

St. Francis Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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CEMETARY ARCHWAY - The First Step

On August 22, 1981, a group of Society volunteers installed a wrought iron archway at the entrance of the Lake Protestant Cemetery. This is the first step in enclosing the entire cemetery with a wrought iron fence. Special thanks to the Wire and Metal Specialties of St. Francis for their help.

LUCKY WINNERS

The 1st prize winner of the Society's raffle during the September St. Francis Days was Ray Sliwinski of Cudahy who claimed a bushel of cheer. Other winners were Mat Matusinec, Diane Beaumont, both of St. Francis, and Jim Lack of Milwaukee.

The 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair in October was bigger and better than ever. Raffle winners were Doris Weber of Oak Creek won the Thanksgiving Food Basket; Ray Spies of Cudahy won a homemade quilt and Chuck Weber of St. Francis won the afghan. Congratulations to all.

RETURN TO OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

On September 27, 1981, 28 members and guests toured Old World Wisconsin. Buildings have been reconstructed just as early Wisconsin ethnic groups made them. One building is of special interest to us because it had been located in St. Francis. St. Peter's Church from the St. Francis Seminary grounds is now located in Eagle. Built in 1839, it was the first Catholic Church in Milwaukee.

Visitors can walk to each exhibit on nature trails or ride in a van. The buildings are spread over a large rolling countryside. Activities are conducted as they were in the past. Our group was treated to a thrashing demonstration.

This was the 2nd year in a row that the Society has sponsored a trip to Old World Wisconsin. Because the total project has not been completed there is new construction to be seen every year. Should we sponsor a tour again next year? Let your officers know.

THANKS

Thanks to Carl Kitzinger of Kitzinger Cooperage Corporation in St. Francis for his November presentation of barrel making. A bonus; Carl donated original cooperage tools to the Society.

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WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN.....

We have another fine program coming up at the General Membership meeting on MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. at the St. Francis Community Center. Election of directors and officers will also be conducted.

Lorrie Otto, teacher-naturalist at Riveredge Nature Center in Newberg, will give us some ideas about "Returning to Native Vegetation". What grew here naturally in the past before the Milwaukee area was developed? What effect has this development had on nature, our environment and quality of life? Can we, should we, return to native vegetation?

Mrs. Otto has received numerous awards for her naturalist work. Local and national publications have discussed her efforts. In 1974, the Milwaukee Audubon Society described her as "one of the most active and innovative environmentalists in Wisconsin today".

DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM - JANUARY 25th

New members are always welcome.

Just a reminder....another year has pasted and annual membership dues are now due.

Individual Membership.....\$4.00

Family Membership.....\$5.00