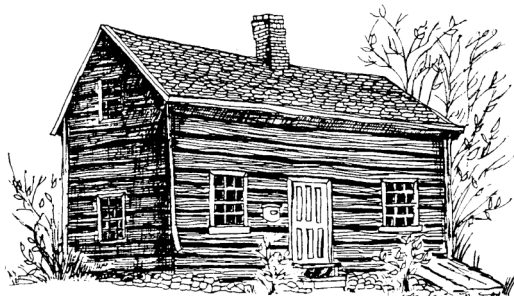


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October 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Meeting & Program

Monday, November 8, 2021
New Berlin Public Library
Community Room

6:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting
"The Year in Review"

Election of Board Members

7:00 pm

"Damn the Old Tinderbox"

Presented by author Matthew Prigge
(see flyer on the back)

Board Member Elections

At the Annual Meeting the membership will elect five board members to fill three year terms. The nominating committee appointed by the board will present the following slate of candidates: Ken Derra, Joanne Erickson, Barbara Koeppen, Frenchi Trottier-Wasielewski and Judy Menting to fill those positions. Ken, Joanne and Barbara are incumbents. We are grateful for the many years of service given to the society by retiring board members Jackie Hermann and Rhoda Flagge.

Historic Day

Beautiful weather brought out the crowds. The shuttle buses were running continuously and the buildings were very busy. It was a great parade this year with quite a few new entries of Model T and Model A Fords, a great country western band, and miniature horses. On the grounds you could see spinning, tapping for maple syrup, and demonstrations of flintlock rifles. The kids were working Grandma's old washing machine and taking barrel train rides. Many visitors came up to the Museum Gift Shop and were able to get a sneak peek at the new displays.

Applefest/Beer Garden

The season certainly ended on a high note. We were blessed with wonderful weather and the grounds were

packed with visitors. Many may have come because of the beer garden but it appeared that everyone went through the buildings. There were many fun activities for the kids including shelling corn and pumpkins to buy and decorate.

Tours

Tour director Joanne held two private tours in September. Eight members of the Small family toured on Sept. 25 and on Sept. 30 Joan Totten brought a group of friends to enjoy a tour of the Park.

Museum News

Nice progress is being made on both the Police Room and the new "L.S. Winton Store". The walls are up, windows are in, and new flooring has been laid. Soon we will bring up the items from the original store in the barn and also the Post Office that is in the barn. Theodore Winton and his son Louis ran a very successful store in the late 1800s which was located directly next door to the Winton-Sprengel House in the Park.

Membership Dues

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. Our Society would be nothing without our members to support us and we need all of you! Please mail in your \$15 dues check as soon as possible. Your \$15 covers all members of your family. A renewal form is included or you can just send your check to: Sue Hemmen, 21765 W. Edinborough Dr., New Berlin, WI 53146. Thank you.

New Members

Tim Biggin
Rich Turner
Jean (Small) Dean
Judy Menting

Mark & Mary Timpany
Virginia Small
Jordan Heller

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... to all of our donors since our last newsletter:

GENERAL:

Ken Derra - \$50
 Joanne Erickson - \$500 toward the Police Room in honor of her husband Clay.
 Arlene Reed - \$50
 Lee Sprengel - \$100
 Sylvia Wilm - \$250
 The Small Family donated \$30 for a tour of the Historic Park
 Patricia and Curtis Robinson donated \$100 for a tour of the Historic Park
 Rip and Mary Beth Edmundson donated \$250 toward the Police Room and \$250 toward the Military Display

ARTIFACTS:

Carrie Riviere donated a 1970s "Elger" ruler/level, 3 beaded evening bags, and a pair of elbow length gloves

MEMORIALS:

Thelma Meidenbauer made a donation of \$100 in memory of Florence Meidenbauer Berg and Ken Meidenbauer
 The Timpany (Surinak) Family donated \$500 in memory of their parents Harriet & Joseph Surinak toward the Police Room

In Memoriam

Harvey Rindt, age 95, passed away in August, 2021. In 1936, Harvey's family started the Rindt Bros. AAA Mobil Gas Station, the first AAA station in the state, located at the corner of Racine Ave. and National Ave. He was an Assistant Fire Chief from 1958-1969.

Mathew J. Prigge
 Presents

Damn the Old Tinderbox

Milwaukee's Palace of the West and the Fire that defined an Era

Author Matthew Prigge will discuss his latest book, "Damn the Old Tinderbox!: Milwaukee's Palace of the West and the Fire that Defined an Era," which tells the gripping tale of the 1883 Newhall House hotel fire, which remains among the deadliest unsolved arsons in American history.

In the dead of an unassuming January night, the hotel was set on fire. Two hours later, the building - once among the tallest in the nation - lay in ruins and over seventy people were dead. It was a tragedy that brought global notice to Milwaukee, with daring escapes and rescues and heart-wrenching tales of victims burned to death or killed as they jumped from the burning building. From the great horror emerged an even greater string of mysteries.

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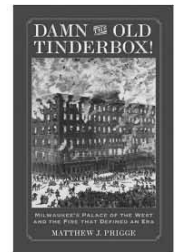
**New Berlin Public Library Community Room
 15105 Library Lane in the City Center**

Free and open to the public

Masks and Social Distancing Protocols will be in place



Matthew J. Prigge, author of Milwaukee Mayhem: Murder and Mystery in the Cream City's First Century, is a freelance author and historian from Milwaukee and the host of "What Made Milwaukee Famous," a weekly local history segment on WMSE 91.7. His work has been featured in both local and national publications and has won multiple awards, including the 2013 William Best Hesseltine Award from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Since 2011, he has led sightseeing historical tours of Milwaukee's rivers and harbor for the Milwaukee Boat Line. In 2013, he created the Mondo Milwaukee Boat Tour, an evening historical tour of some of the city's most infamous sights. He writes a history blog for Milwaukee's "Shepherd Express" and has also authored several articles for the "Wisconsin Magazine of History"



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