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March 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

— 2020 SEASON —

Monday, April 13th—Spring Membership Meeting

6:30 pm—New Berlin Public Library
Book Review: *The Wisconsin Story*
Presented by author Dennis McCann
(see flyer on back)

Sunday, June 14th—Open House
Open—1 to 4 pm

Sunday, July 19th—Open House &
Ice Cream Social
1 to 4 pm

Sunday, September 13th—Historic Day
Noon to 4 pm—Parade at 2 pm

Sunday, October 4th—Open House & Applefest
1 to 4 pm

Monday, November 9th—Annual Meeting &
Program
6:30 pm—Meeting
7:00 pm—Program: *“Damn the Old Tinderbox!”*
Presentation by author Matthew Prigge
The New Berlin Public Library

Annual Meeting of 2019

The Annual Meeting was attended by about 35 people in November. The slate of five members whose terms were expiring was approved. These were Anne Marquardt, Cheryl Schober, Patti Shallow, Dave Totten and Lu Ziemer. Following the meeting we enjoyed a very interesting program by author Michael Stevens of his book “The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin.” Using diaries and personal letters of pioneers he was able to help us understand the fears and joys of those intrepid people who settled our state.

Volunteer Party

The Peachtree Restaurant was the site of this year’s Volunteer Party. 35 people who actively volunteer at our events enjoyed the great food and camaraderie. The conversations were buzzing all evening.

Volunteer Opportunities - Being a volunteer is really a lot of fun!

As I reported last year, we gained four new volunteers last season. We are always looking for helpful people. The easiest way to help is to bake a pie, cookies, bars or something else yummy and bring them to our Open Houses. We always seem to run short before the day is over. It’s as easy as that!

“Around the Corner with John McGivern”

As I mentioned last Fall, John McGivern spent a number of days in 2019 taping at businesses here in New Berlin for his very popular program on Ch. 10, “*Around the Corner*”. Those of us who attended the “Preview Party” really enjoyed ourselves. We hope you watched the show when it aired on February 27th.

A Bit Scary and Very Lucky

On Dec. 1st we had a very close encounter with a very reckless driver. A few feet to the left and his car would have hit the corner of the Museum and possibly the mural on the door. We lost our flagpole and a wooden reindeer but our neighbors (who are members) lost their garage and two vehicles when he crashed through the fence.

Museum News

We had the Museum open on Sundays for a few months. We attracted a few visitors and gained two new members. Right now we are in the process of packing up EVERYTHING in the Museum as construction of an addition to the building will be starting soon. Sadly, this means the Museum will be closed until next Fall when we will put everything back together again and begin creating new displays. Watch for updates on our progress.

Spring Meeting

Our 2020 Membership Meeting will feature former Journal columnist Dennis McCann speaking on his newest book *“The Wisconsin Story: 150 People, Places and Turning Points that Shaped the Badger State”*. This is sure to be an interesting program so plan on attending on Monday, April 13th.

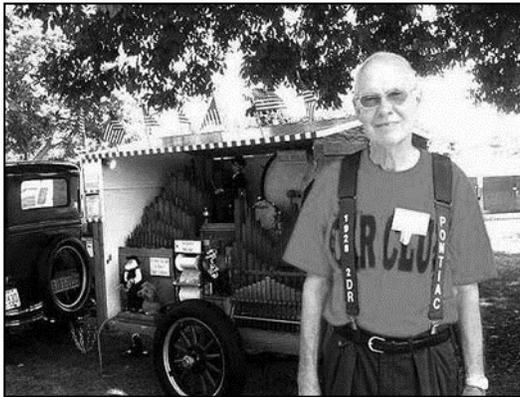
Tours

The first tour of school children is scheduled for April 23rd.

New Members

Carole Evans
Mike Casper
Arthur Angove, D.O.

In Memoriam



Roy Meidenbauer, longtime member and past president of our society, passed away December 30, 2019. The Society benefited from Roy's remarkable talents, his knowledge and experience, and his leadership. His dedication and contribution to projects large and small has been unsurpassed. Roy was generous, affable and hospitable. He was adept at telling, and writing, a good story. The band organ, which Roy designed, built, and lately donated to the society, will serve to remind us all of our good friend who left us with "happy music".

THANK YOU!

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

ARTIFACTS:

Carole Evans - 1800 silk nightgown and cap
St. Jude Thrift Shop of Wauwatosa - a mannequin to display the nightgown and cap.
Kathleen Taugher - wedding head piece and hat and a wooden table.
Bill Bohlman - phonographs
Lynn Zwitter - glassware

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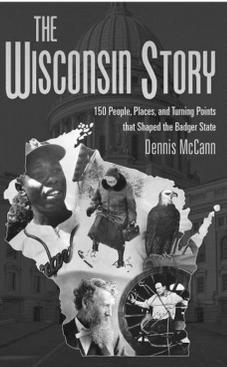
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Dennis McCann presents

The Wisconsin Story

150 People, Places, and Turning Points
that Shaped the Badger State



Monday April 13th at 6:30 pm

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

Free and open to the public Light Refreshments



Dennis McCann is a freelance writer based in Bayfield, Wisconsin. A University of Wisconsin-Madison journalism graduate, he joined the Milwaukee Journal in 1983 (later the Journal Sentinel) as farm writer and state rover. He now also writes for several golf publications. In addition to his latest book, *The Wisconsin Story*, he has authored: *This Storied River*, *Legend & Lore of the Upper Mississippi*; *This Superior Place*, *Stories of Bayfield*; *Apostle Islands and Badger Boneyards*, *The Eternal Rest of the Story*.

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