

St. Francis Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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***** SUMMER 1987 *****

NEXT GENERAL MEETING JUNE 29

Thanks to Adele Lenz, our publicity chairperson, the word is out about the Society's upcoming meeting on Monday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. The subject is "The Milwaukee of the 1880s."

The slide show is a sedentary walking tour of downtown Milwaukee as the city began to emerge as a metropolitan center in the late 19th century. The show will be presented by a representative of the Milwaukee County Historical Society. Featured will be businesses, government buildings and Victorian mansions as members and their guests see informative and entertaining slides about the early history of Milwaukee.

The slide program will begin after a short business meeting. Refreshments will be served. Lois Neubauer and John Heidenreich have arranged the details of the meeting.

"ST. FRANCIS DAYS" FAST APPROACHING

St. Francis Days will be held Friday through Sunday, September 4 through 6, at Memorial Park. The Society will again have a game booth at the festival. Pat Witz and Laura Staats are the co-chairpersons for our booth and they would love to hear from you about the time you can volunteer to work in the booth. Pat can be reached at 482-2164, evenings, and Laura's phone number is 481-9849.

OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Bay View Historical Society is the host for the September 26, 1987 regional convention for our Society. The convention will be held in the Avalon Theater, one of the most interesting buildings in Bay View. The building was constructed in the late 1920s and is still in use.

The convention will include the showing of films which document the history of Bay View. There will also be a concert on the Avalon's theater organ. Lunch will be served at the South Shore Park Pavillion. For more information about the regional convention, contact Kathy Schwingle, 744-0873.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN

The 10th annual Arts & Crafts Fair sponsored by our Society will be held Sunday, November 8, 1987, at the Community Center. The table fee for sellers will remain the same: \$10. A table will be reserved for you when the fee and a description of your product is received by co-chairperson Margie Heidenreich, 3721 S. Arctic Ave., St. Francis, 53207. (Please include your phone number and information about whether you need electricity, handicapped access, a preferred location, etc.) General information will be mailed to last year's exhibitors sometime in August. This is just advance notice!

OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL!

Old dolls, children's books and Christmas tree ornaments were displayed at the March general membership meeting by Joyce Kuehl of the Doll Collector's Club. Character dolls were displayed by Lorraine Sordahl and Rose Lerath showed her collection of Barbie and Ken dolls from such countries as Canada, Japan and Germany. Her display also included an Indiana Jones doll and a Shirley Temple doll. A collection of dolls from Hawaii, Denmark and Nassau was shown by Dolores Kleczka. Her collection of whimsical kewpie dolls were displayed by Mildred Hansen.

OLD WORLD WISCONSIN: ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PLACES

The Historical Society is sponsoring a return visit to Old World Wisconsin in September. A bus will be chartered for the trip which is usually held the third or fourth Sunday of that month. The necessary details about the day trip will be provided when they are available.

If you would like to suggest a tour for the Society, contact Diane Johnston at 483-5883, weekdays after 5 p.m. Your ideas about any activities for the Society are always welcome and are encouraged!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Ron Tessmer is the Society's membership chairman. If you know of someone who would like to join us, have that person contact Ron Tessmer at 483-5100 or write to him in care of the D-F Corporation, 2517 E. Norwich Ave., St. Francis. (This is a good time for a gentle reminder. If you have not yet paid your dues for 1987, they can be sent to Ron. Dues are \$5 for families and \$4 for singles.)

SHERRY IS ON HER WAY TO MOSCOW

Sherry Biedrzycki, 12, and her parents, Tom and Judy, are on their way to Moscow as of Sunday, June 28. All of the activity started when Sherry composed "We Can Walk In Peace" several years ago. To make a long story short, Sherry and her family developed a friendship with a Moscow radio representative after Sherry's tape of her music was acknowledged by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. A peace poster contest ensued, five Wisconsin children won the contest and, in the way of a prize, those five children, along with Sherry and her parents, are on their way to Moscow. There will be an exhibit in Moscow at an art museum of the posters of the five Wisconsin winners, to include the posters of other American schoolchildren who were semifinalists in the contest.

History is in the making. . . and Sherry lives in St. Francis.

GOODBYE, LAKESIDE POWER PLANT

The Lakeside Power Plant, long a landmark, is being demolished. The site, when cleared, will make way for a planned condo-hotel-marina development.

Our City seal includes the three smokestacks of Lakeside as part of its logo. The logo will, presumably, have to be redesigned.

It will most likely be a city-wide event when those smokestacks, which have guided lake travelers for years and years and years, are taken down section by section.



PASSPORT '87

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Streets, Madison

Open all year. Hours are 10am-5pm Tues-Sat;
noon-5pm Sunday. Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Year's Day.

MADELINE ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM, LaPointe
Open June 13-Sept 13 and Oct. 3-4. Hours are
10am-5pm daily.

OLD WADE HOUSE, Hwy 23, Greenbush
Open May 1-Oct 31. Hours are 10am-5pm daily,
except weekdays in May, June, Sept and Oct
when hours are 9am-4pm.

OLD WORLD WISCONSIN, Hwy 67, Eagle
Open May 1-Oct 31. Hours are 10am-5pm daily.

PENDARVIS, 114 Shake Rag St., Mineral Point
Open May 1-Oct 31. Hours are 9am-5pm daily.

STONEFIELD VILLAGE, Cty VV, Cassville
Open May 23-Sept 7. Hours are 9am-5pm daily.

VILLA LOUIS, 521 Villa Louis Road,
Prairie du Chien
Open May 1-Oct 31. Hours are 9am-5pm daily.

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