

# STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Stone Lake Depot/Museum,  
1913 Soo Line Caboose, 1926 Town Hall,  
and Little Free Library

## NEWSLETTER VOLUME 12, ISSUE 2 FALL, 2020

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

- Sunday, May 2 - Welcome Back Spring Dinner 4:30-7:00pm. at Stone Lake Fire Department.
- Friday, May 28 - Memorial Day week-end. Museum opens for the season, Friday – Sunday 12:00-4:00pm. Free admission.
- June - Children's Day Bible School.
- Wednesday, June 16 - Elder Day
- Sunday, July 11 - Pie & Ice Cream Social – Lions Park 1:00-3:00pm. Music by Good Medicine.
- Wednesday, July 28 - Speaker Ron Arthur – **Stout's Island Lodge on Red Cedar Lake**. He will discuss the history of that island and the Knapp-Stout logging operation in the area. This will be a joint meeting with the Birchwood Historical Society. 7:00pm at Lions Hall. Refreshments served. Free admission.
- Tuesday, September 14 - Stone Lake Night at the Museum – 5:00-8:00pm. Refreshments served. Free admission.
- Saturday, October 2 - Cranfest – Museum closes for season at 4:00pm.

Please plan to attend these events and volunteer to help the museum!



# IMPACT OF CORONA VIRUS ON 501C3 ORGANIZATIONS

This has been a difficult year for all of us and our families and friends. It has brought a horrible virus to far too many Americans. It has put a terrible financial stress on individuals and businesses. Many Americans are unemployed and numerous businesses will not survive the loss of customers.

The Stone Lake Historical Society was not able to have any of our annual fundraisers: Spring Dinner, Pie and Ice Cream Social, Cranberry Wine booth at Cranfest, and our weekly donations from guests of the museum. We suffered a terrible loss of income.

We want to thank everyone who stepped up and renewed their annual membership, who became a new member or a new lifetime member of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. These memberships brought us income!

We would like to thank you if you ordered one of our publications, particularly our new **2020 Kitchenology** cookbook. These orders provided us income!

During this year, we have received several very generous memorial gifts as a result of requests by the families of the deceased relative. Most of our flip chart displays were bought with

memorial funds. We try to do pictorial displays of the deceased as a memorial to them. We wish to honor the wishes of the family. Thank you to all the families who have given us memorial funds. These memorials provided income for us!

We also want to thank the people who made donations of important items for display in our museum. We have continued to display new items and to make additions of new showcases. These gifts have made our museum more complete and more interesting for our visitors. We hope that you will visit the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum next season!

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!



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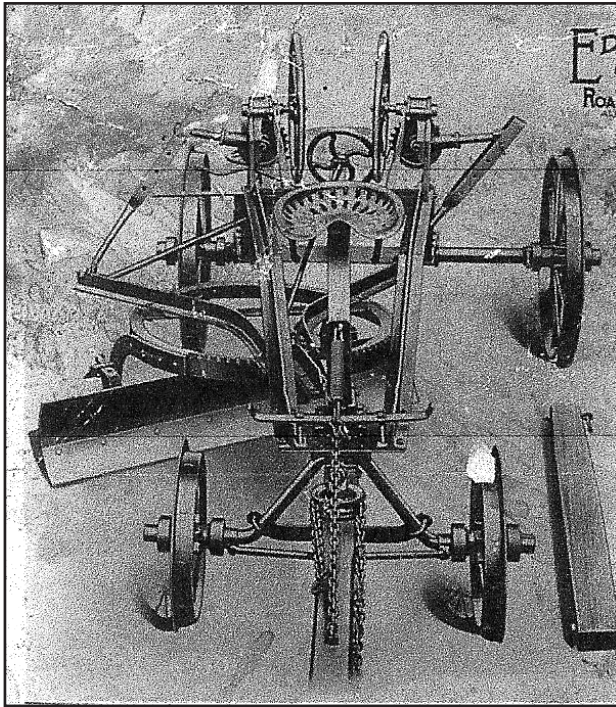


# ORIGINAL TOWN OF SAND LAKE ROAD GRADER DONATED

Bob Langham donated the first road grader for the Town of Sand Lake to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. This horse-drawn piece of equipment was produced by the Edwards Manufacturing Co. in Albert Lea, MN in the 1920's and brought to Stone Lake on the railroad. The first operator was an early Stone Lake pioneer Charles Harriman, after the Town bought

a Caterpillar on tracks, a steel tongue replaced the wooden tongue and it was towed by the Caterpillar to town. Harold Strand operated the track Caterpillar and grader. The Town of Sand Lake will lay a concrete pad for it and refurbish and paint the old grader. Thanks so much, Bob Langham!

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*First grader used in the Town of Sand Lake*



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*The Holiday Elves at the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum will help you with your holiday shopping! These books make perfect gifts for friends and family who have lived in Stone Lake!*



1. **Stone Lake Historical Album** is a history of the entire Stone Lake area including the earliest pioneers, organizations, churches, resorts, events from the earliest days until 2002. Price is \$8.
2. **Finding the Pioneers and Places in Early Stone Lake** was written so relatives can find the early homesteads, lake resorts and businesses of early Stone Lake. It includes maps of local lakes, early plat maps and detailed family history. Price is \$15.
3. **Evergreen Cemetery Walk** books are full of information on the earliest pioneers who are buried in the beautiful local cemetery. The years available are 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2018. Each book features several different families and goes into detail about their lives. Price is \$5.
4. **Creative Coloring Book** is 25 pages of drawings sketched by local artist Sandy Oates. Each drawing depicts a special exhibit or display in the Stone Lake Museum. Price is \$5.
5. **Kitchenology** is a delightful cookbook first published by the Stone Lake Heart of the Lake Homemakers in 1940 and re-published by the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. Price is \$12.
6. **B-52 Memorial Project 2018** is a beautiful full color book published for historical purposes and as a memorial to honor the nine airmen who perished near Stone Lake on November 18, 1966. Price is \$5.



## BOOK ORDER FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	QTY	Cost
1. <b>Stone Lake Historical Album</b> (\$8 each) .....	_____	_____
2. <b>Finding the Pioneers and Places in Early Stone Lake</b> (\$15 each) .....	_____	_____
3. <b>Evergreen Cemetery Walk</b> (\$5 each) .....	_____	_____
4. <b>Creative Coloring Book</b> (\$5 each) .....	_____	_____
5. <b>Kitchenology</b> (\$12 each) .....	_____	_____
6. <b>B-52 Memorial Project 2018</b> (\$5 each) .....	_____	_____

**Please send your order to Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876. Checks are to be made payable to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. Please include \$2 postage for EACH book ordered. Thank You and Happy Holidays!!**



# STOUT'S ISLAND LODGE AND ITS KNAPP-STOUT & CO. ROOTS

Wednesday, July 28th – 7:00 pm at Stone Lake Lions Hall

Joint Meeting with Birchwood Historical Society – Free Admission & Refreshments!

Ron Arthur will give a presentation about the Stout's Island Lodge on Red Cedar Lake. Frank D. Stout was the son of Henry Lane Stout, founder of the Knapp-Stout Lumber Co., which was at one time the largest lumber company in the United States.

In 1887, Frank D. Stout, a lumber baron himself, together with Thomas Wilson, Jr. purchased the island and built a large log structure to be used for a hunting and fishing camp. In 1903, Frank bought out Thomas Wilson, Jr. and became the only owner of the 26 acre island. Frank D. Stout spent \$1.5 million (\$35 million today) to build his family a private 35,000 square foot Adirondack style lodge and compound. Trainloads of cedar logs from Idaho, redwood from California and local white pine were used in the construction. The main lodge which stands today was built in 1912.

Frank D. Stout named this place "The Island of Happy Days" and he and his wife Clara and their five children spent every summer here with their entire household staff from their home on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

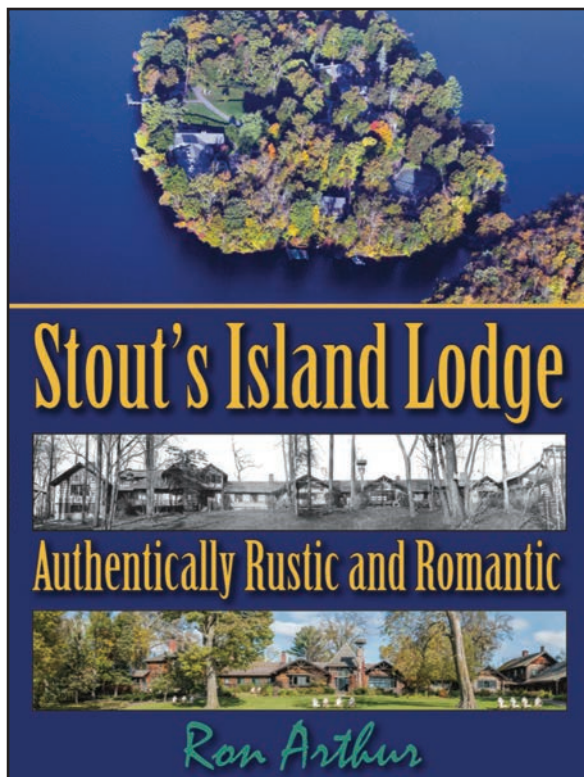
Frank D. Stout died at the Rice Lake Hospital at age 73 in 1927. He had also been President of the Missouri

Southern Railway Co. and the Union Electric Co. of Dubuque. At his death, his fortune was estimated to be \$25,000,000.

Please join us for this presentation on the Stout Island Lodge by Ron Arthur on Thursday, June 18 at the Stone Lake Town Hall.

Little Sissabagama residents may be particularly interested because Frank D. Stout's grandson, Frank Stout III owned Big Island (Stout Island) in the middle of Little Sissabagama. This remains a treasure because of its old-growth hardwoods. He gifted this 31 acre island to the Little

Sissabagama Shore Owners Association for safekeeping. After much study, the LSSOA placed the island into a conservation easement with the West Wisconsin Land Trust. This island is now called the Frank Stout Wilderness Preserve and is protected from residential development and misuse.





## IN MEMORIAM

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society tries to maintain an up to date file of family histories and an extensive file of funeral cards and obituaries. We need your help with these projects:

1. Please share recent deaths of relatives and friends who have a Stone Lake connection. If they have been interested in and/or active in the historical society, we would like to include them in a recent In Memoriam tribute in our newsletter.
2. Please send us obituaries and funeral cards of relatives or friends with a Stone Lake connection. Indicate if you would like us to return the originals after we make a copy for our files.
3. If you would like to share family history material including pictures, we will make copies and return the originals to you.

**Please send these items to Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876.** Please indicate if you want the original items returned to you.

## PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum Complex is open 20 weekends a year Friday–Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm. We try to have two people there at all times but some people like to be there alone. We need your help to staff the museum for these days! We will provide training for you. Our guests like to be welcomed and our greeters ask them what they are interested in and point them in the right direction. Jeri Jacoby has the most difficult job on the museum board because she has to make sure we have the required greeters each week. Please consider volunteering this summer!



**Please complete this form and mail to: Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876.** Jeri Jacoby will contact you.

☐ I (we) will volunteer as Greeter(s) this summer.

☐ I prefer working on a Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. \_\_\_\_\_

Which month is better for you? May \_\_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_\_ July \_\_\_\_\_ Aug \_\_\_\_\_ Sept \_\_\_\_\_

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help maintain the flower garden at the museum.

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# HIGHLIGHT FROM 2016 CEMETERY WALK

## THE ERNEST AND MAE JORDAN BEAN FAMILY

Mae Jordan was born in 1884 into one of the earliest settler families in Sawyer County, the Michael Jordan family. Her father was William, Michael's son. Michael Jordan moved here from Elroy, WI and settled on land just north of Sand Lake.

In her late teens and early twenties, Mae taught in a county school and she met Ernest Leslie Bean, born in 1880, originally from the Chippewa Falls area and now living in Couderay. Ernest worked as a bookkeeper for a lumber company and owned the first car in Couderay, a yellow 1911 Buick Touring Car. Not only was this the first car in Couderay, it was involved in the first auto related death in Sawyer County when a Mr. Mustad wrecked the car in an accident in which Mrs. Mustad was killed.



*Mae & Ernie Bean*

Mae and Ernest married in 1911, and settled in Stone Lake and operated one of the four general stores operating in that time. Their store was located up the hill in the middle of town on Main Street. They moved the store down the hill and relocated on Highway 70. It is said that it was such a smooth move, no merchandise fell off the shelves and the wood stove stayed burning. Mae and Ernest were entrepreneurs. They also owned several houses they rented out and had a beautiful home next to their store. One of their biggest and most enjoyable achievements was building and running Maywood Resort on Big Sand Lake. They had 13 housekeeping cabins, ranging from one to six bedrooms. Maywood operated for over 50 years, offering fishing, swimming, boating, and of course, offered eager vacationers many trips to the "dump" to see the bears.

Mae and Ernie had one son, Jordan, who grew up in Stone Lake and at Maywood Resort. After college and moving to Oak Park, IL Jordan married a girl from Stone Lake, Mildred Quinn. Mildred's family was also an old prominent Stone Lake family. Jordan and Mildred brought their family from Oak Park every summer to run the resort. It was a beautiful life for the Jordan, Bean and Quinn families of Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

The Stone Lake Quinn family was headed by James W. Quinn. He was born on a Watertown, WI farm in 1882. His grandparents and great grandparents were all born in Ireland. After graduation from college and additional schooling at a school of telegraphy and special railroad accounting, James became a teacher, telegrapher, station agent, electrical interlocking switchman, started a mercantile company, became a station master, bank president, and an insurance agent. He also helped organize the village of Cable, and was president of the Bank of Cable.

While working at one of his occupations at Trego, WI he met and married Ada Stockman. Ada was born in Menomonie, WI in 1886 and moved with her family to Trego when she was 9 years old. Ada and James eventually relocated to Cable, WI then to Stone Lake where James became president of First National Bank of Stone Lake, and the Town Clerk of Sand Lake. They raised their five children in Stone Lake. Oldest son Lincoln became Sand Lake Town Clerk, daughters Audrey, Mildred and Lois became teachers, and youngest son Blaine served his country in the Army. Their daughter Mildred married Jordan Bean and helped him run the Maywood Resort on Sand Lake. The Bean, Jordan and Quinn families are very interesting and hard-working people always trying to make things better for the town where they lived and for future generations.



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