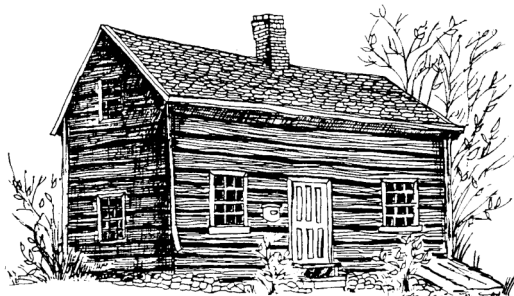


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NEW BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



March 2023

2022 Annual Meeting

Approximately 60 people attended the Annual Meeting. Dave Totten shared the highlights of 2022 and we proceeded to the election. The slate of Wes Grueninger, Anne Marquardt, Marlyene Pfeiffer, Cheryl Schober and Lu Ziemer was elected by acclamation. Dave Totten decided to step off the Board so Wes will be filling his spot. Thankfully, Dave will still be an active participant in Society activities. We then enjoyed a presentation by Jessica Michna on Katherine Wright, the sister of Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Holiday Volunteer Party

In early December, the Board and many of our regular volunteers (about 40 people) gathered at the Museum. We shared a delicious meal catered by Rosati's. A nice time was had by all. Become a volunteer – join us next year.

Requests for Editions of the New Berlin Citizen Newspaper

The Historical Society has an ongoing project to collect every issue that was published from 1958 through 2006 to preserve the printed history of our city. We are exploring the possibility of digitizing the collection and putting it online for public research. However, our collection is missing many editions. Perhaps you have a collection of *Citizens* to donate that would enable us to complete our archive; if so, please contact Wes Grueninger 414-531-7028 or wes.nbhsorg@gmail.com to arrange for pickup. Thank you.

History of the New Berlin Citizen Newspaper

The first issue of the “*Citizen*” was produced on Dec. 1, 1958. Its publication span was 48 years and 2,449 issues; the last issue being on Oct. 20, 2006. It was named “*Official Newspaper—City of New Berlin, Wisconsin*” starting March 2, 1961 through October 18, 1979. It was originally edited

by Jack Cory and published by Grede Publishing Corp. of Wauwatosa. Its New Berlin publishing office was listed at 3705 S. Moorland Road (MOD Pizza as of 2023). Papers sold for 10 cents or \$4 for an annual subscription. The paper was sold to Shinnors Publications in 1969 and then to Community Newspapers, Inc. (CNI) in March, 1979. Bound volumes (spanning 1961-1995) were gifted to the NBHS in September, 2022 by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, who had purchased CNI. The Society has two connections to the *Citizen*—Kay Jashinsky was the secretary of the Society from 1999-2012 and a reporter for the paper from 1970-2006. A collection of her byline is in the NBHS archives and available for viewing. Audrey Juds, who was a Lifetime member of the Society and co-authored our book “*New Berlin—From Country to City—A 20th Century History*” with our then president David Totten, was also a feature writer for the *Citizen*. We hope these facts will help our readers understand the significance of the “*Citizen*” to the history of our city.

Museum News

It was decided that we would have the Museum open from 1pm-4pm on three Sundays this winter. The dates were Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th and March 12th. We had 31 visitors in January and 52 in February. On March 12th we will showcase our historic quilt collection. The New Berlin Library will be on hand with fun quilting fiction titles to check out.

Regarding the collection of NB *Citizen* newspapers, we are building bookcases for our collection which includes the bound issues that were gifted by the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel. We will be sleeving individual issues in plastic for preservation. The bookcases will serve to consolidate our collection and make them easily available for research.

Our further projects include developing a plan to make an area for non-permanent displays that can be easily changed out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, April 10th
Spring Membership Mtg.
6:30 pm—New Berlin Public
Library—Community Room
7:00 pm—Program:
“**Unexpectedly Agatha**”
Presentation on author
Agatha Christie
(see flyer on back page)

Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)
Open House—1-4 pm

Sunday, July 16
Ice Cream Social &
Open House—1-4 pm

Sunday, September 10
Historic Day

Sunday, October 8
Applefest/Beer Garden

New Events for 2023!!

The Library will be at the Historic Park every Monday morning in May from 9-10 am. They are inviting us to bring a camp chair and chat with the librarian about different periods of history. They will bring a list of their Must Read books and will provide coffee and juice. Indoor seating will be available if there is inclement weather.

Then on Monday, June 5th from 1-2 pm, the Library and the Historical Society will “Celebrate the Voice of Theodora Winton Youmans”, a suffragist who used her voice for Wisconsin women's right to vote. Visit her home, roam the Park, take a picture with Theodora.

Welcome New Members

Gay Saari
Galen & Pat Steffel
Dolores Karner

In Memoriam

Jim Flagg, 90, passed away Dec. 13, 2022. Jim was a Navy veteran and a volunteer fire fighter and EMT for 15 years with the NB Fire Dept. He and his wife Rhoda are longtime members of the Society.

THANK YOU!

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

GENERAL:

Judy Salentine – Photos of the
Norbert Salentine family and
homestead.

Joe and Becky Sanfelippo – who
once again donated a beautiful
Christmas tree that was
displayed in the Gazebo.

Thanks also to the City crew who
put wreaths on our light poles,
strung lights on the tree next to
the church, and kept our
parking lot and path clear of
snow all winter.

New Berlin Lions - \$1,000
Mary Winton Green - \$1,000
Don Teffer - \$100
The Woelfel Family - \$250

MEMORIALS:

The Wes Grueninger Family -
\$1,000 for use in the Military
Display in memory of Carl W.
Grueninger, WWII Veteran
Eileen Pennington - \$25 in
memory of Ila Dietscher
Joanne Erickson - \$50 in memory
of Jim Flagg



NEW BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Spring Membership Meeting

Monday, April 10 | 6:30-8:30

New Berlin Public Library | Community Room

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Enjoy the presentation by Chris Brookes,
“Unexpectedly Agatha: A Chat with Agatha Christie”
followed by a question/answer session.

Chris is a staff member of the State Historical Society/Lake Geneva

Light refreshments offered

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