



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY **APRIL 2007**



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

Here we are, soon entering into the month of April. Spring is springing and the birds are singing and we are all waiting patiently to get out into our gardens and yards and make ready for summer.

For those of you who were not in attendance at the last meeting on March 27th, a recap was given regarding our February auction /dinner. We had great items to raffle off, good food and lots of friends and we feel a good time was had by all.

Also at the meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting of April 28th and the vote will take place. If you can make it, we would really like you to voice your vote.

We are also planning for our May Installation dinner which will be held at Chevy Chase. The time and date is forthcoming and approval was given of the members present, to hire a Barber Shop Quartet as entertainment for the enjoyment of all who come.

There will be other elections held in April. No matter who you vote for, please VOTE!

We are hoping to see you at our next meeting.

Elaine Simpson, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

We are looking for information on the Superior Equipment Division in Wheeling during the 1950's or 60's. Gene Kirkpatrick has bought an old farm tractor loader made by this company. Anybody out there know anything...please let me know.

Tiger scouts Troop #39 had a field trip on Feb 11th. Their Leader was Doug Wagner. The troop included 5 boys and 4 adults

Received a call from Tony Pate who wants to donate a wire rug beater, ice tongs and a rocking horse. He said he was moving and would get back to me.

Wedge is working on a wooded sled (WARDS) Donated by Jean Connelly, Marilyn's sister. She also donated some wooden levels and other items.

A new art and craft exhibit of local residents is now on display.

Pending exhibit is a Civil War display. Anyone who has some ideas or artifacts, please let me know.

Linda Reading, Curator

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 18 ... Board Meeting
APRIL 25... Regular Mtg
Program by Charles Vallas

FOR INFORMATION: CALL
Linda Reading, Curator at 1-847-520-0125
Pat Hancock 1-847-537-4450



FIRST STORE was a general store built in 1837 by Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels.

FIRST BLACKSMITH SHOP

Was opened by Orestin Shepard in 1838.



FIRST SCHOOL was built in 1845

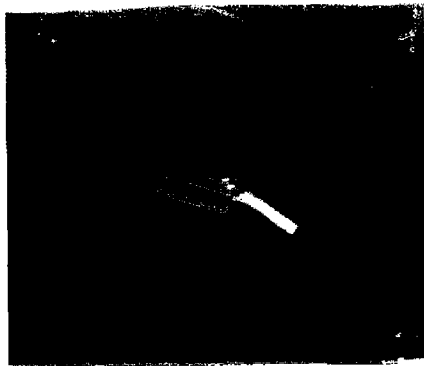
FIRST CHURCH was erected in 1865- "The German Evangelical United Reformed and Lutheran Church." The Reverend F. C. Schwartz was called as first Pastor.

FIRST ELECTRICAL SERVICE Came to Wheeling in 1913.

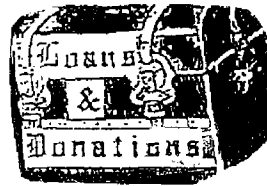


WHATZIT

This device has an aluminum trough about a foot long, attached to a grip handle. The company Orvis once sold this item to gun owners. What did they use it for?



ANSWER: Ritz cracker thrower. It can hurl a cracker over 70 yards and is for skeet shooters who don't want to use expensive (and messy) clay pigeons.



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

Elaine Simpson. a TGIF Fridays key chain, and A Chevy Chase Napkin.

Marilyn Chromy. a tuning fork, wedge, spiral ratchet screwdriver, 18 inc plane, and a 4 foot plane

Linda Reading .CD "Wheeling Masonic Lodge History.

Lorraine Haben . .doll dress and hanger w/slip, hair clipper, and a girl scout sash.

Mary Readinga..2 baby dresses, christening dress, dickey, communion dress, confirmation dress all off whitae-1920's30's

Beverly Rossmann...2 Oreo Tin Sandwich cans.



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

A SPECIAL GET WELL to Bill S mpse who is recovering from surgery and also to Clare Rudolph. We sure miss you.

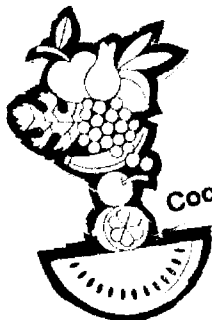


Jessie Wilmore Morton

*Life is a field, to be plowed
And harrowed and planted with seed;
If, from the loam of the years,
We garner the grain of the deed.*

*Life is a vine, to be pruned
And tended, both runner and root;
If, from the moments and days,
We gather the full-ripened fruit.*

*There must be labor and love
If the husbandman harvests the yield
Of joy, from the fruit of the vine . . .
Of peace, from the sheaves of the field . . .*



Peach Shortcake

(pictured above)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup milk

FILLING:

- 1-1/2 pounds ripe fresh peaches or nectarines, peeled and thinly sliced
- 6 tablespoons brown sugar, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted



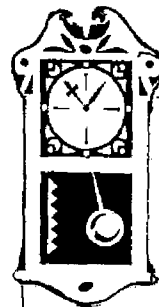
Combine the first five ingredients in a bowl; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk, stirring only until moistened. Turn out on a lightly floured surface; knead 10 times. Pat evenly into a greased 8-in. round baking pan. Bake at 425° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan to cool on a wire rack. Just before serving, combine peaches, 4 tablespoons brown sugar and ginger. Whip cream with remaining brown sugar until stiff. Split shortcake into two layers; place bottom layer on a serving platter. Spoon half of the peach mixture over cake; top with half of the cream. Cover with second cake layer and remaining peach mixture. Garnish with remaining cream; sprinkle with pecans. **Yield:** 8-10 servings.



CARE TIPS:

To help you preserve, and care for your antiques and collectibles.

1. Always wear white cotton gloves when handling old photos. The oils in your skin can damage them.
2. A great way to dust books is with a vacuum cleaner brush attachment.
3. Small nicks in decorative iron pieces can be hidden with black crayon.
4. To remove ink prices from matte-finished pottery, try using paste silver polish.
5. Never use old pewter ware to serve food. It contains lead. New pewter does not contain lead.



TIME MARCHES ON..

JUST A REMINDER THAT
DUES FOR 2007-2008 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 _____

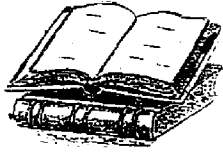
CHECK ONE:

____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to:
Wheeling Historical Society
P.O. Box 3
Wheeling, IL 60090

A Bit of History



MORE GROWTH IN WHEELING'S FUTURE

BY Anne Slavicek

August 14, 1969

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THE VILLAGE planners must attempt, then, to weave the various subdivisions and developments together. Luce notes that one of the problems the various boards face is that few subdivisions follow the same pattern of street design and the village becomes a conglomeration of a variety of ideal plans. While each of the plans might be ideal if used uniformly throughout the village, in scattered sections they can be a nightmare for travelers in the village

Ideally, Luce says, major village traffic will be carried eventually by the cross streets which can handle it. More streets will stretch across the village so traffic can be facilitated without children being jeopardized.

Another area of traffic flow which greatly affects children is the need for sidewalks throughout the village. The plan commission and the village board currently ask for sidewalks within all new developments. A massive program to add additional sidewalks throughout the village looms in the near future. If Wheeling is to be a unified village, there must be sidewalks for pedestrian traffic, the planners feel.

Another form of transportation, rapid transit to and from the village, remains far in the future. Wheeling now lacks any form of rapid public transportation either to Chicago, or to other suburbs.

THE POSSIBILITY of a subway to the village or commuter trains incorporated into the Golf-Rand expressway will remain a dream if the villages have to finance it. With federal aid, however, the village may one day have access to mass transit facilities which many of the larger Northwest Suburbs now enjoy.

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Chatter

THE KIDS OF THE 30s -60s....

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or Drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored led-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air Bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a arm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a Bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, bread and abutter and frank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

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"The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling."