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November 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Meeting & Program

Monday, November 14th
New Berlin Public Library—Community Room

6:30 pm—Annual Business Meeting
Election of Board Members

7:00 pm—Program:
“Those Flyboys from Dayton”

(Orville & Wilbur Wright)
Presented by Impressionist Jessica Michna
(see flyer on back page)

Board Member Elections

At the Annual Meeting, the membership will elect five board members to fill three year terms. The nominating committee will present the following slate of candidates: Anne Marquardt, Marlyene Pfeiffer, Cheryl Schober, Lu Ziemer, incumbents, and Wes Greuninger. The candidates' qualifications and service to the Society are printed on page three. All members are encouraged to attend so that we may meet the required quorum.

Board Meeting Speaker Presentation

Following the Annual Meeting, we will welcome Jessica Michna, an award winning historical character impressionist. Her presentation will feature Katherine, the devoted sister of Orville and Wilbur Wright. She may be overlooked by history, but she was the integral variable in the equation that solved the mystery of controlled flight. Please join us for this entertaining historical one-woman presentation.

Historic Day at the Park

It had to be the wettest day on record, but amazingly we still had a small crowd of visitors. The parade was cancelled, but all of the buildings were open and the wet visitors could stay dry in the Gazebo while getting lunch and desserts.

Applefest/Beer Garden

We couldn't have been blessed with better weather. The grounds were filled to overflowing. We estimated possibly 700-800 visitors came to the park. The food line was long and the buildings were all very busy. The Museum was crowded with visitors enjoying the new displays, many with an interactive computer tablet.



Museum News

The Waukesha Historical Society Museum has had the original communion set from the First Freewill Baptist Church in storage for decades. They very graciously returned it to us on a long term lease. It is the crowning glory of the newest display. With the \$1,000 donation from the Prospect Lions Club, we purchased ten computer tablets which will expand a visitor's appreciation and understanding of the artifacts by displaying audio-visuals of them in use. Visitors can see and hear how an 1860 Melodeon works and sounds. The tablet in the antique agricultural equipment area will show the machines at work in the fields. Be sure to stop in and check it out.

New Band Wagon Shelter & Bench

Many thanks to the employees of our City Parks Department. They poured the cement to create a platform for the Band Wagon to stand on, constructed the shelter to protect it from the weather, and put up the bench that was donated by the Meidenbauer family in memory of Roy Meidenbauer, the creator of the Band Wagon and its Happy Music.

Special Thanks to Our 2022 Corporate Sponsors

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Tour

On August 21st six Meidenbauer relatives visiting from Germany toured the log home and the museum.

Membership Dues

September is the month that all members need to renew their membership. Our Society would be nothing without your support. If you haven't already done so, please mail in your \$15 dues check before the end of November. That small fee covers everyone in your family. A renewal form is included or you can just send your check to: Sue Hemmen, 21765 W. Edinbrough Dr. New Berlin WI 53146.

Welcome New Members

Billy Swartz; Todd Swartz; William Swartz

THANK YOU!

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

GENERAL:

- Prospect Lions Club for volunteering to sell corn at the 4th of July event—\$1000
- JoEllen Meidenbauer for the completion of the band wagon shelter—\$1000
- Joanne Erickson—\$100
- Sylvia Wilm - \$185
- Patrick Small in support of printing the "Small Family" Almanack—\$100
- Ken and Julie Derra—\$60
- Meidenbauer visitors for their tour of the Meidenbauer log home—\$40
- Greg Thurston—artwork homage to the New Berlin Police Citizen's Academy

ARTIFACTS:

- Bill Schultz, Sr., Multimedia Designer-Journal/Sentinel—bound copies of every issue of the New Berlin Citizen Newspaper
- Dolores Wuttke—thimbles

Jessica Michna portrays

Katherine Wright

in

Those Flyboys from Dayton



Behind the genius of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, was their beloved and devoted sister, Katherine. She may be often overlooked by history but make no mistake, She was the integral variable in the equation that solved the mystery of controlled flight.



Enthusiastic response has greeted Jessica Michna's sympathetic and emotionally engrossing portrayals of women who have stood out for their impact on American life. We are pleased to welcome Jessica back for this portrayal of Katherine Wright, sister of Wilbur and Orville.

Monday November 14th at 7:00 pm

**New Berlin Public Library
Community Room**

15105 Library Lane in the City Center

Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments

Sponsored by the New Berlin Historical Society

(In conjunction with its 2022 Annual Meeting, which begins at 6:30 PM)

Call 262-679-3461, visit www.newberlinhistoricalsociety.org or
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Mark Juds, in memory of his mother
Audrey Juds - \$200

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