



# Sister Bay Historical Society Spring Newsletter

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Bret Bicoy, President & CEO of the Door County Community Foundation, Inc. will be the featured speaker at the SBHS annual meeting on June 29, 2016.

Since graduating from Tufts University, Bret has served with a number of charitable foundations. Originally from Hawaii, he has earned awards for his work including being named a Fellow of the Council of Foundations in Washington, D.C.

Most recently, before moving to Door County, Bret was the Senior Foundation Officer of the Green Bay Community Foundation. While there, he helped

launch the Door County Community Foundation and assumed his position with the Foundation in 2008.

The Foundation is the custodian of 200 charitable



funds and manages a total of \$16 million. The charities in the Foundation support a variety of causes including education, recreation, the arts, social causes, environmental issues and

many others faced by Door County. Since its inception it has distributed more than \$5 million. By pooling the assets of several organizations, the Foundation is able to employ professional investment advice that is not otherwise available to smaller charities.

The SBHS maintains two funds with the Foundation: A Reserve Operating Fund intended to support operating costs in the event annual income is insufficient and an Endowment Fund which is intended to grow over time and provide support for the Historical Society from income earned.

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## H O W Y O U C A N C O N T R I B U T E T O S B H S F U N D S

Anyone interested in contributing to the Operating or Endowment Funds may contact Fred Johnson (920-854-9247) to guide you through the process or individuals, estate planners and financial advisers may

obtain information about the funds through the Door County Community Foundation office at 342 Louisiana St. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or by calling 920-746-1786.

Members will recall that a generous bequest from the estate of Peg Foster, in 2011, enabled the SBHS to establish both the Operating Reserve Fund and the Legacy Endowment Fund.

## ATTENTION SBHS MEMBERS + NEW MEMBERS

Enrich your life...spend a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon or the short day (10 am to 3 pm) and meet the SBHS visitors. They are interesting people interested in history, descendants of people who have lived in the village with stories to share. It's important that there is a representative in our Machine Shed area to protect our artifacts which have been entrusted to us to share with future generations.

~Do you know we have a Discovery Pen first developed in England and narrated by John Fletcher? He describes our buildings and their use to assist visitors to more fully understand our museum.

~Do you know we have a Scavenger Hunt for children where they can win an ice cream cone from the DC Ice Cream Factory, and we have Susie Smith

who wants to show the children how to make butter or ice cream?

Our historical museum has 15 buildings & structures to see, all filled with authentic, local artifacts. A Scandinavian cottage will also be ready soon. See videos of Sister Bay from early 1900 through the 60s.

Please call me, Darlene Kolp, at 854-6874 if you

have any questions. If you would like to meet & greet our visitors during June, July, August and September, I will be happy to arrange a time that will fit your schedule.

## LOOK WHO IS A NEW FATHER!

*"The Sister Bay Historical Society is happy to welcome a new member: Hazel Mae Suman"*

Those of you who come by our office from time to time, you have met Jitendra Suman who came to us almost a year ago to help us record the hundreds of artifacts at the Corner of the Past, into our museum computer program called Past Perfect.

Jitendra and his wife, Abbey, became the proud parents of Hazel Mae on March 23rd.

The Sumans own and operate the SUTRA GALLERY on Hwy 42 in Ellison Bay. The Gallery features fine Indian artworks, Indian textiles, hand-made silk-screened Indian books, and the award-winning photography of Abbey Box.



## IN MEMORIAM

The Sister Bay Historical Society extends their deepest sympathy to the following families:

**Peter T. Trenchard,**  
husband of Dianne,

and long-time supporter of the Historical Society and owner of the Bay Ridge Golf Course, passed away on March 2, 2016 at Good Samaritan Scandia Village.

**Frederick Lubner,** husband

of Anne, passed away on January 21, 2016.

Fred will be remembered as a partner in Fred & Fuzzy's, Little Sister Resort, and entrepreneur in the community.

## Members & Friends Invited to Spring Social at Village Hall

This will be the second Spring Social to be held at the Sister Bay Village Hall. On **Thursday, May 12, 2016** a free spaghetti dinner will be offered as it was last year at the well-attended event.

The dinner will begin **at 5:30 pm** and will be followed by a program presentation given by Greg Casperson and Gene Sunstrom. They will take us on a walk down memory lane in Sister Bay approximately 50 to 60 years ago.

Greg and Gene are hoping that the folks attending will join in and contribute information, memories, etc. Come and bring your friends and neighbors as we begin our 21<sup>st</sup> season at the Sister Bay Historical Society.



### Proposed New Building

“Above”, according to Don Howard, member of the building committee,” is a rendering of what we envision the proposed new building to look like. The dimensions for this size building would be approximately 56 ft wide and 80 ft long.”

See “A Statement of Need” on the following page.

## A STATEMENT OF NEED

The Sister Bay Historical Society is a not for profit organization whose main project has been the creation and operation of the Corner of the Past Museum in Sister Bay. The museum now includes fifteen historic structures and a multitude of historic artifacts, most of which have been donated by residents of our area.

As local interest in the preservation of local history and artifacts has increased, our accumulated artifacts have surpassed our ability to properly store and display them. We must

frequently turn down offers of appropriate items and fear that they will be lost forever as a result.

Our current and future needs include the following:

1. Additional display and storage space for large items such as vintage farm equipment and items which require weather proof storage and display space.
2. Additional toilet space and increased access to water.
3. Work space in which to repair & restore artifacts.
4. Archival storage

space for documents and photographs.

To alleviate this problem, we anticipate the construction of an additional building at the Corner of the Past designed and constructed to meet these needs. Such a building will expand our ability to preserve and display some of the many historical artifacts still available in the Sister Bay area and the ability to more effectively serve our community and visitors by operating a first class museum and historical resource. In order to accomplish this we are seeking additional funding resources.

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 12	<b>** <u>SPRING SOCIAL</u> DINNER &amp; Village History</b> 5:30 pm @ Sister Bay Village Hall
Friday, May 27	Corner of the Past opens for the season 10 am to 3 pm (Tuesday—Saturday)
Saturday, June 25	Farmer's Market begins 8 am to 12 noon (Every Saturday through Oct. 8)
	Heritage Programs begin 8:30 to 11 am (See page 8 for Program list)
Wednesday, June 29	<b>**<u>Annual Meeting &amp; Pot Luck</u></b> in the barn at 5:30 pm Speaker: Bret Bicoy
Tuesday, July 12	Family Film Night in the Barn at dusk , "Minions"
Saturday, July 16	American Girl Doll Collection & Tea Party with Kathy Fitzgerald Goethe 1-3pm Barn
Wednesday, July 27	Plein Air Artists from Peninsula Art School 11 am to 2 pm, Corner of the Past
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Entertainment 6 to 8 pm in the Barn
Tuesday, Aug. 23	Family Film Night in the Barn at dusk , "Aladdin"
Saturday, Sept. 3	Marina Fest. Historical Society Booth downtown at the Waterfront
Saturday, Oct. 8	Last Farmer's Market at the Corner of the Past 8 am to 12 noon.
Friday Oct. 14	Last tours at the Corner of the Past 10 am to 3 pm Fall Festival
Friday, Dec. 2	Annual Member Christmas Party/Sing Along, 6 to 8 pm at Old Anderson House

**Please Note:** The Annual Garden Walk will not be held this year. We hope by next year we will have the number of gardens needed for the usual special annual event.

If anyone has suggestions for gardens in 2017, please call Roberta Kutlik at 854-9242.

### **"Docent Meeting"**

**All docents/museum guides are requested to come to the**

**Annual Information Meeting at the Old Anderson House**

**Museum on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 10 am.**





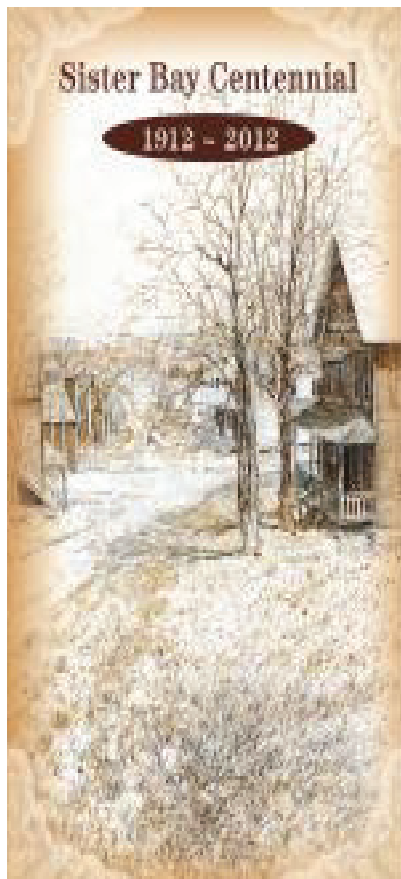
**Did you miss the “Wizard of Oz” film shown in our historic barn last summer?**

Kids of all ages enjoyed it with a bag of Popcorn and a dish of ice cream.

Join us on **July 12** for “**Minions**” and on **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** for “**Aladdin**” two films perfect for families.

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS IN THE FUTURE.**

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**TO: SISTER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**P.O. BOX 34**  
**SISTER BAY, WI 54234**

Numerous authors have contributed to the 108 pages of Village history. Enjoy articles from Keta Steebs, Barbara Larsen, Hjalmar Holand, Ingrid Nelson Lawrenz & several others.

## HELP WANTED

As Spring approaches we will again be activating a **summer work crew** to maintain our buildings and complete restoration of the Olson log cabin moved from Ephraim to the Corner of the Past in 2015.

If you can paint, fix things, swing a hammer or just help out, you are welcome to join us. We normally work one half day a week (Mondays 8 to 12) including a morning coffee break.

If interested, call **Don Howard** at 920-854-5487.

## WISH LIST

**Old golf cart** Do you know our museum covers about 7 ½ acres? This would really be helpful for hauling supplies, garden equipment, furniture, etc.

**Someone to write grants for funding projects.** Have you had experience with this kind of writing? We would appreciate hearing from you.

**Volunteer docents/tour guides.** Have you worked at other historical societies as a guide and do you enjoy talking with and listening to visitors as they tell their own stories? Do you have experience with tools and farm equipment and could you help visitors learn about such artifacts? Backgrounds such as these not only help to teach about objects in our

museum, but give the docent a wonderful sense of accomplishment.

**Computer Person to do data entry.** Assist our Assistant Curator who identifies, records, and describes artifacts donated to the museum and enters this information into the Past Perfect #5 museum program. Approximately 5 hours per week.

**Sponsor Events** such as the cost of entertainment for the Ice Cream Social (\$250); an appearance of the Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors (\$225)

**Supplies** Coffee, bottled water, paper goods for the Ice Cream Social ; coffee & bottled water for the Farmer's Market table; copy paper for the office.

**Saturday Volunteers** to make and sell Fresh popcorn using our old fashioned popcorn maker from 8 to 12 at the Corner of the Past Farmer's Market beginning June 25.

**Someone to demonstrate their talents during the week (Tues—Fri)** at the Corner of the Past for visitors during the hours of 10 to 3.

Do you make candles, weave, make candy, teach children to finger paint, or play old fashioned yard games, have a special animal to show, or share your collections of whatever they may be?

Please call Roberta Kutlik at the office at 854-7680 or her home, 854-9242, if you can fulfill any of these wishes.

## **The Corner of the Past Commemorative Brick Walk**

A Commemorative Brick offers everyone the opportunity to place their personal names, family names, memorials to the deceased and business/organization names in a grouping that states we want to express a connection to this grand place called Sister Bay.

A Commemorative brick also says that the named individual, business or organization supports the work and mission of the Sister Bay Historical Society.

Our brick walk has special meaning to all brick owners, but especially those who come from eight other Wisconsin communities outside of Door County, and eleven other states which are Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, and Texas.

Consider joining our brick owners by adding one of your own and allow our Commemorative Brick Walk to continue its growth and become even more meaningful.

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Mr. Tom Sadler,

Please send me further information about the Commemorative Brick Walk.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:

Mr. Thomas Sadler  
10503 Fieldcrest Road  
Sister Bay, WI 54234  
920-854-2896

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**Congratulations** to two SBHS members who were recently voted as members on the Village of Sister Bay Board of Trustees. The community reinstated Trustee Patrick Duffy and chose Denise Bhirdo to once again be part of the village board.

Denise and Pat have been avid supporters of the Sister Bay Historical Society. We wish them both continued success in their work for Sister Bay.

## 2016 HERITAGE PROGRAMS

June 25	Mill Road Gallery-Tom Seagard & Brigitte Kozma, Oils, & Pastels
July 2	Gary Chaudoir, Glass Fusing
July 9	Cal Pearson, Wood Carving
July 16	Special Program, American Doll Show and Tea Party
July 23	Penny Pfister, Watercolors & Oils, + Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors
July 30	Dennis Moutray, Photography + Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors
Aug. 6	Dianne Saron, Pastels
Aug. 13	Stillwoods Art Studio, Don & Carolyn Payne, photography, & pastels + Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors
Aug. 20	Aurelius', Pottery
Aug. 27	Lorretta Paulman, Rosemaling
Sept. 3	Pat Olson, Acrylics & Oil
Sept. 10	Nancy Davis, Painted Ukrainian Eggs
Sept. 17	Patti Brooking, Beading & Jewelry

## M E M B E R S H I P   R E P O R T

All members should have received the ANNUAL RENEWAL/DONATION FUND MAILING information which was sent out on March 23rd. THANK YOU to those who have returned their information sheets, The Time & Talent sheets and to those who have generously supported our ANNUAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN.

This is a reminder to those who have not complied to please try and respond as soon as possible to the renewal notice. We are encouraging those, if you are able, to make a donation to our fund raising campaign. Any amount will be greatly appreciated by your board.

WANTED NEW MEMBERS. We have not welcomed new members since the November Newsletter. Please encourage your friends and family to join us.

The annual dues are: \$15 Single, \$25 Family, Business \$50. We also have a Lifetime Membership available for \$200 per person. Membership dues are not tax deductible, however, all monetary donations to the Sister Bay Historical Society are tax deductible. The SBHS is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

Please contact Eloise Lindem, Membership at 920-854-4458 or email [eelindem@gmail.com](mailto:eelindem@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a member or if you have a name of anyone that I could contact. Thanks.



Old dolls donated by Diane Brown and refurbished by Bob Appel.