



# Sister Bay Historical Society

## Spring/Summer 2017

### TRAVELING EXHIBIT AT CORNER OF THE PAST

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Traveling exhibit coming in June
- Garden Walk returns in July
- Cousins meet back in Sister Bay
- Fifteen Heritage Programs announced
- Trolley coming to Sister Bay & Corner of the Past

From Monday, June 26 through Saturday, July 8, the traveling exhibit "Great Lakes Small Streams: How Water Shapes Wisconsin," will be on display in the Koessler Barn at the Corner of the Past. The exhibit, which is part of the Wisconsin Historical Society's DIVE IN initiative, provides a history of water in Wisconsin from pre-historic times through the present.

Comprised of 16 panels, "Great Lakes Small Streams: How Water Shapes Wisconsin" features an interactive kiosk that allows visitors to track the movement of glaciers, follow changes made to local rivers over time, or seek out easy solutions to save water in their own homes. It

will stimulate visitors to think about and discuss how people interact with the environment—with emphasis on how our relationship with water shaped Wisconsin's past and will continue to shape its future.



"The exhibit encourages guests to consider the many ways water has shaped our state, both geographically and as a driver for settlement and industry," said Kristen Leffelman, field services repre-

sentative for the Wisconsin Historical Society and lead curator of the exhibit. "From there, it looks at how we have, in turn, shaped our waterways, highlighting some of the sustainability issues that challenge us today. Our water is such a rich resource and shaped our culture in so many ways. We want to share how it played and continues to play such an important part in our lives and livelihood," said Leffelman.

Admission to the exhibit will be the general adult fee of \$5.00 which includes all of the historic buildings. Children are free.

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### GARDEN WALK WILL RETURN THURSDAY, JULY 6

After a disappointing absence in 2016, A Walk In the Garden will once again be offered July 6.

Five wonderful gardens will be on display, plus guests will be encour-

aged to view the special plantings at the Old Anderson House Museum tended by Eugene Jarvis. In Sister Bay, Grace & Gerhardt Bernhardt, Tom & Jeanette Sadler, & Don & Myrma Howard will be

hosts, and in Ellison Bay, Maury & Jeanette Brancamp and Rick Nelson will welcome visitors.

Tickets will be \$20 and will be available at the Farmers Market & local businesses.

## COUSINS MEET IN SISTER BAY AFTER MANY YEARS

Mary Green, of Aurora, IL came to Sister Bay recently to tell the Historical Society about her grandmother, Olive C. Hendrickson Evenson, who was born in Sister Bay, November 22, 1906. Olive was the daughter of Andrew & Christian Hendrickson, who had 16 children (2 died at birth).

Olive, who moved from Sister Bay, became known for her love of dressing up at Christmas in a special dress & hat outfit, when she

would visit children in hospitals and care centers giving them small gifts in the 1960s & 1970s.

At the time Mary came to Sister Bay, Andrew Hendrickson, of Sister Bay, was told about Mary and asked if he knew her. He could not recall knowing a Mary Green. So, we introduced the two and they realized they were cousins. Andrew's father was Joe Hendrickson owner of the Joe

Hendrickson Garage once at the corner of Mill Rd & 42. It seems, Mary's grandmother was Andrew's aunt, sister of his father Joe. With such a large family, Andrew knows he has not met all his cousins, although he & Mary had met once at a family funeral.

During this happy reunion, Mary agreed to don the green dress with fur collar and large fur hat (complete with plume) so we could take her picture. The

Two exchanged Family information and agreed to get together again when Mary would return as she does once each year.

Andrew's parents were Joe & Louise Hendrickson. They had four children, John, Joann, Andy, and Christopher.

Look for Mary's picture elsewhere in the newsletter.

Roberta Kutlik

*"Look for our local talented artists at the Koessl Barn each Saturday from 8:30 to 11am."*

## 2017 HERITAGE PROGRAMS

**June 24** Tom Seagard & Brigitte Kozma, oils, pastels

**July 1** Pat Olson & Madonna Siles, acrylics & oils

**July 8** Gary Chaudoir, glass fusing

**July 15** Dianne Saron, Pastels

**July 22** Bethany Kerwin, Acrylics & mixed media

**July 29** Dennis Moutray, Pho-

tography

**Aug 5** Don & Carolyn Payne, Photography & pastels

**Aug 12** Lorretta Paulman, Rosemaling

**Aug. 19** Jeanne Aurelius, Potter

**Aug 26** Madonna Siles & Pat Olson, Acrylics & Oils

**Sept. 2** TBA

**Sept 9** Nancy Davis, Painted Ukrainian Eggs

**Sept 16** Patti Brooking, Beading & Jewelry

**Sept. 23** Don Howard, watercolors, pencil & ink drawings

**Sept. 30** Madonna Siles, Plein Air & Oils

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with our deepest sympathy that we write about the following members who have passed since our last newsletter:

**Martha Dahlstrom**, former teacher and wife of former Gibraltar School Superintendent, Bob Dahlstrom; **Jon C. Peterson**, husband of Marilyn, former teacher, park

ranger and active community participant; **Katherine (Katie) Faulkner**, mother of Jonathan Orrick, quilter & loving grandmother; **Dick Kostka**, husband of Lucille Kostka; **Tessa Erickson**, daughter of Linden & Debra Erickson; **Judi Erickson**, wife of Don Erickson; **Kenan Bunda**, son of Pat Bunda, **Claire Baack**, wife of the late

Rudie, mother of Mary Abrahamson and Paul Baack; **Bryan Follingstad**, son of Gen Follingstad; **Harold Sunstrom**, husband of Eleanor, farmer & avid woodworker; **Mark Harold Sunstrom**, husband of Sarah, and son of the late Harold & mother Eleanor, who passed away just two days after his father's death.

**Memorials** have been received from Richard and Anne Vandeven and

Eloise Lindem for Gene Graham, and from Eloise Lindem for Dick Kostka, and Harold and Mark Sunstrom.

We thank them very much.

## SISTER BAY TO INCLUDE THE CORNER OF THE PAST ON TROLLEY ROUTE

Yes, it is true that Sister Bay will have its own trolley beginning June 30 for the three busy months of summer.

Jerry Sabalaus, of Sister Bay, has been chosen to coordinate the trolley activity which will serve to help our visitors get around town and become acquainted with our many local attractions, businesses, hotels,

inns, and historical parts of our village.

Plans are to have the brightly decorated trolley circulate on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, picking up and dropping off riders at all hotels and resorts, business areas, the waterfront, downtown, and it will include a stop at the **Corner of the Past**. The trolley will begin

its route at 9 in the morning and continue throughout the day until 9 pm.

The "Trolley Stops" will be marked with large blue Sister Bay signs all along the route. The best news is that it will be FREE. You hop on wherever you are, hop off to see us at the Corner of the Past, and the trolley will return on its next round.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Sister Bay Historical Society:

**Mary Ellen Matchette**, Miami, FL, sister-in-law of Margaret Hendricks of Sister Bay.

**Marjorie Lettie**, of Sister

Bay.

**Cheryl Culver**, of Ellison Bay.

A New Business Membership has been received from **Champeau Floor Covering'**

A SINCERE THANKS to all who responded so quickly to the MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FUND DRIVE. This is a re-

minder if you have not complied, **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED** to send your renewal and donation as soon as possible to Eloise Lindem, P.O. Box 505, Sister Bay, WI 54234.

NEW MEMBERS AND MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ALL YEAR!

*The success of the Sister Bay Historical Society is wholly dependent on YOUR membership & donation. Thank You!!  
Eloise Lindem,  
Membership Chair*

## MAY I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

Recently, I was going through a box of old family photos and memorabilia when I found my mother's old Carl Schurz High School autograph book. I have read it many times over the years, and I couldn't resist reading it once again. The soft suede cover encloses pretty colored pages—and the handwriting is to be admired. The verses are cute, and some are

so charming. Such as, "Dear Julia: When you get married and live near a lake, don't forget to send me a piece of your wedding cake. Your schoolmate, Helen Steller, June 20, 1929." Or, just "Remember me, your friend, Vera".

The names, mostly girls, were Genevieve, Marie, Gladys, Florence, Bernice "Bubbles" & Harriet. One name I'm sure

had to be a teacher, no verse, just signed,

"Maude J. Clutterbuck"

I can't help wondering, if you are reading this, do you have an old autograph book? Maybe it is one that your friends wrote in, or maybe you have your mother's book. I would like to read them. It would be fun to display these.

Roberta Kutlik



**A Day in the Garden  
Thursday, July 6, 2017**

# THE SISTER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

In the past many of you have contributed to the Sister Bay Historical Society. It has been with your help that the Corner of the Past and Old Anderson House Museum are what they are today. You have played a vital role in preserving the history of the Village. And, you have helped create something unique in Door County: a site with sixteen restored historical buildings on garden-like grounds. If you haven't been there for awhile come over and take a look at what you have helped create.

A few years ago the Historical Society was the beneficiary of a bequest from the estate of Peg Foster. The initial distribution of the bequest was used to create an Operating Reserve Fund and an Endowment Fund within the Door County Community Foundation. The funds in the Foundation are managed by professionals who are able to generate higher returns than we could on our own. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to create a pool of funds that generate income. The larger the fund the more income it will generate.

The Operating Fund is intended to cover operating expenses of the Corner of the Past and the Old Anderson House Museum in the event the Historical Society fails to receive sufficient funds from memberships, admission fees and donations. That is the position the Society has found itself in the past couple of years. As the result of residual distributions from Peg Foster's estate we have been able to cover the shortfall.

Obviously this cannot go on for long. This is where you come in. The Society is in need of your financial support. This can come in many

different forms. The most obvious is a direct donation. This can be a one-time donation, or for longer term support, a pledge of annual donations can be made. A pledge is simply a promise to give a designated amount of money for a designated number of years. Pledge forms are available, just ask any of the Society's Directors. Donations may also be made to either of our Community Foundation funds.

There are many other ways you can support our mission. On a long-term view would be the provision of a bequest in your estate planning, such as Peg Foster did. There are tax benefits of this method. There are several ways to provide a bequest. Your legal advisor can guide you through this. Instead of money, property can be donated such as stock or land. There are tax benefits with this method and again you should consult with your advisor to get specifics.

As I researched this subject I was surprised at the number of imaginative ways charitable support can take. Many of them don't apply to many people but I thought I would mention a few. A life insurance policy or an annuity can name the Society as the beneficiary. Individuals over 70 1/2 can make donations from their 401k. A charitable trust can be established. The list could go on. With any of these it is best to consult with a professional for guidance.

Sister Bay was incorporated as a separate governmental entity freeing it from Liberty Grove. The founders were dissatisfied with Liberty Grove's maintenance of roads in the village. It was

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# The SBHS Needs You

this independent, take control spirit that set the tone for what the Village is today. This enterprising initiative that goes back to our roots has made Sister Bay the commercial center of northern Door County. That's the way it was in the beginning and remains today. Look at some of the businesses that were established a long time ago whose successors continue today. To name a few: John Pahl's hardware/Jungwirth's; Husbys,

Sister Bay Bowl; Bunda's/On Deck. The list could go on. It is this proud history that the Historical Society seeks to preserve. We hope it is important enough to each of you to support our efforts.

John Fletcher

Vice President

Board of Trustees, Sister Bay Historical Society



May 20<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale at the Corner of the Past. Customer purchasing a lovely set of Haviland china for her new home. This was the first time that the SBHS took part in the annual Village of Sister Bay sale.



Susie Smith, Lead Docent, showing off the newly painted sign board done by Don Howard. It is designed so children can put their face in place of the smiling farmer to have their picture taken. Another feature for children at the Corner of the Past



Jerry Sabalas telling docents of trolley



Mary Green wearing Olive's dress. Olive was daughter of Andrew & Christian Hendrickson. (See page 2 article.)



Andy Hendrickson, son of Joe and Louise Hendrickson, named after Joe's brother, Andrew.

**2017 EVENTS**

**AT THE  
CORNER OF THE PAST**

**June 24** First Saturday Farmer's Market 8—12

**June 26—July 8** "Great Lakes Exhibit: Small Streams: How Water Shaped Wisconsin"

**June 28** Annual Meeting/Pot Luck 5:30 in barn

**July 6** "A Day in the Garden" Garden Walk 10-4

**July 12-Aug 16** Wednesdays, Creative Young Artists Series, 1pm—3pm. Reserve @854-7680

**July 14, 28, & Aug. 11** "Dig This Archaeologists" Reservations, 854-7680

**July 25** Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social with Entertainment & family fun 6 pm to 8 pm. In the Barn

**July 26** Plein Air Painters at COTP 11am to 2pm



**PETER BROOKS**

**"BEDROCK BLUEGRASS "**

**Will be appearing at the  
Corner of the Past Farmers Market  
Each Saturday**

**Aug, 11 & 12** Trillium Quilt Guild Quilt Show at Old Anderson House Museum at Corner of the Past, 10 to 3 Admission \$5

**Sept. 2** Marina Fest Pop Up Ice Cream Shop at downtown waterfront 10 am to 8 pm

**Sept. 16** Harvest Dinner on the grounds of the Corner of the Past, featuring locally grown produce & meats. Watch for details.

**Oct. 14** Sister Bay Fall Festival, Pop Up Harvest History Booth

**CURATOR'S CORNER**

**ROBERTA KUTLIK**

I have a file called "Next Newsletter" where I keep notes and newspaper articles so I can remember to include important information. I'm sad to say I have too many obituaries in the file for this newsletter. My heart goes out to these families whose loved ones were so important to Sister Bay and Door County.

On a happy note, I am glad to report that our Lead Docent, Susie Smith, is now an official Door County Tourist Ambassador. She was part of a group of residents who regularly interact with our visitors and studied information to share with our growing tourist population. Susie is now a CTA—Certified Tourist Ambassador. We

are so proud of you!

Here's a shout out and big, big thank you to those who helped get all of our buildings ready for the new season. Thanks to Alysanne Burkhardt, Darlene Kolp, Don Howard, Jill & Lee Lhost, Doug Defenbaugh, John Fletcher and especially Kirsten Fletcher who spent much of her time getting the Cottages ready for our new season, including the new Olson Log Cabin.

The Olson cabin is featuring many Scandinavian artifacts to recognize and remember the

folks who came to Door County from Sweden and Norway. Many of these families first settled in Ephraim and then found their way to Sister Bay where they founded their churches, fished the waters of Green Bay, cut hard woods, and planted orchards. Take special notice of our newspaper ads each week as they will highlight special programs throughout the summer that we don't want you to miss.