



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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Judy Balestreiri
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Christmas Tea Dec. 8, 2018
Tickets \$25.00
Call after 8 am Oct.27
414 571- 1191

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Term Expires)

Lee Loveal 2018
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Carol Novak 2020

Welcome New Member

Barb Sluga

The President's desk!

- We are fast approaching the end to another year – 2018! I hope you had a chance to attend some of the Historical Society's events this year. To highlight a few, we kicked off the new year with an April Tour/Lunch/Talk at the South Milwaukee Fire Department, in celebration of the 125 Anniversary of its founding. Chief Knitter was a gracious host to our group at the Fire Station, and we had a delicious lunch catered by Charlie's Catering. Speaking of Chief Knitter, he really knows his stuff. I guess that comes with 33 years of being on the job, serving the citizens of South Milwaukee. We followed the Fire House Historical Tour with a joint Oak Creek Historical Society/South Milwaukee Historical Society May tour of St. Matthew's Little Brick Church, with Fr. Partrick O'Loughlin, followed by a St. Matthew's Fish Boil. The church is a gem, and the Fish Boil is delicious (unless you're not a fish eater). June saw the highlight of our year, the 10th Annual South Milwaukee Historical Society Garden Tour & Art Fair. How does Patti Bergeson do it year after year, great weather and an even greater Garden Tour. I'm thankful we have Patti on our team! Saturdays in July and August saw a wonderful collection of hands-on lectures at the Museum, as part of the 2018 Canopy Class Series. You could go from weaving wheat, to going back in time to meet World War I nurse Caroline Donsing, who is interred at St. Mark's Episcopal Cemetery. There was the very early history of Oak Creek Township, as recalled by Steve Schreiter, and I can't forget "Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee" by author, and proud Polish South Milwaukeean, Carol Wagner DeMarco. I've got some great news, Lois Schreiter is planning an even bigger better new and improved lemon scented 2019 Canopy Class Series. I can't wait to see what she has in store for us. So if you didn't join us in 2018, there's always 2019.
- I would be remiss if I didn't give thanks to our hard working Board: Lois Schreiter, Judy Balestreiri, Sue Ziarek, Lee Lovall, Rose Nosacek, Don Bulley, Steve Schreiter, Vicki Bartoshevich, Carol Novak, and Richard Thinnes. A Thousand Thanks! I also have an extra special thank you for Lee Lovall and Rose Nosacek, who will be leaving the Board at the end of their 2018 term. Don't be strangers in the future.
- A quick reminder of some things coming up: Friday, October 26, Tales & Tombstones at the Congregational Cemetery with City Historian Nels Monson, starting at 6:00 p.m., donation \$5.00

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Behold the history of old! Let your heritage not be lost but bequeath it as a memory, treasure and blessing...

Gather the lost and hidden and preserve it for thy children.

Canopy Classes on Saturday mornings at 10 am for next July, 2019 suggestions are:

**The History of Plumbing,
Oak Creek Township, 1840-1890,
The Lady Elgin Ship Wreck, 1860,
History of Continental Faience and Tile Co, 1925**

If you have a topic that you would like to hear about or talk about, let us know. Our phone numbers are on the front page.

Patricia Landergott, the daughter of Isador Skibba, donated over 26 items to the museum in honor of her father, who was the artistic director of Continental. Milwaukee Art teacher, Ben Tyjeski is writing a book about Continental.

South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact Sunshine Chairperson, Vicki Bartoshevich, 764-2836. 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.

Genealogy by Steve Schreiter: One hour of genealogy for anyone with a new \$10.00 membership. Basic information forms must be filled out and returned with dues to SMHS, 717 Milwaukee Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Books on Sale at the Museum – First Thursday of Month, 1:00pm to 3:00PM

Images of America, South Milwaukee, a picture history book by Nels Monson and Dean S. Marlow, Jr. \$20.00.

Then to Now (History of South Milwaukee) by Gertrude Endthof \$10.00.

Letters to Mettie Civil War Soldiers letters to Mettie Rawson, \$7.50.

Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee, by Carol Wagner Demarco, \$15.00

October humor:

What kind of music do mummies like best?

Wrap music

What do you call a mummy who wins the lottery?

A lucky stiff

What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?

Spelling

All of the board members wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At our Open House, Dec. 6, 1-3pm we will be serving cookies and juice. Come say hello and have refreshments.

- Saturday, December 1, Cudahy Historical Society's Christmas at the Depot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and St. Francis Historical Society's Christmas Dinner & Program at Polonez Restaurant on Thursday, December 6. If you need additional information, please give me a call: Todd Michalek – 414-762-6876.
- My final thought, have a blessed and very Merry Christmas and a Hoppy New Year (for those beer drinkers who read this newsletter)!

Trek and Treat in Grant Park

Board member, Don Bulley, Vice-president, Lois Schreiter and Curator, Steve Schreiter manned station #2 at Trek and Treat in Grant Park on Sunday, October 14. Over 200 plus children and adults enjoyed the "haunts of nature" on a cool afternoon. We gave out candy to the children, Historical Society membership forms to the adults and '100 Things to do in the Park' to anyone who wanted one. It was fun to see the smiling children and the well trained variety of dogs. Pam Urich, the chair person of the Friends of Grant Park's event said it was a great success.

History Mystery: How many cream city bricks had their beginning in the Seven Bridges, Ebs Creek Area when the land was the farm of Ebenezer Dibley (son of Joseph) in the 1870's? Eb's brick yard was on the west side of Lake Dr. at the creek.

South Milwaukee Historical Society Inc. 2019 Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Ballot – Please vote for a candidate in each race or provide a Write-in Candidate Name

Write-in Candidate

President:	_____	Todd Michalek	_____	_____
Vice President:	_____	Lois Schreiter	_____	_____
Treasurer:	_____	Judy Balestreiri	_____	_____
Secretary:	_____	Sue Ziarek	_____	_____

Board of Directors (Term Expires):

_____	Carol Munia	(2021)
_____	Kris Schell	(2021)
	Don Bulley	(2019)
	Stephen Schreiter	(2019)
	Vicki Bartoshevich	(2020)
	Carol Novak	(2020)

2019 Appointed Curators: Judy Balestreiri, Richard Thinnes, Stephen Schreiter

2019 Garden Tour Chair: Patti Bergeson

Your Vote is Important! - Return this Ballot by November 30, 2018

Please record your vote and return this Ballot to the:

South Milwaukee Historical Society, 717 Milwaukee Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172-2113

Votes will be counted and announced at the Monday, December 10, 2019 South Milwaukee Historical Society Board/Membership Meeting – South Milwaukee Public Library, 1907 10th Ave., South Milwaukee – 6:00 p.m.

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