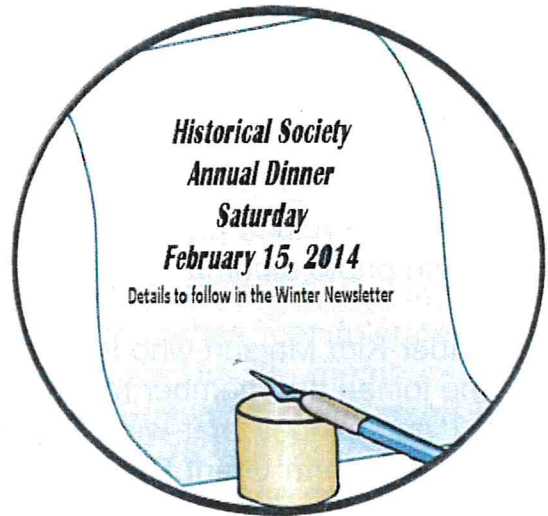
Enjoy a delicious lunch with tea and dessert
 in this beautifully decorated Historic building

Cost: \$20.00 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

Note: Reservations will be taken as of 11/1/13



**Historical Society
 Annual Dinner
 Saturday**

February 15, 2014

Details to follow in the Winter Newsletter

Get your tickets NOW to this year's fabulous event!

The South Milwaukee Historical Society Presents:

6th Annual

**GARDEN
 T*O*U*R**

June 28, 2014 * 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Rain or Shine!

ADMIT ONE

For more information or to purchase
 advanced tickets please contact:

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- * Eight beautiful gardens
- * Great way to *network* with other gardeners and *support* our South Milwaukee Historical Society
- * *Hand-crafted garden items* created by local artisans will be on sale at the South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum (717 Milwaukee Avenue) 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Makes a great stocking stuffer
 for your favorite gardener!

Advanced Tickets \$8 * Day of \$10

TIDS AND BITS

Some recent additions...

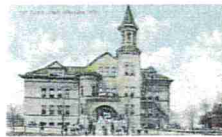
Back in July Mary Lou Dretzka gave us a box of items that mostly had to do with the formation of St. Sylvester's church.

Around the same time the ancestors of Ralph "The Elf" Welbes gave us a number of boxes with photo albums.

In September Kim Matson who lived at 516 Hawthorne joined our member meeting and gave us 2 horseshoes that were found on the old bridle path in Grant Park. Steve is still looking for more information on the path. If you have anything please give him a call. Kim also gave us a platter and small pitcher from the park system and a number of vintage clothing items.

In early October I received an email from Marian Jamieson in California. She is a great-great granddaughter of Electa Rawson Mansfield of South Milwaukee. She's in the process of sending us a box of Civil War era items that she inherited. I am anxiously awaiting their arrival any day now and hope to share more information on them in the next newsletter.

Lisa Podewils of Germantown, ran across these three postcards while going thru her mother's things and donated them to us. They are: 'High School', "C and N W Ry. Depot" and "New High School"



Concrete Pavement, South Milwaukee, Wis.

Who knew paved roads were something to brag about on a postcard!

One mystery solved!...

During a recent open house at the museum Steve had a chance to look through articles by Florence Johnson. Lois recalls her as the first curator of the museum and a prolific writer for the South Milwaukee newspaper. In a February 1975 article entitled "Basketry Once Big Business Here" she located the early factory:

"The basket factory was located 100 feet west of N. Chicago Rd. on the west creek bank of the present Parkway Drive."

Thanks Florence.

It's that time again.....

Please renew my membership at the following level:

___ Individual (\$10) ___ Family (\$15) ___ Business (\$25) ___ Individual Life Member(\$100)

Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society
and mail to Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Av, South Milwaukee WI 53172

All Payments due by 2/16/2014

If payment is not received by then you will be removed from our mailing list

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletters by email and write the address below (please print clearly)

Email Address: _____

COMING EVENTS

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. Meetings begin at 6:00PM and are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend.

2013-14 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

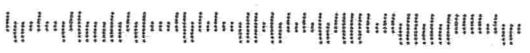
Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Mar 10, Apr 14, Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8
Potluck meetings on May 12 & Sept 8

Dec 7 Christmas Tea
See the flyer on Page 3 for details

Save the dates in 2014

Feb 15 Annual Dinner
Details to following in the Winter Newsletter

June 28 5th Annual Historical Society Garden Tour
See the flyer on Page 3 for details—Tickets are on sale NOW!



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