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OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, August 7th

Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30

Location: Peter Wollner Legion Post

W57 N481 Hilbert Street, Cedarburg

Free and open to the public.

“Wisconsin Projectile Point Identification”



Presentation by Kurt Sampson.

Kurt Sampson is a museum curator with over 17 years of experience and a professional archaeologist with over 30 years of experience in Wisconsin archaeological research focused on various historical themes, Native American burial mounds and ceremonial sites in the state of Wisconsin and surrounding region. He is currently the Director and Curator of Museum for the Dodge County Historical Society. He holds dual BS Degrees in Archaeological Studies and History from

the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and a MS Degree in Anthropology, with a focus in archaeology and cultural anthropology; and a graduate certificate from the Museum Studies Program from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Learn how to identify and type Wisconsin prehistoric artifacts which include: Arrowheads and Spear Points, Pottery types, Copper artifacts, Biface tools and Grooved axes.

Projectile point (arrow and spear points) identification and typology provide a simple temporal framework to document the occupational prehistory of an archaeology site. They, along with pottery, are considered diagnostic artifacts of particular time periods in Wisconsin Prehistory. Being that they are the product of particular cultural tradition from a specific time period, they do represent preserved behavioral patterns. Projectile points were more than likely used interchangeably as spear and arrow points, knives, saws, and as other utilitarian tools.

Other stone and copper tools are indicative of specific time periods in Wisconsin prehistory as well, and will be introduced and discussed.

Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own artifacts for examination and identification.

Greetings From the President:

Hello!

Summer is in full swing and we are enjoying the warm weather and some really great events at Pioneer Village. We had the WWII Reenactment Event in May, Car Show and Flag Day Celebration in June and Fire Up The Forge in July. Many folks came out to spend the day with us at Pioneer Village to tour the grounds and to learn about our history.

We thank our members for their continued support and have a goal to increase our membership by December 31st. You can help with that by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to join OCHS. Our membership is a great value to anyone who enjoys history, whether it be education, tradition, music, architecture, research or genealogy. There are many good reasons to join!

Many improvement are being made with our New Welcome Center nearing completion. The building was painted, a new porch has been constructed and the gift shop will be ready to open soon, thanks to the efforts of Allen Buchholz, Brian Schmit, Ken Wagner and Jean Steinke.

There has also been considerable progress made on the 1940 Milwaukee Road Caboose. The entire steel frame has been replaced, new decks have been welded on both ends and it has now been sandblasted, primed and painted.

The perimeter fence at the village will be replaced with a new split rail fence this summer. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with this project.

As always, please feel free to give me a call (262-377-4545) with any ideas or suggestions you may have. I'd truly enjoy visiting with you!

Mary Ann Velnetske - President

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“The Legacy of Blacksmithing”

By Jane Butz, Archivist

Smithing is a remarkable craft requiring strength, an intimate knowledge of physics, leverage, geometry, and the ability to fabricate tools used in blacksmithing. This skill has developed a vital industry that created products from a simple nail, wagon wheel or horseshoe to intricate ironworks used in mansions. Throughout history, visits to the blacksmith shop to obtain new implements or repairs often was a favorite place for social gatherings along with the barber shop or tavern.

Our guest researcher Ruth Cook has been compiling a booklet of information with photos and facts of blacksmiths in southeastern Wisconsin titled [Trail of Blacksmiths](#). Ruth has been looking for pieces of ironwork forged at the Blacksmith Shop in Cedarburg to photograph for her booklet. A key portion of this material is to illustrate how important Cedarburg was as a teaching community around the blacksmith shop. This research has sent us on interesting trails at the OCHS Archive Research Center. Our volunteer Randy Ray has started a booklet listing blacksmiths in each Ozaukee County community, and we are all on the look out for names and advertisements for blacksmith shops in old newspapers and on our maps.

Ruth Cook has also been creating the documentation of Thomas Wilson who brought the Blacksmith Shop to life in the 1970’s during the renovation of the Woolen Mill Shops. Thomas Wilson joined us on the beautiful Sunday afternoon at the ‘Fire Up the Forge’ event at Pioneer Village on July 9th, where Ruth and Tom visted and recalled stories of the past. Erika Fiel who commissioned Tom to design the iron gate in 1976 for the entrance to their building on South Washington Avenue known as the ‘Cedarburg Mall’ (CM) site of the former Artist World, joined them. Tom will be featured in an exhibit at the Cedarburg History Museum in September and October.

An interesting read from the OCHS Archive Research Center bookshelf is the history of the Frederick Grotelueschen Blacksmith Shop in Waubeka which was moved and preserved at Old World Wisconsin, teaching visitors and students the craft of blacksmithing today.

As history surrounds us, let’s remember that “documentation” and “preservation” keeps it alive for generations to come.



Thomas Wilson with Ruth Cook

EVENT RECAP

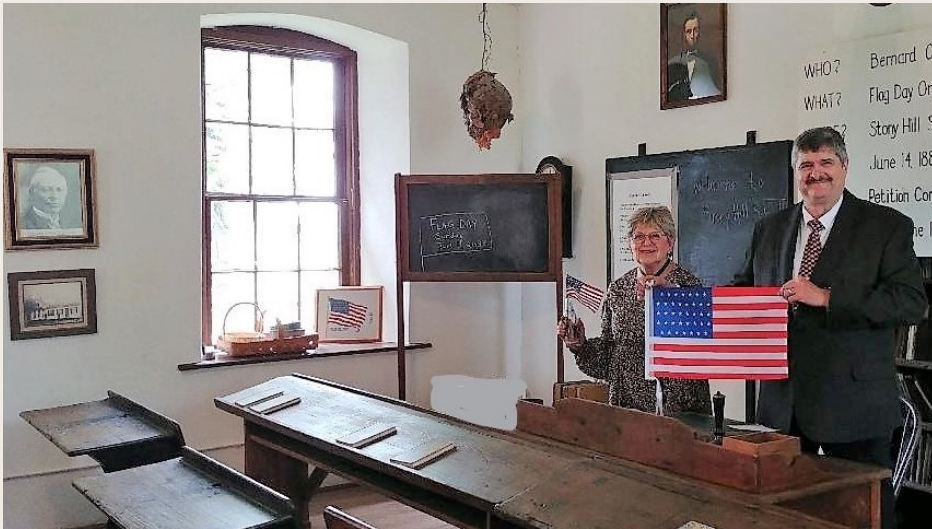


May 19th Students learned about the role of the USO and life of a soldier in their camp during WWII School Days.

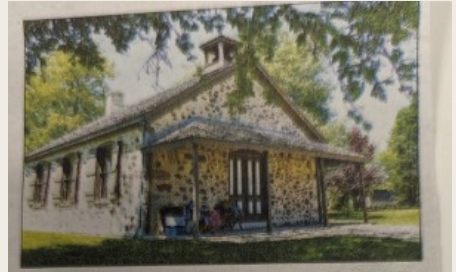


The encampment event held May 20th had beautifully depicted camps, exhibits, battles and demonstrations.

EVENT RECAP



Bob Eichner and Nancy Haacke perform a Bernard Cigrand skit for guests to learn about the special beginnings of our National Flag Day Celebration!



The first Flag Day was observed at the Stony Hill schoolhouse in 1885 by teacher Bernard Cigrand and his students.

Stony Hill deserves recognition as the birthplace of Flag Day

To Ozaukee Press:

Another Flag Day has come and gone with no mention of Stony Hill, the birthplace of Flag Day.

The Ozaukee County Historical Society does a great job of maintaining the schoolhouse and grounds, as well as offering classes to school children. They opened the school both Saturday and Sunday for Flag Day, giving out free flags, mementos and refreshments, as well as having a scavenger hunt.

The 50 state flags make up the Avenue of Flags, a wonderful display, and will be up through July 4. I hope that next year the true birthplace of Flag Day will get more recognition.

Jan Miller
Fredonia

Letter to the Editor appeared in the Oz Press from a patron of our Flag Day Celebration. Kudos OCHS!



June 10th was the 3rd Annual Car Show at Pioneer Village. Numerous cars were on display from several decades. It was a great day for car enthusiasts.

EVENT RECAP—Continued



Annual Strawberry Festival Rummage Sale was held June 24-25 to benefit the Caboose Restoration Project.

Thank you to those who donated and to those who volunteered!



Thank you to Eugene Durban, Kayla Beegle-Storck and Sam Laturi for organizing an awesome event!



Fire Up the Forge held on July 9 was a perfect day for almost 300 people to learn about Blacksmithing, of which 75 made and took home a project of their own creation.

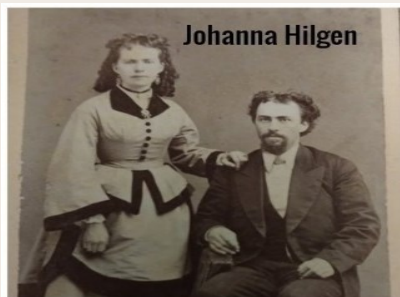
5th Generation Cedarburg Home Built on One Family's Dream

Submitted by Laura Bruederle



150 years ago, (1873) Jacob Straub began building a home for himself and his new wife Johanna Hilgen, on Depot Road (Portland Rd) in Cedarburg. Jacob was an enterprising young man, building Straub's Washing Machine Company in 1877 and later publishing the first local newspaper printed in English, entitled "The Cedarburg Enterprise". The newspaper was first printed in the upstairs of the Portland Road home in March, 1879. A ruptured appendix unfortunately ended Jacob's life in August 1879. Johanna carried on, appointing Fred Meyer to take over the newspaper. The paper dissolved and was later reestablished as the "Cedarburg Weekly News" and then the "News Graphic" in 1883. Johanna Straub continued to reside in the Portland Road house along with

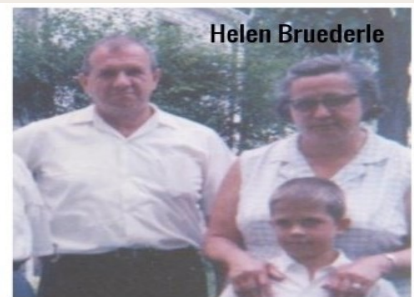
her two children, Emily, born in 1873, and Edwin, born in 1877. She married Johann (John) Barth of Mequon in 1884 and had two children together, Jennie, in 1886, and Walter, in 1888. Jennie went on to marry George Armbruster, of local Armbruster's Jewelry store, in 1912. Jennie and George Armbruster had three daughters - Lillian, born in 1914, who married James Rix. Helen, born in 1916, married Allen (Mutz) Bruederle. Ruth, born in 1920, later married Henry Herziger. Jennie and George enjoyed living in the Portland Road home which became a duplex with the help of Allen "Mutz" Bruederle, their son-in-law. George and Jennie's daughter, Helen, and her husband, Allen, raised their 5 children, John (1940), Allen (1943), Karen (1946), Patricia (1950) and Mark (1959), in the Portland Road house. Mark still resides in the Cedarburg home, with his wife Laura (Wagner) and three daughters - Katie (1993), Abbie, and Allie (1999). They are the 5th Generation of the Hilgen Family. There was a Cookie & Lemonade celebration on the front lawn on July 4th, 2023 at the home.



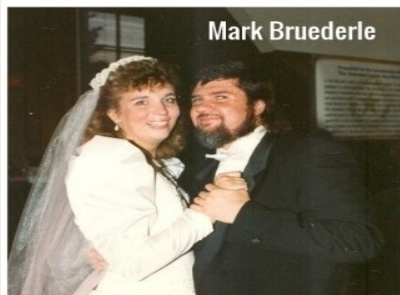
Johanna Hilgen



Jennie Armbruster



Helen Bruederle



Mark Bruederle



Katie, Abbie & Allie Bruederle



150 Years old
5 generations

Donations May—July

Private Donations:

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Patrick Sturm
David Frank
Network for Good

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Stony Hill School

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Chris & Mary Ann Velnetske


Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support!


Gotta Love our Volunteers!


Did you know volunteering has MANY benefits?

 Overall health and can connect you to others and increase feelings of accomplishment, belonging, and confidence.

 Some Companies offer workers to be paid to make a difference in their community by volunteering.

 Help you share your talents, learn new skills and create a better work-life balance.

 Volunteering helps build a more cohesive, safer, stronger organization.

 Learn things about you, your family and your history!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Bluegrass at the Village

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE
4880 HWY I, SAUKVILLE

Food & Fun **Raffles**

RAIN OR SHINE-UNDER THE BIG TENT!

GATES & CONCESSIONS OPEN AT 10:30AM • MUSIC: 11:00AM to 5:00PM

BANDS: 11:00 Piper Road Spring Band *50th Anniversary Tour*
1:00 Stillhouse Junkies
2:00 Pickin' Up Speed
3:00 Fox Crossing String Band
4:00 Stillhouse Junkies Encore

ADMISSION: Advance Ticket Prices: \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors/Students
OCHS Members \$5, Kids 5 and Under Free
\$15 Day of Event

Grand Sponsor: 

Bluegrass at the Village August 13

Music, Food, Raffles and FUN!



Train Show - September 9, 2023

Ozaukee County Pioneer Village – Saukville, WI

9:00AM-4:00PM

Ozaukee County Historical Society in partnership with the Metro Model Railroad Club and the Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers, presents a train show, food, fun, and auction. All proceeds benefit the 1940 Milwaukee Road Caboose Restoration Project!

Autumn Farm Days is looking for new exhibitors of farm equipment and for historic demonstrators to show their unique craft!

Autumn Farm Days

At Ozaukee County Pioneer Village

4880 County Hwy I, Saukville

September 30 & October 1

9:00AM to 4:00PM



Exhibitors of tractors, farm equipment, small engines and historic crafts are Welcome!

No fee for exhibiting. 8 acres, lots of shade, 24 historic buildings.

Family event, fall crafts, hayrides, fall foods, blacksmith class and bluegrass music!

Call Ken for information
1-262-483-2606

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

Welcome Center Improvements



New steps and porch under construction



New Chimney sleeve is installed using a 60 foot manlift!

Caboose Exterior Makeover



Joe Lechner sandblasts all the old orange paint and rust off the caboose



Doug Peterson begins to apply the epoxy primer to the caboose as a protective coating



SPECIAL ARTIFACTS

THE CLACKER-Submitted by Elroy Klug

Although not much to look at, the crotalus (also known as a "clacker" as that is precisely the sound it makes; a dreadful sound to be exact) is intended to provide the opposite of the usual joyous and melodic sound of bells. The crotalus comes in different sizes and designs. In Rome it sometimes resembles a baby rattle. The term comes from the Latin word *crotalus*, which is from the Greek work "*krotalon*," which translates into "rattle." The crotalus is perhaps the rarest of liturgical devices. It is brought out once a year during the Paschal Triduum, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It is used during Mass and Tenebrae. It might also wake the dead or keep folks alert in church!



**Newly acquired
Primitive Bread Maker,
instructions are printed
on the cover, you can't
go wrong!**



**Do you have an
artifact of interest?
Send in a photo and
tell us all about it!**

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~2023 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2023

Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!

Enclosed please find my: Renewal New Membership

Individual \$25 Husband/Wife/Family \$50 (incl children under 18)
 Sustaining Individual \$50 Sustaining Family \$100

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ (Your Email & Phone Number will never be shared!)

Phone: _____ Number of Children (under 18): _____

Yes! Please contact me when you need volunteer help!

I want to make a contribution to history. Enclosed please find my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:

Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center
 Acquisitions & Collections Maintenance
 Stony Hill School Upkeep
 Ozaukee County Pioneer Village Upkeep
 General: Where Needed Most

Interurban Depot Preservation Fund
 Memorial: In Memory of: _____
 Celebration: In Honor of: _____
 Sponsorship of an Event: _____
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