

NEW BERLIN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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November 2020

— 2020 SEASON —

WE ARE NOT DONE YET!

Monday, November 9th

Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM

The New Berlin Public Library

This year we will only have a very short business meeting and Annual Review.

Four board members are to be elected.

As we will be in the large Community Room, there is more than ample space for social distancing and, of course, masks are required.

Your attendance would be appreciated so that we have a quorum for voting.

All I can say is that IT'S BEEN A VERY ODD YEAR!

Historic Day and Applefest

We were sad to have to cancel both Historic Day and Applefest. However, we did offer free Walking Tours of the Prospect Hill Historic District. We had about 25 visitors on each of the two dates it was offered, most of whom had never visited the Park before. The Barn, Schoolhouse, Cupola and Log House were open to view.



City's Traveling Beer Garden

In August, we were excited to be able to offer a day when people could come to the Historic Park and enjoy a few hours with friends and family. We were blessed with great weather. There were lawn games and fun things for little kids. We also had a few of the buildings open to share with visitors. One little guy was enthralled by the band and joined right in. We had two special visitors, Little Ben and Tiny Tim, adorable miniature horses owned by one of our members. Be sure to watch for them at our Open Houses in 2021.



"Rockin' with the Band"



Little Ben (left) & Tiny Tim (right)

Amazon Smile Program

If you are an Amazon shopper, you know that you can donate to your favorite charity. The New Berlin Historical Society is now in the Amazon Smile Program (search for: New Berlin Historical Society Inc c/o Jackie Hermann). Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase, with no cost to you. So, please think of us as you shop - thank you.



Museum News

Last year, a Museum Planning Committee was established to develop a plan for use of the new and former space. With board approval, the committee engaged a consultant who completed a Master Plan with input from committee members. The plan included reconfigured existing exhibits and new exhibits.

In a few weeks, we expect the museum addition to be complete and the little blue building will vanish from the scene. The society anticipates beginning the move back into the new and refurbished space in mid-November.

Further tweaking and updating is to be expected as we implement the plan over the next several years. The Society is in need of additional volunteer help for this project.

Tractors and Truck Donations

The board has voted to accept several larger artifacts from donors now that new museum space will be available. These include three tractors and implements from Herb Cooper and a stake body truck from Harvey Rindt. These artifacts are all relevant to the mid-century era of New Berlin agriculture.



Herb Cooper displays his Ford tractor in a Historic Day parade. Herb is donating this and two others to the Society.

Virtual School Tour

Via ZOOM, three of our Board Members, Joanne, Peggy and Anne, used a slideshow of photos of our historic buildings to give a virtual tour to Poplar Creek 2nd Grade students. After the tour, the students were able to ask questions. We are hopeful that next season the children will be able to enjoy a visit to the Park in person.

New Members

- David & Ann Rindt
- Patti Orzel
- Mary Beth Edmundson

Dues

Dues are payable in September. If you just haven't gotten around to renewing your membership, please send a **\$15 check** made out to the **New Berlin Historical Society** to Sue Hemmen, 21765 W Edinborough Drive, New Berlin 53146. Please advise if your address, telephone or email address has changed. Thank You.

In Memoriam

John and Pat Ziino joined our Society just a year ago. Unfortunately, John passed away September 19th. Due to 50 years of civic contributions to our city, he was often referred to as "Mr. New Berlin." He will be missed and we offer our condolences to Pat and the family.

Thank You!

... to all of our donors since our last newsletter:

GENERAL:

- Ken & Julie Derra - \$50
- Judy Groat - \$10
- Harold & Karen Keene - \$35
- Duane & Judy Miller - \$35
- Sylvia Wilm - \$200

ARTIFACTS:

- Herb Cooper – 3 tractors
- Harvey Rindt – truck and equipment

MEMORIALS:

- Kathy Knurr – in memory of her brother, Frank E. Swartz Jr.
- James and Patricia Barney – in memory of Frank E. Swartz Jr.
- Barbara and William Schoenwetter – in memory of Frank E. Swartz Jr.

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