

STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE STONE LAKE DEPOT/MUSEUM, SOO LINE
CABOOSE, AND 1926 TOWN HALL

2011 FUND-RAISING SOCIALS A SUCCESS!

The April Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner and the July Pie & Ice Cream Social were both a big success this year, and profits will help cover the operating expenses of the historical society. We thank all of you who donated food, funds, and labor to make these events a success.

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THREE NEW FEATURED DISPLAYS IN MUSEUM

Many new displays in the museum this year captured the attention of our visitors. The Glass Negative Display was a big hit, exhibiting many photos taken in Siberia and Manchuria during World War I by Major Charles M. Winter, first owner of the property on Big Sissabagama Lake now known as Pine Ridge. One of the photos of a bear mascot is shown here, and more than 60 new photos will be available for your viewing in 2012.



Soldiers and civilians are shown above admiring the
Division's bear mascot

Another new display consisted of presidential portraits. Betty Ulrich, wife of artist Reverend Louis Ulrich, now deceased, has given the museum nine of his oil paintings, shown in the photo on the next page. They are very lifelike, and we are happy to have them in the museum. Reverend Ulrich's many other paintings are displayed in churches, public buildings around the country, and in many private homes.



Reverend Ulrich's presidential portraits are a welcome addition to the museum collections

The Stone Lake Citizen's Patrol is another interesting display. This patrol was very active in the 1980's, with citizen volunteers patrolling our roads, mostly during the late night hours. The museum has received two jackets, one of the patrol's two-way radios, many very interesting memos, lists of patrol members, road signs, and much more. We think you will enjoy this new display in the town hall annex.

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\$700 GRANT USED FOR DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Using the \$700 grant awarded by the Wisconsin Historical Society, our Digitization Project began in earnest in early August, and the following museum collections may now

be viewed by going online at this site: <http://content.mpl.org/stonelake>. Please go online and view these special historical collections: Railroad, Cranberry, Churches, Clothing and Accessories, Military, Furniture and Equipment, Household Items, Resort, Logging, and Native American. It is remarkable to think that people all over the world can now go online and view hundreds of items displayed in the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum!

Connie Schield and Carol McDonnell spent many days scanning and photographing individual objects and artifacts, and writing the metadata on all items. Our museum is one of the very few small town museums in the country to accomplish this task. We believe you will find it very interesting, and you may find items shown there that you yourself donated to the museum.

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EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROJECT

Stone Lake's Evergreen Cemetery received a face lift this summer when 474 headstones (nearly half of all headstones in the cemetery) were cleaned by historical society members. After that was completed, every headstone in the cemetery was catalogued, and a directory was created which will make it possible for

visitors to the museum, who may be seeking the grave site of a relative, to receive a map at the museum which will lead them directly to the site. The historical society is planning a "Cemetery Walk" as one of their special events next season, so watch for information on the new event.

A new cemetery board was also created in 2011. Officers are Ed Gregory, President, Jeff Dejewski, Vice President, John Kjelstad, Treasurer, and Jan Clark, Secretary. This board will oversee the operation of the cemetery, and keep volunteers informed as to when special needs arise, such as picking up debris after windstorms, raking prior to the Memorial Day ceremony, and other maintenance items that are needed before the regular mowing can be accomplished. This should assure that our beautiful cemetery will remain one of the most outstanding small cemeteries in Wisconsin.



Cemetery volunteer Brian Sheffield cleaning tombstones this past summer

BY-LAWS ARE REVIEWED AND REVISED

The By-Laws of the historical society were updated this year as part of the preparation for the 2012 annual election. The entire

membership will be notified of the slate of officers in the April, 2012 newsletter, and will be given the opportunity to vote in person or by proxy at the annual meeting on the third Thursday of May, 2012.

This year, in order to pay the printing and mailing costs of this newsletter, we have invited local businesses to place ads, as you can see. Seven ads will pay the entire cost of the newsletter, and we thank these businesses for their financial support. If you would like to have your ad included in one of our future newsletters, just email that information to tncmcd@aol.com and we will email the details to you.



Things Remembered
N507 Dawn Road
Stone Lake, WI
715-865-5600

If depression glass is your passion, be sure to circle this shop on your map! Vi Myer welcomes you to tour this small shop just outside of Stone Lake. Set in the pines, her country shop features depression glass, collectibles, furniture, gifts and ceramics. 3 Miles west of Stone Lake on 70 to Dawn Road. Open 7 Days a Week 9am-5pm April-October.

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ANTIQUe APPRAISAL EVENT

Antiques Roadshow will get some competition next summer when our historical society sponsors an antique appraisal event. Mark Moran, a guest appraiser on Antiques Roadshow, will be at the Stone Lake Fire Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 16, 2012, to appraise up to 40 individual items.

People interested in having one or more items appraised must schedule a reservation with the historical society in advance, and you may email us at tncmcd@aol.com if you wish to be reminded as the date approaches.

Cost will be \$15 per item, and much more specific information will follow in the April, 2012 newsletter. Many testimonials from other museums have been received as to the fun and excitement generated at this event, and we look forward to hosting it with great anticipation.



**SPECIAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

The historical society invited the townspeople to a special Open House in August to celebrate the completion of the 1926 Town Hall restoration and to introduce the many new collections displayed here. This event was very well-attended and enjoyed by many who had not visited the Town Hall previously. We are so happy to have this very historic building as additional space for many new and interesting displays.

In September, the historical society sponsored a special “Business After 5,” which was attended by representatives of most of the area’s businesses. Members of our business community are often so busy they can’t find time to visit the museum, so this evening event is always enjoyed by all who attend.

In early October, the historical society’s float, a scaled-down version of a SOO Line Railroad caboose, carried a group of happy children through the streets, to be viewed by a crowd estimated at 40,000, and the day after

the Cranberry Festival, the museum closed for the season.

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FUNDS ARE STILL NEEDED

If anyone receiving this newsletter would be willing to include the Stone Lake Area Historical Society on their list of charitable donations for 2011, we would be very appreciative. We are now within \$1,107 of having all of our projects free and clear of debt. That includes the depot/museum move and restoration, the caboose move and restoration, and the 1926 town hall move and restoration. As we retire this balance, we will, for the first time in our history, be in healthy financial shape as we move into the future.

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**UPCOMING COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Stone Lake Scholarship Board Chili Supper:
Saturday, November 19, 2011, 4:00 to 7:00
PM, at the Stone Lake Lion's Hall.

Stone Lake Area Historical Society Ham &
Scalloped Potato Dinner: Saturday, April 21,
2012, 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Stone Lake Fire
Hall.

Stone Lake Area Historical Society Antique
Appraisal Event: Saturday, June 16, 2012,
2:00 to 5:00 PM, at the Stone Lake Fire Hall.

Stone Lake Area Historical Society Pie and
Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 8, 2012, 1:00
to 3:00 PM, at the Stone Lake Lion's Park on
Highway 70.

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We wish to help retire the remaining debt on
the Museum, Caboose, and Town Hall
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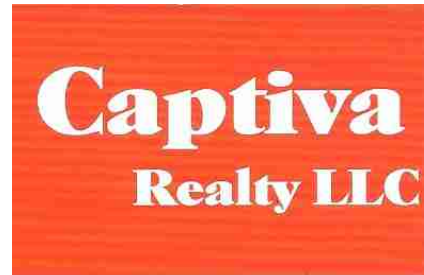
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**STONE LAKE AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**We hope that you will want to become a
member of our historical society.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

- LIFETIME** **\$100.00**
- FAMILY** **10.00/year**
- INDIVIDUAL** **5.00/year**

Mail with your check to:

**Stone Lake Area Historical Society
PO Box 68, Stone Lake, WI 54876**

**We realize that many folks do not have email
addresses. We want to thank those of you who
do and who have given us the address. This is
helping us save the cost of printing and
mailing the Stone Lake Area Historical Society
Newsletter to you.**

**WE CONGRATULATE THE 2011 MAN
AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR:**

JIM YOUNG AND SANDY KNUTSON
are perfect choices for this honor!

Sandy Knutson is one of the ladies who, in 1978, dreamed up the idea of a Cranberry Festival for Stone Lake, and then worked so hard to make it happen, and has continued working on it to this day!

Jim Young is well-known for his tireless efforts in the development of the Wetland Park, and the restoration of the Depot/Museum, the Caboose, and the 1926 Town Hall!

**CONGRATULATIONS JIM AND
SANDY**

THANK YOU TO OUR DOCENTS!

We want to thank our 55 wonderful Docents who make it possible for our museum to be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Memorial Day through the Cranberry Festival in October.

Without these dedicated people, our museum could not be open to the public, and we plan an event to honor these very special volunteers during the 2012 season.