

NEW BERLIN

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

HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY



September 2017

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

— 2017 Season —

Sunday, September 10, Noon-4 pm

**Open House—Historic Day**

*(See enclosed flyer)*

Sunday, October 1, 1-4 pm

**Open House—Applefest**

Monday, November 13, 6:30 pm

**Annual Meeting & Program**

**"WWI Christmas Miracle"**

New Berlin Public Library

### ***Open House with Laura Ingalls Wilder***

We were blessed with nice weather and the buildings were busy. Jessica Michna portrayed Laura Ingalls Wilder at two programs at the church at which about 50 people attended. She presented Laura at the age she was when she wrote the "Little House" books.

### ***Ice Cream Social***

A beautiful day brought out over 200 visitors to enjoy ice cream with strawberries. Miss New Berlin, in tiara and banner, helped President Dave Totten and the children make ice cream the old fashioned way. All kids got a free cone. The barrel train made many trips through the Weston orchard while adults toured the buildings and enjoyed the music of the "The Misfits". Some folks stopped at the log house to learn a bit about spinning from Karen Keene.

### ***Weston Pig Roast***

Ken Weston put on his third Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Weston Antique Apple Orchard Foundation. The Society opened the historic buildings for those who came to eat. They were serenaded by the "Blue Grass Allstars"

band as they enjoyed the meal. Ken's event draws a different crowd, mostly from the Milwaukee area, which allows us to introduce new people to New Berlin's history.

### ***Buildings and Grounds Activity***

The City is installing three permanent benches along our walkway. One of them has been donated by the Prospect Lions Club. The benches will be a great place to take a break and watch what is happening on the grounds during Open Houses or watch the sunset on any other evening.

The three ceilings in the Winton/Martin House have been replaced and all rooms painted. Mary Winton Green, a descendent of the original Wintons, covered the cost of those repairs. She also paid to have the stained glass window in the History Room repaired. Mary has donated other monies over the years to keep her family's history alive. We truly appreciate all she has contributed.

The Museum building has been painted and the parking lot, with over 20 spaces, is slated to be completed this Fall. What a joy that parking lot will be!

If you've driven past the Park lately, you will have noticed the blue tarps covering much of the log house. Many of the original logs need replacing along with much of the floor inside. We apologize that it will not be open for touring this season but it should be complete for the 2018 season.

We can't thank the City enough for everything they have been doing.



**Southeast Regional Meeting**

President Dave Totten, his wife Joan, and Board member Sue Hemmen attended the meeting held at the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson. The topic was how best to assess and accomplish restoration or preservation of artifacts. It was a very informative meeting.

**Tours and School Days in September/October**

- St. Paul’s School will be visiting for school.
- The Model A Club is coming to tour the buildings.
- Sixty students from Poplar Creek will come for school all day.

**Corn Roast**

In addition to helping the Prospect Lions on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, a few members again worked at the New Berlin Lion’s Club corn stand at the State Fair, something we always enjoy doing, and it’s for a good cause.

**Welcome New Members**

- Michelle Mueller • Owen and Linda Jones

**Welcome—New Board Member**

Cheryl Schober has been elected to the Board as one of our Directors to replace Al Mueller who resigned.

**THANK YOU to all of our donors since our last newsletter...**

**GENERAL:**

- Prospect Lion’s Club: \$1,000 for assisting their organization at their July 4<sup>th</sup> corn stand.
- New Berlin Lioness Club: \$200
- Mary Winton Green: \$6,050 toward the Winton/Martin house repairs
- Jr. Women’s Club: \$250 which was used to purchase a new printer.

**ARTIFACTS:**

- Roy Meidenbauer – milk can and fern stand.
- Mike and Stef Kuglitsch – loveseat.
- Robert Schultz – leather post card, shotgun can, book.
- Jackie Hermann – a piece of the deck from the USS Wisconsin.
- Police Dept. – Multiple items and photos for the Police Museum display room.
- Al Mueller – corn cracking machine.

**Facebook**

We have been on Facebook for a few months now and have developed a nice following. Be sure to check us out at:

[www.facebook.com/New-Berlin-WI-Historical-Society](http://www.facebook.com/New-Berlin-WI-Historical-Society)

**Photos From The Ice Cream Social in July:**



Miss New Berlin 2017 Morgan Creed and Bill Boulton help make ice cream



Karen Keene explains how the spinning wheel twists the fibers in the sheep’s wool to make a strong yarn.

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