



Sister Bay Historical Society

Spring 2022 Newsletter

'HISTORY CENTER'

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On a chilly March morning, the Little Sister Resort Barn made its way from the resort, through the former Bay Ridge Golf Course, crossed Hwy 42, and continued east on Country Lane until it came to Hwy 57. At that point, the huge rig operated by the DeVooght movers, made a left turn and slowly, but surely, arrived at the property of the Corner of the Past where it made another left-hand turn on to the north end of the Corner of the Past property not far from where it will set down permanently once the

foundation is constructed.

The move began about 7 am and arrived at the new home of the now "History Center of the Sister Bay Historical Society" at 4 p.m. Thus ending many years of "wishing we could have another barn" for housing large artifacts, storage of archival materials, public meeting space, enlarged office space, and display space. Much work remains now before the barn will be ready to be placed on its new permanent foundation.

The barn will be taller than as seen in the pictures as a

new first floor and siding will need to be constructed. Drawings are now being made for the necessary indoor architectural plans.

The SBHS wants to give recognition to two ladies who saw the opportunity for the Historical Society to obtain the barn. Preservationists, Stephanie Burke and Paula Anschutz did much for the Society to forge ahead with plans to move the barn with the expertise of the DeVooght Moving Company.



2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 21	RUMMAGE SALE	8 am to 4 pm
May 30	MUSEUM OPENING DAY	10 am to 4 pm
June 6	MUSEUM TOURS BEGIN	Monday through Friday 10 am to 4pm
June 11	BUS TOUR	Saturday 10 am to 12 pm
June 23	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Koessl Barn, 10 am	
June 23	PROGRAM: BUNDA'S STORE	Koessl Barn, 7 pm
June 25	First FARMERS MARKET	9 am to 1 pm
July 12	PROGRAM: The Roesers: Pillars of Early Sister	Koessl Barn 7 pm
July 21	ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL	Koessl Barn 6 pm
Aug. 10	FISH BOIL by Gene & Greg Sunstrom	Serving 4:30; 5:30; 6:30 pm
Aug. 11 & 12	QUILT SHOW	Anderson House Museum 10 am to 4 pm
Aug. 18	PROGRAM: AL JOHNSON'S SWEDISH RESTAURANT	7 pm
Sept. 8	PROGRAM: THE PATIO DRIVE-IN	Koessl Barn 7 pm
Oct. 4	PROGRAM: LITTLE SISTER RESORT	Koessl Barn 7 pm
Oct. 8	Last Farmers Market	9 am to 1pm
Nov. 25,26,27	CHRISTKINDLMARKT	11 am—7 pm Fri. & Sat. 11 am—3 pm Sunday
Dec. 2,3,4	CHRISTKINDLMARKT	11 am—7 pm Fri. & Sat. 11 am—3 pm Sunday
Dec. 9,10,11	CHRISTKINDLMARKT	11 am—7 pm Fri. & Sat. 11 am— 3 pm Sunday

IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Sister Bay Historical Society express their deepest sympathy to the families of two of our Lifetime Members who recently passed away.

Lucille Kostka, a Lifetime Member of SBHS, devoted teacher, and one of our first docents when we opened the museum in 1996. She and her late husband, Richard, owned the Scandia Cottages in Sister Bay for 45 years. She passed away on March 28, 2022.

Audrey Grasse, a Lifetime Member of the SBHS, was a devoted volunteer of the SCAND Auxiliary and Bargains Unlimited and many other organizations. She passed on March 31, 2022.

Our condolences to members Dave & Jan Schrader, whose daughter, **Ann**, passed away on April 4, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

Christkindlmarkt Door County Returns for 2022

For anyone who was there – and it seemed like EVERYONE was there – the 1st Annual Christkindlmarkt Door County event felt SO comfortable and appropriate. Yes, it was largely outdoors, and it snowed at least briefly on all three weekends, but there was good hot food, largely German, hot Swedish Glogg, and most importantly, interesting Door County-based vendors, most offering either handcrafted or otherwise unique items as potential Christmas presents.

And there was music! Karen Mal, famously of Northern Sky Theater for many years, alternately performed with Zephyr Ciesar and Jeanne Kuhns, both with heavenly voices tuned to Mal's beautifully arranged sets of Christmas carols.



For every visitor, the food and drink was also special. Food vendors included McEvoy's Culinaria, who served an excellent grilled kielbasa and potato sausage plate that was prepared in a giant wok-like cooking pan. Thyme Restaurant and Catering served Swedish crusted ham and pecan salmon, while next door, Your Guest Chef served Austrian beef goulash and spaetzle.

When all was said and it done, even a rough count of attendees demonstrated that at least 10,000 people had come to the premiere of northern Door County's newest off-season event, proving that visitors WILL come to the county in November-December in large numbers...you just have to offer them an event that makes the winter drive worthwhile and special.

The event's Drinks Hut was wildly popular, quickly serving a custom recipe for Swedish Glogg in both handcrafted collector's mugs and logo-emblazoned wine cooler containers.



With that kind of success behind the organizers, Sister Bay Historical Society is now planning the 2nd Annual Christkindlmarkt. The scheduled dates are the weekends of November 25-27,

December 2-4, and December 9-11. The organizers say they are not planning to greatly expand the event in the second year, but will instead focus on making the event even better, with more convenient off-site parking, a new traffic flow plan in the Koessl food barn, a handful of fascinating new vendors, and the same blend of Christmas lights, folksy design, and welcoming volunteers that made it so popular in its first year.

The event is still a fundraiser for its host organization, the Sister Bay Historical Society, which hopes the event will eventually help assure even more financial stability for the group's building restoration and museum development activities in the years to come.



Now, if the organizers could only guarantee more of the fluffy snow that made the Christkindlmarkt grounds at Corner of the Past in Sister Bay so breathtakingly beautiful each and every day!

For more information and news updates, visit: doorcountychristmasmarket.com

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A Recent Letter from Portland, OR

The SBHS recently received a delightful letter from the daughter of a former Sister Bay resident who lived here for a time in the 1930s. Perhaps some of our readers may remember her father.

Sandy Frankhauser Streit sent a large package of photos and postcards that her father Roy Frankhauser took while he was in Door County and was working for the Little Sister Resort. Sandy describes her "Pa" as quite a story-teller.

While working for the Andersons, he helped build a little building on the waterfront. Pa liked to say that his nose was so big he could hang from a limb by it and pick cherries with both hands. He told of the time he took a rowboat out to the island and got some gull eggs. He cooked them up only to find out they were too fishy.

Sometime during his careers, Pa went to Chicago and interestingly enough, actually began working on the large yacht named "Mizpah" that belonged to the Walgreen family. In WWII, the government took it over and refitted it. Pa knew the Ensign assigned to take the boat to Sturgeon Bay. It turned out that the Ensign didn't know enough about the boat so it ended up that the boat needed to be towed from Chicago to Sturgeon Bay to be fitted for the war.

Does anybody remember Roy Frankhauser?

JOHN MCGIVERN VISITS CORNER OF THE PAST

TV personality, John McGivern visited the Corner of the Past in the fall of 2021 to film a segment of his new television show, "Main Streets" which can be seen on the Fox network on Sunday mornings at 10 am.



Using the historic buildings as a background, McGivern introduced his April show featuring the Main Street of Sister Bay, Wisconsin.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

COMING SOON!

Once again the Sister Bay Historical Society will be taking part in the annual Sister Bay Village Rummage Day, **Saturday May 21st.**

Now is the time to gather items you no longer use and give Linda Johnson a call at 920-854-4798 for someone to pick up them or give you a time when you can drop them off at the barn. The sale will be at the Koessl Barn at the Corner of the Past from 8 am to 4 pm.

Plan to come and have lunch too. Trudy Jischke and Linda Johnson will be serving hot pulled pork sandwiches with chips and drinks.

Items such as kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, linens, bedding, towels, and tablecloths, toys, books, furniture, Christmas decorations, lamps, and miscellaneous household items are always welcome. We are sorry though that we cannot take clothing.

If you would enjoy working with the ladies that day, they could use your help. Give Linda a call. All proceeds from the rummage sale go to help maintain our buildings, and meet the expenses of caring for our artifacts.

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FARMERS MARKET BEGINS 19TH YEAR!

The Corner of the Past Farmers Market will open for the 2022 Season at the grounds of the Sister Bay Historical Society on Saturday, June 25. Hours will be 9 am to 1 pm. Find a wide variety of items for sale:

Lots of locally-grown produce, white fish, almond cake, birdhouses, smoked fish, seasonal berries, canned jams, sweet & sour sauces, French Macarons, soups, sandwiches, gluten-free bakery, coffee, drinks, pickled vegetables, rag rugs from the ladies of the Sister Bay Moravian Church, maple products, hand-crocheted children's wear, glassware, prints, stickers, jewelry, CBD oils, authors with their books, Sister Bay History Books, honey, fresh flowers, hand

crafted-wood products, pre-packaged nuts, mushrooms and new this season, personal care products. All of this for our Northern Door County friends and neighbors surrounded by music too!

Season is June 25 through Oct. 8.



Neil Teskie will be there with strawberries for sure!