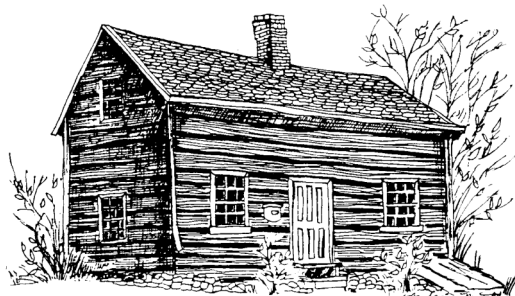


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March 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

— 2016 Season —

Spring Meeting "The Great Peshtigo Fire" at New Berlin Public Library (see program info on back)	Mon., April 11th 6:30 PM
Open House at Historical Park	Sun., June 19th 1 to 4 PM
Ice Cream Social at Historical Park	Sun., July 17th 1 to 4 PM
Historic Day at Historical Park	Sun., Sept. 11th Noon to 4 PM
Applefest at Historical Park	Sun., Oct. 2nd 1 to 4 PM
Annual Meeting Program at New Berlin Public Library	Nov. 14th 6:30 PM

Annual Meeting—November 17th

On a rainy evening, 41 members came out to enjoy a slide show by President David Totten "50 Years in Review." Members learned how—with countless volunteers and strong community support—the Society developed our remarkable Historical Park. Also at the meeting members voted 5 returning directors to the Board.

Christmas

We had our fire truck and a float in the Christmas parade. All the buildings in the park had lights in the windows and John Martin and friends again decorated the tree in the gazebo. THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who made this happen.

Volunteer Party—December 5th

Thirty volunteers joined us for a delicious buffet at Peach Tree Restaurant. A fun night of visiting was enjoyed by all. We each received a Christmas card handmade by Carol Gorichanz, which depicted Santa in our individual ethnic costumes.

Tea Party—January 24th

Thirteen ladies from the Kindred Sisters of Holy Apostles held a very nice Tea Party in the Winton/Sprengel House. We set up a showcase of tea sets and hats for them and they were given tours of the heated buildings. They handled all the rest and donated \$90 for the use of our building and would like to return next year.

Winter Project

Several members are working on getting our files organized and put into the computer for easier access.

East Bay Display

Dave Totten made a large picture of the Swartz farm to be placed in the window in the replica of their living room. We are also working on getting the rest of the farm displays completed.

Community Event—March 12th

We again had an information booth at the Chamber of Commerce's **Discover New Berlin Community Fair** held at West High School along with other civic and business people. We met a lot of people who did not know we had a Historical Society in New Berlin. We had some small artifacts, our books and schedules of this year's events. It was a great opportunity to let people know about our Society.

Easter Egg Hunt—March 19th

We will have a display at The Junior Women's Club Egg Hunt where we pass out our literature and our season schedule of Open Houses. The children enjoy our egg laying hen and jelly beans.

Welcome New Member

Char Holte, Cheryl Warczak and Cliff Meyers

City Projects

The city has completed laying all the pathways to the buildings and started landscaping and will complete this in Spring. The barn was painted and the other buildings will be done in Spring. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT THE CITY HAS DONE TO BEAUTIFY AND MAINTAIN THE PARK.

In Memoriam

June Swartz died December 1, 2015 at the age of 88. She was the wife of Peter Swartz and they were both very active in the Society for many years. They were instrumental in getting all the Swartz farm equipment and wagons back to our society. After they moved to Shawano, they would always try to come down for Applefest. It is too bad they never got to see our farm display that includes many of their things.

Raymond Meidenbauer passed away January 24, 2016 at age 88 years. Raymond was a master carpenter who volunteered to help us dismantle and restore our one-room school house. He led us every step of the way and he and his sons also laid the new first floor of the Winton/Martin house. In his later years, he and his wife Bernice sat in front of the log house with his penny machine that when cranked would press a penny into a picture of the one-room school house.

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For June Swartz...

Jackie Hermann \$10

For Raymond Meidenbauer...

Jackie Hermann \$10

The Great Peshtigo Fire Stories and Science

from America's Deadliest Firestorm
Scott Knickelbine

On the night of October 8, 1871, a whirlwind of fire swept through northeastern Wisconsin, destroying the bustling frontier town of Peshtigo. In this presentation, Scott Knickelbine explores the history, science and legacy of the 1871 Peshtigo Fire.

Scott Knickelbine has been writing about Wisconsin history since 1978, when he was co-author of the historical radio series **Neshota Sam**. He is the author of more than 40 books, most of them historical nonfiction works for young readers. His work has appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines, and he has written more than 600 how-to articles for the Internet. He was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1981.

The Great Peshtigo Fire: Stores and Science from America's Deadliest Fire received the Midwest Book Award for Children's Non-Fiction in 2013.

Monday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

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