



## Historical Society Newsletter

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### WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the  
Wheeling Park  
District's  
Chamber Park  
251 Wolf Road  
Wheeling Illinois

#### 2011-2013

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## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18 Garden Club Flower Sale 8-12pm  
Corner Dundee & Northgate Rds.

May 22 Installation Dinner Chevy Chase  
6:00 Coctails  
6:30 Dinner  
Rick Pickren entertainment

June 8 NEIL meeting 9-12pm at Church  
in Chamber Park

June 26 Picnic at Childerly Park weather  
permitting

July CLOSED

August 21 Board Meeting

August 28 Discussion of upcoming events

*Cook's  
Kitchen*



### WV Cherry-Vanilla Bundt Cake

Sweet cherries and a rich white chocolate icing add tons of gourmet flavor to our mix-easy cake!

Cooking spray with flour

1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) yellow cake mix

1 env. whipped topping mix from 2.6-oz. pkg.

4 eggs

1/3 cup oil

3 tsp. French vanilla extract

1 cup drained stemmed maraschino cherries, chopped, patted dry

1 cup white chocolate chips

2 Tbs. milk

1/2 cup sour cream

2 Tbs. butter, at room temperature

Maraschino cherries with stems, optional

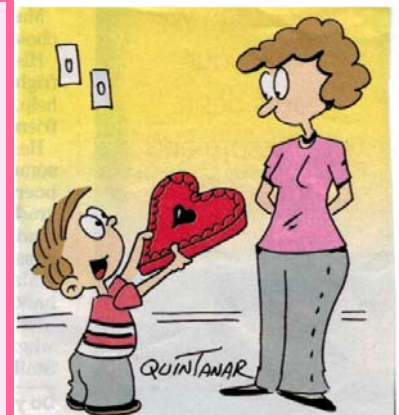
● Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 12-cup Bundt pan with cooking spray. In large bowl, on low speed, beat cake mix with 1 cup water, dry topping mix, eggs, oil and 2 tsp. extract until just blended, 30 seconds. On medium speed, beat 4 minutes. With spoon, stir in chopped cherries. Spread evenly in pan. Bake 50-55 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on rack 15 minutes. Transfer cake from pan to rack; cool completely, about 2 hours.

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● In microwave-safe bowl, combine chocolate chips and milk; microwave on High in 15-second intervals, stirring, until melted, about 45 seconds. Stir in sour cream, butter and remaining 1 tsp. extract until smooth. Refrigerate until slightly thickened, 15 minutes. Spoon over cake. If desired, garnish with maraschino cherries.

## A MOTHERS PRAYER

Please don't let them try to cook for me on Mothers Day. I always wind up cleaning the dishes, and pretending that I like what they made.



"Relax, Mom, it's sugar-free, fat-free and has zero calories—I already ate the candy."

### Message From The President

PRRESIDENTS MESSAGE  
May 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope all of you survived the 100 year flood and hope that we don't get another one anytime soon. Ok, I am ready for Spring/Summer. We have had enough cold weather. I think everyone enjoyed listening to Jim Boherstengel's introduction to the antique business. His stories were entertaining concluding with his appraisals. Unfortunately there weren't any "treasures" found.

The officers voted into office were: Vice President, Bill Hein; Secretary, Christine Brady; Treasurer, Marilyn Chromy and Director, Elaine Simpson. They will be sworn in at the Installation and award Dinner on Wednesday May 22, 2013 at Chevy Chase Country Club.

The price for dinner is \$29.00 per person. Payable at the door.

The entertainment is by Rick Pickren who will be singing Railroad songs. Raffles and 50/50 will also be available. Call Marilyn Chromy at 847-537-5714 to make your reservations. The menu is an Italian Dinner. We are hoping you can join us.

Remember the museum is open showcasing our new jewelry exhibit. Come take a peek.

A reminder that current membership fees are due in May

\$10. per person

\$15. family

\$100. lifetime

Historically Yours;

Joan Wiener

### The Curator's Corner



It's Spring and it's time for Spring Cleaning in the Carriage House. Anyone interested in volunteering to help can call me at 847-924-4473 or Joan at 847-229-0151.

I was invited to Field School to give a talk and display some items from the museum. The students really enjoyed seeing our museum treasures.

Visitors to the museum have more than doubled

from last years attendance. Its good to see more people appreciating Wheelings history.

There's a new restaurant in Buffalo Grove called the Scrambled Café featuring a seniors menu. It's located 131 W. Dundee Rd. 847-947-8408

Bev has tried it out and really enjoyed the food and prices.

Patti Steilen .Curator



**Subject: Flower Show**

Two little old ladies were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. One leaned over to the other and said, 'Life is so darned boring. We never have any fun anymore. For \$5.00, I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid flower show!' 'You're on!' said the other old lady, holding up a \$5.00 bill. The first little old lady slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes and, completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show. Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hail, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. The smiling and still naked old lady came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering crowd. 'What happened?' asked her waiting friend. 'I won 1st prize as Best Dried Arrangement.'

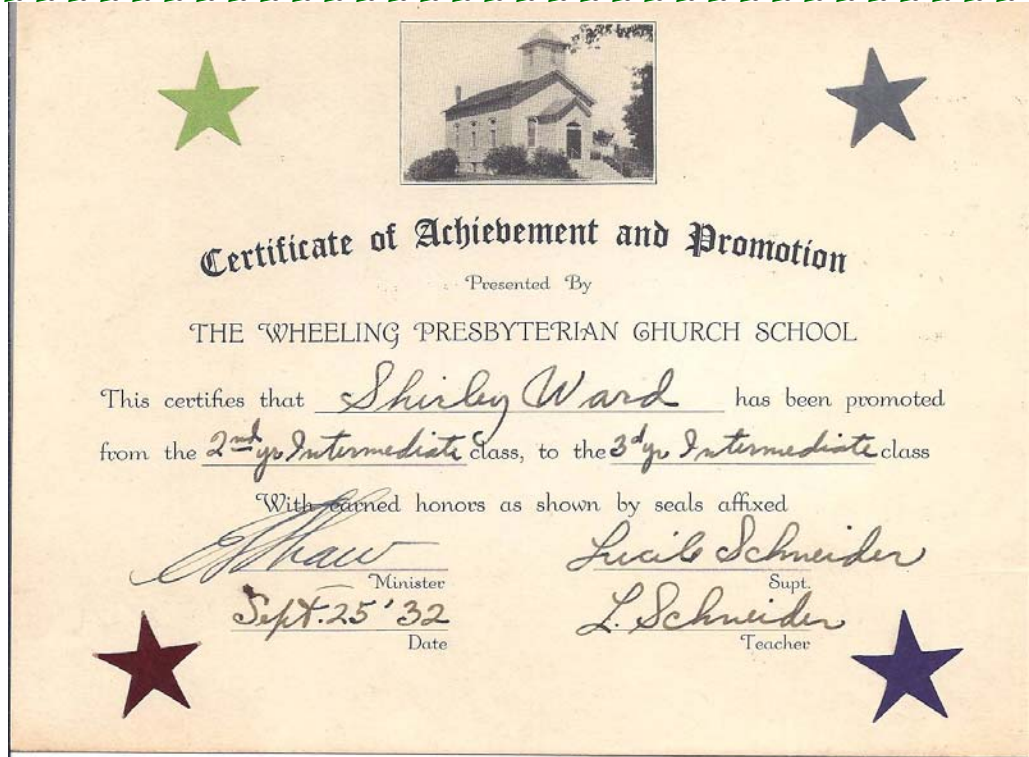


# Remembering Shirley McConnell

Shirley McConnell was born and raised in Wheeling and was a major contributor about the history of Wheeling.

She was an avid craftswoman making many needlepoint pictures, particularly the one of the old Presbyterian Church which is in the museum. She wrote "A Century To Remember" about the Presbyterian Church 100th Anniversary Celebration and a colorful history of the Church in Wheeling.

She has donated many items which are displayed throughout the museum and was always willing to be interviewed about the early 20th century and progress made in Wheeling. She had an amazing memory for detail and filled in many blanks about Wheeling's early growth; ie the paving of Milwaukee Avenue, ice skating on the river and swimming too. She could recall where most farms were located and the produce grown there. She will be sincerely missed.





## WheelingHistoricalSociety.com WEB Status

Last year, we averaged just a little over 1000 pages per month. This year we peaked at 1400, and have fallen back a little. Here are some comments from our Web Guestbook.



**Entry: 58 Time: Fri Apr 26, 2013 09:23am Name: Christopher City:**

**Message:** Curious if anyone has additional information about one of the town's first doctors, Julius Purmann. He's on the 1850 census...and his wife is listed as Augusta. They were also married in 1850. The couple had at least one son prior to Julius' death in 1856.

**Entry: 57 Time: Mon Feb 4, 2013 11:45pm Name: VICKI HECTOR SKINNER City: ARLETA, CA**

**Message:** In 1956 I had a girlfriend whose mom ran a gift shop in the front of her home. Her name was Mickey Wagner. She would be in her late sixties now. I went to her Episcopal Church and the Elementary School. She had an older sister that married and had a home on Lake Michigan. She was born at Highlandpark Hospital in early November and her mom shared a room with my mother. We were like twins till my family moved to Ca.

**Entry: 56 Time: Sat Feb 2, 2013 03:24am Name: Candy (Burke) Powers City: lake villa**

**Message:** My family moved to Wheeling in 1964 to the Dunhurst subdivision and I remember a lot about this town. I remember the old church on the south side of Dundee road and when they moved it to Wolf road I believe. I remember where the old K-mart use to be and our dad playing ball in that field before k-mart was built. I have been working in Wheeling for the last 33 years and I have seen a lot of changes. Most roads in Wheeling use to be 2 lanes and most had stop signs.

**Entry: 53 Time: Tue Jan 22, 2013 12:05pm Name: Thom Rothery City:**

**Message:** My Great great Grandfather, Godfrey Roth and his wife Anna Catherine Bachmann, lived there in 1850s and 1860s. My Great grandfather Albert George Roth, his sister Emma and Mary were all born in Wheeling. In the 1860s they moved to Pennsylvania. I lived in that area briefly in the 1960s. Any information would be appreciated. Thanks

**Entry: 52 Time: Fri Jan 18, 2013 05:49pm Name: Karen Kroepil Ament City: Kansasville Wisconsin**

**Message:** A follow up to my previous post: I see that Betty Barrie is pictured on page 10 of the centennial book.

**Entry: 51 Time: Fri Jan 18, 2013 05:30pm Name: Karen Ament City: Kansasville Wisconsin**

**Message:** I grew up in Wheeling and found my way to you website looking for a contact of the Historical Society to inform them that one of their lifetime members, a long time resident of Wheeling, Betty Jean Taylor Barrie passed away on Jan. 17th, 2013. She was 94 years old. She dedicated a lot of time volunteering for the society in the 1980's and 1990's. It was a passion of hers to preserve Wheelings History. Thank you for this nice website.

**Entry: 50 Time: Wed Jan 2, 2013 12:32am Name: UK friends [HomePage] City: London**

**Message:** Very cool website. We love it!!!!

**Entry: 49 Time: Thu Dec 13, 2012 03:45pm Name: Christopher D Holcombe Sr. USN(RET) City: Wheeling**

**Message:** I am a new resident, but enjoy Genealogy, History, etc... I like your website.

Christopher Holcombe Sr.

SUVCW, SAR.