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OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FALL QUARTERLY MEETING
Monday, November 6, 2023
Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30
Location: Saukville American Legion Post
601 W. Dekora Street (Hwy. 33), Saukville
Free and open to the public.



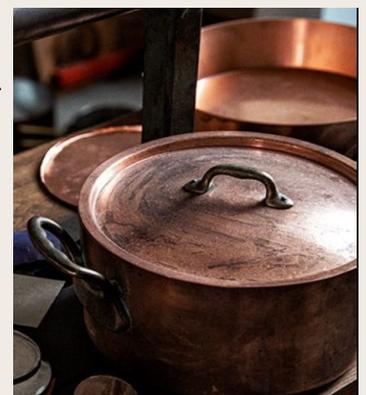
An evening with Sara Dahmen, Coppersmith, Author & Historian.

Sara Dahmen is a coppersmith, award-winning author and novelist, and entrepreneur. Her expertise is of vintage and modern cookware; she manufactures pure metal kitchenware in her Wisconsin garage for her company, House Copper & Cookware. All of her current designs are based on American traditions and wares and are sourced in the USA. When unable to recreate traditional elements, she uses only small family owned and operated makers or Armed Forces veterans to help with the production of her cookware pieces. Her work also includes refurbishing and restoring

old and damaged copper using vintage tools. Her historical fiction series is in print with *Tinsmith 1865*, *Widow 1881*, and *Outcast 1883* as the first three books. A fourth novel, *Medicineman 1884*, recently released. – Milwaukee.

Sara will talk about her craft, her family and her books. She will be available for a book signing after her presentation.

All are welcome - Refreshments will be served.



Greetings From the President:

Hello!

OCHS is wrapping up another busy summer. We had some very successful and well-attended events. We would like to applaud all of our awesome volunteers, that made it all possible. We would like to thank our historic demonstrators who have shared their talent and craft with OCHS and our guests.

We greatly appreciate the work of our caretakers, Jim and Sally Punzel and their sidekicks, Jim Stuckert and Ron Helberg, who spent many hours throughout the summer mowing the lawn, trimming and caring for the Village Hall.

Our archives staff has researched various subjects throughout the year, family histories, historic events, buildings and businesses. They have worked to better reorganize the collections at the archives so they would be more accessible.

Our school tour guides put their hearts into all they do in teaching children about our rural history and the lives of our ancestors. We have had schools from four counties come for our fall educational school program.

Finally, thank you to our board members who wear many hats and who do what ever it takes!

Everyone plays a critical role in the success of this organization.

Have a blessed holiday season, come and visit us at the archives and I look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Please feel free to give me a call (1-262-377-4545)with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Mary Ann Velnetske - President

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Incredible Volunteer Contributions

If you haven't been to Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in the past two months, you need to see our new fence. The original fence which was 60 years old and was indeed in need of replacement. Completion of the new cedar split rail perimeter fence and entrance gates were completed in September to increase the footprint of the village, incorporate the Trading Post building and lead people to the new Welcome Center. The project was completed by volunteers, Allen Buchholz, Jim Noster, Jim Punzel, Brian Schmit, Ken Albinger, Ron Helberg, Jim Stuckert, Ken Wegner, Mike Eernisse, Cliff Polheber and Max Zwick. Thank you to all who made such a noticeable improvement!



Amazing Donation- Hartmann Sand & Gravel

The paths at Stony Hill School were getting weedy and hard to maintain. Thanks to a wonderful donation made by Hartmann Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. of Fredonia, all the stone was replaced on the paths from the parking lot leading up to the school house. All In One Lawn Service worked to spread the stone material throughout the area. This was a well-needed improvement, just in time for the Ozaukee County Historical Society Fall School Tour Program.



Other projected needs at the school house are plaster repair and painting, new windows, new perimeter fencing and flag pole solutions.

OCHS is in the process of seeking funding support to continue to restore and maintain the school for people to enjoy in the future and learn the story of our first Flag Day Celebration.



Abracadabra! The 1871 Desk Looks Amazing!

As some of you already know, the first train came through Ozaukee County in 1870. The communities were excited with the promise of transportation, shipping and how the railroad would assist in building the socio-economic structure of the county. The railroad would allow people to connect from near and far. It would allow farmers and manufacturers to receive their supplies and to ship their products. The railroad would improve tourism to our Hilgen Springs Resort. The first Cedarburg Train Station was completed in 1871 and was celebrated on January 2nd of that same year. See below:



For many years the agent's desks from the original 1871 train station sat in the basement of the 1907 train station at Pioneer Village. As part of the Cedarburg Train Station Restoration, we planned to bring it out of the basement and get it restored. This year we hired Abracadabra Furniture Restoration of Grafton to take on the task. The desk was painted green with the floor molding broken and falling off. It was in pretty bad shape. The desk was stripped, repaired, stained and refinished. It is a true "Abracadabra" transformation. Abracadabra Furniture Restoration donated \$1,400.00 of labor to complete the project. THANK YOU!



EVENT RECAP

July 29th—The Magic Returns at Harry Potter at the Village



Having Fun at Hogwarts 9 3/4 aka the Cedarburg Train Station



Dumbledore poses for a picture



Sweet Treats for everyone to enjoy from Janel Gelhaar



Board Member, Tiffany Kindschy mixes her magic potions

EVENT RECAP Continued

August 13th, over 700 guest enjoyed an afternoon of bluegrass music at BLUEGRASS AT THE VILLAGE.



Fox Crossing poses for a photo op at the Cedarburg Train Station



This year's featured band, Stillhouse Junkies were a real crowd pleasers

EVENT RECAP—Continued



Train Show September 9, to benefit the Caboose Restoration Project—Metro Model Railroad Club.



James Wades, Morse Code Club, shares his knowledge of the telegraph



Lloyd & Linda Bunkleman (Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers) with their unique bells, horns & whistles display

EVENT RECAP—Continued



Autumn Farm Days
September 30-October 1
Fun for all!



Poul & Linda Sandersen
Demonstrating
Old Time Instruments



Carrie Kelly Spinning
on the Maronde Porch



Tractors that
Celebrate our
Rural History!

Donations August—October

Memorial Donation:

Phil & Jean Steinke in
Memory of Judy McGinty
Judy was a member of OCHS and
volunteer for many years. She
was married to Joe McGinty,
archives volunteer and rail enthusiast.
She will be dearly missed.

Quarterly Meeting Sponsor:

Nina Look & Fred Derr

Thank you for your
kindness, generosity
and support!

Event Sponsorships:

Neuen's Fredonia Lumber, Owen's Office
Products and Printing, Lochen Equipment,
Big Joe's Gas & Convenience, Cedar Crest Ice
Cream, Appleland Farm Market, Petersen
Products, Prime Minister Restaurant, State
Bank of Newburg, Complete Water, Bublitz
Plumbing & Heating, The Feider Family, Ken
Albinger, Gary Krcma & Lila Bast.

Caboose Donations:

Mike & Carol
Hecker

Charles Bleau-
Artwork

Bob Stark-
Lanterns



Caboose Update: The exterior is completed! The entire steel frame was rusted beyond saving and during June, the frame was cut out and a new frame was welded in place. Both diamond plate decks, front and back, were replaced. Jackson Welding and Rychtik Welding and Mfg. of Grafton completed the work. Charlie Helm, of Jackson Welding, donated \$13,000 of labor to help us stay in budget! The exterior was sandblasted in July by Joe Lechner of Mayfield and the caboose was primed and painted by Doug Peterson Painting of Grafton. In August, Forester Signs from Slinger hand painted the lettering on the caboose.

Next...The Interior.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Volunteer Packer Party- November 19th



Join us to watch the game, play some games and have a great time. Share your ideas, tell us what you think in our Suggestion Box. Bring your favorite tailgate snack, other food and beverages will be provided. Doors open at 11:30, Pioneer Village Hall. Game time is 12:00
RSVP's appreciated-ochsvolunteers@gmail.com



**Come and Visit OCHS at the
Foxtown Winter Market on
December 9th, from 11AM-4PM.
Start your Christmas Shopping
with unique gift items.**

WAUBEKA
WHISKEY & WINE WALK
& Shopping!
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
3:00-8:00PM

JOIN US NOVEMBER 4, 2023 IN WAUBEKA FOR A DAY OF SHOPPING, DRINKS AND FOOD!

TICKET INCLUDES A WHISKEY COCKTAIL AND/OR WINE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

BOOTS BBO / STONY HILL PUB & GRILL / THE DAWG HOUSE AND A PLATE OF FOOD AT BOOTS BBO SHOPPING WILL BE AT BOOTS BBO (THE FIREHALL) IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET TO SHOP THE VENDORS AND EACH LOCATION WILL BE OPEN FOR NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS COME OUT AND STROLL DOWNTOWN WAUBEKA, DRINK, DINE, AND SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES WHILE HELPIN THE WAUBEKA HISTORICAL DISTRICT AT THE SAME TIME!

Infomation on the WHDA can be found at
www.waubekahistoricaldistrictassociation.com

**Support the Waubeka Historic
District at their November 4
Fundraiser**

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~2023 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2023

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: _____
 Sponsorship of an Event: _____
 Other: _____

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