

Sister Bay Kistorical Society Spring Newsletter, 2015

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Spring Social on May 7 at Village Hall.
- HELP wanted in many capacities this year at the Corner of the Past
- Are you a crafter?
 The Farmer's
 Market will welcome hand-made crafts beginning
 Saturday, June
 27. 7 am to
 noon.

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CELEBRATE SPRING

We're not waiting for the Annual Member's Meeting on June 25th we want all our members and friends to join us for our first Spring Social on May 7th at the Sister Bay Village Hall from 5:30 to 8 pm. At 5:30 to 7 we will serve a spaghetti & salad dinner including drinks.

At 7 pm you will want to stay and listen to a presentation by Dr. Paul Reckner, archeologist with the Wisconsin Historical Society
Museum Archeology
Program. You may
have been aware



that Dr. Reckner and others, dug and researched artifacts in the area of the Sister

Bay Village Hall last summer. The WHS archeologists were interested in studying this area before the road re -construction would begin. It will be of interest to see what was found and learn how the artifacts came to be in this location. Susan Armour will also contribute historical facts. Come & learn how your past can be discovered through archeology & artifacts.

CAN YOU HELP?

It will soon be time to reorganize our summer maintenance and construction crew. Thanks to all who have been part of this in the past.

Our main goal this summer

will be to complete renovation of the log cabin moved to the Corner of the Past in 2013. Tasks will include: tuck pointing, electrical wiring, painting, eve & woodwork repair, back fill & landscaping. Also, window

repair & washing,, repair artifacts & installation of new baseboard heaters. If you can help with any of these jobs, please contact Don Howard at 920-854-5487.

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INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME POSITION?

The 2015 season will soon be upon us and we are looking for two people to fill one position at the Corner of the Past.

The applicant will be responsible for welcoming visitors and sharing local history by use of the audio system, and handbook information.

Additional duties will include: opening & closing the historic buildings, collecting fees, have knowledge of the historic buildings, oversee the artifacts displayed, work

with the volunteer docent on duty, & keeping the buildings tidy.

The hours are 9:45 to 3:15, Tues thru Saturday, June thru Sept.

Call Jill Lhost at 421-0285 for details.



Memorial Brick Walk

"We have had
the same small
group of
volunteers for
many years, but
now some can no
longer help us.
We are very
grateful to them."

THE PRESIDENT'S PLEA

This year, 2015, will be our second year of extended hours at the Corner of the Past, which was a success last year. But, we are in desperate need of volunteer docents to greet and meet the museum's visitors. We will have a paid manager at all times who will have the majority of

responsibilities, but we need men and women who are willing to tell visitors about the Corner of the Past, Sister Bay, the artifacts, what we do in the winter (common question), tell them about the video in the barn, our farmer's market, ice cream social, etc. Conversation comes

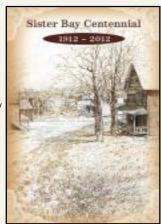
easily when you are surrounded by artifacts that their grandparents had. Please consider sharing a day of your time. We will be open from 10 to 3, Tues through Sat. We will open June 16 and close Sept 26. Call Darlene at 854-6874 & she will answer any questions you may have. Thanks, Fred

SISTER BAY CENTENNIAL 1912-2012

Artist, Tom Seagard's sepia cover of Sister Bay's Main Street, draws the reader in to once again experience how the people of the little village were determined to keep it growing even though fires, drought, and grasshoppers were a threat to its very existence.

"They Were Good People" is how Ingrid Nelson Lawrenz remembers those folks who came from foreign lands to farm in Sister Bay.

As the village grew, businesses came to be, and as Keta Steebs wrote, 50 years after the incorporation, she waited on many of the early signers when she worked with her husband at Happy Herman's grocery store. There are many wonderful stories written about the last 50 years. You can purchase your copy at Baylake Bank, Al Johnson's Butik, the Historical Society, or on line at www.sisterbayhistory.org.



Centennial Book

FARM MARKET VENDORS EXPANDING TO INCLUDE LOCALLY HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE

Are you a wood carver, artist, jewelry maker, photographer? Do you knit, crochet, or quilt and you want to sell your creations? The Corner of the Past is now offering spaces to a limited number of crafters who want to take part in the popular Saturday

Farmer's Market.

The first Market will begin on June 27, 2015. The time for vendors is 7 am to 12 noon.

If you are looking for an outlet to sell <u>your own</u> hand crafts, please call for an application and one will be sent to you.

The Corner of the Past Farmer's Market welcomes all local farmers who grow their own vegetables, fruits, & by-products. Call Roberta Kutlik at 854-9242.

COME ONE, COME ALL

With the imminent opening of the Corner of the Past, guests will once again be on the horizon. What a nice way to spend some time with friends— come and enjoy the Discovery Pen as you tour the grounds and buildings that are

steeped in Sister Bay history. The pen will deliver information to your group and very likely fill you in on some wonderful tidbits of the area that you never knew (or have long forgotten). Touring costs only \$5 per person and the use of the pen is FREE. You can while away a morning or afternoon at a terrific budget price and leave with even more admiration for those who forged this scenic village into what it's become today. It's your village —get to know it !!! By, Pat Wisner

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THIS & THAT ~~

To those of you who have access to the internet and have e-mail accounts, you can help us to pare down our mailing costs by providing us with your email address. We intend to begin sending the newsletter and other announcements. to those who would like

to read them on line. Call Jill Lhost , 421-0285.

We need a few volunteers who like to make popcorn. Our popcorn machine has been waiting for someone to make fresh popcorn at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays and for other special occasions like the ice cream social. Call Fred Johnson at 854-9247.

Do you have a private collection of unusual objects such as dolls, key chains, match covers, restaurant

Menus, or whatever, of long ago or current vintage? We would be interested in displaying these collections for special events.

Call Roberta, 854-9242.



2015 Calendar of Events at SBHS & COTP	HERITAGE PROGRAMS—2015
April 8 History of Sister Bay 1 to 3 pm	July 4 Glass Fusing, Gary Chaudoir
May 7 Spring Social 5:30 to 8 pm	July 11 Door County Art League, Art Show
June 16 Opening Day, Corner of the Past	July 18 Wood Carvers demonstration, Cal Pierson & Group
	July 25 Acrylic & Mixed Media, Bethany Kirwen
June 25 Annual Meeting/Pot Luck in barn	Aug. 1 Norwegian Rosemaling, Laurie Paulman
June 27 1st Farmers Market 8am to Noon	Aug. 8 Photography, Dennis Moutray
July 9 Annual Garden Walk 10 am to 4	Aug. 15 Pottery, Jeanne & David Aurelius
July 18 Antiques Appraisal 1 pm to 4	Aug. 22 Native American Flutes, Mike Farmer
July 22 Ice Cream Social in barn 6—8 pm	Aug. 29 Beading & Jewelry, Patti Brooking
Aug. 14 & 15 Annual Quilt Show 10am-3pm	Sept. 5 TBA
	Sept. 12 Pencil & Ink Drawing & Watercolors, Don Howard
Sept. 26 Corner of the Past Closes	Sept. 19 Painted Ukrainian Eggs, Nancy Davis
Oct. 3 Last Farmer's Market	Sept. 26 TBA

Curator's Corner

The Sister Bay School House on the hill is just a memory now, as it was taken down on March 17. Regretfully, the SBHS could not undertake the financial challenge of rehabbing the historic building.

It is with heavy hearts that we learned of the passing of two outstanding members and dedicated citizens of Sister Bay and Fish Creek. Arvid W. Munson, a kind and gentle man, donated his time and caning talents many summers at the Farmer's Market. He passed away Nov. 14, 2014.

Clyde C. Casperson, devoted citizen of Sister Bay, retired owner of the Casperson Funeral Home, and generous donor to the SBHS, passed on Feb. 7, 2015.

Our sincere condolences to their families.

I sincerely regret an error that was printed

by Roberta Kutlik

in the Fall/Winter 2014 Newsletter. It was reported that long-time resident and well-known Rosemaling artist, Ruth Wolfgram, had passed away. She has moved from Sister Bay and is now a resident of the St. Camillus Retirement Home in Wauwatosa, Wl. My sincere apologies to Ruth and her son, Paul.

Thank you to Tom Sadler who once again decorated the Corner of the Past for the Christmas Holidays. He is continuing the process of changing the wreaths over to LED lights which will cost pennies to operate during the lighting season. Thanks too, to Tom Kolp and Tom Sadler who moved the Santa display to the front yard of the Old Anderson House. Did you note that Santa got a new suit for Christmas?

By some chance, do you or someone you

know have a Regular 16 mm, and/or a Regular 8 mm film projector that you no longer have a use for, and would like to donate it to the museum? We have films donated or loaned for viewing and we would like to make these projectors part of our collection. Call Roberta at 854-9242 or Fred at 854-9247 if you can help us.

Checkout our website for coming events, videos, photos, and articles to purchase, including the <u>Sister Bay Centennial 1912–2012</u> book that is available on line for \$15.00. Website address is <u>sisterbayhistory.org</u>.

Don't forget to honor a family member, or family name, a business, or a remembrance, by purchasing a brick for the walk to the Old Anderson House.

Call Tom Sadler for details, 854-2896.