

# South Milwaukee Historical Society

## 717 Milwaukee Av

### South Milwaukee, Wi. 53172

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**FOUNDED  
MARCH  
1972**

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- Penny Rankin

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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Looking ahead to a really great year for the South Milwaukee Historical Society - events begin with a Plant Swap on May 28 and a Garden Tour on June 25<sup>th</sup>. July brings a series of free Saturday morning out-door "Canopy Classes" at the museum. Speakers will discuss significant places and events in South Milwaukee. The museum will be open during and following the talks if enough volunteer guides can be found.

History sleuth Lois Schreiter is digging through historical records on the trail of reported Indian Mounds in Grant Park and the Oak Creek Parkway. Watch this space for important historical developments.

Local History teacher and military artifact collector Craig Luther has opened a Military collectable store next to our museum at 723 Milwaukee Ave. This is a "must see" collection.

*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? Contact any one of the officers at the numbers above or send us an email . [southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com](mailto:southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you

I don't know if it was the time change, the location change or the entertainment but compared to previous years' attendance, the 2016 annual lunch meeting was a lot more popular. And because seating was limited it sold out much faster than anyone expected. Close to a third of the attendees were non-members thanks in large part to the Mayor talking it up on his blog. Mr. Gurda's presentation "History of Milwaukee's South Shore - The story of the industrial corridor from Bay View to Oak Creek" was wonderful and our thanks go out to our president Don Bulley for not only booking Mr. Gurda but soliciting donations from local business to cover his fee. Specifically, Appleton Electric, Molthen Bell, Educators Credit Union, D.B. Tax & Financial Services, Inc and BMO Harris Bank. Great way to show your support for our Society!!

For those of you who didn't get to attend....while you missed some great entertainment, it turned out our change of venue wasn't such a good idea. Next year we expect to move back to a larger space but we're planning to stick with the new time & top notch entertainment. I hope we get to see you then.



Milwaukee Historian  
John Gurda



At the Library's request, Lois Schreiter gave Pysanky classes in January & February. This year the South Milwaukee Library sponsored the classes, which were free to the public. Students get the chance to try their hand at traditional Ukrainian egg decorating. Thanks to Lois Schreiter & Addie Becker for sharing their time and talent the past few years. I know from personal experience the class is a lot of fun!

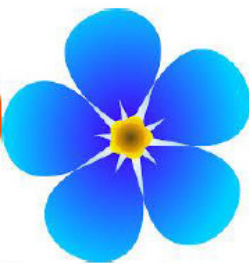


Guess this sort of qualifies as a "past event".....LOONNNNGGGG time member Addie Becker is resigning her duties as keeper of the membership rolls. Her eye sight is getting worse and the print keeps getting smaller! Starting immediately, membership dues can be sent directly to the museum (the address will be on future forms). The Society extends it's heartfelt thanks to Addie for all those years of keeping things straight for us. Addie has no plans to give up her seat as a board member in *great* standing.





South Milwaukee Historical Society



Presents Annual Plant Swap

Saturday, May 28, 2016  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

South Milwaukee Historical Society  
717 Milwaukee Avenue  
Rain or Shine!

3rd Annual Plant Swap hosted by the South Milwaukee Historical Society. This is a FREE EVENT and is an excellent opportunity to network with other gardeners. To participate, bring divided or no longer wanted/needed perennials, shrubs, vines, etc from your yard in pots marked with the type of plant & whether it is sun/part sun/shade. Then swap them out for the same number of different plants! The more variety the better. The Plant Swap isn't limited to just plants. You can bring seeds, bulbs or even garden tools.

Please RSVP to either Patti Bergeson at 414.768.9549, email pbergeson@wi.rr.com

OR

Vicki Maloney at 414.530.6020, email vmaloney@wi.rr.com

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\* Some time in May we will also be planting flowers at the War Memorial on Rawson Av. We don't \*  
\* have an exact date yet but if you'd like to help out contact Patti and she'll get you on the list! \*  
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Get your tickets NOW to this year's fabulous event!

The South Milwaukee Historical Society Presents:

8th Annual

GARDEN TOUR

June 25, 2016 \* 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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We still need a few more volunteers to staff the gardens. Contact us if you'd like to sign up!

- \* Six 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) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Advanced Tickets \$8 \* Day of \$10

**MORE EVENTS!**

This summer, the society will be holding a series of “Canopy Talks” at the museum. Each talk will be held outside in good weather, begin at 10am and last about half an hour. These are all FREE EVENTS!



**July 2**

***Birds of the South Milwaukee Mill Pond***

Presented by Rita Flores Wiskowski

**July 16**

***History of South Milwaukee***

Presented by retired SM High School teacher & Museum curator Richard Thinner

Note: The Library is having a walking tour of downtown starting at 9am; that tour will end here.

**July 23**

***1929 High School Fire***

Presented by Historical Researcher Pharis Brooks

**August 13**

***Mill Pond (Lagoon)***

Presented by Don Bulley & Nancy Wucherer  
from *Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc*

**August 27**

***Lawson Airliner***

Presented by Museum Curator Steve Schreiter



# Spring Potluck




*Monday*  
*May 9th*  
*5:30*

**1st Congregational Church**  
**1111 N Chicago Av**  
**South Milwaukee**

*Bring a dish to share!*

We'll be voting on new officers at the Potluck. If you're interested in running for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary contact Don Bulley at 762-7605.

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](mailto:southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com)  
You can always change your mind.....

Facebook Fanatics: We're still looking for somebody to get the Society set up on Facebook Send us an email thru the website and we'll talk.....

## A Cleaning Schedule

From the 1924 Rumford Book  
on Home Management

1. Dust bric-a-brac and clean metals. Place them all together and cover them up
2. Dust wood furniture and vacuum-clean overstuffed furniture. Remove the smaller pieces to another room if possible. Cover those which remain. In bedroom take off bedding and thoroughly clean spring and mattress, make up again and cover.
3. Clean rugs with a vacuum cleaner and roll them up
4. Remove portieres and draperies and clean them on a flat surface with a vacuum cleaner
5. Dust ceiling and walls
6. Dust wood trim, doors and subbase
7. Clean windows and mirrors
8. Dust pictures
9. Dust lighting fixtures, wash globes
10. Clean and polish floors
11. Replace everything

*And when you're all done with that....*

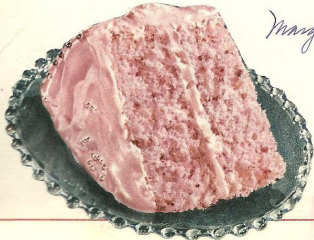
How about whipping up a little something for dessert tonight!

PINK CHRYSANTHEMUM CAKE

3 CUPS CAKE FLOUR  
1 LB. BUTTER  
2 CUPS POWDER SUGAR (SCANT)  
3 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER  
1 CUP MILK  
8 WELL BEATEN WHITES OF EGGS  
JUST ENOUGH RED VEGETABLE COLORING  
TO MAKE A PRETTY PINK

CREAM BUTTER AND SUGAR. ALTERNATE FLOUR AND MILK, STARTING WITH FLOUR AND ENDING WITH FLOUR. BAKE IN LAYERS OR IN LARGE TUBE SPRING FORM AND CUT IN TWO PARTS.

FOR FROSTING AND FILLING USE WHIPPED CREAM, SWEETENED, AND FLAVORED WITH VANILLA. SPRINKLE FRESH COCONUT ON THE WHIPPED CREAM BETWEEN LAYERS AND ON THE OUTSIDE OF CAKE.



*Marquitta Jones*



## 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.

### 2016 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Jun 13; Jul 11; Aug 8; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec 12

**May 9** Pot Luck Meeting at the First Congregational Church

**May 28** Plant Swap at the Museum

**June 25** 8th Annual Garden Tour

**July-Aug** Canopy Talks at the Museum

**See inside for details on all these events**



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