



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 05

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Friends and Members :

HOT! HOT! HOT! This has been our summer and hopefully relief is on the way. I am sorry to say that our annual picnic which also celebrates our 40th anniversary and was scheduled for July 24th was cancelled. The weather reached 101 + or - that day and we felt this was necessary especially for our senior members. At the meeting of July 27th it was approved by the members to reschedule the picnic for September 11th.



A special thank you to all that made phone calls informing current and past residents of the cancellation.

At the meeting of July 27th, a committee of three was appointed to review and update if necessary, the By-Laws of the Society and present their recommendations to the Board and then to the membership for approval.

If you have any suggestions or comments and cannot make the next two meetings, please feel free to call me with your ideas or comments.

Elaine Simpson, President

In time, and as one comes to benefit from experience, one learns that things will turn out neither as well as one hoped nor as badly as one feared.

JEROME S. BRUNER

CURATOR'S REPORT

Hello again, I had a great time on vacation and am ready to begin work at the museum.

Thanks to everyone who helped keep the museum running in my absence. Patti, Marilyn and Bev are wonderful workers and do a great job.

Thanks Patti for repainting the garden sign. It looks beautiful! Take time for a look at the garden adjacent to the museum as it is doing great!!

I heard that the Park District had an outdoor movie at Chamber park last Monday night. Great time was had by all. Hope the park will do it again. Boy, I remember the days I attended outdoor movies in the town square as a kid. Patti remembers when she went to outdoor movies which were shown on the side of a building in Ingleside II for the price of two cents.

We had some visitors in July and thanks to the volunteers who took the time to sit at the museum.

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO:

Palatine H.S. Sept. 10th 12 noon - 4 p.m. - Ice Cream Social on the grounds of Clayton House with a 50th Anniversary celebration. Free to the public

Wheeling Historical Museum. Doll and Bank Exhibits which are new. The dolls are on loan from members of the society. The Bank exhibit is relative to the old bank now being torn down on Dundee and Milwaukee Avenue. Hope to see you at the museum.

Linda Reading, Curator

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Since we are affiliated with the Park District, shown below are pictures of the Wheeling Park District Board of Park Commissioners which some were re-elected in 2004. As you know, lucky for us, Cheri Klumpp remains our Liaison Person. She does a great job keeping both of the boards informed on what is happening with each of us.



BITS & PIECES

Not a day passes over this earth, but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words and suffer noble sorrows.

CHARLES REED

AUGUST MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

August 7th ... Tina Dean and Linda
 August 14th ... Wedge and Patti
 August 21st ... Marilyn and Elaine
 August 28th ... _____



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation And dissemination of Knowledge about the Community of Wheeling"

Did You Know?

On August 4th of 1952, Kellogg's introduced Sugar Frosted Flakes- a new cereal containing 29 percent sugar.

In 1952 Scrabble was introduced and became one of the best selling board games within a year.

In August 7th of 1952 Mr. Potato Head was introduced allowing children to play with their food any fruit or vegetable was game for a funny face.

In 1952 American Bandstand was brought into American homes hosted by 22-yeara old Dick Clark.

In August 1953, Elvis Aaron Presley recorded a song for his mother at Sun Studios.

Plastic contact lenses were developed in August of 1954.

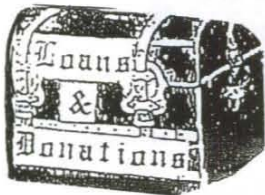


YOU NEVER KNOW!!

You may be interested to know in doing family research, I got in touch with the Crystal Lake Historical Society to ask about a family member, I received a reply from Diana Kennedy. She mailed back some information but this turned out not to be a family member .but someone by the same name. I contacted her to thank her and invited her to visit our museum. She stated "one of her earliest memories of Wheeling was going through the museum and an elderly gentleman (possibly Bob McIntyre), gave her a tour of the building. He impressed and inspired her and she has had a love for local history every since.

We must all remember that when we are at the museum and people come in, we must all have a smile on our faces, be enthusiastic and try to answer question and if we cannot, then get the telephone number and get back to them. We never know that the next person who walks in may also want to become a historian for life because of us!!

Bev Rossmann



We would like to thank the following friends for their donations to the museum.

Jeanette Markman for pictures of Ferdinand August Hartmann 1868-1933 and a picture of Carrie Perriolat Hartmann 1874-1962.

Historical Society for 3 Valentine cards for a future exhibit

Bill Kiddle: one pamphlet "Colbee Bentons Journal to the Far-Off West Circa: 1833, 1 pamphlet "Federal Land Map of 1838, 1 pamphlet "Stage Coach and Plank Road Life Wheeling 1850".

Jim Brewer: several newspaper articles on Strong Street re: rezoning, flooding and development of several six-flat buildings to be built on empty lots, several letters concerning these actions, political party election information, Diamond Jubilee necktie and buttons with certificate for Joanne Brewer diamond Jubilee Belle 1969, Wheeling newsletters from 1977-1979- 1983, 1987, Aug. 15th Village Board Meeting Minutes.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Body Paint- Crisco mixed with food coloring. Heat The Crisco in the Microwave, pour in to an empty film container and mix with the food color of your choice.

Tie dye T-shirt- Mix a solution of Kool Aid in a Container, tie a rubber band around a section of the T-shirt and soak.

Preserving a newspaper clipping- Use a large bottle of club soda and a cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 minutes and let dry. Will last for many years.

A slinky will hold toast and CD's!

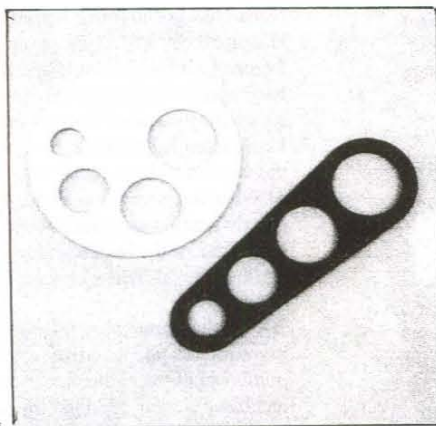
To keep goggles and glasses from fogging, coat with Colgate toothpaste .

For Wine stains, pour on the Morton salt and watch it absorb into the salt.

To remove wax, take a paper towel and iron it over The wax stain, it will absorb into the towel.

WHATZIT

These four-holed plastic kitchen Tools do the same thing. The white disc is five inches wide, with precisely graduated holes. What are they used for?



Puzzle by Scot Morris

Hint: Measures something before it is cooked.



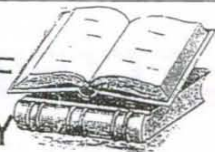
Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just ring the door bell and we will put you to work.

Help is always needed on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Linda at 520-0125.

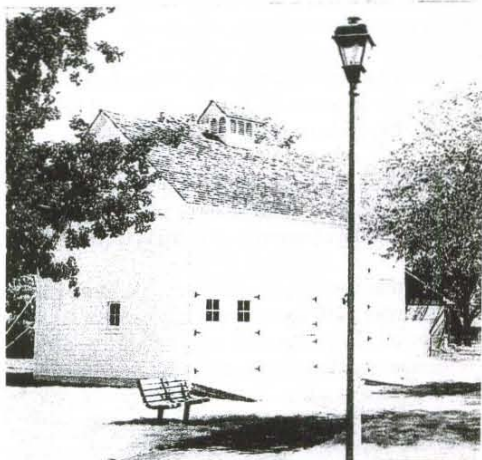
UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 17th...Board Meeting
 August 24th...Regular Meeting
 Sept. 11th ..Weather permitting
 Old Fashion Picnic

A BIT OF HISTORY



While working in the museum, I ran across a letter dated 1988 from Mr. John Sicks (who was living in Normal Illinois and former owner of the Carriage House). The letter was written to Mr. Bob McIntyre giving him some of his family's history and I noted that his father Mr. George Sicks was president of the Village of Wheeling in 1917 to 1919.



As I had previously been working on a gallery of pictures of the village's former and present presidents, I called my sister Jane who also lives in Normal and asked her to check and see if the Sicks still lived there. She called back and advised me that Mr. Sicks had passed away but his wife and family still resided there. She talked to Mrs. Sicks and related what I told her. Mrs. Sicks said she would check and see if there was any pictures of George Sicks when he was president, but feared most of the old pictures were thrown away by his wife.

She also told Jane that when we came to Normal, we should stop and see her. When we made a trip to Normal we did visit with her and her son. They had left Wheeling about 1957 and showed me pictures of the old church when it stood on Dundee Road. We had a very lovely visit and were told many interesting things but I would like to include most of Mr. Sicks letter which you will find of great interest..

Patti

"Letter from Mr. Sicks to Mr. McIntyre"

I quote him: " My grandmother's maiden name was Volz. She arrived in America in 1854 along with her parents, her grandfather, several aunts, uncles and cousins from Germany. They had been on the losing political side in the 1848 revolutionary period that involved several of the Germanic principalities. They left homes and businesses in what they called Rhine Prussia to come to the U.S.. My great-grandfather bought a farm near Deerfield. Some went to Arlington Heights to start a furniture business. Still other settled in what is now Northbrook.

My grandfather, Nickolaus Sicks, who had known the Volz family in Germany, came to America with them. In a few years, he and Katarina Volz were married. Soon thereafter Nickolaus returned to Germany for a visit. The ship on which he was returning to the States after his visit, burned at sea. Nickolaus and other passengers spent two weeks in an open lifeboat before they were rescued. As a result, he contracted tuberculosis and in a few years the children, George, Carrie and John, lost their father. This was 1868.

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PLEASE
GET
WELL!

To all our friends and members who have been under the weather or in the hospital; we want you to know, we are always thinking of you.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Anyone who knows how to copy one VHS tape to another.. HELP IS REALLY NEEDED. If you know, please call Linda 520-0125