



Sister Bay Historical Society Fall Newsletter

October, 2016

FALL BRINGS FUTURE PLANS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New building being discussed
- Board of Directors could use two more members
- Head Docent reports increased attendance in 2016
- Another cabin is completed and ready for display in 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pres. Fred Johnson
V. Pres. John Fletcher

Treas. Linda Johnson
Sec. Pat Wisner

Directors:
Roberta Champeau

Roberta Kutlik
Jill Lhost

Karen Sunstrom
Don Howard

Ron Kane

President Fred Johnson has presented a full agenda to the present ten members of the Board of Directors in 2016. To give an example, the following items are now being studied and committees are being formed: a) The need for a large building b) Remodeling the website c) Replacing two board members d) Designating village historical buildings with plaques and e) Marketing ideas for 2017.

For some time now, the Board has discussed the need for additional display space, storage, work space, a facility for research and

study, and public meetings. Ideas are being offered, and building size and style is being studied by a special Building Committee.

With growth comes also the need for change, especially in the design of our present website. This work will begin shortly.

Jill Lhost, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and its members, are seeking two candidates to fill partial Board vacancies. This is another need—that is, for persons willing to make a serious commitment to this organization—a commitment of time, tal-

ents and energy.

Other growth ideas are coming out of the newly formed Marketing Committee, one being to designate and identify historic and significant structures in Sister Bay. Brass plaques are being suggested to attach to each of them.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual Sing-Along Christmas get-together will be the first Friday in December, Dec. 2nd at the Old Anderson House Museum from 6 pm to 8 pm. Gladys Austgen will once again play our favorite Christmas music on

the old pump organ.

For several years we have asked all who will attend to bring non-perishable food items, paper goods, or cleaning supplies to donate to the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church in Sis-

ter Bay. We would like to continue this tradition to open the Holiday season.

Come and enjoy the delicious egg nog punch and home-made cookies and other goodies supplied by members of your Board of Directors.

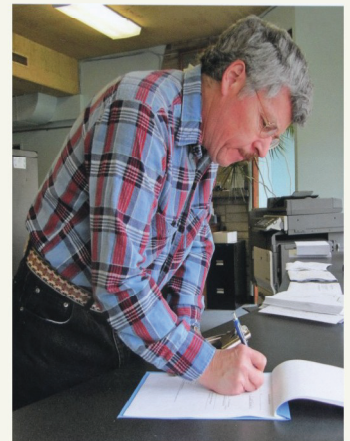
NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING BOARD CANDIDATES

The SBHS Nominating Committee is in the process of seeking candidates to fill 2 vacancies for partial terms that exist now on the Board of Directors. We have been reviewing our membership list in the hope of identifying people who will work toward the vitality and financial strength of the SBHS now and in the fu-

ture.

A full term for a director is 2 years; alternating with 6 terms expiring each year. A full board is comprised of 12 members. Often Directors choose to submit their name for term renewal but when vacancies occur we again search our membership for nominees.

Making a commitment of time and energy to an organization is not one to be taken lightly. If you are asked to serve, please consider responding favorably. If you are a very proactive type and would like to offer your name for consideration—Please contact Jill Lhost, 920-421-0285.



SBHS Pres. Fred Johnson

*"We need
hands, heads,
and hearts to
continue our
mission to
Preserve the
History of
Sister Bay"*

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer: a person who donates his/her time or efforts for a cause or organization without being paid, and by their own free will.

Each year when we send out the membership letter, we ask for volunteers. In the years since I've been involved, it seems our list

of volunteers gets shorter and shorter. We are an organization once run by all volunteers. We've now had to hire a fun-time do- cent and a lawn care per- son. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful employees, but we still need your help.

Please, when the member-

ship letter comes this year, consider signing up for at least one committee, project or fund raiser.

Feel free to write in a suggestion, idea or what your expertise is! We need your help. How can you help?

JOIN US

Linda Johnson, Treasurer

SUSIE SMITH SAYS,

It will not be a surprise to anyone when we report that the attendance at the Corner of the Past saw a healthy increase this summer. Folks from 19 different states and from Eng-

land and Germany toured our historic buildings. Our top 3 states were Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota.

Thanks very much to the Village for hanging our SBHS banners in

town which helped a lot. Visitors especially like the Tues to Sat. schedule, 10 am to 3 pm and the Heritage Programs and the Saturday Farmers Market.

Families especially enjoy the Scavenger Hunt and other activities for them. New plans are in the works for 2017 too.

Susie is our head docent, welcoming guests daily.

THANKS TODD & NICOLET BANK

A BIG thanks is due to Todd Frizzoni, owner of the Door County Ice Cream Factory for the ice cream provided for our annual Ice Cream Social in August.

And that's not all—Nicolet Bank sponsored the musicians, David Hatch & Lynn Gudmundsen. We really appreciate the support of our local businesses.

It was a beautiful evening for our

local families and visitors to gather at the Koessl barn. It happened to be a night when other events were happening on the Peninsula, so we missed a few of our regulars, but that didn't keep the others from enjoying their ice cream and having a great time listening and dancing to the music. Thanks too, to the cake bakers and the ice cream scoopers. It's always a fun night.

Linda Johnson



WE NEED SOME GARDENS FOR 2017

All of you who have enjoyed our annual Garden Walks, know that we had to sit out the Garden Walk in 2016 as we did not find the number of gardens we needed to make the annual event a memorable one.

Gardeners are special people who wouldn't think of inviting guests to their garden if everything wasn't up to their standards. We know it is fall, and you are putting your gardens to bed for the winter, but would you or someone you know, in

the Northern Door area, be willing to plan to show your gardens next year?

Plan to join us for the 14th Annual Garden Walk on July 6, 2017.

Please call Roberta soon at 854-9242. She will contact them before the snow flies. Thank you.

*"Gardeners
are Special
People"*

We Care ~ ~

We, the members of the SBHS, want to join all the community in wishing 16-year old Sten Kordon a fast and complete recovery from his recent injuries. Sten is the grandson of member, Audrey Grasse.

Also, our deepest sympathies to the families of

16-year old Olivia Dahl and Sister Bay resident Ralph Keller, who perished in an airplane crash. Olivia, daughter of Jennifer & Collin Dahl, is also survived by Delmar Dahl and his daughter, Carla.

We also want to remember Gene Graham, hus-

band of Margaret Graham; Dr. Phillip Brachman, husband of Susan Brachman of Atlanta, GA; and Priscilla Jungwirth, wife of the late David, and the mother of Roger and Daniel Jungwirth, who passed away in June, 2016.





Head docent, Susie Smith, welcomes bus tour in Fall



Docent, Laura Lijewski, greets guest



Docent John Lijewski demonstrates tools to guest in machine shed.



Avery Grace Johnson, dressed in her finest for the Doll Show & Tea Party.



Former resident, Mary Ellen Machette, served at the Tea Party.



A view of the American Girl Dolls on display at the Show



Miranda Fletcher and two friends, smile holding their own dolls at the Doll Show and Tea Party.



Miranda Fletcher, granddaughter of Vice President John Fletcher, enjoys the farm atmosphere.

ANNUAL/MEMBERSHIP FUND DRIVE
SISTERBAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2016

Thank you to the following members
Who have given donations:

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Mary Ellen Matchette

Thank you to all who have renewed their 2016
membership. If you have not renewed, please
do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are very happy to welcome the following
new members:

BUSINESS

BAY RIDGE GOLF COURSE (Diane Trenchard,
owner)
BHIRDO'S-RAELYNN, INC. (Denise & Michelle,
owners)

FAMILY

Mike & Judy Brodd
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Pat & Cathy Mangan
William & Barb Meyer
Roberta Champeau
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Fred & Janet Peterson
Jeremy & Cindi Schwab family
Marlene & Jim Thomas

INDIVIDUAL

Mary Ellem Matchette, Miami, FL
Sister-in-law to Margaret Hendricks,
of Sister Bay and DePere.
Carol Franke
Donna M. Johnson
Susan Smith (Head Docent)
Peter Grimyser

Eloise Lindem
Membership Chair
854-4458



Do You Have Your Copy?

The latest publication from the Sister Bay Historical Society is the 109 page book that will continue the story of the history of Sister Bay which was written for the Golden Jubilee in 1962.

The newest history reflects on old Sister Bay and Appleport, defines historical locations, pictures early businesses, families, and some grand stories about those families, and brings us up to 2012 when we celebrated the first 100 years.

We will be happy to send a copy to those of you who are out of town. Local families may call a board member for a copy. Cost: \$15, and by mail \$18.00 (check). Please send your order to SBHS, PO Box 34, Sister Bay, WI 54234

A limited number of Golden Jubilee books (1912 – 1962) are also available. Cost \$5.00 and by mail \$8.00.

The Sister Bay Centennial Committee also has commemorative t-shirts available and we would be happy to send them by mail. The shirt features a colorful picture of Sister Bay and is available in sizes small through 2X in gray, blue, or yellow. The cost: \$10, and by mail, \$12.

To order any of these items by phone, please call Roberta Kutlik at 920-854-9242 or send a written request with your name and address to SBHS, PO Box 34, Sister Bay, WI 54234.

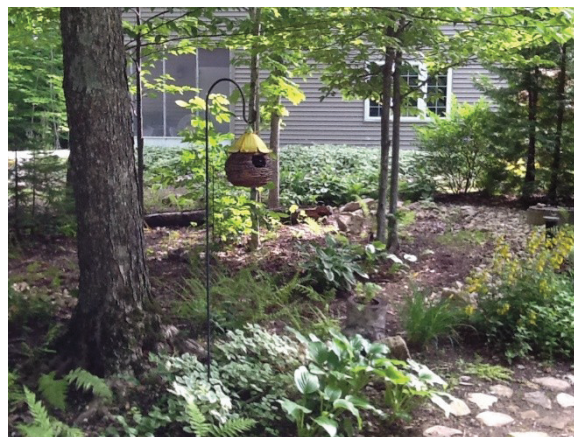
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SISTER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



View of Mona Barden's garden, 2015



Carolyn Hitzeman & her Mini horse



Susie Smith & Fred Johnson welcome artist, Charles Peterson



Patti Brooking & her Jewelry



Pres. Fred Johnson in granary



Grace Bernhard & Trudy Jischke at the Farmers Market



Vendors, Joanne & Jim Penny



Ken Issel selling apple cider doughnuts



Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors at Farmers Market

From DON HOWARD

Our summer maintenance crew has completed our major project, restoration of the log cabin donated to the COTP by the Douglas Chomeau family. It has a new roof, new tuck pointing, refinished floors, interior walls and trim and electrical service. Furnishings are being moved in which will highlight the Scandinavian heritage of our area and it will be added to our 13 building exhibit in the spring of 2017.

Additional lighting has been added to brighten enhanced exhibits in the barn and machine shed and exterior painting and repairs have kept pace with the ever present needs.

Our sincere thanks to participants of the following work crew for their contributions of time and effort: Jim Springer, Fred Johnson, Dan Swenson, Don Howard, Tom Kolp, Lee Lhost, Ray Kaercher, Cal Pierson, and Doug Defenbaugh. Thanks also to James Rice for donation of grading and tilling around the new cabin in preparation for planting new grass and to Hockers Excavating for the donation of labor and excavating in preparation for our new gravel drive and parking area. Thanks too, to Dale Krolik for donating some of his labor for touch-up painting.

This is primarily a volunteer organization. Without the many volunteers, our Historical Society would not exist. A sincere thank you to all who have contributed their time, effort, expertise, and financial support to this effort: Board Members, Docents, Construction Crew, Farm Market workers, Gardeners, Business and Community supporters, artifact donors, cake bakers, ice cream scoopers, and Society members. You have helped to make the SBHS and the Corner of the Past Museum one of the gems of Northern Door County.

CURATOR'S CORNER

ROBERTA KUTLIK

Here it is Fall already and almost time for the men to put the buggies, benches, and other small implements in the barn. Barbara Jarvis will be exchanging her new curtains for the old ones during winter at the migrant cabin, and we will bring out old sheets to cover fabrics in all the cabins. Light can be damaging.

Our construction crew have done a beautiful job preparing the Olson log cabin for Scandinavian artifacts. You will recognize the hand-made bed from the Mangan family, the lovely platform rocker donated by

Kellstrom-Ray Realty, and the authentic Swedish accessories from Cal Pierson, who also donated a generous monetary gift to help with needed supplies and repair of the cabin.

Thank you too, to Loretta Paulman, rosemaling artist, who donated the "Velkommen" sign, a common accessory in many Scandinavian homes.

Other recent donations of artifacts have come from the family farm of Ingrid Nelson Lawrence, including a hand-hooked rug, fireplace tools, and an old WILLS family sign.

Next Spring, make sure to stop in the machine shed to view the new exhibits of items from Sister Bay businesses, toys from the past, and the Karin Kopischke renderings and descriptions of the women who were early settlers of Sister Bay.

We were sorry to see our expert computer person leave us recently. Jitendra Suman, has taken a position in northern California. His wife, Abbey, and daughter, Hazel, will follow when their gallery, Sutra, closes for the season. We wish them well.