



251 North Wolf Road • Wheeling, Illinois 60090

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2011

The Story Behind the Wheeling High School Mural

In the year 1987, Mr. Edward Fischer, an art teacher and administrator in School District 214, was commissioned to paint a mural which would contain a collage of Wheeling High School activities. It would become memorabilia for the school in the years to come. The mural was part of Wheeling High School's celebration for having received national recognition as one of the first schools to achieve the "Excellence in Education Award" from the United States Department of Education.

The Excellence in Education Award was the highest honor public schools could receive. WHS and Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High were judged by a panel of 71 reviewers, and were required to meet or exceed the U.S. Department of Education's criteria. More than 10,000 schools nationwide applied for the award. Only 217 schools received



the award. An open house celebration was held at the Chevy Chase Ballroom to honor Wheeling High and Holmes Junior High on February 7, 1988.

Former principal Dr. Tom Shirley was very proud of the fact that the mural depicted a variety of young people representing the ethnic mix that was, and is, present at Wheeling High School. At that time approximately 40 different nationalities were represented at the school.

General Meeting

**Wednesday
October 26, 2011
at
7:00 p.m.**



To create this mural, artist Edward Fischer, now deceased, took many back issues of Wheeling High School yearbooks, and pulled subject material to use as a collage.

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Located in the
Wheeling Park District's
Chamber Park
251 Wolf Road
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Museum Hours

April through October
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

2010–2011

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Message from the President



Dear Members and Friends,

The weather is great and the colors are beautiful. We all need to take advantage of this nice weather before the bad winter that is predicted is upon us.

We want to thank Steven Frenzel for the great presentation he gave us on Baseball and the Movies—it was very entertaining and interesting. I was glad so many members and guests were able to attend.

We are working on **Lollipop Lane** for December and we added a new element: we will have the Wheeling High School Madrigal Singers perform on December 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gazebo at Chamber Park.

I don't have a program for October—just discussion and more work on Lollipop Lane. Hope to see you in attendance.

The board meeting is Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. The general meeting is Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Church at Chamber Park.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener, President

**Things to do and
Places to go**

The Raupp Museum's Civil War exhibit, "No Easy Choices", continues through November 23, 2011. The Museum is at 901 Dunham Lane in Buffalo Grove. Free admission. Mon-Thurs, 11-4:30; Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: closed.

Arlington Heights Museum and Historical Society: Salute to the Veterans on Saturday, November 12, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., presented by the Tri-State Living History Association. Free community event on the historical museum grounds, 110 W. Fremont St., corner of Euclid and Vail. Come view an authentic working WWII veterans field kitchen and Living History display of uniforms and field gear of the 4th Infantry Division. Veterans Breakfast at 10 a.m. WWII veterans and other veterans are welcome. Please call 847-255-1225. No registration required, but space is limited.



**We invite visitors to the museum
on a Sunday afternoon.**

N.E.I.L. / North Eastern Illinois Historical Council's last meeting of the year will be held on November 12, and hosted by the Schaumburg Township Historical Society.

Wheeling High School's Mural

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Interestingly, Wheeling High School was so named because at that time, the former president of the village, Russell McIntyre, demanded the building be named Wheeling High School. The only problem was that the land did not reside within the village boundaries. President McIntyre put into force a previously established law called, "point of contingency." By using a point in the middle of Route 83, this law hooked the forty acres the high school was to be built upon into the village of Wheeling's boundaries.



High school staff poses in front of the mural, taken from the 1991 Wheeling HS yearbook

RESOLUTION NO. 88-6

RESOLUTION HONORING WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL AND OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EARNING THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Excellence In Education Award from the United States Department of Education is the highest honor public schools can receive; and,

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 schools nationwide applied for the Excellence in Education Award; and,

WHEREAS, Wheeling High School and Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School were judged by a panel of 71 reviewers and were required to meet or exceed the United States Department of Education's criteria for selection; and,

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1987, Wheeling High School and Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School were recognized by the United States Department of Education by each receiving the Excellence In Education Award; and,

WHEREAS, Wheeling High School and Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School were two of only two hundred seventeen public schools nationwide to receive the Excellence in Education Award; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wheeling is understandably proud that not one but that both schools have achieved this significant recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING, COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, that Wheeling High School and Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School be recognized and honored for earning the Excellence in Education Award.

Trustee HARTMAN moved, seconded by Trustee ROGERS that Resolution No. 88-6 be adopted.

A special thanks was given to Nancy Nelson of Wheeling High School. Through her efforts this mural was donated and received by the Wheeling Historical Society in the spring of 1998 for preservation and for all to see and enjoy. ☆

WHEELING DEPARTMENT

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Miss Ardath Miller spent the week-end with relatives in Arlington Heights.

The John Meyer family of Elmhurst visited the Meyer and Welflin families here on Sunday.

Mrs. Christ Birk called on her brothers here on Saturday.

Those who tuned in on the "Children's Hour" from WHT on Saturday had the pleasure of listening to some of "our own" talent. The Misses Alice Winkhofer and Katrinka Schering sang during that program. Miss Fritz Wick accompanied them at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gemmill entertained their bridge club on Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. Kruse was away to St. Paul over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wittbold and infant daughter, visited with relatives here on Sunday.

The Ferdinand Becker family are moving into Mrs. Martha Lemkes cottage on Center street.

Miss Marie Reeb spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Warnecke, Miss C. Mors and Mr. P. Moriarity, returned from Hot Springs last week.

Miss Minnie Hoffmann has taken a new position, being with Mr. Meinken in the Columbia Garden Tea room.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye and daughter, and Miss Krebs of Chicago, visited the Wesolek family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schneider and son, of Arlington Heights, called on relatives here on Sunday.

Robert Kruse spent the week-end with the Ward family, due to the absence of both his parents.

Little Ellen Edna Andersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Andersen, received her name in an official manner on Sunday. The Rev. E. I. Shaw officiated in the baptismal ceremony.

Mr. Henry Malmgren of Chicago, spent the week-end with the Henry Mohr family.

About 80 couples enjoyed the old-time dance held at the Union Hotel

Saturday evening. Being an invitation dance the crowd was most congenial and all had a merry time.

We are sorry to learn of little Marilyn Miller's recent illness, which necessitated her removal to the hospital. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Chicago, where she is to undergo an operation.

Mr. O. W. Walker has been away on another real-estate tour to Florida the past week.

About twenty young people enjoyed a party at the manse on Saturday evening. Mr. James Walker, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Shaw were the hosts, and did justice to the title as those who were present will testify.

Your attention is called to the annual Washington birthday supper. Detailed announcement will be

found in the church notes.

The Mesdames E. J. Welflin, Albert Utpadel, Herbert Barrett and Otto Andersen were members of a theatre party on Monday. They visited the shops down town in the morning, and had dinner at the Terrace Garden, after which they attended matinee at the Princess Theatre, where they saw "Two Girls Wanted."

In spite of weather conditions that were gloomy overhead and adhesive under foot, the card and bunco party given by the public school on Tuesday evening was well patronized. Such social functions well deserve the patronage of all who dwell in the community, for their benefits are double. First we have value received in the pleasures of social intercourse with our fellow citizens, and secondly, as the proceeds benefit a public enterprise, we again share in the profits.

A public hearing, in the interest of the proposed widening of Milwaukee road, through the village, will be held in the village hall Monday evening, Feb. 20.



Frosted Sugar Cookies



Here's a recipe for sugar cookies. Bake them, then freeze the cookies until a few days before Lollipop Lane. Next, invite a couple friends over and have a "frosting" party!

1 Cup butter, softened
3/4 Cup sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp milk
1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
3 Cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt

1. In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg, milk, and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.
2. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut with floured cookie cutters of your choice.
3. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375° for 5–8 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.



If work is so terrific, how come they have to pay you to do it?

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

If you try and fail, and succeed, which have you done?



In 1948, Wheeling's police chief was Harold Mackh. He's standing in front of the police department's squad car, which is a 1948 Chevrolet. Marvin 'Syke' Horcher was hired that year as an assistant marshal to work the graveyard shift. According to Syke, this squad car was used numerous times as an ambulance.

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BENEFIT FASHION SHOW

Wednesday

November 16, 2011

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

at

Wheeling Park District
333 W. Dundee Road

Admission \$10
includes a light dinner
Save the date
Get your holiday gifts
Bring a friend
Shop, shop, shop

For ticket sales or info online,
contact Mary Papantos at
wpsfoundation@gmail.com
or

send your check by mail to
Wheeling Pavilion Senior
Foundation
199 First Street
Wheeling, IL 60090
with your name, address,
and phone number.

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One day while shopping, my chatter bug daughter who was three at the time introduced herself to the lady behind us at the checkout. She proceeded to tell the lady her sister's name and then said to the lady, "This is my mom. Her name is Mom." ☺