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Pioneer Village*

**NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Quarterly Meeting: Monday, May 2, at 7:00 PM**

## Lighthouses of Ozaukee County

Be ready for a fun night out as John Enright, lighthouse historian, entertains and enlightens you with tales of the Lighthouses of Ozaukee County. According to Enright, the first official beacon to shine out to mariners from what is now Ozaukee County was lit in 1849, as a navigational aid on Lake Michigan. It was followed by other lights in 1860, 1889, 1935, 1981 and 2008. In historic times, keepers were on duty every night of the year, from dusk to dawn, tending their oil lamps and lenses. Assistance from the keeper's family with the daytime jobs, or to climb the stairs, was always appreciated. Many of our lighthouses are full of rich stories of the people who lived in the keeper's quarters, what they did, how they lived and what their life was like.

In addition to being a lighthouse historian, Enright is also an author, photographer and former cruising sailor. He is a director and curator at the North Point Lighthouse in Milwaukee's Lake Park and a volunteer for the last six years at the Port Washington 1860 Lighthouse. He has spoken to numerous groups and organizations such as the Tallahassee Florida Historical Society, UW-Green Bay, Historic Milwaukee, Port Washington Historical Society, several yacht clubs and the Door County Lighthouse Walk. Enright is a member of five historical societies, including OCHS, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keeper's Association, the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society, and has written articles for our TimeLines. He has been a resident of Cedarburg or Grafton since 1972.

The program will be held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in downtown Cedarburg, with the OCHS business meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30. The event is free and open to the public with refreshments served.

See you there!



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[WWW.CO.OZAUKEE.WI.US/OCHS](http://WWW.CO.OZAUKEE.WI.US/OCHS)

## 2011 Event Schedule

### Sunday, June 12

#### “National Flag Day Program & Celebration”

Stony Hill School, 5595 Hwy. I, Fredonia  
“The birthplace of National Flag Day”  
Program 3:30 pm Grounds open 11 am–5 pm

### **OZAUKEE CTY PIONEER VILLAGE EVENTS**

**4880 County Hwy I - Saukville, WI 53080**

### Sat and Sun, June 18th & 19th

#### Free Admission Open Weekend Noon–5pm

Take a tour of 24 historic structures.  
Heritage Demonstrations and Ice Cream Social

### Sat & Sun, July 16th & 17th

#### “Antique Tractor and Machinery Show”

Wisconsin Antique Power Reunion 8 am–5pm  
Tour the Village & enjoy the demonstrations.  
Food & beverages available.

### Sunday, Aug. 14th

#### Bluegrass at the Village

11am–5pm Music begins at noon.  
Tour the historic structures.  
Food and beverages available.

### Sat & Sun, Sept 3rd & 4th

#### “Revolutionary War Event”

#### Re-Enactment & Encampment

10 am–5 pm Battles at 11am and 4 pm  
Food and beverages available.

### **OZAUKEE COUNTY**

### **PIONEER VILLAGE**

**OPEN for TOURS on Sat. & Sun.**

**May 28 thru Oct 9**

**12 pm–5 pm Last tour starts at 4 pm**

**Enjoy Special Events or a Weekend Visit!**

**OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**262-377-4510 [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/OCHS](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/OCHS)**

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

On our recent trip to Germany and Austria, my husband, daughter and I experienced a massive amount of history through our visits to old churches, castles, markets, town centers and even a concentration camp. At each destination we visited, it was apparent that history was being preserved. Large historic buildings and churches were engulfed in scaffolding while detailed, careful restoration work was being completed. It is evident that the Europeans in these countries support and realize the importance of honoring and preserving their rich history.

In a much smaller sense, we honor our local history through our membership in the Ozaukee County Historical Society. The OCHS is responsible for the care and preservation of our historic buildings at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, the operation of the Hazel Wirth Archive Center and the preservation of the Stony Hill School site. Funding for this preservation work is done through your memberships, your donations, events held at the village, school tours and especially the generous support of Ozaukee County itself. We thank the members of our local county government for their continued funding, support and awareness of the importance of preserving our past in Ozaukee County.

Be sure to visit the village this season as the rebuilding of the Maronde House is on schedule and will be added to our collection of historic buildings. Spend an afternoon exploring the many buildings while imagining life in earlier times. If you are planning on staying closer to home this summer because of the high gas prices, invest in a family membership and enjoy the many events offered at the village for free! A family membership gets you in "free" at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village any and all weekends throughout the season!

We honor our local history with our numerous "collections" at the Hazel Wirth Archive Center. Come explore history through plat maps, old newspapers, family histories, cemetery indexes and more. The archive center has recently extended the hours of operation to allow more visitors to come and share the many collections and information we have acquired and preserved at the center.

In June, we honor our local history with the annual celebration of Flag Day at Stony Hill School which happens to be the birthplace of National Flag Day. If you have never attended this quaint event, mark your calendar and bring your family to enjoy an afternoon of Americana and honor our freedom and independence. Stroll through the Avenue of Flags and enjoy the commemorative program honoring our local history and independence.

The Ozaukee County Pioneer Village opens the season on May 28 and is open each Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer from noon to five. Stop in for a visit!

*Jean Steinke*

### WHAT IS IT?

*If you attended the Cedarburg Business Fair and took a guess in our "What Is It" contest, here is the answer. It is a mister for dampening clothes before ironing. Don't feel bad if you guessed wrong. NOBODY got the correct answer. Only two were "close. Thanks for participating!*

*Don Engelbert*

**ARCHIVES REPORT.....**

This is the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War era. As a result there have been numerous inquiries about ancestors that served in this war. We wish we had more information to offer. If any of our readers have something, I would be happy if you would share it with us.

A call from a man in Germany followed several e-mails inquiring about his relatives. Although his family only lived in our county for a few years before moving West, we were able to give him some help. It's sometimes difficult to track where they lived, or who they worked for as they didn't always own land. Here is where Church records sometimes help.

The Elks Magazine is doing an article on Bernard Cigrand, Stony Hill School and Flag Day for their June issue, and I have been able to send them information they might be able to use. Another man is taking photos of each of the Historic Markers in our area. Everyone has some area of interest and it is good that they pursue it.

One gentleman came in and offered to transfer our videos of the Fireside Chats to CD's which he did. This is wonderful to upgrade what we have and gives us backup copies.

**Recent acquisitions are:** Port Washington Centennial Booklet, 2 issues of the Oz. Press Sesquicentennial 1985, Oz. Press issues 1975 and 1985 from **Carol Fontaine**; 3 section antique mirror with etchings from **Frank Balistreri**; Celebrate your Community awards dinner booklets 2006,'07,'08,'09,'10; Business and Community Directory 2008-2009; Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce Life Magazine; books from Weyenberg Library, Washington and Oz. County 2001-2008 from **Nina Look**; Books - River Roads and Rails, Haunted Wis., Wis. Travel Companion, My Land, My Home, My Wisconsin, Romance of Wisconsin Place Names. Copies of 21 Cedarburg photos from a 1927 book from **Marianne Czisny**; Video - "Rita, A Retrospective" given by the Carl Edquist Family via **Rita Bert**; Dedication booklet of St. Paul Lutheran Church 2001, History of St. Paul Church Grafton, 1976 Anniversary booklet 150th Anniversary from **Jean Steinke**; Losse Genealogy and photos from **Donna and Jerome Sommer**; A wooden produce crate from L.C. Wagner from **William A. Helm**; Various papers regarding the Jonathon Clark House from **Dr. Gregory Custer**, Two books - Wisconsin in the World War and Wisconsin in the World War - Ozaukee County from **Alice Wendt**; History of the Cedarburg Cultural Center (2) "Celebrating a Quarter Century: and 2 videos of History of Cedarburg Culture Center from **Barbara Hunt**; A ledger of Herbert A. Nieman Canning Co. from **Erik Stevens**.

We are looking for used books that we might use in our Book Fair at the Village as a fundraiser. We are hoping to get matching funds from the State Historical Society. Our goal is to purchase a display case for our Railroad memorabilia in the depot at Pioneer Village in Saukville. If you have any to donate, you can drop them off at the archives.

We appreciate each item you donate and thank you for thinking of us!

**Ruth J. Renz, Archivist-OCHS**

Laurie Bell  
Dave Bock  
Denise Boerner-Lilly  
Jane Butz  
Helen Drexler  
Donna Eigel  
Don Engelbert  
Kate Foth



**THANK YOU TO  
OUR ARCHIVES  
RESEARCH CENTER  
VOLUNTEERS!**



Nina Look  
Linda Oakes  
Chris Oehler  
Ruth Renz  
Mary Sayner  
Jean and Olivia Steinke  
Sara Westerman  
Kathy and Glenn Wille

## *The History of Ozaukee County Historical Society - Chapter 12*

### ***Ozaukee County's best kept secret.....***

Throughout the years we are growing and thriving. We are busy doing upkeep and repairs and painting and whatever else needs doing. We worked on the Hashek Log Barn, the Rausch Grist Mill Building, the Ahner House and the Sinnen House needed painting. There was an upgrading of the electrical system and also the Public Address System. The restoration work at our Interurban Depot continues. Our sources of income are from the many school tours that take this outing as a learning experience. There are the many special events that bring in crowds of people. It often seems as if our visitors are from farther away, that the nearby area people seem to take us for granted. They know we are here, but rarely take the time to come visit. This was one of the reasons we started a "free" weekend. Once they know about our Village, they realize it's a fine place to bring their company and we look for a return visit.

We formed the Harold Dobberpuhl Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2003. The Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club meets in June each year at the Village. The Crafters are busy working on items to be sold at the gift shop and also on the quilt for the annual Quilt Raffle.

It was July 14th 2003 that all documents and property involved was transferred from the City of Cedarburg to our Society regarding the Interurban Depot.

From time to time we are asked to set up a display case at one of the county libraries. This is a good chance to showcase some of our treasures. Once in a while Studios come to tape sessions for TV series. It was May 24th of 2004 that Outdoor Wisconsin came to do filming that was then shown on Public Television in July. Also in July we were participants of the Annual Grafton Holiday Parade. At this time membership has reached a nice high of 415.

Another thing we have participated in when invited was the Random Lake High School National History Day competition. We serve as judges for this event.

Our Village is used annually for a rest stop by the American Diabetes Association, Rumble Thru Oz, River Edge Nature Center Valley Ride, Bike Federation of America.

It was August of 2004 when a call came from the Court House to pick up old ledgers if we wanted them. A quick trip over to Port Washington led me to 39 heavy volumes of marriage applications from 1913-1990. This was a windfall.

Our Pictorial History Book is finally published and ready for distribution. This is available at various locations in the county. It was Sept. of 2005 that George and Susan Rowe offered us a double corn crib and a silo that was on their property. It wasn't until May of 2006 that foundation preparations were ready and they were constructed at the Village. These were the latest additions to the Village.

Moving day from the archives at the Lincoln Building to the new Interurban depot began on April 12, 2006. Many a back breaking trip with book boxes and other artifacts later we are moved to the new research location. What a joy! So many people stop to see what is going on and what we are doing. It takes many hands to find a location for our things. We set up the research area so we could continue to help people that came for that purpose. The new computers are all set, and the archival program Past Perfect has been installed for us to record our holdings. We are so happy with additional space to work and the clean environment. All the years of hard work and planning have now come into focus. What excitement!

***Ruth J. Renz, Archivist***

OCHS Members and Friends

The Ozaukee County Historical Society is applying for a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help defray the cost of purchasing a large showcase for placement in the railroad depot at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village.

The showcase will display a large collection of railroad artifacts that were donated to the Hazel Wirth Archive and Research Center in 2010. The collection deserves to be showcased not stored in boxes in the Center. The collection has a connection to the restored Cedarburg Milwaukee Railroad Depot on the grounds of the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village.

When applying for the grant the Society is required to raise money to match the \$700 grant in a new way. The idea of having a **Used Book & DVD/CD Sale** at all 2011 Village events was proposed and agreed to by the Board at the March 15th meeting.

Books that are new or in good condition as well as DVDs/and CDs may be donated at the Village or be brought to the Hazel Wirth Center on open days: Tuesdays from 9 to 3, second and fourth Mondays from 5 to 8 p.m., and the second Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. It is hoped that many of you will go through your bookshelves finding a number of books to donate to this cause.

Cash donations are also accepted.  
Make checks out to OCHS (Ozaukee County Historical Society).

Thank you!

Society Shopping “Wish” List

Would you please help us with our Society shopping list for the following items? We welcome your donated items or contributions toward the purchase of the items...

Archival Storage Containers for the Research Center	\$20
<u>Barns of Wisconsin</u> by Jerry Apps for the Research Center	\$30
Cleaning Supplies for the Pioneer Village and Story Hill School	\$35
Sponsorship of the August Quarterly Meeting Refreshments	\$40
Gas Card for Pioneer Village and Stony Hill School Operations	\$50
Sponsorship of the August Newsletter	\$75
One-Year Subscription to Ancestry.com for the Research Center	\$240

*Please note that donations to OCHS are tax deductible.*

## News from the Village

Mid-April has arrived and that means it is time to clean up the Village in preparation for school tours and the open season. Volunteers have stepped forward so that every building has one or more volunteers signed to clean the interior and ready the building and displays for viewing by students and weekend visitors. Cleaning operations should begin on or about April 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Progress continues on the rebuilding of the Maronde House. The building is shingled, has the windows installed, and the outside chinking completed. A sump pump has been installed to solve basement water issues. The interior work should be done by opening day of the season. It is planned that the house will be furnished as an 1840 log cabin, the first home on a homestead. Most furnishings will be easy to acquire but a **simple iron kitchen stove** is needed. Help us if you can. Also if you have pioneer type clothing for a family and would like to display them in this building, contact Mary Sayner at 262-242-2624. Plan on visiting this rebuilt structure in summer.

All the chimneys at the Village have been supplied with screens to prevent birds and other animals from nesting in them.

Carole Fairweather and the guides are busy with plans for the school and other touring groups this season. Plans are also well underway for the **Free Open House** at the Village on Saturday and Sunday of Father's Day weekend, June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

Al and Karen Rimmel with the help of a couple of volunteers have been busy getting the grounds cleared and ready for the tours. The Rimmels take great pride in the Village grounds. Next time you see them, thank them for their efforts.

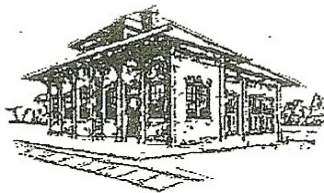
The Master Gardeners will soon have the gardens at the Village filled with colorful blooms and herbs. These additions really make the Village attractive and inviting.

## Volunteer Appreciation

The Ozaukee County Historical Society appreciates all the effort and dedication of the volunteers at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Stony Hill School, and the Hazel Wirth Research Center in the past and present. Although most of the volunteers for OCHS are Ozaukee County residents, people from Washington, Sheboygan, Milwaukee and Waukesha counties also volunteer. OCHS looks forward to working with all volunteers as they help to preserve the history of Ozaukee County and make it available to present and future generations. Thank you for your service! OCHS could not exist without you.

At the Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> county-wide Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at the CCC, Ozaukee County Historical Society in the name of all volunteers specifically honored the following: Frank Petran posthumously, Linda Oakes, Matt Bell, and Robin Paradis-Kent.

Thank you all for your service and enthusiasm.!



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**Ozaukee  
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**Make Your  
Contributions  
To History!**

*Membership is from January 1st through December 31st*  
**2011 O.C.H.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
*Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!*

Enclosed please find: Renewal New Membership

Individual \$20 Husband/Wife/Family \$40. (Includes Children)

Individual Lifetime \$225. Husband/Wife Lifetime \$350.

Business / Professional \$75.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Under 18 Years Old

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone!)

***Here's my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:***

Ozaukee Pioneer Village Interurban Depot Preservation Fund Stony Hill School

Archives Research Center Village Restoration Fund Scholarship Fund

Memorial in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! ... Please call when you need volunteer help!

Please send to: Ozaukee County Historical Society P.O. Box 206 Cedarburg, WI 53012