

NEW BERLIN

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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



August 2018

Dedicated to
the four Rs...
Rescuing ... Recording ...
Restoring ... Re-creating ...
the authentic
New Berlin history

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

— 2018 Season —

Sept. 9th..... **Open House**
Noon to 4 pm **Historic Day** with Parade at 2 pm

Oct. 7th **Open House**
1 to 4 pm **Applefest** with Pumpkin Decorating

Nov. 12th.....**Annual Meeting & Program**
"The Great War Comes to Wisconsin"
New Berlin Public Library

June Open House

The theme was "How Does Your Garden Grow" and we had good publicity and many activities available but low attendance. It was disappointing but with the temperature in the 90s, not too surprising. We are investigating something very different for next year's June event – stay tuned for information.

Books on New Berlin History

Our second book of New Berlin history and its growth from 1900–2000 is in its final stages of editing. A former volunteer fireman has written a book on the history of our fire department. It should be complete soon.

Library Display Case

Our creative volunteer team put up a display in the showcase at the New Berlin Library to share highlights of our Open Houses and other activities. We hope you checked it out if you were there.

July Open House

The theme was "Christmas in July". It was another hot day, but this time we had lots of visitors. Maybe the theme made it feel cooler! There was a Christmas tree and a wonderful display of Santas from around the world, collections of Carol Gorichanaz and Peggy Ament. The children made ornaments to take home. We had two Queens, the current Miss New Berlin and Miss Wisconsin Congeniality, helping make homemade ice cream. There was free ice cream for the little ones. Earl Sprengel's three daughters visited the Park with their granddaughter and were very excited by the updated displays of their dad's WWII war record as an Ace Pilot. Earl is included in the mural on the Museum door, and his childhood home is the Winton-Sprengel Home on the Park grounds. A good time was had by all.

Facebook

If you are a Facebook follower, we hope that you are following our Society for news and information. Our Facebook page is: New Berlin WI Historical Society

Rummage Sale

Many items that we had out for sale at the July Open House were of interest to our visitors. These are items we can't use and gives us more space in our storage areas.

Log House

The extensive repairs to the log house are nearly complete. By Applefest, we hope visitors can again go inside and enjoy the artifacts.

Metropolitan Regional Meeting

Five board members attended the meeting sponsored by the St. Francis Historical Society. These meetings are always informative and interesting and keep local societies connected.

Corn Roasts

Our members again helped the Prospect Lion’s at the 4th of July corn stand and the New Berlin Lion’s corn stand at State Fair Park. These are two great organizations, and we are proud to be of help.

Band Organ

Roy Meidenbauer, a longtime member, created a wonderful, one-of-a-kind band organ. I am sure you have enjoyed its “Happy Music” many times during our Open Houses. Roy has very generously donated the band organ to our Society. He is now in the process of training volunteers on the operation and maintenance of it. A favorite of young and old, the organ will continue to offer Happy Music at each Open House, but all will miss Roy's happy face as he and Jo take up permanent residence in Florida.



In Memoriam

Ruth (Boyd) Stigler—passed away June 23rd at the age of 90. Ruth was a long time active member of the Society and served on the Board. She is a descendant of two old New Berlin families – the Boyds and the Stiglers.

Rosalie Schober, though not a member, was the mother -in-law of current board member Cheryl Schober. She passed away at the age of 91.

New Member

Russell Peterson

Member Dues

Please remember to send in your membership dues by the end of September. A renewal form is included for your use.

THANK YOU!...to all of our donors since our last newsletter:

- Roy Meidenbauer – band organ
- Gerry Orwig – Swartz family items—scrapbook, cookbook, poetry, Carrol College Year Books, Echo Normal School book—all from the 1920s and 1930s.
- Duane & Sharon Hause – horsehair buggy blanket
- Janis Fitschen – quilt protector, dresser scarves
- New Berlin Lionesses – \$150 for upcoming projects
- Memorials for Ruth Stigler – \$200

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