



The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marilyn

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Shown here at Village Hall with Cheri Klump and Patti Hancock after receiving her award for Volunteer of the Year. We are very proud to be co-workers and friends of hers.



MARILYN CHROMY

The President and Board of Trustees Of Wheeling have chosen Marilyn Chromy as this year's **Volunteer Of The Year** Award recipient.

WHEREAS, Marilyn Chromy, a resident of Wheeling for over 30 years, has been a longtime member of the Wheeling Historical Society, serving as their treasurer, volunteering at the annual Lollipop Lane event, and working countless hours recording and presenting the history of Wheeling; and WHEREAS, Marilyn Chromy has further benefitted the Wheeling community through her volunteer service with the Wheeling Garden Club—also serving as their treasurer—and St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, where she regularly helps with the Lenten fish fry, is a member of their weekly team, and ministers to homebound and sick members, and WHEREAS, Marilyn Chromy has consistently displayed an admirable concern for the welfare of others, and a commitment to making Wheeling a better, safer, and kinder place to live; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees therefore regards it as fitting and proper that Marilyn Chromy be the recipient of the third annual George Heber Citizenship Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VLLAGE OF WHEELING, COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT: the 2018 George Heber Citizenship Award is hereby granted to Marilyn Chromy in recognition of her exemplary citizenship, with the thanks of the Board of Trustees for her service.

See the Historical Society Website to view a movie of the actual presentation.

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen

A very special THANK YOU to Santa and Mrs. Claus and all Santa's helpers and cookie makers who made this years Lollipop Lane a very big success. We had 1959 attendees, 2094 pictures taken, 442 families, 870 children, 225 packages of cookies, all 144 ornaments were sold-out by Saturday! Wheeling had a great turnout with 173 families attending.



Another THANK YOU to the Village Of Wheeling for allowing us to purchase some chairs and file cabinet from the old Senior Center leftovers. And, as always, a very, very special THANK YOU to the Wheeling Park District staff that helps us in every way that they can.

Happy New Year, Terry

The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



We are organizing maps in the museum. We are uncurling and laying them in archival boxes. It would be nice if they were all dated, but unfortunately some are not. This will help alleviate room downstairs. I hope to get to re-organizing the main museum room. Anyone with a few hours time on hand will be welcomed. The current displays need to be emptied and moved.

Don't forget our "White Elephant Auction " and dinner are this month. Hope to see you there.

In March we will have a very interesting speaker presenting How Corn Changed Itself and Everything Else by Food Historian Cynthia Clampitt. We hope everyone can join us for an interesting presentation that had a large part in Illinois' growth and impacting today's world.

Q. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? A. In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q. Why are zero scores in Tennis called "love"? A. In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'œuf', which is French for 'egg'. When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love'.



WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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131 N. Wolf Road
Wheeling Illinois

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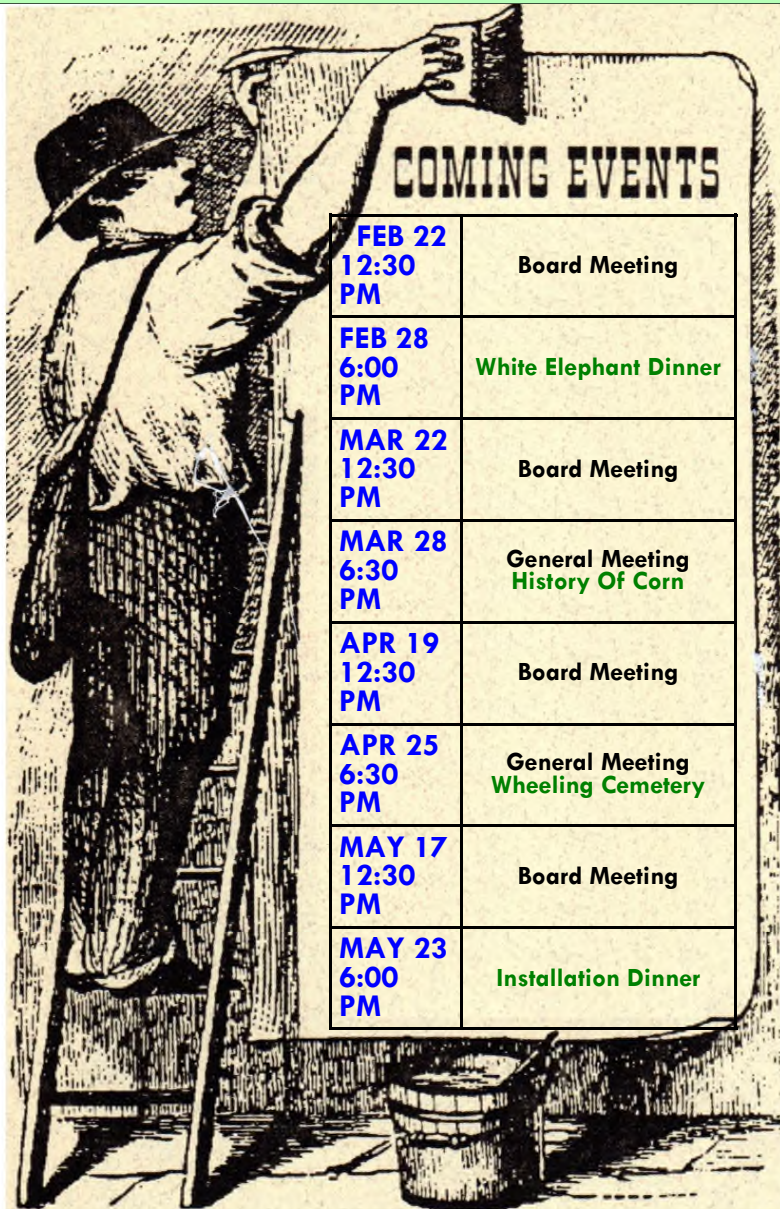
Terry Steilen

Cooks Corner : The Best Pork Chop Recipe

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 Tbs. oil
- 2 Tbs. finely chopped green onions or scallions
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- 1 1/2 lbs. boneless pork chops, 4-6

In large resealable plastic food storage bag, mix soy sauce, chili sauce, honey, oil, green onions and curry powder. Add chops; seal bag. Place in refrigerator to marinate 6-8 hours or overnight.

Remove chops from bag; drain, discarding marinade, and pat dry with paper towels. Cook chops in preheated nonstick skillet or grill pan over medium heat or on preheated grill over medium-high heat 6-8 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 145°F.



COMING EVENTS	
FEB 22 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
FEB 28 6:00 PM	White Elephant Dinner
MAR 22 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
MAR 28 6:30 PM	General Meeting History Of Corn
APR 19 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
APR 25 6:30 PM	General Meeting Wheeling Cemetery
MAY 17 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
MAY 23 6:00 PM	Installation Dinner



He Harvested More Than Tomatoes

I WAS A recent widower and I had a 3-year-old son to raise. My mother, who was in her 80s at the time, insisted that I move in with her. Reluctantly, I sold my house and moved back with Mom.

I always liked to putter in the garden, so I soon planted some tomatoes in a small section in the backyard next to the fence.

One day my little son came running inside crying and pointing out the door. All he could say was, "That lady! That lady!" I went out to the backyard to see what the fuss was about.

Lady Turned Out to Be Neighbor

"That lady" turned out to be our neighbor, who was standing by my tomatoes with a smile on her face. When I asked her what the trouble was, she said she told my son that anything hanging over the fence was hers!

I immediately hung my body over the fence! She laughed heartily, and not too long after that, we were engaged and married.

It's been 25 years since then, and I still plant tomatoes every spring. When I do, my mind always wanders back to that day when I hung my body over the fence.

Come to think of it, those were the best tomatoes I ever grew!

—Fred Buecher, Hazelwood, Missouri

I went to the Air and Space Museum but there was nothing there. My reality check bounced. The past, present and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

I childproofed my house but the kids still get in.

I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey but I turned myself around

A clear conscience is a sign of a fuzzy memory!



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**The Wheeling Historical Society's
Annual Dinner and
White Elephant Auction
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
6:00 pm**

Price: \$12.00 / person

**Menu: Fried Chicken, Italian Beef, Italian Sausage
(Sweet), Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Garlic Bread &
Dessert Pizzas!**

Desserts provided by Members

Empty your basement and garage!

Share your treasures / take home a treasure!



Proceeds benefit WHS projects

**Limited seating – for reservations
call Joan Weiner at 847-650-0144**

Elaine Simpson at 847-541-8692

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