

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The sun is bright, the air is crisp and the leaves are beautiful. Its autumn in Milwaukee. The heat of summer has passed and days are getting shorter. Enjoy it now because we all know what comes next.

New flags are being ordered for the flag poles in front of the museum and the city will trim the tree that tattered the old flags. A supply of new Historical Society T-Shirts have been obtained. Just in time for our, "Holliday Tea" at the Grant Park Clubhouse.

Call Nancy at 571-1191 for Holliday Tea reservations. Reservations are on a first come/first serve basis and go on sale at 8:00 AM on November 1st.

Members should plan now to attend our annual dinner meeting at Muskie's Gourmet House at noon on February 13th. We hope the noon meeting will be more convenient for our members. Our speaker will be Milwaukee historian, John Gurda. He will be speaking on the industrial development of Milwaukee's south shore communities.

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 our new Historical Society address: southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com and I'll add you to the list.

Sue Ziarek

PAST EVENTS

The Fall Potluck was held in early September. As always...the food was wonderful. After dinner members viewed a 'movie' that was commissioned by the old Garden Theater in 1932 called "A Visit to South Milwaukee". A copy of the DVD is available for viewing at the museum. It's also somewhere on YouTube for those of you who have access to a computer.

Thanks to Vicki Bartoshevich and Addie Becker, seen in the background, for taking care of the clean up while the rest of us were enjoying the movie!



In mid-September the Society hosted a 2-day rhubarb casting class at the museum taught by Society member Barb Schouten. More than a dozen eager students signed up. On Day One participants covered their leaves with concrete; on Day Two we all returned to decorate them. The results were as varied as the students and everyone had a great time.

The morning started out a bit chilly but students were able to warm up with hot coffee and fresh donuts. Thanks to Paisano's for providing the empty pizza boxes used to keep the leaf castings safe while they cured over night



Vicki & Patty mixing up a batch of concrete....



Patty's husband John showed up to provide some extra muscle



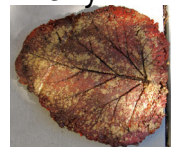
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To this....



And finally this!



And these!



We're hoping Barb will teach us how to make curved leaves next year!

From the better late than never files.....

Evening on the Av in July!

Don Bulley, Barb Mueller, Lois Schreiter (Steve is just out of camera range) greeted visitors, sold books and gave out post cards. The new table cover made our display much easier to spot and the new canopy made staffing the table a lot more comfortable.



Heritage Days parade in August!
Patti Bergeson & Vickie Maloney, who lead the Garden Tour committee, represented the Society in the Heritage Days parade. Here they hammed it up with Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admiral's mascot.

COMING EVENT

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 5, 2015
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: \$23.00 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

Reservations will be taken after 8:00 am on 11/1/15

Calling all bakers!

Sweet treats of all kinds are needed for the bake sale held during the tea. Volunteers are also needed to work at the tea.

Call Lois Schreiter at 762-5214 to sign up or for more information.



Save the Date!

February 13, 2016

Historical Society

Annual LUNCHEON

Details will be in the 2016 Winter Newsletter

CURATORS CORNER

These old South Milwaukee Band pictures were recently donated by Society members. Neither donor knew any history, timing or names of the players



Note the background is the same for each picture. Please let us know if you recognize anyone or the site in the pictures. The photographer is noted as "Smoot"



South Milwaukee Historical Society — Preserving the Proud Past

2016 Membership Renewal Form

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 2/15/2016

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

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Correction: The Summer Newsletter incorrectly stated that the Historical Society did the plantings at the War Memorial. It was actually the Women's Club of South Milwaukee who did the plantings. The pictures were taken when Society volunteers did some additional decorating and clean up. Our apologies to the Woman's Club who, as you could see from the pictures, did a beautiful job on those gardens.

Congratulations to Megan Hilbeling, recent recipient of the 2015 South Milwaukee Historical Society Scholarship. Megan played soccer and volleyball throughout high school, worked at her church and at Lionsfest. She was involved with South Milwaukee High School projects including a Haunted House and Santa's Workshop and with the Performing Arts Center. All while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average! Her plan is to major in Graphic Communication and Web Design at Carroll University. We all wish Megan the best of luck in her university studies.

Our thanks to the South Milwaukee Class of 1950 who toured the museum during their reunion events. They were quite impressed by what we're doing and to show they're appreciation gave a generous donation to the Society.

We don't mean to slight others who have generously donated to the Society but in the past most have preferred to remain anonymous. If you'd like to be recognized please include a note with your donation. We'd be more than happy to give you a shout out in the newsletter.

The Board voted to use some of the profits from recent events and donations to replace the window shades in the Museum. Many of the old shades were brittle and cracked and had a nasty habit of snapping to the top making it almost impossible for anyone under 6 ft tall to pull them back down. The old shades were removed, the windows got a thorough cleaning and the new shades have been installed. Sadly, some of the old curtains and drapes did not survive the cleaning so new window treatments are also in the works. The original drapes were hand made by Society member Dolores Kowalski back in the 1970s and served us well for a long time.

As Don mentioned, we got a new supply of t-shirt printed by JB's Tee Shirt Factory on Milwaukee Ave. They're available for sale at the museum. Cost is \$10 each and we have a variety of sizes.

With Christmas just around the corner it's a good time to remind everyone we have the 2015 South Milwaukee Christmas ornaments available for sale at the museum. We also have most of the past ornaments available at a reduced price. And new this year we have a pewter ornament that's perfect for smaller Christmas trees.

Just a reminder that all new Historical Society members are entitled to one hour of genealogical research from Steve Schreiter. If you haven't taken advantage of that yet give Steve a call. You can download the basic information form from the *Contact Us* page of our website if you have access to a computer.

The Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact Sunshine chairperson Barbara Mueller at 762-2712. Be sure to leave a detailed message or a number where she can contact you.

As always...I'd like to encourage anyone who's able but hasn't done so yet to sign up to receive electronic notification of the newsletters. You get access to it sooner, the picture quality is much better, it saves the Society money on printing & postage and it helps the environment! If you'd like to give it a try send an email to our new Society email address: southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com You can always change your mind.....

Yup...it's that time again. I'm sure you noticed the membership renewal form on Page 4. You can start sending in your dues any time. The form will include the cost of the annual dinner so if you'd prefer to wait until then that's fine. All dues for 2016 are due by February 16. If we don't receive payment by then we'll have to assume you no longer want to be a member and will remove you from our mailing list.

Until next year.....



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.

2015 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Nov 9, Dec 14

2016 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Jan 11; Mar 14; Apr 11; May 9; Jun 13; Jul 11; Aug 8; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec 12

Dec 5 **Old Fashioned Holiday Tea**
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