



# Sister Bay Historical Society Spring Newsletter

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## Well, this is exciting!

"What year did Wisconsin become a state?" got any idea???

Or, how about this one, a little harder, but fun....

"When Sister Bay Advance-ment formed in 1955 they opened our first tourist information booth next to the Village Hall. Who was in charge of the tourist booth that first year or what radio station did live broadcast from the booth that year many days a week? Anybody know?

You got it....SBHS is hosting our first annual Trivia Night May 9 at Northern Grill Restaurant. The Master of Ceremonies will be our very own Dick Burress. Questions will not all be about history, but we find it

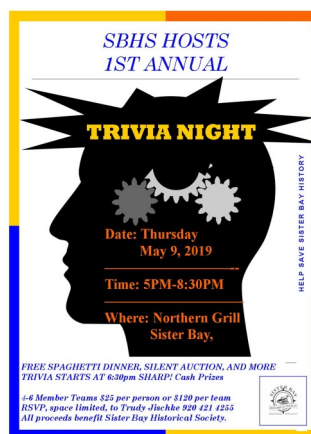
fitting to include some. There will be questions on food, music, sports and more to chal-

lenger through this event. So please spread the word or get a team of your friends to join in the fun.

There will be a free spaghetti dinner, silent auction, and cash bar as well as some spirited competition 1st & 2nd place cash awards, plus additional door prizes and game prizes. Additional purchases of Mulligans or Balloon Game Centerpieces will mean more prizes!

The night begins at 5 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM and Trivia begins at 6:30 PM sharp. The cost is just \$25 each, \$100 for a team of 4, or \$120 for a team of 5-6 people. Space is somewhat limited so you will want to sign up soon. Check out our web site for a registration form, rules and additional information.

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lunge old and young alike. You don't want to miss this event. Besides being a great fundraiser, we hope to encourage new members and volunteers

## SBHS BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The SBHS Board of Directors recently welcomed new board member, John Nelson, who is the publisher of the popular **GO GUIDE** and **DINING GUIDE**. His company also engages in social media, video, market consulting and develops web sites.

John's background in public relations work lead him to develop the Door Guide Publishing Company with the late Bob Pohl, in 2009.

John is the son of Door County resident, June, and the late John Nelson, but he actually grew up in Glenview, IL. He

attended Lawrence University and graduated from the University of Illinois. He is also proud to be an Eagle Scout.

John is a Sister Bay resident and the father of two daughters, Brietta and Kjersti.

We welcome him aboard!

## Curator's Corner

Roberta Kutlik

After thinking about winter and snow for so long it is a relief to see patches of grass once again and to put my mind to the Corner of the Past. The following are things we are thinking about now before we open for the season:

Susie Smith would love to have outdated phones for our Kids Korner in the barn. Do you have an old dial phone or a push button type?—a typewriter? We could also use "old" cell phones. Hands on is

still the best way to learn how we did it in the "old" days.

We will be looking for someone willing and able to do some caning. We have two press back chairs that need fixing before we can put them in a display.

Toward the end of April and beginning of May we will be needing some muscles to help move the farm equipment in the barn as we rearrange the displays there. Let me know if you can spare some time then (854-9242).

Our SBHS board has voted to extend our hours this coming season to 10 am to 4 pm five days a week (Tues—Sat.).

We have recently received a vintage wooden toy barn and accessories donated by Solbjorb (Sue) Daubner. It was a WPA project from the 1930s. The barn could use a little TLC, not much, but a little extra support here and there. Give me a call if you would like to look at it.

We have many donated items that need some help from time to time. Antique items don't get repainted or changed otherwise they lose their charm. They often need small repairs or cleaning. Do you or someone you know, like to tinker and do work like this in your spare time? Call me.

Still looking for a computer person who has their own time to devote to our software program.

*"As a non-profit,  
we appreciate  
your support.  
This is one way  
in which you can  
support without  
opening your  
wallet."*

## 3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Doing some spring cleaning? The annual Sister Bay Village-wide garage sale is **Saturday, May 18, 2019** and we are once again participating in this event. Please consider giving the Historical Society some of those items you no longer use, want, or store, and we'll see if we can't move

them out our door and be very grateful for your donation.

Items that are popular are books, furniture, tools, garden items, kitchen utensils, and kid's toys and games. Collection days will take place after May 1. Please contact John Fletcher at 421-3072 or

Linda Johnson at 854-4798 for instructions and/or pick up.

The sale will be in the large Koessler Barn at the Corner of the Past, Hwy 57 at Country Lane & Fieldcrest Rd. Beginning at 8 AM.

All proceeds from the sale help the Sister Bay Historical Society maintain their historic buildings.

IN  
MEMORIAM

We send our condolences to the families of the following members who have passed:

Long-time volunteer, Dee Mead on Nov. 15, 2018.

Volunteer from 1995 until her move to Iowa, Priscilla Murphy, Feb. 9, 2019. and

Former board member, Charlene Rice, Feb 10, 2019.



Pictured on the left is Lucille Sohns and Dee Mead on the right in 2014.



Share your old photos with us.

## AND, THEN THERE WAS SNOW

Dear Editor,

I have never experienced a year in which the Christmas decorations are still up in March. I have attempted to disconnect the wreaths at different times, but have failed. On Saturday, I climbed over the plowed material by the Outhouse and made my way to the Summer Kitchen by stepping in snow that was very deep....so deep that my legs kept getting trapped. Once, my boot lifted out and left my ice clog in

the hole, which was difficult to remove. I was able to disconnect at the Summer Kitchen, but unable to open the door on the Granary as there was six inches of ice on the platform. I decided to go back to the vehicle which took some doing.

I called up Mark Kuntsman to discuss using his tractor with a front end loader. Mark said the tractor would not be able to get traction as the snow was too deep. He offered to come and use snowshoes, (modern snowshoes

made of plastic) which he did and was able to walk on top of the snow to each building and make the disconnects, except for the large barn. The snow at the door is three feet deep and mostly ice so the door cannot be opened.

Regards, Tom Sadler



Imagine what it must have been like and, still is, for our Sister Bay farmers. Photos: Tom Sadler

## YOUR PHOTOS ARE IMPORTANT

FRED JOHNSON

I seem to keep repeating this, but I want everyone to know we are always looking for photos and documents to add to our archives. I can't repeat often enough..."Don't throw out old family photos even if you don't know who they are." Bring them to us to preserve them. All images of the past, buildings, landscapes, people,

animals, whatever, they represent the past and our goal is to preserve that past for the future.

Perhaps you have old movie films (8mm, super 8, 16mm, 35mm or other) we can transfer them to digital. This also includes video tapes.

I have recently been transferring 25 & 30 year-old tapes.

On one tape of my Dad's birthday in 1991, I found video of Joe & Winnie Jungwirth, Lawrence & Emily Daubner, Lareine Logerquist, Elzene Sigurdson and images I had forgotten about of people who are now gone.

Video has now replaced film for home movies. Even early video deserves preserving just

as film does. So please keep us in mind. We want to preserve those images of the past. We will copy what you have and give them back to you or we will be happy to accept your donation. Call me, Fred Johnson, 854-9247. Thank you.



## 2019 HERITAGE PROGRAMS

The SBHS is again sponsoring the Heritage Programs. Each Saturday a local artist will demonstrate his or her skills and display their work. The programs run Saturday mornings during the Farmers Market at the Corner of the Past. It is an exciting and interesting array of arts and crafts. In many cases the artists will be demonstrating their skills and some may offer their work for purchase. Mark your calendar and save the dates to see those that interest you.

June 29	Mill Road Gallery, Tom Seagard
July 6	Paper Art, Nancy Akerly
July 13	Glass Fusing, Gary Chaudoir
July 20	Rock Polishing, Cal Pearson
July 27	Stillwoods Art Studio, Carol & Don Payne

August 3	Pastels, Diane Saron
August 10	Clay Bay Pottery
August 17	Weaving, Lloyd Michalsen
August 24	Rosemaling, Loretta Paulman
August 31	Custom Tiles, Heidi Sitte
September 7	Caning, Nancy Rafal
September 14	Handmade guitars & guitar show, Dale Kumbalek
September 21	Carving, Erik Rinkleff
September 28	Glass etching Blue Heron, Mary Blickman

Please note that Cal Pierson will gear his program to children sharing information about rocks and minerals. Dale Kumbalek will display techniques in making guitars and the various woods and shapes that create truly unique musical instruments.

## THE CORNER OF THE PAST 2019 SEASON

May 9 TRIVIA NIGHT at the Northern Grill, Sister Bay , 5—8:30 pm

May 18 GIANT RUMMAGE SALE in the Koessl Barn, Corner of the Past 8 am

May 24 Opening Day! Corner of the Past, Tues—Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

May 25 Farmer's Market Begins every Saturday through Oct. 5, 8am-12pm

June 26 Annual Pot Luck/Meeting 5:30

July 11 Garden Walk 10—4

July 23 Ice Cream Social 6—8

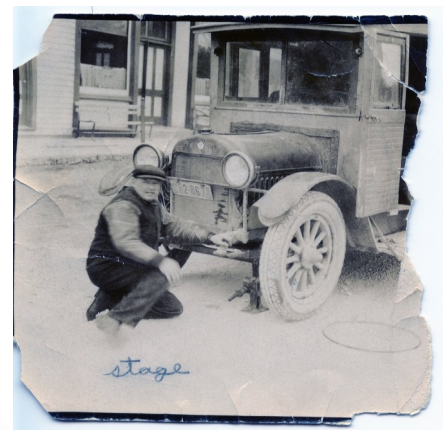
Aug. 9 & 10 Quilt Exhibit 10—4

Oct. 19 COTP Closes

Dec. 6 Christmas Sing Along Party



JoAnne Penny at Pot Luck



Edwin Casperson

### **\*ICE CREAM SOCIAL\* July 23**

Plan to join us for ice cream and treats for our annual get-together at the Koessl Barn. Your old favorites will be entertaining once again with the toe-tapping music of David Hatch and Lynn Gudmundsen. There's even the possibility of a couple of surprises! Time is 6 to 8.

Come and visit with friends and make some new ones. Thanks to Nicolet Bank for sponsoring our music and the Door County Ice Cream Factory for their GREAT ICE CREAM!



## **CORNER OF THE PAST**

### **FARMER'S MARKET WILL BEGIN**

**18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!!**



You can imagine, after all this time, many, many vendors have participated and given our market a very good reputation with fresh, locally grown produce and special other items such as flowers, honey, preserves, bakery and selected artist's paintings, drawings, photographs, and fine hand crafts. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Come and be a customer or a vendor when we open on Saturday May 25, 2019, 8 am to noon. We will be there until Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.



### **LITTLE SISTER RESORT IS 100 YEARS OLD**

Did you know that in 2018, Little Sister Resort was 100 years old? That's right. In 1918, Grant Anderson, grandfather of Dwight Anderson, started Little Sister Resort on the land that had been in his family since 1870 when his father Gunder purchased 108 acres of land in Little Sister Bay. The shore property was being used mainly for commercial fishing, but Grant felt this water property might appeal to people to come up and enjoy the water and gorgeous area. So it was that he decided to start a resort. Grant and his wife Lydia began by lodging guests in the farmhouse, which eventually led to building many cottages. In the early days, they served the American Family Plan which meant 3 meals a day!

In the late 40's, Grant's sons, Winfield and Roland and their wives purchased the Little Sister Resort from their parents. A few years after the sons took over, they added the cottages on the waterside of the road. In the 60's, part of the farm land was sold to Bill and Vi Davis who created Bay Ridge Golf Course.

In 1973 the Andersons sold the resort to Fred Luber. His daughter, Martha Luber Pelrine, shared the following story in her Dad's words: "in the fall of 1972, I was driving through the resort and saw Warren Gustafson, one of the realtors, showing the resort to some potential purchasers. I stopped and Warren came over to greet me. 'Whatever he bids, I'll bid \$1 more' A few hours later Gustafson called up and reported 'you've bought a resort!' My wife Anne knew nothing about it."

In 1974 Greg (Fuzzy) and Suzie Sunstrom assumed and currently are the Management of Little Sister Resort. In August of 2001, the waterfront bar & grill, known as Fred & Fuzzys started as a trial.

The Sister Bay Historical Society is pleased to recognize and congratulate Little Sister Resort for being an important part of our community for 100 years. Watch for details, as at this time a special evening is in the planning stages!





“Monarchs will arrive in Door County between mid to late June and start laying their eggs on milkweed plants.

Once the eggs hatch the milkweed plant is the only food source for the caterpillars (larva). The life cycle of the butterfly is amazing and takes 27 to 33 days from the egg being laid to when the monarch butterfly emerges.

As soon as I start collecting eggs, we will have a display at the Saturday Farmers Market so families can see the complete life cycle. Wooden cages, made by my husband, Bob, will be available for purchase with complete instructions on how to raise your own monarchs.” Trudy Jischke

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### SBHS Store

When visiting the Farmer’s Market, no doubt you have passed by or stopped at Linda Johnson’s table where she has been selling many Door County related items such as hand-made gift tiles, Cal Pierson’s carved walking sticks, Washington Island honey, and our publication, the Sister Bay Centennial.

Thanks to John Lijewski, who painted and prepared an additional space in the Old Anderson

### THE MONARCHS ARE COMING

Last season, at the Sister Bay Farmer’s Market, our volunteer Trudy Jischke introduced her hobby to all the shoppers young and old. It was indeed a wonderful teaching experience.

Trudy came with several plastic trays—the type you buy coffee cake in, and in each tray she had illustrated the ‘life cycle’ of the caterpillar. Children gathered as close as they could and adults couldn’t ask their questions fast enough.



Monarchs feed on the nectar from milkweeds.

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House Museum, gift items can be purchased whenever the museum is open Tues – Saturday. 10 am to 4 pm.

Guests will also find a lovely book entitled “Pioneer Women” which is a collection of stories and photographs about early Sister Bay women who are depicted in artist Karin Kopischke’s renderings which can be seen at the machine shed during the season. Other items such as hats, t-shirts, postcards, audio-visual selections, and our new tote bag are also available.

## SPRING 2019 SISTER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/ DONATION REPORT

ELOISE LINDEM, MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who renewed their 2018-2019 Membership dues and to all the donors.

Our 2019-2020 annual fund drive will be in The mail by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The news letter will follow shortly.: We look forward to hearing from you!

### The following donations were received through December 2018;

#### PIONEERS - \$100 - \$900

Gen Follingstad  
Susan & Ray Kaercher  
Cal & Trish Pierson  
Don & Linda Berns  
Faye Sitte  
Don & Myrma Howard  
Margaret Hendricks  
Fred & Fuzzy's Waterfront Bar and Grill  
Gladys Austgen  
Roberta Kutlik  
Lynnea & Dennis Hickey  
Jim & Kathy Springer  
Julianne Christiansen  
Charles Beasley & Fred Mann  
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Jeffrey Johnson

John D. Blossom, Jr.  
Mike & Angela Spinello  
Debbie & Greg Casperson (Casperson Funeral Home)  
Archie & Kathe Budzakz  
Carole Swenson Zuelke  
Raelyn Ind (Bhido's)  
Ann & Fred Lubert Foundation

### THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS GAVE DONATIONS

#### IN 2018 FOR 2019:

#### PIONEERS- \$100 - \$900

Cal & Trish Pierson  
Anne & Fred Lubert Foundation  
Mike & Angela Spinello  
Ken & Sue Issel

Once again I say Thank you, not only to those who have given generously, but to every volunteer who worked with us for the past 25 years. You have done marvelous work and we could not have achieved all of this without you. It has truly been a wonderful adventure and I think " The Corner of The Past' is an asset to Sister Bay and we thank them for all the support and financial help they have been.



#### EXPLORERS \$10-\$99

Missy Kjellenberg  
Mary Hoffman  
Betty Holland  
Conrad & Linda Johnson  
Janal Suppanz  
Louis & Pat Wisner  
Dennis & Joan Lonstine  
Ken & Beth Ferris  
R Childers & Jean Russell  
Rosalie Kenkle  
Dr. Deborah Webber  
Gary & Patti Chaudoir  
Jill Connelly  
Jeremy & Cindi Schwab  
Ted Knowles

#### NEW MEMBERS

#### LIFETIME MEMBER

Martha Lubert Pelrine – Sister Bay  
(Fred & Fuzzy's)

#### BUSINESS MEMBER

DOOR GUIDE PUBLISHING LLC  
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\*Help build a "Path to the Future" by adding an engraved brick to our walk up to the Old Anderson House Museum. To order a brick, please call Tom Sadler, Brick sales Chairman, 920-854-2896.

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