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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY - 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends:

Time is traveling by quickly and summer is around the corner. At April's meeting we had appraiser Jim, from Galerie St. James. His background of appraising and teaching has spanned over forty years. It was a very informative session. 23 members and friends attended. Many diverse and antique items were brought in to be appraised. Some were valuable, and others were recommended to be given away, for free. The most interesting item was an IBM portable computer from the 1970's. It was appraised for thousands of dollars. We hope to have Jim back again next year. It was a very enjoyable evening, and we made some money.

Birthday wishes go to Marilyn Chromy and everyone else celebrating a May Birthday. We also wish Bill Simpson a speedy recovery.

The Installation of Officers Dinner will be held at St. Joseph The Worker Social Hall on May 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM and we will be giving awards to Terry Steilen and the Kolssak's. We will have raffle prizes, 50/50 and split-the-deck. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Bring a friend. Call Bill Simpson for reservation by May 19th at: 847-541-8692.

Save the date May 23 ! Hope to see there.

Historically Yours;
Joan Wiener

President Wheeling Historical Society



Does anyone recognize this Ad?

ANSWER: It was from the Countryside Reminder issue in May of 1979.

Happy Mothers Day !

The origin of Mothers Day began in Grease (oops, that's Greece – so much for computer spelling checker !), honoring Rhea, the Greek “*Mother of Gods*”

Mothers Day began in the United States when Julia Ward Howe wanted to honor women and to promote peace after seeing the devastation from the Civil War. It was celebrated on June 2nd.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis lobbied Congress to have Mothers Day celebrated as a National Holiday. She did not anticipate the extent that the holiday grew into. While she wanted to honor mothers, she did not expect that the cards and flowers would encroach the initial celebration.

Today, Mothers Day is the busiest day for card shops, flower shops, and restaurants.

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251 Wolf Road
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Wheeling Park District



Curator's Report

My visit to the Tarkington School on April 30th was a real success. I took about 25 items from the Museum. The children were very interested and since they had been studying about Wheeling from a book derived from *Wheeling Through The Years*, they had some background about early Wheeling.

Our work is never ending in the basement. We have been looking at old pictures we have found in files and reminisced about old businesses and families who helped make Wheeling the great Village it is. It's easy to get totally caught up in these files and the time just flies.

We're very happy to put up new displays and hope you tell your families and friends to drop by on Sundays from 2 to 4pm. Just a reminder that we are closed on holidays. We can use some volunteers to sit while the museum is open. Jim Bradley of the Wheeling Food Pantry sent his thanks for our \$50.00 donation.

Visit our website at www.WheelingHistoricalSociety.com

Web Page Statistics: <http://WheelingHistoricalSociety.com>

Last year was a great year for the WEB page. We had over 10,000 visits to the site. This year appears to be better yet. April was fantastic. We averaged over 1000 page visits during the month. Here are some recent entries from our guest book.. Any information that you have, can be relayed back to the visitor. Email addresses are available for the individuals below. Please contact Terry Steilen (at: Curator@wheelinghistoricalsociety.com) if you need an address.

Name: Susan McManus City: Mchenry	Entry: 29 Time: Fri Feb 17, 2012 12:41pm
Message: My mother, Dolores Weidner, was born in Wheeling in 1928 in a house at Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street. Her father, Carl Weidner, at one time owned the Chicago House.	
Name: Jane Pianetto City: Barrington	Entry: 28 Time: Thu Feb 2, 2012 08:20pm
Message: I am a direct descendant of George Strong. He was my great, great, great grandfather	
Name: Donna Schultz Vrba City: Vernon Hills	Entry: 27 Time: Mon Jan 23, 2012 02:08pm
Message: My Grandparents lived at 116 N Milwaukee Ave until the early 1990's. My grandfather had the first garbage truck in Wheeling. My brother & I would visit & the treat was walking to McDonald's, Jewel, along the river in the forest preserve.	
Name: Martin Mielke City: Granger, IN	Entry: 26 Time: Thu Dec 29, 2011 11:52am
Message: Lived in Wheeling - 41 S. Wheeling Ave - from 1952-1963. My father and grandfather built the house plus the one next door at 3x S. Wheeling Ave. Graduated from Wheeling Grade School in 1955 and Arlington High School in 1959. Starting to write personal bio.	
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Name: Julia City: Wheeling	Entry: 24 Time: Sat Sep 24, 2011 11:42am
Message: This is a wonderful site with so much information on our town! I never knew the historical significance of Wheeling to the Chicago area, but now after reading more and more about how Wheeling came to be, I am very proud to be living here. Also, I hope those who signed the guest book previously come back and read others' signitures, because it looks like some family friends and relatives have found each other on here :)	
Name: James P. Brenna (Jim) City:	Entry: 23 Time: Sun Aug 7, 2011 03:51am
Message: Love Wheeling !	
Name: Pete Deol City: wheeling	Entry: 22 Time: Thu Jul 21, 2011 09:46am
Message: Great website! I love learning about the town I grew up in!	
Name: Phyllis Hamilton City: New Castle, VA (Chicago native)	Entry: 21 Time: Sun Jul 10, 2011 06:33am
Message: Great site! Do you have any articles, photos etc. of Willie Necker's dog training center? It was quite a landmark when I was growing up in Chicago, as I have been involved with dog training for most of my life. I recall still seeing it on trips back to the area as recently as 12-13 years ago. Thank you for your feedback!	
Name: Elaine Tavizon City: Temecula, CA	Entry: 20 Time: Thu May 12, 2011 06:02pm
Message: My ancestors lived in Wheeling, Illinois in 1860 (Dugan family name) and I throughly enjoyed the video by Ms. Carolyn Kolssak. What an exceptional educational film.	



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN



Wood Dale Historical Society (630-595-8777) :



- Open House: June 10th. 1-4PM
- Luncheon With The Generals: June 24th 1-4PM



Palatine Historical Society (847-991-6460) :



- Cemetery Walk: May 20th 1-4PM
- Garden Walk : June 24th. Noon to 4pm



Northbrook Historical Society (847-498-3404)



- Shermer Fest : September 16 1 –3 PM (The Legacy Girls will perform)



Wheeling Historical Society

Newly Elected Officers

- Joan Wiener—President
- Barbara Forke—Director
- Susan Korte—Director

Please Help Us Save Some Money

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Due to the Postal increase in stamp prices, it now costs us more than 45¢ to mail each Newsletter to you. If you are interested in having it e-mailed to you, please contact Pat Steilen at: Curator@wheelinghistoricalsociety.com

Important Reminder

Yearly dues are due each May.

\$10.00 per person

\$15.00 per family

What is a pretzel's favorite Dance?

Answer: The Twist