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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST – 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends:

Hope all of you are surviving the heat and staying where it is cool. The last two months we had to cancel due the heat and other circumstances. But for the month of August we will have a board meeting and a general meeting. Board meeting was on Wednesday August 15th 7:00 p.m. and the general meeting, Wednesday August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Program for August 22 is Rick Pickren presenting Songs of the Singing Cowboys along with history of the original singers and the songs. Please come and bring your friends.

In September the board meeting will be held the same time as the general meeting on September 26th. Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and general meeting at 7:00 p.m. The program will be Bill Kiddle and the Year 1940. Please come and bring your stories that you might remember or parents and Grandparents might have told you.

Happy Birthday to Patti Hancock and Bill Hein and to anyone else who I might have missed. Please let me know when your birthday is so we can recognize you and send a card from the Society.

Have a great rest of the Summer and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Historical Yours;

Joan Wiener/President



HAPPY LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday September 5, 1882 in New York City with the plans of the Central Labor Union. Peter J. McGuire secretary of the brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners was credited with starting Labor Day. Now it is believed Matthew McGuire, a machinist, proposed the holiday.

Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. It was celebrated with parades and picnics but now is observed on a more personal level.

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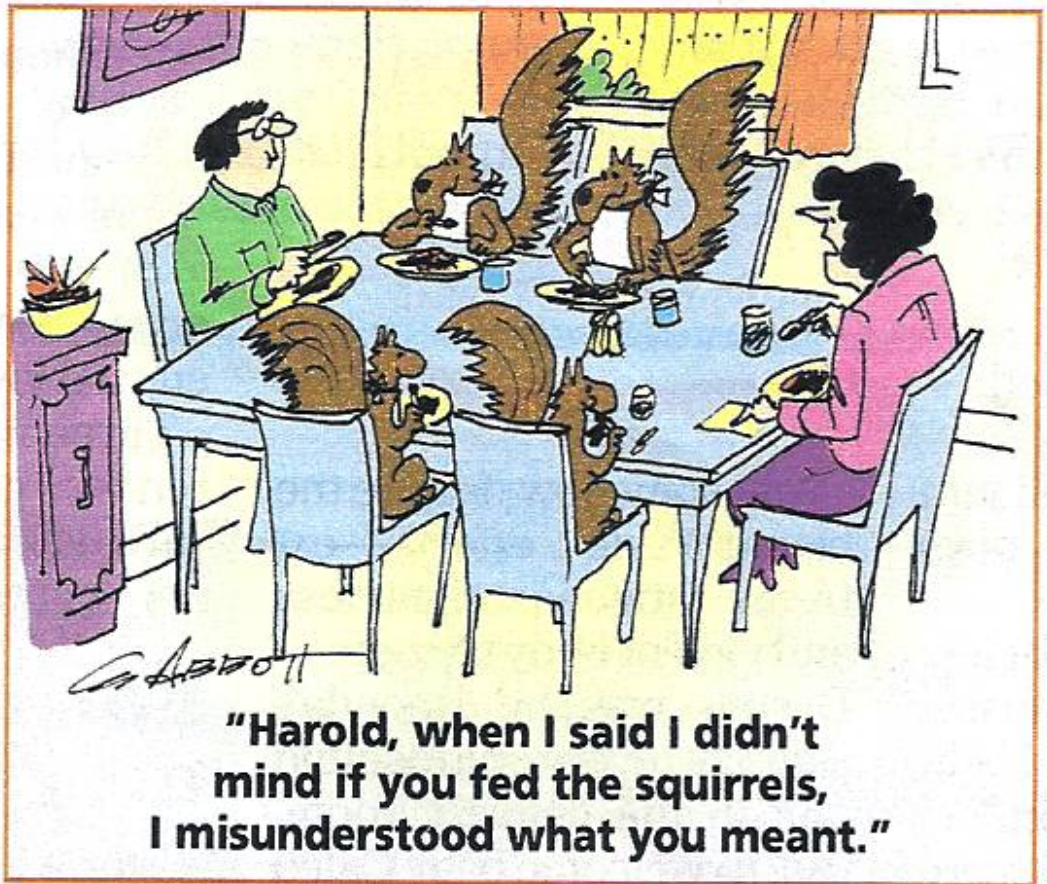
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Curator's Report

It has been a quiet but slightly busy summer at the museum. We've had about 15 visitors so far. Please remind your families and friends we are open between 2 and 4 every Sunday except holidays.

Sara and Heather MacKaisic have been volunteering at the museum on Thursday mornings helping us with files and copying. We also appreciate that they tidied up the Carriage House.

We discovered a box of newspapers from the early 1980 which Bev has been perusing to find any pieces of news from.

We've been getting in some donations from Greg Hartman which we really appreciate.

Michael Anthony will be at the Indian Trails Library on August 25th at 1PM to sign copies of his book and a CD with songs about bullying.

Visit our website at www.WheelingHistoricalSociety.com

Web Page Status For July: <http://WheelingHistoricalSociety.com> by Terry Steilen
It was another great month. We continue to increase our viewership. We will definitely break last years 10,000 page views. Last month we had 1181 pages looked at. So many, in fact, that we exceeded our transmission limit of 1 Gigabyte, and our web page was shut down for the last 2 days of the month.

GUEST BOOK Entries:

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: Donna Overdorff City: Windber Pennsylvania Entry:39 Time: Aug 5, 2012 03:44pm
Message: My husband and I stopped by the museum/old church recently in Wheeling. Unfortunately, the sign said, open only Sunday afternoons. I am trying to search my family genealogy, Fritch was my maiden name. Sometimes it is spelled Fritsch. My father's family were from Wheeling. Would welcome helpful information.

Name: janice wirth (carlson) City: sierra vista, az Entry:38 Time: Jul 29, 2012 05:32pm
Message: Message: Great site . Lived in wheeling from1961-1970 went to Walt Whitman , jack London and wheeling h.s. Loved the town . Can't believe it has a train to go into Chicago. Need to come back for a visit.

Name: Gary Bernstein City: Schaumburg Entry:37 Time: Jul 24, 2012 06:36am
Message; Great site. I moved to Wheeling in 1956 at the age of 1. My Dad moved from the city to Wheeling as part of the mass brigade of WWII vets using their GI loans to settle in suburbia. I went to school at Mark Twain Elementary School in the Dunhurst section until the 6th grade, them moved to Florida with family. I've since then moved back to Schaumburg and have passed through Wheeling countless times.

Name: Doneral Dalton 09/22/1982 City: Salt Lake City Entry:35 Time: Jul 11, 2012 08:12am
Message: I was born on the navy base here I believe. And am yet to return. I have such a unique name but on my search to understand it. I find one other with my first name and he also resides in and was born in Chicago. If you need a job look up my site. God Bless. The journey continues. Nice site.

Name: Richard Rudolph City: Bloomington Illinois Entry:34 Time:Jul 2, 2012 10:32am
Message: Lived at 289 S. Park Ave from 1948 to 2010 . Great Grand parents settled in Wheeling in 1870's name of Gotteschalk. Had a farm and butcher shop on NORTH Milwaukee Ave where Edgewood Dr is now. Grand parents lived in a house on NW corner of Milwaukee and Center St. I went to Wheeling grade school from 1948 to 1954 when I graduated .

Name: Jim Landberg City: Washington DC Entry:31-33 Time:May 15, 2012 03:29pm
Message: Nice website. My great grandfather, Gates A. Johnson, came to Wheeling in 1856 and married Frances Parker there. Her father, James Parker, had died the year before and is buried in the old cemetery in Wheeling. His widow and Frances' sister later joined the couple in St. Paul, MN. I have collected lots of info on the Parkers and some other early inhabitants of that period in Wheeling, that I'm willing to share.

Question: Are you getting any inquiries regarding settlers in the 1840s to 1870s?

Recent Web Page Additions:

- St. Joseph The Worker
- 1927 Wheeling Information Directory
- How Christmas Began
- Denoyer Farm
- Hoyne Savings Bank 125th. Anniversary
- Wheeling Township
- The History Of The Wheeling Library
- Snapshots of the Community, by Gerry Hunt



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN



Wheeling Historical Society Presents
Rick Pickren



Songs OfThe Singing Cowboys



AUGUST 22, 2012 7 PM AT THE OLD CHURCH IN CHAMBER PARK



Bill Kiddle will give a talk on the 1940's. Come and share some memories of that time.



SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 7PM AT THE OLD CHURCH IN CHAMBER PARK



A woman and her husband went out to breakfast with their grandchildren. After taking the kids' orders the waitress asked "What can I get for you Grandpa?" The youngest granddaughter surprisingly asked "How did she know your name Grandpa?"

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Beef Rice-A-Roni MEATBALLS

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- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 egg beaten
- 1T Butter
- 2 1/2 C water
- Fine egg noodles

Remove spice pkt. from box of Rice-A-Roni & put aside. Mix meat & egg with rice pkg. mix. Roll into 20 or more 1 1/4" balls. Melt butter in a pan. Saute' balls till brown for 5 minutes. Add the water and spice packet. Simmer covered for 20-25 minutes. Serve over cooked noodles.

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