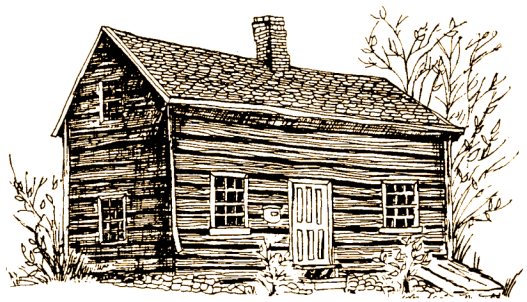


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NEW BERLIN
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SOCIETY



March 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MUSEUM OPEN DATES — 1-4 pm

The 2nd Sunday of every month

SPRING MEETING & PROGRAM AT THE NEW BERLIN LIBRARY

Monday, April 8

6:30pm: "THIS AMERICAN LIFE"

Mary Sturges

Survivor of the Great Chicago Fire

OPEN HOUSE/BEER GARDEN (FATHER'S DAY)

Sunday, June 16, 1-4 pm

OPEN HOUSE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ BEER GARDEN

Sunday, July 14, 1-4 pm

OPEN HOUSE & HISTORIC DAY/ BEER GARDEN

Sunday, September 8, 1-4 pm

OPEN HOUSE & APPLEFEST/ BEER GARDEN

Sunday, October 13, 1-4 pm

Holiday Volunteer Party

Once again Board members and many of our regular volunteers enjoyed a buffet dinner from Rosati's. A good time was had by all. Become a volunteer and join the fun.



Members listening to Jim Liska read the "Night Before Christmas"

Museum News

We have been very pleased with the number of visitors since we opened the Museum on Sunday afternoons. We are pleased to announce that the Museum will be open the second Sunday of every month from 1-4pm.

New Berlin Lions Parade of Checks

Thank you, New Berlin Lions for your continued support. We will use the donation to continue to Rescue, Restore, Record and Recreate our New Berlin History.



Society President Anne Marquardt accepting the donation check at the Parade of Checks.

2023 Annual Meeting

President Anne Marquardt started the meeting by sharing the highlights of 2023 with the 50 people attending. The slate of Peggy Ament, Rip Edmundson, Sue Hemmen, and Jim Liska were elected to positions on the Board. Vern Bentley decided to step off the Board and we would like to thank him for his many years of service. An updated version of our Bylaws was approved. Our speaker was Matthew Prigge who gave an interesting presentation on the Great Milwaukee Blizzard of 1946.

In Memoriam

Bill Murgas passed away on Dec. 12 at the age of 92. He was a New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Captain, Lifetime Board Member of the SE Wisconsin Red Cross, and a longtime member of the Historical Society.

Thelma Meidenbauer passed away on Nov. 26 at the age of 94. She and her husband Ken were Lifetime members of the Historical Society.

Thank You!!...to all our donors since our last newsletter

- Sue Zwitter – numerous decorative silver items
- Joe and Becky Sanfellipo – who once again donated a beautiful Christmas tree for our Gazebo.
- Thanks also to the City crew who put lights and wreaths on our grounds and kept our parking lot clear of snow.
- Mary Winton Green.....\$1,000
- Judy Groat.....\$30
- Marlyene Pfeiffer.....\$1,000
- Prospect Lions.....\$1,000
- New Berlin Lions.....\$1,000
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- American Legion New Berlin Post 488 - \$500 for the Military Display and \$500 for our Police Display

New Members

- Shane & Mary Fields
- Judith Finnegan
- Ken & Linda Kaim
- Ethel Richter
- Diane May
- Sandra Klingensmith

Chris Brookes

Presents

Mary Delafield Sturges



Meet Mary Delafield Sturges, survivor of the Great Chicago Fire, devoted wife and mother, philanthropist, and advocate for women.

This first-person portrayal takes you back to the turn of the twentieth century as Mary recalls family anecdotes, describes life among Chicago's elite, and reminisces about her escape from the Chicago Fire to the refuge of Lake Geneva where her family were among the first Lake Shore residents.

2024 Spring Membership Meeting

Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm

New Berlin Public Library Community Room

15105 Library Lane in the City Center

Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments

Presenter Chris Brookes was born and raised in Lake Geneva. After retiring from her teaching career, she added presenting, performing and traveling to her repertoire. She has her own company, CJB Productions, and she is also the Outreach Coordinator for Black Point Estate Speakers Bureau in Lake Geneva.

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Memorials

- Lori Boehmke in memory of her mother Thelma Meidenbauer - \$50
- Janet Lillie in fond remembrance of her grandfather Herb Magedanz - \$300
- Zac & Eileen Pennington and Dennis & Meri Dietscher in memory of Ila Dietscher - \$25
- Kathleen & Roger Harris in memory of Harley Larson - \$300

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