



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER July, 2019

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Meetings on second Monday of Month at the Museum , 6 pm

The President's desk!

I have no words to express my sorrow at the passing of our dear president! So where do we go from here? I'm told we need a temporary new president to fill the job until December, 2019. I was asked to fill that job! I will try to follow Todd's great leadership, with your help. I ask all of you to pray for Todd and his friends and family! Remember, in times of sorrow, let the spirit of love be your wings to fly you to a sweeter land!

Richard G. Thinnes, president

Our past President Todd Michalek died suddenly on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 after a three month battle with his health. We did not expect this and we are all sad and hurting, but he would want us to continue with our plans.

Welcome Interim President Richard G. Thinnes. On Tuesday, June 25, 2019 the South Milwaukee Historical Society Board of Directors elected Richard Thinnes to the position of President until Jan., 2020. The Board of Directors also decided to continue our planned schedule of Canopy Classes. Our regular July 8th meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum at 6 pm at the request of our new president.

Lois Schreiter, vice-president

2019 Canopy Class schedule at 717 Milwaukee Ave, start at 10 am

We like to do these classes outdoors in the back yard, if the weather is nice. If it is too hot that day, or raining, we will have the classes in the air condition museum. If you would like to help set up chairs, come 15 minutes early. Many hands make light work.

Our calendar this year:

Saturday, June 29th at 10 am, Bob Hansen and Home Brew, Everything you want to know
Saturday, July 6th at 10 am, Steve Schreiter will reprise his Oak Creek Township, 1840-1890
Saturday, July 13th at 10 am, George Becker will tell us the story of the S.M. Railroad Depot
Saturday, July 20th at 10am, Gretchen Goelz, the 1860 Sinking of the Lady Elgin

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The South Milwaukee Public Library holds microfilm of the South Milwaukee newspaper for the period of 1892 to 2006. Due to microfilm reader and printer malfunction this microfilm cannot be read or copied in the library. Microfilm readers are becoming obsolete as a result of digital upgrades and the Library and the South Milwaukee Historical Society wish to have the microfilm digitized and made ready for searching. Our Goal is to have a copy available at both the Library and the Historical Society. The Historical Society has made grant requests to the WE Energies Foundation and the Bucyrus Foundation. A rejection has been received from WE Energies.

For many years the Historical Society has been awarding \$500.00 scholarships to one high school student a year, living in South Milwaukee. A few years ago the scholarship was awarded to Jenny Hoffmann. After graduating from The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in 2014 with her BFA in Musical theatre, Jenny continued to live in Los Angeles and pursued a career in the arts. She has been featured in shows across Southern California including Mary Poppins, 42nd Street, The Little Mermaid, The Producers, and many more. Most recently, Jenny has been working for Aida Cruise lines, a German Cruise Company, as a Lead Vocalist. For each contract she spends two months in Hamburg, Germany learning 7-9 different shows. After the rehearsal period she spends 5 months on board the cruise ship performing every night. She has been lucky enough to visit 12 different countries in the past year, including Madagascar, Norway, and Iceland. Currently, she is sailing the Adriatic Sea stopping in Italy, Croatia and Greece. She has been to England, Netherlands, Germany, Mauritius, and Seychelles. Thank you to Addie Becker and Jenny's mother for the updates. We continue to wish Jenny success.

The 2019 Gardens on the Garden Tour were:

1. Wil –O–Way Grant Park Garden , 207 S. Lake Dr.
2. The Bozicevich & Gibbs Garden, 613 Walnut Street
3. Homestead Hosta Garden, 1721 Minnesota Ave
4. The Taschner Garden, 608 Williams Ave.
5. The Engelbert Garden, 802 Marion Ave.

The award winner was the Wil – O– Way Grant Park Garden.

The Garden Volunteers were wonderful. Your contribution is vital. We thank all of you .

Thank you to all the wonderful people who donated raffle items. Our estimate of income is about \$3000.00 Thank you especially to Patti Bergeson and her crew for the great planning, organization and all the effort and energy to make it wonderful.

Two events coming to the Oak Creek Historical Society Museum on 15th Ave.

July 21 A Blacksmith Demo 10 am to 4 pm

Aug. 11 Jessica Michna will be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt 1:30 pm



This July 20th is the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Space Craft landing on the moon. Steve Schreiter and Pete Schumacher of the Oak Creek Historical Society, the City of Oak Creek and the State Historical Society are working to place a state historical marker plaque in Drexel Square. Stay tuned for further developments. Oak Creek Library is having a 50 years Anniversary Program on July 20th.

The 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 the new \$10.00 membership. Basic information forms must be filled out and returned with dues to South Milwaukee Historical Society, 717 Milwaukee Ave., S.M. 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 is \$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

Rhubarb Butter Recipe

1 pound rhubarb and 1 large apple, remove core, Cut into small pieces
Add ½ cup sugar
Heat slowly, let juice develop, cook 20 minutes.
Add vanilla or cinnamon, if desired. (I used ½ teaspoon of cinnamon)
Spread on toast. Makes about 2 cups.

The Society has received a memorial for Todd Michalek from John and Janis Pientok.

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