



Sister Bay Historical Society

Fall 2020 Newsletter

OLD ANDERSON HOUSE MUSEUM SUFFERS DAMAGE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Old Anderson House Museum damaged.
- Grateful to donors following accident to home
- The "Shadow" now belongs to the SBHS
- Dixie Jorns is a real winner!
- Climate Change Coalition at Farmers Market.

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In the early morning hours of August 22nd, a driver lost control of his vehicle as he was approaching the intersection of Country Lane and Hwy 57.

Considerable damage occurred when his SUV knocked over a utility pole, jumped the curb, hit a tree on the front lawn of the Old Anderson House Museum, and knocking down part of the front porch. The car continued along the highway side of the house hitting the back door structure of the house that protrudes on the east side of the 1885 historic home.

The Sheriff's department found the car abandoned a few blocks away, and were able to locate the 44-year old male from Appleton, WI.



Repair work has begun as carpenters Bob Jischke and Nick Nelson want to complete the job before cold weather comes.

Formerly the Alex and Emma Anderson home, the Historical Society renovated the old home in 1995 making it a museum of local artifacts dating back to the late 1800s.

THE SBHS APPRECIATES PUBLIC CONCERN FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

The Old Anderson House Museum was to celebrate its 25th year in 2020 before the onset of COVID-19. The museum and the Corner of the Past did not open. The only sponsored event this summer was the Saturday Farmers Market

which has now ended for this season.

Following the unfortunate accident to the museum, notices were posted on Facebook and other social media. Much to our delight and appreciation, many of our members received

phone calls expressing concern and our treasurer received several kind donations to offset the anticipated expenses for repairs to the museum itself and to the damage to the landscaping. See more mention of the donations inside the newsletter.

THANK YOU, SPECIAL DONORS!

The following are the names of people who made donations specifically for the repair and maintenance of the museum and property following the August 22nd accident and damage to the Old Anderson House Museum:

Dawn Anderson

Jack & Susan Anderson

Maurice & Victoria Ash

Mikaela Benner

Rebecca Deming

Kayla Gensler

Wayne Gerlach

Susan Gould

Marilyn Kjellenberg

Kristine Miesbauer

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Barbara Tuszyński

Watts Unlimited (Dan Watts)

Amber Stege

Charlie Beasley & Fred Mann

Marajen Lee

All donations earmarked for repair to the museum and landscaping will be used for purchase of materials necessary to replace the porch, parts of the foundation, the back door housing, and the landscaping damage.

Donations can be sent to the SBHS, P.O. Box 34, Sister Bay, WI 54234.



Curator's Corner

Roberta Kutlik

"With deepest sympathy from your friends and neighbors at this time. "

We are sorry to have to write about the passing of two of our members.

Lee Lhost, well-known stone mason in Sister Bay, husband of Jill Lhost and father of three children, died Sept. 26.

Arnita (Nitzie) Bruss, wife of Lyle Bruss, mother of four children and grandmother to 17 grandchildren, passed away on Sept. 28. As this

memorable summer of 2020 fades we don't want to forget to recognize and thank the volunteers who have served the Historical Society in different capacities: Trudy Jischke, Bob Jischke, Nick Nelson, Paul Burgess, Don Provo, Cal Pierson, Jim Springer, Mark Carlson, Deuce Weborg, Davis Sitte, Conrad Johnson, Linda Johnson, Fred Johnson, John Fletcher, Eugene Jarvis, Roberta Kutlik, and a special

mention to all our Farmer's Market vendors who were ready and willing to cooperate with the rules set down by the Department of Agriculture to follow during this COVID-19 epidemic. Thank you to all of our local & faithful patrons each Saturday morning. You made it a successful summer for the SBHS.

DIXIE JORNS IS A WINNER!

A very generous gesture was made to the Historical Society by Mark Kunstman in July when he offered to donate a beautiful wooden garden bench that he had crafted himself.

It was thought that perhaps the bench could be raffled off

at the annual Garden Walk in July, but the Garden Walk committee preferred a longer time to raffle it of course, to realize more much needed funds.

Although this wasn't our first raffle experience, it proved to be quite successful since the

bench was on display every Saturday at the farmers market.

We are happy to announce that vendor Dixie Jorns's name was drawn as the winner. Thanks to Katja Nelson for pulling the winning ticket!

THANKS MARK.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACQUIRES “SHADOW”



JACK BUNDA
PICTURED HERE
IN THE SHADOW

Jack was always looking for parts—that was part of the fun. Thanks to Jack, Shadow is still the same boat delivered to Friedlund: every plank and frame is original, only the engine has been replaced. It is in pristine condition.

Jack passed away in 2011 and Shadow needed a new owner. A group of local Shadow enthusiasts is working with the Sister Bay Historical Society to keep the boat in Sister Bay, the only home it has ever known. The Historical Society purchased Shadow but has a considerable

In the summer of 1929, a 26-foot Chris-Craft runabout boat named Shadow was delivered to J. Arthur Friedlund’s summer home in Sister Bay. An elegant boat it was: Honduran mahogany, triple cockpit, deep green leather seats, silver trim and a Scripps 202-678 cubic inch engine delivering 200 horsepower. Friedlund had a custom boathouse built for Shadow. It was on rails and rolled out over the water for summer. The boat was driven into the boathouse just as you do with your car into the garage. It had a system for

lifting the boat out of the water. It is said Shadow never spent a night in the water.

When Friedlund died Jack Bunda acquired Shadow. For more than 40 years, Jack and his son Kenan—a master carpenter—pampered Shadow. Jack had a love for classic cars and boats. For him, Shadow was something to be cherished. He did all the mechanical work.

balance of the purchase price yet to pay. A fundraising committee has been formed. It seeks not only to raise the balance of the purchase price but also funds for a structure to display the boat, hopefully on the Sister Bay waterfront. Jack used to display the boat at Marina Fest. The Historical Society hopes to carry on this tradition.



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THE PLASTIC MONSTER VISITS FARM MARKET

The Saturday ‘Corner of the Past’ Farmers Market has proved to be a good place to reach many people with new and old ideas.

On September 5th, members of the **Climate Change Coalition of Door County** brought their “Plastic Monster” for visitors to view and to emphasize the importance of recycling

plastics that are so prevalent in our daily living these days.

Thank you to Dave LaLuzerne, pharmacist and herb expert of Ellison Bay and Tom O’Grady and Renee White. The coalition is a volunteer, non-partisan organization focused on educating the public the science surrounding the climate crisis.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- DEBRA WOLF

I know how important it is to be accurate with names of individuals and businesses, so I have done my best for this, my first report, to be as up to date as possible.

Welcome to the following:

Business memberships, Mitch Larson, On Deck Clothing; Michael Kahr, Death's Door Marine; Champeau Flooring; ERA Starr Realty; Door County Ice Cream Factory; Bhirdo's (Raelyn); Nicolet National Bank.

New Lifetime Members: Matthew & Polly Roeser; Marjorie Grutzmacher; Denise Trenchard.

New Members: Jeremy & Cindi Schwab; Anne & Alan Kimbell; Fred & Debi Anderson; Barbara Pederson and Patti Goff.

We are coming to the end of a most unusual year, 2020. It is understandable if somehow you may have forgotten to renew your membership for this year. I know you will understand when we ask for your renewals and donations in light of our closure of the Corner of the Past and the cancellation of our events this past season. Send your renewal/donation to: Cathy Mangan, Treasurer, SBHS P.O. Box 34, Sister Bay, WI 54234.



Pictured is Debra Wolf who is the new Membership Chairperson for the Sister Bay Historical Society. We want to Welcome Debbie!