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HAPPY SPRING

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24th Appraiser Jim Boherstengel

May 22nd Installation Dinner Chevy Chase

May 19th Palatine Cemetary Walk 847-991-6460

June 23rd Wilmette Church Walk 847-853-7666

June 23rd Northbrook Garden Walk 847-498-3404

September 6th Palatine History Crawl

September 15th Northbrook Shermerfest

November 17th Northbrook Annual Birthday Open House



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*Cook's
Kitchen*

Chicken Divan Stuffed Potatoes

4 baking potatoes, 8 oz. boneless chicken, skinless; 1 can Progresso recipe starters creamy roasted garlic cooking sauce; 2 cups frozen broccoli florets thawed; 1/2 cup shredded Italian cheese blend; 1/4 cup diced tomato. Bake potatoes. Coat nonstick skillet with cooking spray heat and cook chicken 5 minutes. Add sauce & broccoli; cook until sauce thickens and chicken is cooked through. Remove from heat. Split potatoes lengthwise & place on baking sheet Fluff each potato with fork; top with chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil until cheese is melted, 2-3 minutes. Top with tomato.

CONTRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

May is Historical Society Membership Renewal

\$10.00 Per Person

\$15.00 Per Family

\$100.00 Lifetime

Message From The President

PRRESIDENTS MESSAGE

April 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, the weather is slowly getting better but I think Summer will be here before we have anything very warm. I hope to see some flowers soon.

The program we had for March was very good. Jean-Marie Dwyer-Wright did a very good job portraying Victoria Woodhull. You could have heard a pin drop during her performance. Everyone seems to have enjoyed it.

]This month we have Jim Boherstengel from Galerie St. James who will be appraising any items you can bring in. He does a very good job and is very knowledgeable. A limit of 8 items per person at \$3.00 each. Bring your friends. Any questions call me at

847-650-0144.

We hope to begin our interviewing of Wheeling historians in April. If you have some history to share please call me and we will make arrangements to do an interview. The dates and times will be set next month.

The April board meeting is Wednesday April 17th at 4:15 at 200 Deborah Lane.

The General meeting is April 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church in Chamber Park.

Historically Yours;

Joan Wiener

The Curator's Corner



The new display of jewelry and hats is complete thanks to Patti Hancock. She outdid herself. So, come in and see it.

We are in need of couples to sit at the museum on the last three Sundays of May. Please contact me if you are available.

We are rearranging some of the cabinets and tables in the museum basement. Ken Brady has agreed to make a drop top table and put in a 12 foot counter to help make space when extra workers drop in. We truly appreciate his help.

We are hoping to open up the Carriage House

within the next month. Before we can do that there is some cleaning and minimal electrical work that has to be done. We have some old electrical fixtures that can be put up to help give more light and character to the rooms.

Patti Steilen .Curator



GARDEN CLUB

Flower Sale

Saturday May 18th.

Come and stock up for your seasonal needs.

BLONDE JOKE;

A blonde comes running to the doctor shouting and screaming in pain. "Please doctor you've got to help me. I've been stung by a bee.

Don't worry, says the doctor. I'll put some cream on it. You will never find that bee. It must be miles away by now. No you don't understand! Answers the doctor, I'll put some cream on the place you were stung. Oh! It happened in the garden in back of my house. No, no, no! says the doctor getting frustrated. I mean on which part of your body did that bee sting you. On my finger! Screamed the blonde in pain. The bee stung me on my finger and it really hurts. Which one? Asked the doctor. How am I supposed to know? All bees look the same to me.



The Redlinger Home on Milwaukee Avenue was one of the early homes in the Wheeling area. Dressed in the styles of the time, are from left, Carrie, Julia, Chris Redlinger and Mrs. Redlinger, Irving, Cora, Amelia and Lillie. (Photo courtesy of the Wheeling Historical Society.)

Enterprising men forged a prosperous Wheeling

The 1883 treaty with Half Da, Chief of the Potawatomi Indians, marked the beginning of the development of the land that was to become Wheeling.

The treaty "initiated a land rush," historian Marshall Balling said. Many from New York—primarily English, moved to Illinois via the Great Lakes "to stake out claims."

In 1834, Joseph Filkins built the first residence. In 1836, what is now Milwaukee Avenue was designated a Post Road, and became the main road between Chicago and Green Bay, Wisc. Green Bay at the

time was a major source of supplies.

Stage coaches left Chicago in the early morning hours to arrive in Wheeling about noon—the beginning of Wheeling's reputation as a great place for food.

In 1837, Filkins built the first commercial building, a tavern-hotel, at what is now Milwaukee and Dundee Roads. In the same year, Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels opened a general store.

By 1846, the village was built up and had a number of general stores, taverns and blacksmith shops, Balling said.

In the 1850s and the early 1860s, a large

number of German farmers located in the Wheeling area. The Germans were primarily dairy farmers who sold their milk to the Chicago market, he said.

In the 1890s and later, the village became known for good food, good drink and gambling, Balling said. The North Shore area was dry, so people would travel to Wheeling for a night on the town. In the 1930s, many baseball teams and theatrical troops traveled to Wheeling after the game or performance.

As the village developed, change occurred. By 1950, Wheeling was moving into a period of rapid expansion.

April 24, 2013

6:30 Wednesday



Galerie St. James will again be at Chamber Park 251 N Wolf Road (Comunity Church) to Appraise all your treasures what ever they may be.



8 Items per person You must be able to carry them in (Pictures, Jewelry, dishes, glassware) No Furniture or Rugs please. \$ 3.00 per item



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