



Wheeling Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

Well here we are looking forward the coming of the May banquet. The weather lately makes it feel more like the end of April with all the rain we've been having. Another Mothers Day has come and gone but we still wish all you moms out there had a wonderful day.

Our condolences go out to the family of Marge Hartmann upon her passing April 26, 2006.

At our last meeting of April 26, Mr. Don Hintz gave a program regarding historical information on Wheeling, Northbrook and Deerfield in their earlier days. Everyone enjoyed his talk.

Just for your information, the Garden Club is holding their annual flower sale on Saturday, May 20th.

We are hoping to see you all at our coming Banquet. Don't forget Wednesday, May 24 Chevy Chase, Devonshire Room. 6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. There will be entertainment following the dinner and the installation of officers for the coming 2006-2007 fiscal year. Call Dolly Hein 847-342-9752 before May 20th for reservations. Looking forward to seeing you.

Elaine Simpson, President



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

A BIT OF HISTORY



The following article taken from the Tribune Editorial page was sent to us from Rudy Horcher. We thought we would share this info with you.\

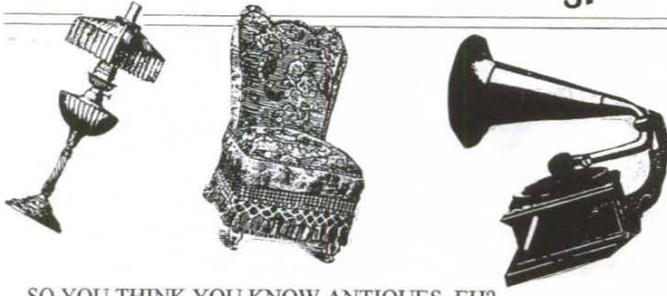
AT THE CROSSROADS

In the October 19 "Sidewalks" section, Rick Kogan talks about the Palwaukee Municipal Airport, but fails to mention that its name is derived from the two roads that intersect where the airport stands—Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Palwaukee was also the place where a famous pioneer of early aviation worked from 1929 to 1931. His name was Stephen Darius. Darius was born in Lithuania but immigrated with his family to the United States in 1907. After serving in France with the U.S. Army during WWI, he joined the Lithuanian Air Force, but returned to the U.S. in 1927.

In 1933, he and co-pilot Stanley Girenas, another Lithuanian immigrant, attempted to fly non-stop from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania, in a single-engine Belianca monoplane. Unfortunately, they crashed in a forest a few hundred miles short of their destination (both pilots were killed). This year marks the 70th anniversary of their transatlantic flight.

During his employment at Palwaukee, Darius was the airport's main flight instructor and pilot. One of his assignments was to deliver the Chicago Daily News to Eagle River, Wisc., and the Mackinac Straits in Michigan, for which he received \$5 for each flight hour.



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW ANTIQUES, EH?

1. Onion lanterns are:
 - a. lanterns which have onion-shaped spherical glass globes.
 - b. early skaters' lanterns (sometimes called "who" lanterns) patented by William Horton Onion and marked W.H.O. on their burners.
 - c. special lanterns made to burn a cheap oil made from onions.
2. An 8-inch man was:
 - a. a huge cookie cutter that made an 8 inch gingerbread man.
 - b. an Early American pewterer who specialized in making 8 inch size pewter plates.
 - c. a furniture craftsman who specialized in making salesman samples measuring 8 inches high.
3. An eye painting is:
 - a. a small painting of a persons eye.
 - b. a painting done with a brush made from one's eye lashes.
 - c. a type of watercolor painted with tears from one's eye (instead of water) as a memento for a loved one.
4. A sewing bird is:
 - a. a type of clamp made to hold material for sewing machine.
 - b. a small sewing machine.
 - c. an iron thimble used by cobblers.
5. A back portrait is:
 - a. a silhouette with a background of gold leaf or foil.
 - b. a daguerreotype of a superstitious person who would only allow his back to be photographed so the camera wouldn't "steal" something from his face.
 - c. a painting of fashionable ladies bustles made for advertising purposes.



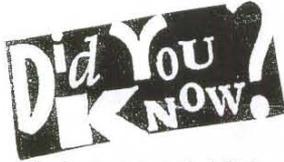
Toffee Almond Sandies

(pictured above)

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon almond extract
 - 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup whole wheat flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups chopped almonds
 - 1 package (6 ounces) English toffee bits
- Additional sugar

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Add oil, eggs and extract; mix well. Combine flours, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in almonds and toffee bits. Shape into 1-in. balls; roll in sugar. Place on ungreased baking sheets; flatten with a fork. Bake at 350° for 12-14 minutes or until lightly browned. **Yield:** about 12 dozen.

ANSWERS (Antiques) (c) (b) (a) (c) (a) (c) (b) (c) (c) (c)



The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war and other emergencies.

The Pentagon, in Arlington Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for black and whites.

The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

NAME THAT YEAR

The brick school completed on Willie Ave and named Walt Whitman was built in 1821, 1825, 1830?

Stores were opened by John Rothschild, John M. Schaeffer and William Vogt in 1838, 1840, 1842?

E.K. Beach opened his blacksmith shop in 1838, 1841, 1843?

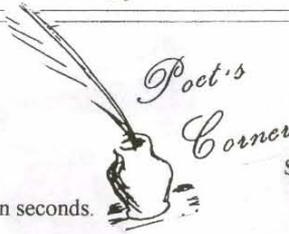
The telegraph was invented in 1833, 1844, 1846?

The first one-room Wheeling School was built and Albert Fassbender opened the first hardware store in 1844, 1845, 1846?

Famine in Germany encouraged immigration in 1846, 1849, 1850?

ANSWERS; 1825, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846

A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil and harmonious home.



Rain in the Night

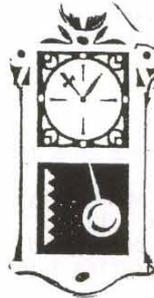
Raining, raining all night long,
Sometimes loudly, sometimes soft,
Just like a song.

There'll be rivers in the gutters
And lakes along the street,
It will make our lazy kitty
Wash his little dirty feet.

The roses will wear diamonds,
Like kings and queens at court,
But the pansies all get muddy,
Because they are so short.

I'll sail my boat tomorrow
In wonderful new places,
But first I'll take my watering pot
And wash the pansies' faces.

—Amelia Josephine Burr



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues
For 2006-2007 are due in
May.

You can pay at the Installation
Dinner or mail your dues in with
the enclosed renewal application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

PHONE _____ ZIP _____

CHECK ONE:

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to:
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At Palwaukee, Darius wore a cap with the airport's insignia, a sort of eight-pointed star made up of four airplanes and two words; Palatine up and down, and Milwaukee across. This is the cap and insignia he wore during his flight to Lithuania. The cap rests at the Darius-Girenas exhibit in the War Museum in Kaunas.

VAL RAMONIS/ Lemont



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

SUMMER THOUGHTS

PLANT FOR COLOR LATER

The following trees have beautiful fall hues : serviceberry, dogwood, hawthorn and red maple for red shades and ginkgo, river birch, redbud and tulip tree for more yellow hues.

TREES SAVE MONEY

Some trees around a home can cut air conditioning Cost in half during the summer, while conifers provide windbreaks that can reduce heating bills as much as 30 percent in winter months

CAUTION

Some trees like the black walnut, produce an anti competitive substance. The roots and leaves produce juglone, which prevents certain plants from growing nearby namely tomatoes and grapes. Plant these and other plants far away from black walnut trees.

REMINDER

Save water and money by fixing dripping faucets.

YOU KNOW YOUR GETTING OLDER WHEN:

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocal.
Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
You get winded playing cards.
Your children begin to look middle aged.
You join a health club and don't go.

REMEMBER WHEN???

Remember lying on your back on the grass with your friends and saying things like "That cloud look like a..."

Remember jumping waves at the ocean for hours in that cold water; and playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game because baseball was not a psychological group learning experience, it was a game.?

Remember when stuff from the store came without Safety caps and hermetic seals, because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger and with all our progress, don't you wish, just once, you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace and share it with the children of today.



EVER WONDER Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

