

# STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**NEWSLETTER  
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THE STONE LAKE DEPOT/MUSEUM

## **SPAGHETTI FEED**

The Spaghetti Feed in April, 2009, was very well attended, and the silent auction brought in \$554. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended the dinner, donated items for the auction, and those who made bids on those items. Thank you also to Judy Paine and Joan Rainville for securing all those donated items for the auction, and to everyone who worked so hard preparing and the serving of the food. It's always fun to get together with friends and neighbors after a long winter!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

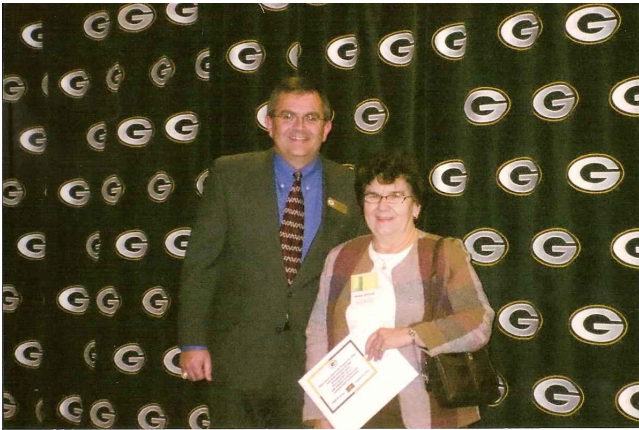
The Stone Lake Area Historical Society is in need of volunteers to hold the museum open on Friday or Saturday, your choice, between Memorial Day and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hours are 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and it is very exciting to be open as visitors come in, especially for the first time, and tour our beautiful museum. Many of them are bringing items to be placed in the museum, and others have so much information to share about the past in Stone Lake, it is just a fascinating experience. We promise you will enjoy it, even if you only work one day each summer! Call any of the officers listed in this newsletter if you are willing to help out.

## **WISH LIST**

We are placing a historical society "wish list" in the Stone Lake News column in the Sawyer County Record each week, giving the community an idea of what our needs might be. We have an interesting DVD that was made when the caboose was delivered, showing the entire procedure, and were given a DVD and TV set, so that wish has been granted. Now we are wishing for railroad lanterns to go inside and outside the caboose. Please watch the Stone Lake News column each week and help us when you can.

## 2009 GRANTS AWARDED

The historical society is happy to report that The Green Bay Packer Foundation has given a grant of \$1,000 to be used to help set up the displays in our museum. This came in February, 2009, and a second grant of \$500 came from the Hinckley Band of the Ojibwe, to be used to help bring our caboose to the museum. A big “thank you” to both of these organizations for their 2009 donations and support!



Betty Helwig accepts a \$1,000 grant from Andrew Farah, a representative of the Green Bay Packers Foundation

## CABOOSE No. 593 ARRIVES

June 2, 2009, was a big day in Stone Lake with the arrival of the newest addition to the depot/museum, our (1913) SOO Line caboose. The caboose came all the way from the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, and was re-routed several times in order to avoid low bridges which might have hit the cupola. Lots of Stone Lake folks turned out to watch the two semis, one holding the trucks (wheels),

the other holding the caboose body, and the 70 ton crane do their job, setting their cargo on the rail line in front of the depot. Everyone is invited to come see the caboose whenever they are in the area and volunteers are at work.



Caboose No. 593 finds its new home at the Stone Lake Area Historical Society's depot/museum

## RESTORATION PROGRESS

Tom McDonnell and Jim Young are moving along well on the restoration of the caboose, and have been joined by Jerry Grade, Woody Glass, Marlo Schield, Al and George Shedivy, and Carol McDonnell at intervals, with Kurt Lofgren bringing his power washer so he and Tom could de-grease and power wash the trucks beneath the caboose. Volunteers are needed to help with many different jobs, so please stop by and offer assistance whenever you have a few hours free.

RESTORATION PROGRESS (Continued):



Jim Young begins work on the entrance platform to the caboose

### **BENEFACTOR'S FUND**

At the time of this newsletter, several wonderful donations totaling \$14,700 have been received from year-round and seasonal residents to fund the caboose project. This money, along with a \$5,000 loan, provided enough funds to purchase the caboose and bring it to its new home at the museum. The summer season is very important to our hard working volunteers, so it is great that the caboose arrived in early June. If any of you want to participate in the special Benefactor's Fund, please send your donations to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society, PO Box 68, Stone Lake, WI 54876. You will be honored on a special plaque in the restored caboose. Remember, the historical society is a 501(c)3 organization so your donation is tax deductible.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

A second way you may participate in our 2009 fundraiser is to purchase a raffle ticket. By now you have received a letter in the mail giving you information on the raffle. You may purchase a ticket at almost any of the businesses in downtown Stone Lake or from any historical society member. Whichever way you choose to support the historical society, we give you our sincere thanks!

### **FLOAT IN THE CRANBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE**

We plan to have a historical society float in the Cranberry Festival parade this year. We have some ideas on what it might be, and think it should be fun. If anyone would like to participate in helping us build the float or appear in the parade, please call Rose Rhea (865-3922). We would love to have your participation.

### **PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Don't forget the first big historical society event of the summer, the Pie and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12, 2009. Pie and ice cream will be served from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and live music will be provided by "The New Edition." The cost is just \$3.50 and the food is delicious! **LOCATION: LION'S PARK PAVILION.**

The museum will also be open from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, for those who want to tour it.

**Mail with your check to:  
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PO Box 68, Stone Lake, WI 54876**

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## **THANK YOU, WOODY!**

We want to give a very special “thank you” to Woody Glass, Whitefish Lake, for preparing this newsletter for us. He is also working on a website for the historical society, and will be putting our newsletter on the internet, so you can read it there, let your friends and relatives know it can be read there. You will be notified when the website is ready. Woody is very talented and we are so happy to have him volunteer to do this for us. We invite you to send articles and photos in to be included in the next newsletter, which will come out in October, 2009. You can send them to PO Box 68, Stone Lake, WI 54876, and they will be given to Woody.

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### **STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **BECOME A BENEFACTOR OF PHASE II, THE CABOOSE ADDITION TO OUR NEW MUSEUM**

### **IN RECOGNITION OF OUR BENEFACTORS**

#### **CABOOSE FUND**

**CHIEF ENGINEER (\$2,000 or more)**

**ENGINEER LEVEL (\$1,500)**

**FIREMAN (\$1,000)**

**CONDUCTOR (\$500)**

**STATION AGENT (\$250)**

**LINEMAN (\$100)**

If you would like to become a benefactor, you may send your check, made payable to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society and provide us with any special wording you would like on the plaque; example: “John Brown family” – “In Memory of” “In Honor of,” etc.

**A sincere thank you for considering our  
request, and for your past support!**