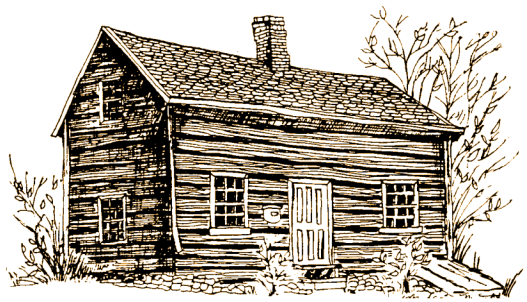


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NEW BERLIN
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SOCIETY



August 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MUSEUM OPEN DATES — 1-4 pm
The 2nd Sunday of every month

**HISTORIC DAY/BEER GARDEN/
OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, September 13th, 1-4 pm

**OPEN HOUSE & APPLEFEST/
BEER GARDEN**

Sunday, October 11th, 1-4 pm

**ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM
AT THE NEW BERLIN LIBRARY**

Monday, November 9th

6:30pm: Annual Business Meeting and
Election of Board Members

7:00pm: "Nathan Hatch, Revolutionary
Solider" by local speaker
Professor Stephen Hauser



Miss Wisconsin 2025, Willow Newell graces our museum display for a photo opp.

Historic Day and Applefest

Historic Day will feature music from the KR Bluegrass Band, blacksmith demonstrations, antique guns, face painting and crafts for kids. There will be a change to our usual Historic Day Parade. Instead of a moving parade of the antique autos and farm equipment, the vehicles will be parked on our grounds and possibly also along National Ave. This will enable our visitors to walk past them for a closer look and possibly meet their owners. Our Applefest Open House is a great day to buy apples from the Weston Orchard and let the kids ride the barrel train.

June Open House / Miss Wisconsin Day

We opened the season with great attendance – despite a chilly breeze. Visitors filled the buildings and thronged the tables to meet with the Miss Wisconsin candidates. We were entertained with soft rock music by Bobby Way.



Bobby Way entertains during the June Open House.



Ben Franklin reads the Declaration of Independence to the appreciative crowd.



George Washington enjoys the ceremony along with the Sons of the American Revolution.



Ice Cream Social Open House

During the July 12th Open House-Special event to commemorate the 250th Birthday of the United States, we had a special "Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony". This commemorates the tree that the British chopped down in Boston in 1776. Benjamin Franklin read the Declaration of Independence as George Washington attended and the Sons of the American Revolution were the honor guard.

We hope you did not miss this special event. There was also free ice cream for the littlest ones and an amazing free balloon from Half Twisted/Half Knot. Visitors toured the buildings and the museum and enjoyed the music of the Bourbon Street Stompers.



The Sons of the American Revolution dedicate the Liberty Tree and Commemorative Plaque.

42nd Annual Patriotic Citizen Award

Irene Hawkinson was our 2026 nominee for this honor. Irene joined in 2023 and has been a willing and able volunteer. She was elected to the Board in 2024.



Irene Hawkinson receives the 2026 Patriotic Citizen of the Year award and a U.S. Flag at the Hoepfner-Horn VFW Post 5716. Congratulations, Irene!



Fourth of July Corn Stand

As we have done for many years, we sent volunteers to our city's 4th of July Festival to sell corn on the cob for the Prospect Lions. As usual, sales were brisk and kept us busy.

State Fair Corn Stand

This year, again, volunteers worked two different evenings. On Tuesday, August 11 we brought 10 people to work. A crew from the NBHS helped out again the last evening of the Fair.

As both of our city's Lions Clubs give so much back to our community, it is our great pleasure to give them a helping hand.

Tours

Ten adults from the Brookfield Adult Day Care Center toured the buildings and museum on July 23.

Museum Projects

With no major projects underway, we used the past three months to update existing displays. New dresses and items were added to the permanent Miss Wisconsin display. A turntable was added to the corner mannequin to enable a 360° view of the dress. New content was added to the video.

Commemorative plaques honoring our friend Frenchi Trottier-Wasielewski were attached to benches by the brides display.



Wes Grueninger continued organizing, digitizing and indexing our vast collection of New Berlin history records. We hope to open a dedicated research area for staff and public use when this project is farther along.

Sprengel house Toy Room & Doll Closet updates

Work continues on the Sprengel house upstairs area. The Toy Room and Doll Closet have been painted. LED lighting and shelves were added to the Doll Closet. The dolls have been cleaned and put on display. We hope to have the area open to the public by the Historic Day event, but the summer heat and lack of AC has made work days challenging.



Updated Miss Wisconsin display: New gowns, turntable and video.



A sneak preview of one side of the Doll Closet.



Membership Dues

September is the month that all members need to renew their membership (unless you are a Life Member). Our Society would be nothing without your support. Please mail in your \$15 dues check payable to the New Berlin Historical Society before the end of September.

That small fee covers everyone in your family. A renewal form is included with this Newsletter, or you can just send your check to:

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Thanks!

Upcoming Events



Don't Miss the 33rd Annual

NEW BERLIN HISTORIC DAY & BEER GARDEN

Sunday, September 13, 2026
(Grandparents Day)



All Historic Buildings & Museum will be open 1-4pm

Parking at Prospect Hill Garden Center
Shuttle Bus Provided

In Memory of Joanne Brue

Joanne Brue, June 1, age 92, long-time member.

Welcome New Members

- Mary Ann Hausmann

Thank You!!...to all our donors since our last newsletter

In memory of Jackie Hermann

- Cheryl & Mike Warczak \$40
- Dave & Joan Totten \$250
- Mike and Laurie DeMoss \$25
- JoEllen Meidenbauer \$50
- Cash from family & friends \$340

General

- Mary Ann Hausmann \$35
- Lee Sprengel \$200



APPLEFEST & BEER GARDEN

Sunday, October 11, 2026

All Historic Buildings & Museum will
be open 1-4pm

Shuttle Bus Provided



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