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The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum (Illinois) celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, and Indian Trails Public Library.

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## In Good Graces Again

# Cranberries Return To Thanksgiving Menu

From the Daily Herald, November 23, 1960, this article reassures the housewives of the north-

With cranberries again riding the crest of the best-seller list, it can be presumed housewives have recovered from the "big scare" of 1959.

Cranberry growers and salesmen took a beating last year when the federal government declared certain crops unfit because of dangerous insecticides used in spraying.

Northwest suburban food store managers now feel the public has forgotten the cranberry crisis. As proof, they point to near-record sales during the days before Thanksgiving, 1960.

ONE STORE manager hailed the cranberry scare as "a shot in the arm for replacement items." He identified replacements as jellied sauces, jams and other berry products.

Another manager noted the cranberry boom, there seems sale of fresh cranberries is to be an upsurge in interest down somewhat from past in turkeys. The chief reason berries are selling faster than meat counter experts indicate ever. "In my store the canned is price product is outselling the fresh 8-1," he said.

Doubts about the edibility of cranberries, have boosted the sale of ingredients for fruit cakes—citron, glazed pineapple, mincemeat and sweet potatoes, an Arlington Heights store manager said.

west suburbs that the cranberry scare of 1959 is over!



In addition to this season's area meat market operator reflected. "Better production methods and greater volume have brought prices down. No longer is the turkey a luxury to be enjoyed once a year."

## Yesteryears...



**100 years ago**—Nov. 22, 1918 — "From Wisconsin comes the news that George Benz, U.S.M.C. was killed in action Oct. 4. This is Wheeling's first and only gold star." (Editor's note: George is buried in the Wheeling Cemetery.)

**75 years ago** — Nov. 26, 1943 — "Wheeling Surgical Dressing unit will meet on Friday this week instead of Thursday. While attendance of workers was better, more help is needed. Give part of your time, as a way of saying "Thank You" to the boys who are giving all of theirs."

**50 years ago** — Nov. 25, 1968 — "...the Girl Scout leaders of Northwest Cook County Council rose to their feet in their traditional green uniforms to honor a 50-year veteran of scouting, Mrs. Xenia Denoyer, Wheeling

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## A Message From The President — Elaine Simpson

We are now in the winter season. At this time of the year, we do not see our neighbors or friends very often and I thought this would be a great time to suggest “An Act of Kindness.” There are many ways to do this and, in the end, it will not only put a smile on your face, but also on the recipient’s. Here are a few suggestions:

- ◆ While in line at a fast food drive-up, pay for a drink for the person behind you.
- ◆ When shoveling the snow on your sidewalk, go a little further to do a neighbor’s walk.
- ◆ Stop by a neighbor who is homebound and bring them a treat or just visit with them for a half hour. It will make their day.
- ◆ While walking your dog, take an extra bag and pick up litter as you walk.
- ◆ If you don’t have a birdfeeder, consider getting one. In the colder weather it is harder for the birds to find food. By feeding the birds, they will also eat the worm eggs in your vegetable gardens.

The lighting of the holiday lights will take place on Sunday, November 18th at 4:30pm. This is a wonderful festive event that the village can take part in.

Don’t forget to visit “**Lollipop Lane**” this year. The dates are Saturday, December 1 through Sunday, December 9. The times are Saturday and Sunday from 2-5pm, Monday –Friday, 6-8pm. The location is Chamber Park on Wolf Road in the church. Stasek Chevrolet will again take a picture of the children or family with Santa. The Wheeling Historical Society looks forward to putting this event together every year. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please call me at 847-541-8692.

## The Curator’s Corner — Patti Steilen



The Stasek Tree

Lollipop Lane 2016

Our Halloween Party, “Not-So-Spooky Halloween” was fun. The weather may have deterred attendance, but the children, some of whom came in costume, had a fun time decorating and playing games.

And just as quickly as the Christmas decorations have replaced the Halloween displays in the stores, we are gearing up for **Lollipop Lane**. Flyers will start showing up in area stores and other locations. Do you know of a facility where we can distribute these flyers? Contact me and we will print some for distribution. We can still use extra volunteers for tagging our annual ornaments and getting the trees setup in the church on Tuesday, November 27 at 9am. Check out the upcoming events on Page 3 of this newsletter — keep the dates handy and join in the fun. We can never have too much help. Many hands make light “work.”

We have finished organizing the many maps that have accumulated in the basement. They are now stored in archival boxes and labeled for identification. Marilyn and Darlene put in many hours getting them flattened.

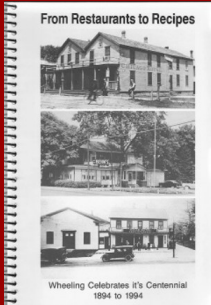
And hopefully we will get the Museum reorganized with new displays over the winter months while it is closed. Terry and Darlene are working with getting many of the print items (clipping files, scrapbooks, etc.) scanned/digitized for preservation and storing. This is a very ambitious project, making more of these items findable and useful for research.

And in the spirit of Thanksgiving, thank you to all who have contributed hours of volunteering toward keeping our collection vibrant and preserved.

**We are looking to donate the organ in the museum. If anyone has any interest in it, please contact Patti at 847-537-7287. We are planning on reconfiguring the museum and need to open more space for different displays.**

## From Restaurants to Recipes

*Cook's  
Kitchen*



### CRANBERRY BREAD *(Makes 2 loaves)*

*Becky Keefe*

2 c. flour  
1/2 t. salt  
1 1/2 t. baking powder  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 t. baking soda  
1 c. plus 2 T. sugar

2 T. melted shortening  
1/2 c. orange juice  
2 T. hot water  
1/2 c. chopped nuts  
1 c. raw cranberries, halved

Sift dry ingredients, add egg, shortening, juice and hot water and mix until dry ingredients are moist. Fold in nuts and berries. Bake in greased bread pans at 350° for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool.

COMING EVENTS	
Nov. 15 9 am	Lollipop Lane / Ornament Preparation
Nov. 27 9 am	Lollipop Lane / Tree Setup
Dec. 1-9	Lollipop Lane (no membership meeting)
Jan. 17	Board Meeting (no membership meeting)
Feb. 21	Board Meeting
Feb. 27	White Elephant Auction and Dinner
Mar. 21	Board Meeting

### Holiday Humor



### From Paddock Publication's Arlington Heights Herald, Nov. 22, 1929

Hartmann House moved from the old frame Chicago House to a cement block building at 365 S. Milwaukee Ave in 1917, where it ran under the management of Harold Hartmann until 1955. Do you know what eating establishment is at that location now?

**Thanksgiving**  
**DANCE**

At The  
**Hartmann House**  
Wheeling, Illinois

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

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Given By  
**Libertyville Post No. 329  
American Legion**

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Music By  
**Black Cat Orchestra**

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Admission \$1.00 Per Couple



*Santa Arrives at  
Wheeling's Lollipop Lane  
on Saturday, Dec. 1 !*



*Come to The Wheeling Historical Society's  
annual free event,  
Lollipop Lane  
Saturday, Dec. 1 – Sunday Dec. 9.  
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting all week.  
Come and have a chat with them and have  
your picture taken. The Society will continue  
its tradition of selling a commemorative  
ornament and holiday baked cookies.  
Free raffles for bikes, games and family gift  
basket!*

**Free photo with Santa!**

**Mark your calendar!**

**Sat. Dec. 1 – Sun. Dec. 9**

**Monday-Friday 6 - 8pm**

**Saturdays and Sundays 2 - 5pm**



2018 ornament

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