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### OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday, February 5th**

**Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30**

**Location: Cedarburg American Legion Post  
W57 N481 Hilbert Street—Cedarburg**



**Randy Ray and Karen Esser**

### **Cedarburg Barns and Ozaukee County Rural Schools**

Randy Ray and Karen Esser have completed the 2023 survey of Vintage Barns located in the City and Town of Cedarburg. The last barn survey was done by the Town of Cedarburg Landmarks Preservation Commission in the 1990s. Randy and Karen have taken new photos, using updated technology to search the property histories. They have logged

many hours and traveled many miles to complete this endeavor. Their enthusiasm for the Barn Survey has led them to update our documentation of Ozaukee County Rural Schools. Our current research was done by the Retired Teachers Association in the 1990's. During their research they discovered the cornerstone of the Brookside School in our collection. Brookside was located west of Horns Corners Road and Highway 60. The 1885 cornerstone is now properly on "Display" at the Archive Research Center along with its history.

We encourage anyone with current or past photos or documentation of their barn or schoolhouse to bring them to the Archives to add them to our collections. Here at the Archives, we find that many community visitors ask about these landmarks, and want to learn more about Ozaukee history. It was sad to note that during our research we have lost 39 barns and 21 schoolhouses since the mid 1990's. The new survey results are currently available at the Archive Research Center. The two binders will have detailed spreadsheets and current photographs.

## ***Greetings From the President:***

***Hello and Happy New Year!***

***We hope you are all surviving the Wisconsin Winter! We are looking forward to Spring and Summer and are busy planning some exciting new events.***

***We plan to offer cemetery tours led by Randy Ray, to St. Mary's Cemetery in Port Washington in the Spring and to the Optiz Cemetery in Mequon in the Fall .***

***We hope to have a celebration of Winter, called Winter Solstice on December 21st. It will feature star-gazing, bonfire, lantern launch, music and more.***

***The winter is a great time to organize family photos, conduct family research and genealogy studies, so please consider visiting our archives and research center open every Tuesday morning. Our archivists, Jane Butz and Chris Fricke, and volunteer, Randy Ray, are happy to help you and have a lot of resources and information to share to get you started.***

***We are still in need of folks that wish to get more involved with our organization in a specific role. We need a membership coordinator, volunteer coordinator and quarterly programing coordinator. We are pleased that Kay Dahlke, (free-lance writer for the News Graphic) will be joining us as newsletter editor for OCHS.***

***Our fall volunteer party was great fun and we thank all who participated in our survey. We received lots of great ideas and suggestions that we are assessing and planning to phase in over the next year. Please feel free to give me a call (1-262-377-4545 )with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have.***

*Mary Ann Velnetske - President*

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Mary Ann Velnetske, President  
Allen Buchholz, 1st Vice-President  
Becky Miller, Secretary/Graphic Design  
Don Borgwardt, Treasurer  
Keri Eichner, Director  
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Dan Paulus, Director  
Dick Liersch, Director  
**Open**, Volunteer Coordinator

## **SUPPORT STAFF**

Jane Butz, Archivist  
Chris Fricke, Archivist  
**Open**, Membership  
Jim and Sally Punzel-Pioneer Village Caretakers  
Eugene Durben-Resident Blacksmith

## **TOUR GUIDES/DOCENTS**

Dennis Beder     Barbara Roob  
Donna Smith     Carol Stephenson  
Linda Ziebell     Carol Curtis  
Chris Schultz

## **CONTACTS**

Village Management-Allen Buchholz  
Village Hall Rentals-Allen Buchholz  
Website-Mary Ann Velnetske  
Marketing-Becky Miller  
Videographer-Dick Liersch  
Photographer/Social Media-Laura Bruederle  
Newsletter-Mary Ann Velnetske  
School Tours-Mary Ann Velnetske  
Gift Shoppe-Jean Steinke

## EVENT RECAP

Volunteer Packer Party - A fun time for all including a Packer WIN!



## EVENT RECAP—Continued

### Foxtown Winter Market at Foxtown Station



**Pop-up Winter Market at the Archives & Research Center  
Thanks to Laura Bruederle and her Facebook Promotions  
Both were a great Success!**



## FUNDRAISING

### HVAC Project Interurban Depot

The Interurban Depot was built in 1907 and served the community with electric rail transportation between Milwaukee and Sheboygan until March of 1948. The electric railroad not only provided passenger travel but also milk, farm goods and package delivery. The Ozaukee County Historical Society (OCHS) acquired the Cedarburg Interurban Depot in the late 1990's. The building was in poor condition, contained asbestos and lead paint. Numerous years were spent on fundraising and building restoration. The building was purchased for \$147,000 but an additional \$500,000 plus was spent on restoring it. In September 2007, the depot was opened with a gala celebration as the "Hazel Wirth Archives and Research Center". The building provides state of the art technology for maintaining a database of OCHS collections, computers for conducting research, many areas for storage and a new business office. The mission of OCHS is to advance and disseminate knowledge of the history and heritage of Ozaukee County through historic preservation, education and programming and the depot provides a wonderful climate-controlled facility for preserving newspapers, tax assessments, cemetery records, church records, photographs, school records, artifacts, abstracts and genealogies of founding families in Cedarburg. The depots' unique structure requires three furnaces and three air conditioners, one for each floor. The first and second floor air conditioners have been failing for the past two summers. We received quotes of \$20,000-\$28,000 for replacement furnaces and air conditioners. More donations are needed.

**A visit from Nina Look & Fred Derr  
to present us with a donation**



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## Donations November—January

### Memorial Donations:

Clay Hill in memory of Jan Hill  
Phil & Jean Steinke in memory of Stewart Scherf  
Phil & Jean Steinke in memory of Paul Brunnquell

### General Donation:

Sharon Scheel

### Artifact Donations:

Carol Luedtke  
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Ann Kesting Estate  
Doris Jahn Luedtke Estate  
Daniel Luedtke Estates  
Paul Hayes  
Laurie Bell

### HVAC Donations:

Carole Hausmann, Lisa & James Roemer,  
Gerry & Margaret Radke, Susan Lundsten  
Matthew & Suzanne McManus, Nina Look &  
Fred Derr, Barbara Porteus, Bock Charitable Trust,  
And Mary Lou McPhillips.

### Caboose Donations:

Mary Lou McPhillips, Jessie Pipkorn,  
Karen Esser, the Port Washington Women's Club,  
and Mal & Jill Hepburn

Thank you for your  
kindness, generosity  
and support!



### Our members who will be dearly missed.....



Jan Hill—Wife of Clay Hill  
OCHS Member and  
Volunteer



Stu Scherf—Brother of Vivian Laabs  
OCHS Member



Don Engelbert—Husband of Pat  
Engelbert...OCHS Member, "The  
Membership Man", Former Board  
Member, "Mr. Fix It"

## 2024 Events Calendar

- ♦ May 17 WWII School Day
- ♦ May 18 WWII Encampment Event
- ♦ May 19 Pioneer Village Opens
- ♦ May 25 Cemetery Walk - St. Mary's Port Washington
- ♦ June 15 Flag Day Celebration –Stony Hill School
- ♦ July 7 Fire Up the Forge
- ♦ July 29 Harry Potter at the Village
- ♦ Aug. 11 Bluegrass at the Village
- ♦ Sep. 7 Planes, Trains and Automobiles
- ♦ Sep. 28 Autumn at the Village
- ♦ Oct. 27 Pioneer Village Closes
- ♦ Dec. 21 Winter Solstice

Puzzle by Bob & Keri Eichner

### WINTER

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SLEET  
SLUSH  
SHOVEL  
SNOWMAN  
FLAKES  
FREEZING

NIPPY  
HOCKEY  
BOOTS  
FROSTY  
GLOVES  
COCOA  
COLD

FROSTBITTEN  
MUG  
IGLOO  
FLANNEL  
HAT  
HOT  
SNOW

EARMUFFS  
AVALANCHE  
WHITE  
JANUARY  
SCARF  
HEART

BOBSLED  
MELT  
LAYERS  
COZY  
BLUSTERY  
WARM

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## ~2024 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2024

Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!

Enclosed please find my:  Renewal  New Membership

Individual \$25  Husband/Wife/Family \$50 (incl children under 18)  
 Sustaining Individual \$50  Sustaining Family \$100

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Email & Phone Number will never be shared!)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! Please contact me when you need volunteer help!

*I want to make a contribution to history. Enclosed please find my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:*

Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center  
 Acquisitions & Collections Maintenance  
 Stony Hill School Upkeep  
 Ozaukee County Pioneer Village Upkeep  
 General: Where Needed Most

Interurban Depot Preservation Fund  
 Memorial: In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Celebration: In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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