

STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE STONE LAKE CABOOSE AND
DEPOT/MUSEUM

FIRST TOWN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

The First Town Hall Restoration Project donations are coming in regularly and we thank everyone who has contributed to date. As you know, we have categories in which we will honor donors and their loved ones, and would like to list the donations received as of March 31, the date of this newsletter's publication:

Board of Supervisors	1 @ \$2,000
Town Chairman	0 @ \$1,000
Town Supervisor	1 @ \$ 500
Town Clerk	4 @ \$ 250
Town Treasurer	14 @ \$ 100
Maintenance Crew	0 @ \$ 75
Poll Worker	9 @ \$ 50
Caring Citizen	18 @ \$ 25

A total of \$5,800 has been received through March, 2010, and we are very gratified at the early response. The total amount that will be needed to complete the project is \$18,500 so as you can see, \$12,700 is still needed. The building has been moved, and when the weather improves, work will resume with the block work for the foundation. Once the building is lowered onto its permanent foundation, the interior work can begin, and the construction of Preservation Hall, which will connect the current museum and the town hall, will begin. On the last page of this newsletter you will find a form which may be used to send your donation, and honor someone special in the process.

WE MAKE THE NEWS

If you are able to pick up a copy of "The SOO," Magazine Fall, 2009 and Spring 2010 issues, you will find two articles which may be of interest. This is the magazine of the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society. In the fall issue, the article is titled "Saving the Stone Lake Depot."

In the spring issue, the article is titled “A Caboose for Stone Lake.” Each of these articles describes in detail the process the Stone Lake Area Historical Society has been going through over the past few years. The magazine will be found in the museum and if you would like to read those articles now, please go to our new website, www.stonelakeareahistoricalsociety.com and click on “WE MAKE THE NEWS!” to read each of them. We hope you will enjoy them, as everyone receiving this newsletter has played a great part in the success of these projects.

WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

The historical society is very excited to finally have its own website! We will now be able to send newsletters via e-mail to all of you who are willing to receive it in that way, saving us a great deal of postage expense. Also, with the website, we will be able to update it regularly to give you current information on happenings in Stone Lake as they occur. We have also linked our website to the Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cranberry Festival websites to make it easy for you to keep abreast of happenings in those organizations.

We encourage you to give it a try right now, as you read this newsletter. Again, our website address is: www.stonelakeareahistoricalsociety.com. You can start by reading the two articles mentioned in “WE MAKE THE NEWS!” The SOO is a national magazine and we are proud to have been included.



Carol McDonnell pressing the “enter” key officially “publishing” the new Stone Lake Area Historical Society website

FIRST HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING OF 2010

The first meeting of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society of 2010 will be held at the Stone Lake Town Hall at 6:30 PM on April 22, 2010. This is not the usual meeting night, so members please mark your calendars and attend this very important meeting which will determine our agenda for the entire year.

Dues for all who are not Lifetime Members are due on April 1, 2010. A form near the end of this newsletter is enclosed for your convenience.

MUSEUM TO OPEN MAY 28, 2010

The museum will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, beginning Friday, May 28, 2010. Volunteers will also be willing to open at other times by appointment. We enjoy opening for groups, family reunions, and other individuals who may not be able to be here during our normal hours.

We are also looking for volunteers to act as Docents and hold the museum open this coming season. If you can give us just one day per month, for four hours, we will be very grateful, and promise that you will find the time spent very rewarding. Please call Betty Helwig at 715-865-5500 if you are willing to help, or wish to set up a special appointment to tour.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS PLANNED

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society will have a special program on June 19, 2010, when "the Apron Lady," Carol Thomas of Porter, Texas, will visit our museum and do her special presentation on the many and varied types of aprons used over the years. She has traveled the Midwest with this show for many years, and it promises to be a fun afternoon. It will be held at 3:00 PM, at the close of the Craft Show being held in Stone Lake on June 19, 2010.

Program Chairperson, Betty Helwig, has other programs planned for this season, and also welcomes your suggestions. Many of you reading this newsletter are very talented, and also know others who are. Will you please help us by displaying your talents in a brief program at our museum this summer?

SPRING SPAGHETTI FEED

It is time for the historical society's annual Spaghetti Feed, to be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Stone Lake Fire Hall. This event is always well-attended because it is a great opportunity to get together with neighbors after a long winter season. This event is held each spring to pay the yearly operating expenses of the

historical society. **PLEASE PUT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

THE TRAVELING TRUNK

As part of our educational mission, the Stone Lake Area Historical Society began its Traveling Trunk Program last spring. Connie Schield created the program which was presented to the 4th and 5th grade classes at the Stone Lake Elementary School. In April, 2009, Charity Brabec, the teacher of these grades, graciously allowed Connie to come into her classroom and talk to the students about the history of Stone Lake.

The students had just completed a study of the history of Wisconsin and were well prepared to answer the questions which were asked of them during the presentation. After a short introduction, each student was given a file card which contained biographical information about one of the founding families from Stone Lake. Each student got a chance to assume the role of this family as they read it to the class. If possible Connie would show the class a picture of the family or individual after the biography had been read. Then, Connie opened the Traveling Trunk and took out an antique (from the museum or from her collection) and explained what it was and how this family might have used it as pioneers in Stone Lake. The students were very interested in both the biographies and the antiques. Many of the students commented on how their family is related to one of the pioneers.

The 90 minute presentation ended with each student being given a Stone Lake Area Historical Society tee-shirt and an invitation

for the class to visit the museum. Ms. Brabec and her class walked to the museum in early May, 2009, and did a tour of the museum. All of the students were excited about the opportunity and very interested in the exhibits. Connie and the Traveling Trunk will visit the Stone Lake Elementary School again this April and the class will once again tour the museum and the depot.

TOWN HALL RESTORATION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

In early June, 2010, volunteers will begin the restoration of the first town hall. Many hands will be needed to assist with the scraping and preparation of the walls (inside and out), the floor, and the windows to get everything ready for the finishing process. If you live in the area or are visiting the area this summer, please don't feel you need an invitation to participate in this exciting and worthwhile project. Your presence will be greatly appreciated!

And, if you feel you would like to get on a volunteer mailing list so that we do call you and let you know when various projects are starting, please send your e-mail reply so that we may contact you. Many new friendships have resulted while working on the restoration of the depot/museum and the caboose project, and the same will happen on the town hall project. E-mail us at tnemcd@aol.com and we will acknowledge your e-mail right away. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 18, 2010 (Sunday): Stone Lake Area Historical Society Spaghetti Feed, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Fire Hall. This event is held each spring to pay the yearly operating expenses of the historical society.

April 22, 2010 (Thursday): Meeting of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society will be held at the Stone Lake Town Hall at 6:30 PM.

May 1, 2010 (Saturday): Stone Lake Lion's Club first fish fry of the season to begin at 4:00 PM at the Stone Lake Lion's Center. Be sure to attend this great event.

May 29, 2010 (Saturday): Stone Lake Lion's Club Memorial Weekend fish fry to be held at the Lion's Center beginning at 4:00 PM.

June 5, 2010 (Saturday): Stone Lake Community Yard Sale. Everyone is invited to participate. Call or stop by the Last Frontier Antiques in May for an application which will place your sale on the yard sale map.

June 6, 2010 (Sunday): The Stone Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 50th birthday on June 6, 2010, at the Fire Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this very special celebration! Watch for the time to be announced.

June 19, 2010 (Saturday): Stone Lake Craft Sale. Details will be announced soon. Mark that day on your calendar and be sure to visit downtown Stone Lake on June 19, 2010.

June 19, 2010 (Saturday): The Stone Lake Area Historical Society will have a free, special presentation by Carol Thomas of Porter, Texas, known throughout the Midwest as "The Apron Lady." She will share the unique history of the apron from Victorian times to the present and invites your participation. This program will be held at the museum at 3:00 PM, after the closing of the Craft Sale. Watch for details to be announced.

June 26- July 2, 2010 (Monday – Friday): Vacation Bible School will be held for children of all denominations at First Lutheran Church of Stone Lake. Looking for an activity for your visiting grand children to enjoy? Call Betty Helwig at 715-865-5500 for full details on this great program.

July 11, 2010 (Sunday): The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Pie & Ice Cream Social will be held at the Lion's Club Park Pavilion. There will be live music and fun, and delicious pie and ice cream. Details on time will be announced.

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We wish to donate to the Town Hall Fund.
Please use the following wording:

Our tax deductible donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

To receive future newsletters by email, here is my email address:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	LIFETIME	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY	10.00/year
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL	5.00/year

Mail with your check to:

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

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