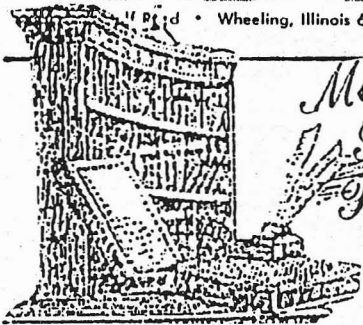




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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wheeling, Illinois 60090



Message
From The
President

Dear Members and Friends:

I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Easter or Passover holiday.

Our March meeting was really a good one. Many things were discussed or decided upon.

The February buffet and auction brought us a \$443.00 profit and we again thank those who participated.

The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for the April election.

Vice President..Elaine Simpson
Treasurer..Dolly Hein
Secretary..Patti Hancock
Director// Barbara Forke

It was decided to purchase a much needed slide projector and a map cabinet & stand.

We were invited by Nancy Jansen of the Pavillion to again share their float, but it was decided we would try one of our own. It was suggested we use our "bicycle built for two" on a small flat bed. Help will be needed. It shouldn't be too hard as the parade is at 6 p.m. so we have most of the day to get ready.

Our installation banquet will be held May 23rd at Chevy Chase in the Devonshire Room..6 p.m. cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner. \$20.00/ person. Great buffet and musical entertainment. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be appreciated. Bring a friend, we always have a good time.

We are in the planning stage for an "Old Fashion Picnic" July 22 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. It use to be called "Old Settlers Picnic" but hasn't be held for about 9 years. It will be open all, especially to former Wheelingnites and members. Bring your lunch and the Society will furnish desserts, coffee and lemonade. Maybe we can get a lot of new people to come and then become involved with the Society.

If you know any old timers, let us know and we will contact them.

Dr. Taylor entertained us with a talk and display of his pictures, boxes and wastebasket decorated entirely with stamps. It was very interesting to learn a little about stamping. Doc collects stamps for the Lions Club projects. If you wish to donate some stamps, bring them to the meetings or mail them to the Society.

Until next time.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Haben, President

NAMES in the NEWS

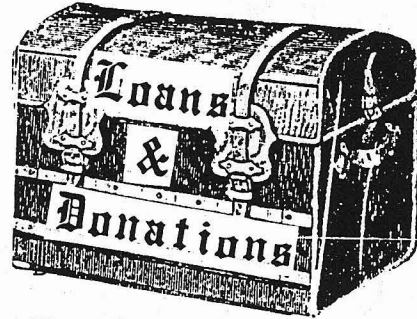
The Wheeling Historical Society would like to congratulate our member JUDY ABRUSCATO for receiving the Illinois Women of Achievement Award for the Village of Wheeling from the Illinois House of Representatives on March 19th.



PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

This month the our "Portraits from the Past" presents a more recent picture, the Historical Society's Board of the past few years who have done an excellent job in keeping our society going. We would like to commend all of you, Lorraine, Elaine, Dolly, Barb and the Directors (not pictured) Frank, Eleanor and Marilyn for your time, service and loyalty to our historical society. Thank you all.

A very special thankyou to Curator, Linda Reading for her dedication, time and exemplary work at the museum. It wouldn't be done without her. Thanks Lin.



The following donations have been made on behalf of past member, Dick Lord. 1 pretzel cutter w/box and receipt book, 2 crock bowls. 1 beaded coin purse, 1 alum folding drinking cup, 1 sm. crock 1 small Christmas tin w/handles 1 am enameled tray, 1 canoe paddle 1 jello mold, 1 old screwdriver w/ wooden handle and 6 pieces of old silverware.

Received from W. Hancock, 1 nail puller w/ wooden handle, 1 knife (I.P. Hyde-Southbridge, Mass.) w wooden handle. 1 large indian dream catcher.

Received from Marilyn Chromy, 1 1950 40 cup coffee pot w/wooden legs.

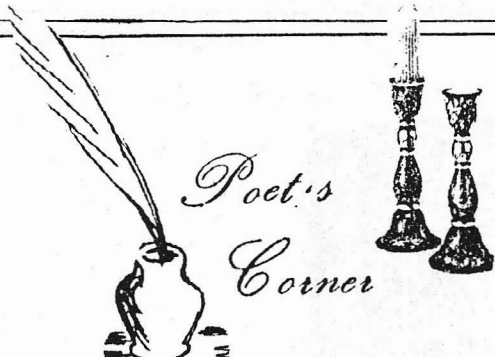
Received from Wheeling Historical Society, 2 brown mini crock pots 5 small spice jars w/ glass tops and 1 cast iron nutcracker (man figure) w/red wood base.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A discarded clothes hamper makes a good storage place for rubbers, overshoes and boots. It is ventilated and you can paint it to go with the decor on your porch or in the hall.

Instead of buying white shelf paper, line your shelves with heavy freezer wrap with the waxed side up. It can be wiped off with a damp cloth and out-ware's regular shelf paper.

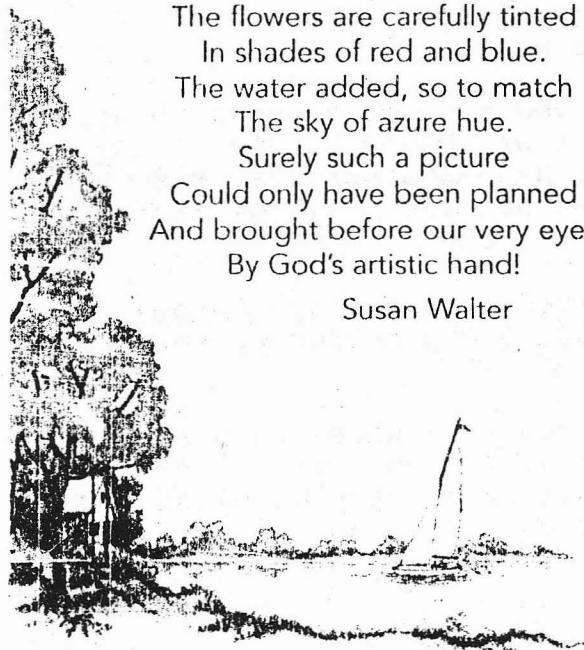


Poet's
Corner

The Great Artist

His canvas is the whole wide world,
The brush, His mighty hand,
His palette made up beautifully -
He's the Teacher in command.
His clouds are white and billowy
With a hint of pink and gray,
He paints each slender blade of grass
To make a perfect day.
The flowers are carefully tinted
In shades of red and blue.
The water added, so to match
The sky of azure hue.
Surely such a picture
Could only have been planned
And brought before our very eyes
By God's artistic hand!

Susan Walter



**Did You
KNOW?**

Sandy Altieri discovered a pamphlet in the Chicago Historical Society Library written October 4, 1830 in Wheeling West Virginia. It described a utopian, future working men's community based on equal rights and opportunities to be located in Illinois and named "Wheeling, Ill."

RESEARCHED BY: Barbara McIntyre
November, 1984

TRIVIA

April, 1921 Potato chips are the latest craze for snackers.

April 1, 1924 Popsicles were some of the kids favorites.

April 3, 1926, Hershey's Syrup hits the market.

April 6, 1926 Q-Tips cotton swabs were introduced.

April 12, 1927 the first Oscar was awarded by the newly founded Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

April 18, 1927 Wonder Bread was introduced.

April 24, 1929 the Yo-Yo came into being.



Cook's
Kitchen

PHILADELPHIA® 3-Step White Chocolate Cheesecake

2 pkg. (8 oz. each)
PHILADELPHIA® Cream
Cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs

4 squares BAKER'S® Premium
White Baking Chocolate,
chopped, divided, or 2/3 cup
white chocolate chips, divided
1 ready-to-use chocolate flavor
crumb crust (6 oz. or 9 in.)

MIX cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla with electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs; mix until blended. Stir in 1/3 cup of the white chocolate.

POUR into crust. Sprinkle with remaining white chocolate.

BAKE at 350°F for 35 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Makes 8 servings.

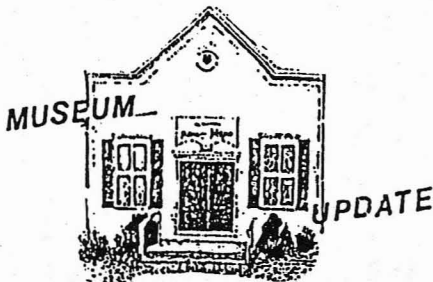
CURATOR'S REPORT

Our presentation program for the Indian Trails Library program will be July 31, 2001 at 1-2 p.m. We will be showing the video "Celebrate Tomorrow with Yesterdays Memories" and Shirley McConnell will be helping me with a Q and A. time. We would also like to have anyone wanting to help with a hands-on table with some artifacts from the video or museum.

Our museum exhibit at the library's exhibit case is on-going and Eleanor Buerger is helping me assemble some pictures and artifacts. I do need people to help with labeling, framing, transport and set-up the last week in May. This exhibit will run from June through August.

I have sent a copy of Forbach's Relic House (what years were they there?) to David Iglor owner of Hangouts at 322 N. Milwaukee Avenue. He is requesting history on the house. Anyone with information, please let me know. I have a person by the name of A. Kokocus living there in 1966-67.

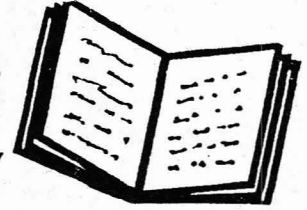
Linda Reading, Curator
520-0125



We would like to thank for park district maintenance crew for fixing the sump pump in the museum. A new sash lock has been put on the front window. Thanks guys.

We are as usual, framing pictures, doing inventory and research. Help is always appreciated if you have time on Thursdays, from 9- noon.

A BIT OF HISTORY



Back in Time.....
April Fools Day History

Charles the 9th of France declared during his reign, that New Year's Day would be Jan. 1st instead of March 25th.

He was only 13 years old so the Traditionalists were up in arms about the change of date.

As time moved on, the Progressionalists started to ridicule the Traditionalists about celebrating New Years' Day on March 25th through April 1st.

Therefore a new tradition was started: If you were still celebrating New Years on April 1st, you were an April Fool.

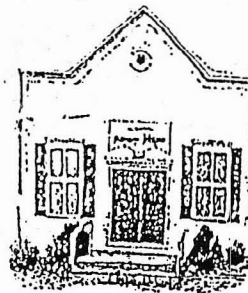
NOTE;
Traditionalists celebrated New Years March 25 - April 1st.

Progressionalists celebrated New Years January 1st.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 18..BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25..REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16....BOARD MEETING
MAY 23....INSTALLATION DINNER
Chevy Chase



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the communiyt of Wheeling"

-W.H.S. Constitution-