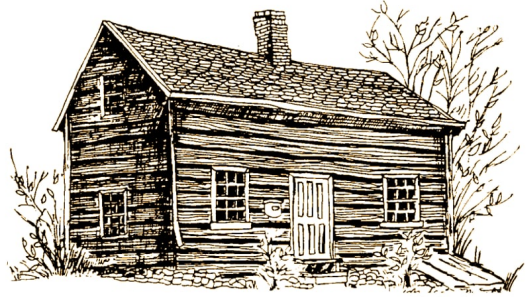


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June 2026

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**OPEN HOUSE with BEER GARDEN**  
"Miss Wisconsin Day"  
Sunday, June 14, 1-4 pm

**OPEN HOUSE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
with **BEER GARDEN**  
"Liberty Tree" Dedication Ceremony  
Sunday, July 12, 1-4 pm

**OPEN HOUSE & HISTORIC DAY**  
with **BEER GARDEN & Parade**  
Sunday, Sept. 13, 1-4 pm — Parade 2:00 pm

**OPEN HOUSE & APPLEFEST**  
with **BEER GARDEN**  
Sunday, October 11, 1-4 pm

**MUSEUM OPEN DATES**  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month 1-4 pm  
**Open House Road Closing Changes**  
(see page 4)

## 2026 Spring Meeting

Our annual Spring meeting was held April 13<sup>th</sup> at the New Berlin library. After a time of socializing and refreshments, President Anne Marquardt opened the meeting by sharing with the 60 attendees, all that the Society accomplished over the winter months. Following that, we were entertained by the always-excellent Jessica Michna, in character, as Abigail Adams. She recalled Abigail's marriage and memories by reading excerpts from letters Abigail and her husband John wrote to each other during the Revolutionary War. It was a very entertaining program.



Jessica Michna, as Abigail Adams, reads a letter from her husband John Adams

## Museum Projects

New shelves and cabinets with countertops were added to our office space for much needed additional storage. We also purchased a new office printer and storage boxes with funds generously donated by the New Berlin Jr. Woman's Club. Mike Leigh repaired the grandfather clock in Theodora Youman's display. Now, not only is it keeping perfect time, but its Westminster chimes are resounding throughout the museum. There will be a new display about the New Berlin Jr. Woman's Club. Updates to the Miss Wisconsin display are underway in preparation for the upcoming June 14<sup>th</sup> *Miss Wisconsin Day*. The team has been working hard on the doll/toy exhibit which will be displayed upstairs in the Winton-Sprengel House.

# Community Events



Peggy Ament talks with children during the Easter Egg hunt held at the ARC.



## Junior Woman's Club Easter Egg Hunt

As usual, this was a fun event. Held at the ARC this year, the egg hunt was in the gym. There were live bunnies to pet, and the Police Department had a display.

## Red, White and Scoops



In conjunction with the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, the Historical Society and Landmarks Commission sponsored this event, held at the ARC, giving away free ice cream. Local scouts learned how to fold the flag and what each fold stands for.



Bill Ray from VFW post 5716 teaches local scouts how to properly fold the American flag.



Miss New Berlin, Xia Lowery, helps call attention to the NBVFD fire engine



At the NBHS pop-up tent, Mary Beth Edmundson promoted our Society to all who were interested.



## Safety Saturday

May 16<sup>th</sup> was the date this year for visiting Froedtert Hospital's parking lot. The Police and Fire Departments brought vehicles for the ever popular "Touch a Truck". The fire truck from our Museum was there to "touch" and we had a tent staffed with NBHS volunteers who shared information about this season's events



## July 12<sup>th</sup> Open House-Special Event

To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States, we will have a special “Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony” at 1pm. This commemorates the

tree that the British chopped down in Boston. Benjamin Franklin will read the Declaration of Independence and the Sons of the American Revolution will be the honor guard. Be sure not to miss this special event.

### Tours (lots of tours!)

We entertained eight groups of visitors this Spring!

- May 1:** 21 first grade students from Star of Bethlehem School visited the buildings and Museum.
- May 5:** Ronald Reagan School brought 89 2nd grade students to tour the grounds.
- May 6:** Christ Lutheran Church in Big Bend brought their 4K students to visit.
- May 27 & May 28:** Poplar Creek Elementary brought 80 students to check out the Park.
- June 3:** 81 students from Elmwood Elementary toured the grounds.
- June 4:** 62 students from Orchard Lane Elementary visited the buildings and Museum.
- June 6:** Members of the Pewaukee Historical Society spent the afternoon visiting our Park.

**Special Tour:** In April, Mary Winton Green, 103 years old, a direct descendant of Theodora Winton Youmans, visited her Great Aunt Theodora’s home at the Historical Park. She was accompanied by four relatives, all of whom greatly enjoyed seeing where their relatives lived in the 1800s and knowing that their family history is enjoyed regularly by visitors. The family donated a desk, a family heirloom that belonged to Theodora. The desk will be a wonderful addition to our Theodora display.



Mary Winton Green (front) along with (standing L-R) her daughter Sara Cohan, her daughter-in-law Lisa Green, her niece Susan Morehead, her great-niece Katy King in front of the museum’s L. S. Winton General Store display



This desk, owned by Theodora Winton Youmans, was donated by Winton family descendants and is on display at the museum.

**In Memory of Jackie Hermann**



Jackie Hermann passed away on May 15, 2026 at the age of 98. She and her husband Don built their house in New Berlin in 1958. They became active in many of the city’s organizations. She was on the Board of Directors of the New Berlin Historical Society since 1972 where she served as the President for 13 years and as the Vice President for 15 years prior to that. Jackie and Don spent countless hours, along with other members, working on the complete restoration of the Winton-Sprengel House. Jackie was the docent in that house from 1977, when it first opened, until 2023. In 2023 she was honored by being presented with the prestigious John Ziino Civic Award which is given to citizens for their dedicated service to the betterment of New Berlin. She was named 2006 Citizen of the Year and was honored for serving on the City’s Landmark Commission for over 30 years,

Jackie devoted so much of her time and talents to the growth of the Historical Society and the Historic Park during the 50 years she was active that we can’t thank her enough. *She will be sorely missed by family and friends.*

**Welcome New Members**

- Katherine Czarnecki

**Thank You!!...to all our donors since our last newsletter**

- New Berlin Lions \$1000
- Miss Wisconsin Directors \$250
- John & Cheryl Schober \$250
- Jr. Women’s Club \$600
- Star of Bethlehem School \$48

## Miss Wisconsin Day and Beer Garden Open House

New Berlin Historical Park  
 19785 W National Ave, New Berlin, WI 53146  
 Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 1PM to 4PM

Live Music  
by  
Bobby Way



Miss Wisconsin Delegates  
Meet on the grounds and get signatures

No Admission Charged  
Donations appreciated

Refreshments at the Gazebo  
Home Made Desserts





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**OPEN HOUSE ROAD CLOSING CHANGES**

This season National Avenue will be open for street parking for three of our events. It will be closed for Historic Day to accommodate the parade. There will be signage explaining that if you plan to attend the event, you can go around the barricades and park on the road. If not, you will need to use the usual detour route. There will be off-site parking at the Prospect Hill Garden Center with shuttle-bus transport.

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