



DOOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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91 YEARS PRESERVING DOOR COUNTY HISTORY

Our Mission: The Door County Historical Society strives to collect, maintain and share the history and heritage of Door County through preservation, education and programming.

Our Vision: We envision a Door County Historical Society that is committed to keeping history alive for future generations through collection, preservation and sharing of the heritage of Door County.

President's Message by Jay Zahn

As the Door County Historical Society enters fall, many of the programs are ending. At the same time, new committees form and programming for 2018 begins. Your participation is always welcome.

The Historical Village closes for the year in October so why not make one more visit before the end of the month. We have one more major event which is the Apple Day on October 14. Take advantage of your Society Membership benefit of free admission. We will be pressing apples for cider and the Readers Theatre will be telling stories. We also hope that you will consider a donation to make renovations to the Vignes School.

Once again we have had a record year at the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. The staff remains enthusiastic in spite of the busy fall season. I hope you will also make a contribution

to "Keep the Light Burning," the restoration campaign.

This month we return to the Moravian church for our monthly dinner meeting. Those of you who grew up here have fond memories of Sturgeon Bay Drug Store. I am looking forward to Mary Grota and Ginnie Haen's presentation.

A large number were on hand for a program this past month for our Saturday afternoon presentation on Sturgeon Bay's west side or what many still refer to as "Sawyer." The Door County Historical Museum has interesting displays and many other subjects of Door County History. Be sure to visit before they close for the season on October 31st.

Hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Jay

Apple Day—Saturday, October 14; Village closes

Join us in celebrating Apples and Door County Heritage on Saturday, October 14 from 10 until 3. Members have planned apple demonstrations and programs for your enjoyment.

Larry Stuth will operate the crank and invite you to operate a cider press. In the Madden Tool Museum, Mike and Pat Madden will display the collection of peelers donated by John Swanson. Did you know we have a beet peeler? The Blacksmiths will be on hand in the granary and Trudy Herbst will give a brief program on apples. Feel free to share your favorite apple memory with her. We'll have an assortment of apple treats for sale, some with ice cream, and apple chili.

Leonette (Schinkten) Tackenberg will share stories from her youth, "You Should Have Been Born Sooner—Hear What You Missed." Leonette's reminiscences will take you for a walk along Cedar Street and country roads. Being an only child and grandchild meant that she had many adults telling tall tales and explaining things.

Apple Day will be the last hurrah before the Heritage Village closes for the season. If you are able to help on Monday, October 16 or Tuesday, October 24 mornings to put away bedding, or sweep out the buildings, please call Trudy (920) 421-2332.

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse by Linda Faust

Happy Autumn! Eagle Bluff remains busy with fall bus tours. We had 23 bus groups in September and look forward to another 23 this month. Closing day will be October 20.

The last "Twilight Tours, Tunes, and Tales" will take place October 6 & 7 from 6:30-8:00. The lighthouse looks amazing all lit up at night including a light in our beautiful 5th Order Fresnel Lens. If you have never attended one of

these events you won't want to miss it. It is a great way to spend a fall evening.

I am looking for members to join the committee to plan Eagle Bluff's 150th celebration. The purpose of the committee is to plan and facilitate activities to commemorate this special event. If interested please contact me at eagleblufflighthouse@gmail.com or (920) 421-3636.

Linda

Incumbent Directors!

These three directors have graciously offered to serve an additional term on the Board of Directors. Next month's newsletter will introduce you to the new candidates. Directors will be elected at the Society's annual meeting in November.

Bill Chaudoir (current Vice President and chair of Personnel & Finance Committee) recently retired from the position of Executive Director of the Door County Economic Development Corporation in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. He served the organization for almost 28 years. During his tenure, Bill helped develop innovative programs in business incubation, entrepreneurial training, international business and workforce development. Previous work experience was in municipal, county, and regional planning.

Bill and his wife, Cheryl, live in Sturgeon Bay and have three married daughters living in Virginia, Appleton and Chicago. They have seven beautiful grandkids. Bill and Cheryl are involved in many community organizations including the Belgian Heritage Center in Namur where Bill served as founding Chairman of the Board for 6 years.

Patty Williamson (Program Committee) has been a feature writer for *Peninsula Pulse* and *Door County Living* since 2008. She is the author of four books, including *A History of Kangaroo Lake* and *See You Under the Stars: A History of American Folklore Theatre*. Before her retirement in 1993, she spent 27 years as the public relations administrator in three school districts in suburban St. Louis and as deputy assistant director of a committee appointed by the federal court to oversee

school desegregation in the St. Louis metro area. She has a degree in English and journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia and master's and doctoral degrees in school administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and St. Louis University.

Patty and her husband, Howard, met at a faculty picnic when they were eight, growing up in the small town in north central Missouri where Walt Disney spent several years of his childhood. They have been married for 63 years and have two children, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren in St. Louis and Houston. Two more greats will be added to the Houston family this winter. They are long-time volunteers with Zion United Methodist Church, Northern Sky Theater (formerly AFT), and Door Shakespeare.

Jay Zahn (current President and serves on the Program and Personnel & Finance Committees) has served as the Door County Treasurer for the past 27 years. He has been active in his community and is past president of the Sturgeon Bay Jaycees as well as the Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club. He is one of the original members of the Miss Door County Committee and has served as its treasurer for 22 years. As a member of the Sevastopol Board of Education, he serves as treasurer.

Jay is a native of Door County and grew up just north of the city and was part of his family business "Zahn's Green Thumb". He graduated from Sevastopol High School and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in Radio-TV-Film. For about 10 years he was employed as the news director and later the sales manager at WDOR. He enjoys a good game of bridge and is an avid follower of the Packers, Badgers and Brewers.

With so many interesting history program offerings, won't you join us?

Membership, Donation, and Volunteer Interest Form

I am committed to keep history alive for future generations through the collection, preservation and sharing of Door County heritage.

Names: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Membership Levels (Circle One)

Individual \$30

Family (one household: two adults & children ages 17 & under) \$50
Sustaining (family & annual gift) \$100

Business or Organization \$75

Nonprofit Organization \$30

Individual Life Membership \$300

(\$240 is placed in the Endowment Fund)

Donation—Annual Fund \$ _____

____ **Volunteer:** Please contact me about volunteer opportunities!

The Door County Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; your gifts are tax deductible!

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OCTOBER 23 MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM
RESERVATION FORM
DEADLINE BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 (NO EXCEPTIONS)
NO REFUNDS OR PHONE RESERVATIONS

NAME (S) _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

October 23 Sturgeon Bay Drugstores of the Past: your sources for drugs, sundries, and liquor (medicinal, only of course!) Members Attending _____ X \$21.00 = \$ _____

Guest Names _____ Guests Attending _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Vignes School Repairs and Accessibility Improvements quoted over \$30,000! Please help with your donation; walk around the building to examine its weathered and deteriorating condition. 50% of goal met!

Recognition _____ Vignes School Donation \$ _____

Keeping the Light Burning at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse; please respond generously.

Membership—New members or check your label for your membership expiration date. Dues \$ _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION **TOTAL :** \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC Code _____ Mailing Address & Zip Code _____

Print Name on Credit Card _____ Signature _____

RETURN FORM WITH CREDIT CARD INFORMATION OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DOOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 71, STURGEON BAY, WI 54235-0071 and include your **Tadych Econo Food Receipts; thank you!**



DATE & TIME: **Monday, October 23.** Please plan to arrive early to allow time to check in; Dinner begins at 6:00; Program 6:45. *Members do not pay the program fee; the guest fee is \$5. Please RSVP so that we have adequate seating.*

PROGRAM: “Sturgeon Bay Drugstores of the Past” presented by Mary Grota and Ginny Haen of the Peninsula Genealogical Society. Mary and Ginny promise to explore “your sources for drugs, sundries, and liquor (medicinal, only of course!).” Drugstores sell drugs, but in their research Mary and Ginny found that they sell any number of additional items that you might not expect to find there. Now, each town or city has several large drugstores scattered throughout the town, but in the past, several smaller ones were located in a short stretch of the main downtown street. This is similar to how you would find multiple groceries and meat markets throughout the town in early days. Mary and Ginny, with a little help from some friends, will share the locations of the many drugstores and some fun stories they discovered about these them by searching through the old Door County newspapers.

FAMILY STYLE DINNER: Swiss steak, salad with apples and maple vinaigrette, cherry Jell-O, mashed potatoes, gravy, braised red cabbage, rolls and butter, bread pudding with citrus sauce, and beverage.

LOCATION: Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, 323 S. Fifth Ave. For handicap accessibility, please enter on Quincy Street.

Welcome New Member!

Business
Yvonne Marie Photography—Sturgeon Bay

Need a Ride! Are you no longer able to drive, but would like to attend? Please call Trudy at (920) 421-2332.

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Interpretive Site Hours & Programs

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse (EBL) Shore Road in Peninsula State Park: Daily 10-3:30 through 10/20

Heritage Village at Big Creek (HV) 2140 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay: Tuesdays-Saturdays 10-3:00 through 10/14;

Blacksmith Demonstrations: Tuesdays—Fridays 11-2:00; Madden Tool Museum Construction: Thursdays 8-3:00;

Hanson Norwegian Homestead (HNN): Saturdays 10-noon through 10/14.

- 10/6 Fri. 10/7 Sat. EBL 6:30-8:00—Twilight Tours, Tunes & Tales: Delight in keepers tales through song, poetry, and story; special appearances by Capt. William & Mrs. Julia Duclon
- 10/7 Sat. 2:00 HV Yesteryear Program—“Peninsula State Park in Postcards,” presented by Richard Lauder in the Vignes Schoolhouse
- 10/9 Mon. 9:30-11:30 HV Artifact Cataloguing—Help mark new items added to our collection
- 10/14 Sat. 10-3 HV Yesteryear Program—“Apple Day.” Special programming includes a collection of peelers in the Madden Tool Museum, apple cider making, heritage stories, blacksmith demonstrations, and an assortment of apple treats will be available for sale, including apple chili.
- 10/14 Sat. HV Final Day of the Season
- 10/16 Mon. 9-12 HV Cleaning and closing in Village—Volunteer help appreciated; call Trudy (920) 421-2332
- 10/17 Tues. Reservation Deadline for the Dinner/Program Meeting—*Please adhere to the deadline!*
- 10/20 Fri. EBL Final Day of the Season
- 10/23 Mon. 6:00 Dinner/Program Meeting “Sturgeon Bay Drugstores of the Past: your sources for drugs, sundries, and liquor (medicinal, only of course!)” presented by Mary Grota and Ginny Haen at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church
- 10/24 Tues. 9-12 HV Cleaning and closing in Village—Volunteer help appreciated; call Trudy (920) 421-2332
- 11/27 Mon. 5:45 Annual Meeting/Dinner/Program “The Beatles” by Warren Blum and Ben Larsen