



Sister Bay Historical Society

Fall, 2022

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTKINDLMARKT COMING SOON

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Remembering our Vice President
- "History Talks"
- Honoring our volunteers
- 2022 in photos
- Curator Corner
- Memorials

Plans are in the works for the second annual Christkindlmarkt at the Corner of the Past in Sister Bay. If last year's attendance is an indication of what is to come this year, folks will be happy to know that this year there will be 31 vendors selling from the quaint historic buildings and cottages in addition to new huts and a larger tent. Gluhwein, or hot mulled wine, a staple of Christmas markets in Europe, will be available to keep everyone warm while shopping, in addition to traditional Nordic foods, fine artisan goods, and live music.



SBHS

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MISSING YOU DEAR FRIEND

We've known for some time that you were fighting your illness but you never complained or you made a joke to distract us from the subject. During covid you came to the Farmers Market and greeted the artist for the day early in the morning to have everything ready for them. We enjoyed having you sit with us to keep us up-to-date on the many other activities you were involved with.

In addition to getting involved with the Shadow boat committee, who are devoted to preserving the historic Chris Craft, arranging for 16 artists to appear at the annual Heritage Programs each Saturday, and working with Bret Bicoy at the Community Fund and keeping an eye on the SBHS investments, John decided to have the "Historical Renderings", developed by Karin Kopischke, and the written stories by Patti Podgers, printed in book form to make the "PIONEER WOMEN OF SISTER BAY" available to all who have become so interested in this display in the Machine Shed. It is almost out of the second printing.

John worked under cover, so to speak—doing, and providing, whenever he saw a need. We are now trying to go on, trying to think how he would be carrying on and trying to remember things he has said that will make future decisions easier.

Goodbye Mr. Vice President.

All your friends at the
Sister Bay Historical Society



L. John Fletcher
August. 22, 1943 -- July 24, 2022

Thank You

The thoughts, prayers and personal visits from so many of you were gratefully appreciated by John. They were a source of comfort and strength to him during his illness. Also, your kind words and expressions of sympathy upon his passing have been of comfort to the family.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring.

The John Fletcher Family

NEW "HISTORY TALKS" SERIES DRAWS BIG CROWDS

Two years ago, Connie Grotenhuis approached the Program Committee with her family story of how the Patio Drive In came to be. The idea grew into a season of five stories of local business histories.

Beginning in June, the story of Bunda's Department Store and the Bunda family was presented by Janie Denis. Mitch Larson and other family members were present to tell stories of how their business developed and grew. In July, Roberta Champeau reminded everyone of how Andre and Leone Roeser came to Sister Bay in the late 1800's settling on the shores which would become the beginning of the new village.



Rolf Johnson entertained a large crowd which consisted of many former employees of Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant in August this season. Many photos were shown that brought to mind many stories of the people at Al's over the years.

September brought Connie Grotenhuis with her memories of the popular Highway 57 Patio Drive-In. Connie shared many stories of the people who were so important to the growth and history of the unique business in Sister Bay.

Finally, in October, Fuzzy Sunstrom presented the story of how the beautiful Little Sister Resort, established by Grant Anderson in 1918, grew to be a favorite family resort and how he became involved with its success until this year when it was sold.

We can only imagine that this was the beginning of a new series to continue in the 2023 season at the Corner of the Past.



Pictured above is Rolf Johnson and below is Fuzzy Sunstrom speaking to the crowd.

Curator's Corner

The Sister Bay Historical Society voted to support the residents of Sister Bay who favor keeping the Sister Bay Village Hall. The SBHS board members feel that when the Village Hall is repaired and safe to use, clubs, organizations, and family get-togethers will use the hall as they have for the past 80 years.

Once again, Greg and Susie Sunstrom have donated funds from the sale of their sunflowers on Country Lane. Shoppers cut their own bouquets and left the money in the unattended box for the second year. Thank you Fuzzy and Susie.

Great News! The Sister Bay Historical Society was chosen as one of the 10 Best Historical Societies in Wisconsin by the AMERICANTOWNS MEDIA this summer. There are almost 400 societies in the state of Wisconsin.

More good news: The treasured "Shadow" Chris Craft boat that once belonged to Jack Bunda will now have a new home in the old Bunda boathouse when it becomes the Sister Bay Waterfront Museum.

Below is John Blossom at Marina Fest when the Shadow was on display.



Wedding bells rang out at the Corner of the Past on September 10, 2022 when the daughter of John Nelson, Kjersti June Nelson married Raul Adrian Chis under the beautiful walnut tree that anchors the rustic property of the Sister Bay Historical Society.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party and guests were escorted to the 100 year old barn where tables of white linen cloths and chairs sleeved in white awaited a delicious meal prepared by the Thyme Restaurant.

For more information regarding the use of the Corner of the Past facilities readers may call John Nelson at 920-421-1589.

Thank you to Cal and Trish Pierson who have agreed to take over the planning for the Heritage Programs for 2023. For several years John Fletcher scheduled artists and artisans for appearances at the Koessl Barn on Saturday mornings during the Farmers Market. Anyone interested in displaying their art as well as demonstrating their art during the coming summer season, may call the Piersons at 727-543-3705.

Congratulations to Ron Kane who received the 2022 Volunteer of the Year award from the Sister Bay Advancement Association. Ron has been active in government and tourism for the village for over 40 years. He is a former board member of the SBHS, and Farmers Market volunteer. He is a member of the Sister Bay Plan Commission and Visitor Center staff.

Summer at the Corner of the Past 2022





Photo (left to right): Roberta Kutlik, Stefanie Burke, Jill Lhost, John Lijewski, John Nelson, Julie Schmelzer, Fred Johnson, Tom Sadler, Craig Coursin, Bob Jischke, Paula Anschutz, John Sawyer, Roberta Champeau, Pipka Ulvilden, Cathy Mangan, Linda Johnson, Trudy Jischke.

Ground Breaking October 26, 2022. Pictured above are representatives of the Board of Directors of the Sister Bay Historical Society, the Little Sister Barn Construction Team, and the Little Sister Barn/Sister Bay History Center Fund Raising Team preparing the foundation to set the Little Sister Barn History Center.

In Memoriam

The members of the Sister Bay Historical Society express their deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who have passed away recently.

Elinor (Brodd) Maahs, passed on April 7, 2022 in Temple, TX. Elinor was a dedicated member and former teacher for a number of years.

L. John Fletcher, passed away on July 24, 2022 at the age of 78. He was born in Kansas City, MO, but grew up in Door County. A life-member of the SBHS.

Frederick Mann, passed away July 31, 2022 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Fred was not only a life-time member, but served on our Board of Directors for several years.

Marajen Mosier Lee, passed away August 25, 2022. She was the school secretary and the supportive wife of David when he began to save the Old Anderson House in 1994.

Annette Erickson, born in Sister Bay, passed on September 30, 2022. She was the wife of George and a dear kindergarten teacher to many children in Northern Door County.

Lucille Sweeney Sohns, passed away October 6 at the age of 102. She met her husband Glen when they worked at Hotel Ephraim. Sweeney was an avid golfer into her 90's.

Maxine Lindem Brennan, passed away on October 11, 2022 in Bryn Mawr, PA. at the age of 95. She was the sister of the late Curt Lindem.



Sister Bay Historical Society Memorial Contributions

In memory of Lucille Kostka, contributions have been received from Dawn Anderson, Greg and Debbie Casperson, Conrad and Linda Johnson, John and Laura Lijewski and Faye Sitte.

In memory of Bob Dahlstrom, contributions have been received from Stacey and David Dahlstrom, Miriam Erickson, Glendon Johnson, Vicki Kalms, Roberta Kutlik, and Debra Mann.

In memory of John Fletcher, contributions have been received from John and Linda Blossom, and Roberta Kutlik.

In memory of Fred Mann, contributions have been received from John and Linda Blossom and Roberta Kutlik.

In memory of Jim McDonald, a contribution has been received from Douglas Carder.

Contributions in memory of a member or friend of the Sister Bay Historical Society may be sent to P.O. Box 34, Sister Bay, WI 54234. Thank you everyone.

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Eugene Jarvis was presented with a photo of the many gardens he has created and cared for at the Corner of the Past for many years.

On September 15th, the Volunteer Committee members, Roberta Champeau, Jill Lhost, JoAnne Penny, Trudy Jischke, and Linda Johnson arranged for an 'end of the season appreciation picnic' for all the SBHS volunteers. Forty-five volunteers attended the social event that included box lunches prepared by the AC Tap.

As a special recognition, Membership Chairperson, Debbie Wolf, took photos of the beautiful gardens that Eugene and Barbara Jarvis prepare each year and presented them with a framed remembrance of all their work. Eugene a most faithful worker, has tended these gardens since the late 90's.

This once a year get-together is a way of saying "Thank You" to all our volunteers and a way of encouraging more people to help in a variety of ways.