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## FALL \* NEWSLETTER \* 1985

### COME TO THE FAIR

The annual arts and crafts fair sponsored by our Society will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Mark your calendar!!

For those of you who would like to sell your handicrafts during the fair, contact Diane Johnston, 483-5883, evenings. Table rental is \$10.



### DON'T FORGET



The money for the raffle tickets which were mailed to all members during the summer is due Friday, Nov. 1. The money or extra tickets should be returned to Bob Schwingle at the Fire Department or Ron Tessmer at the D-F Corporation. According to Ron, ticket sales have been exceptionally good.

The drawing will be held Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. during the Society's Board of Directors meeting at Thompson School. There are many prizes including two \$100 savings bonds and a basket of holiday food.

## FALL MEANS COLORAMA

Each September- this year it was Sept. 29- our Society sponsors a bus trip to Old World Wisconsin for members and guests. The village near Eagle is an authentic recreation of life in the 1800s and early 1900s. The outdoor ethnic museum is on 576 acres in the Kettle Moraine State Forest and brings together the buildings and objects used by the people who settled this state.

If you missed the tour this year, think about it for next year!

New this year was a trip to North Lake for a steam train ride. Several members took the trip Oct. 13 for the nostalgia of the train ride and to view the beauty of the state at this time of year. The trip may be an annual treat!



## TURKEY SHOOT A WINNER



The Society had a successful time at St. Francis Days. Our game this year was the popular Turkey Shoot. We realized a profit of about \$700 during the major fundraising event.

Looking ahead to next year, it has been suggested that two couples be in charge of the booth. The game requires more workers than in the past, plus arrangements have to be made for a large number of prizes. This year, Holly and Curtis Schulz did a great job as chairpersons.

## ASIA, INDIA TO BE FEATURED



A colorful and informative slide show of her trip to Asia and India will be presented by Sister Danata during our Nov. 25 general membership meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The travelogue will follow a short business meeting. As always, homebaked refreshments will be served.

## STATE CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Council for Local History will be held Oct. 25 and 26 at the State Historical Society in Madison. On Saturday, affiliate members will meet Dr. H. Nicholas Muller, new director of the state society. During his keynote address, he will speak about the position of state and local history in the practice of history. The address will be followed by seminars in a variety of areas.

A special feature of the convention is a bus trip to Janesville to view "Culture and Agriculture," a cooperative exhibit produced by 13 local historical societies and the Office of Local History. The 4,000 square foot exhibit explores twelve areas of the state, especially farming in local communities. Tourgoers will also visit Cooksville, a village which retains mid-nineteenth century charm with New England-style houses and a public square. The tour ends in Evansville where over 300 buildings comprise one of the largest historic districts in Wisconsin.

Several members of our Society plan to attend the convention.



## FIRST OF ITS KIND

The St. Francis Historical Society was the host Aug. 10 for the 1985 Metropolitan Region Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History. As part of the packet given each conventioneer, a ceramic mug commemorating St. Francis as the site of the convention was included. The State Historical Society took note of the mug with its red and white "St. Francis" lettering and has subsequently asked for one of the mugs for its archives. It seems this was the first time a quality souvenir of this type was offered as a convention keepsake!

(Mugs are available at \$4 each.)

The convention was held at St. Francis Seminary's historic Henni Hall. There were tours of Henni Hall with its glorious chapel, of the seminary library and of the Seminary Woods. There were short lectures and discussion groups.

A general regional business meeting which included reports from participating societies preceded lunch at Kiley Hall. Exhibits by regional societies were a part of the convention.

President Tessmer and his committee coordinated the events of the day.

# 1986 WISCONSIN CALENDAR

IT'S CALENDAR TIME

If you would like to have a copy of the Wisconsin Calendar, write to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for further details. The calendar is \$5.95 and the price decreases when quantities are purchased. The popular calendar has a mixture of contemporary color photos and historic black-and-white photos of the state. The calendar is spiral bound and about 6" by 8". Every other page of the calendar features one week of the month with plenty of space for daily reminders or notations.



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