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

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

- Sunday, May 2 - Welcome Back Spring Dinner 4:30-7:00pm. at Stone Lake Fire Department (may be drive-thru).
- 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.

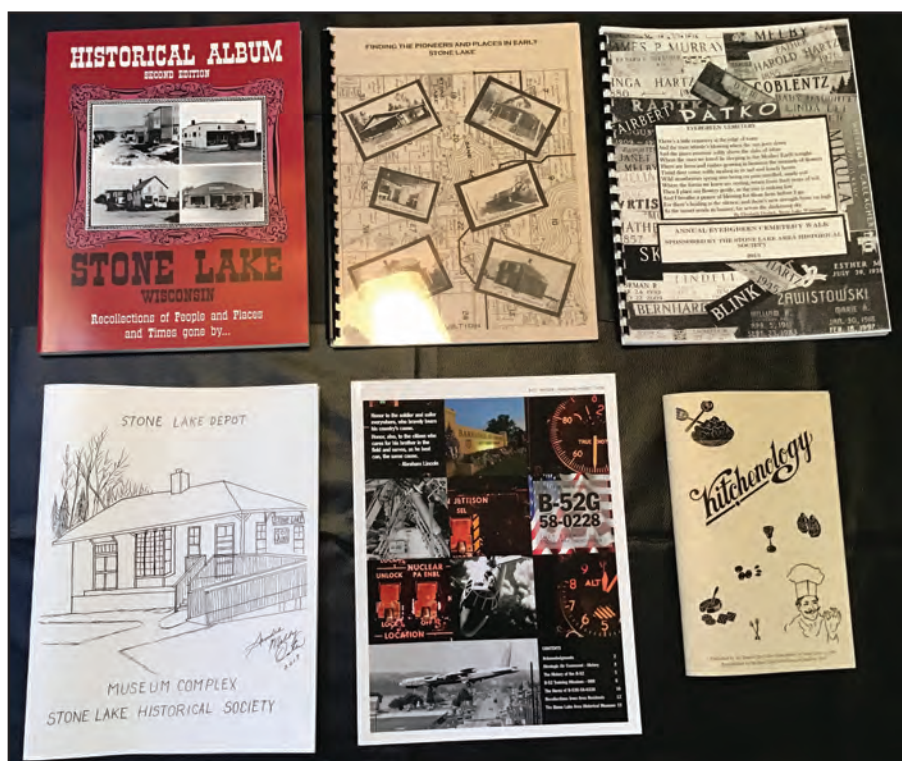
Please plan to attend these events and volunteer to help the museum!



A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who purchased our books during the past winter. We sold **42** of our publications which provided us much needed income! You can still place orders!



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

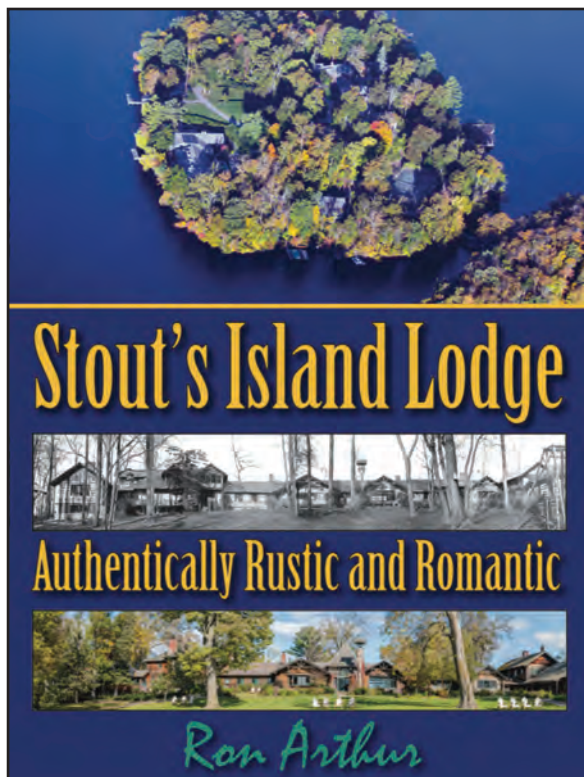
Frank D. Stout died at the Rice Lake Hospital at age 73 in 1927. He had also been President of the Missouri

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, July 28 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.



HAVE YOU VISITED THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY IN STONE LAKE?

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum has a master list of cemetery plots and copies of the cemetery map which are available free of charge.

Driving directions to the cemetery: go west on Hwy 70 and just over the bridge, turn left on BB. Drive approximately 1/2 mile and turn left at the Evergreen Cemetery sign.

Two early Stone Lake pioneers, Harold Hartz and George Didier, took care of Evergreen Cemetery together for more than 20 years. They began by completing a most unusual and essential activity. They set the stakes on every lot in the cemetery, using the original survey map and many wheelbarrows full of steel stakes. These stakes are the same stakes you will find today, buried at the four corners of every lot. It took 21 hours for George to mow the cemetery with his hand mower. Harold Hartz, the grave digger, dug 55 graves after he reached the age of 70 and he had no idea how many he dug before age 70.



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Things Remembered

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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.

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HOW TO PURCHASE A CEMETERY LOT IN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Please contact Judy Paine (Secretary), 715-865-2546; or Wanda Coddington (Treasurer), 715-558-6897. They will be able to help you with your purchase.

HOW TO LOCATE YOUR EVERGREEN CEMETERY PLOT

Evergreen Cemetery consists of Blocks 1 through 5, and a circle drive with parking on the right.

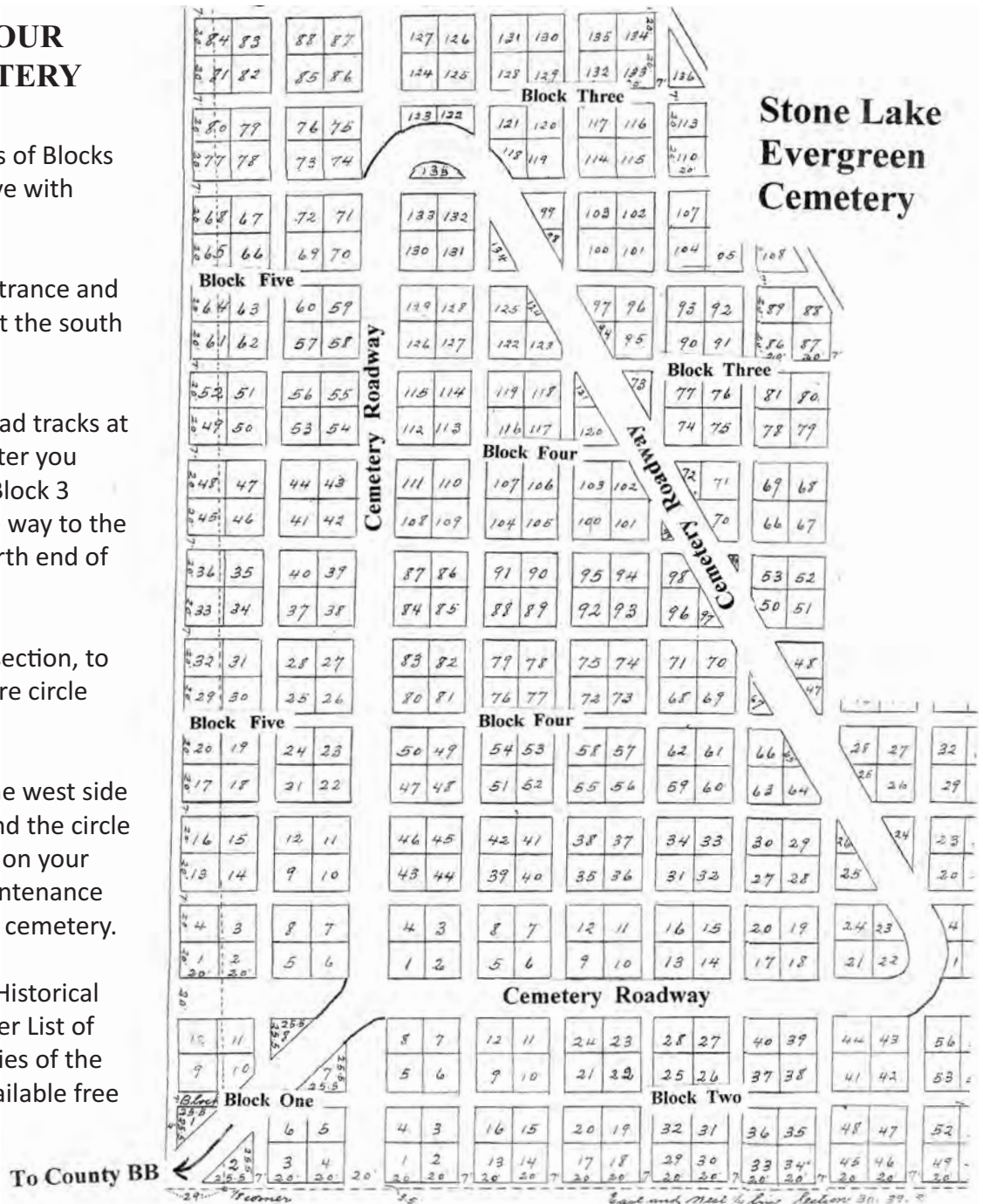
Blocks 1 & 2 begin at the entrance and are on the right hand side, at the south end of the cemetery.

Block 3 runs along the railroad tracks at the right side of the road, after you bear left on the first curve. Block 3 remains on your right all the way to the maintenance road at the north end of the cemetery.

Block 4 is the entire center section, to the left as you drive the entire circle drive through the cemetery.

Block 5 runs the length of the west side of the cemetery. Drive around the circle (Block 4) and Block 5 will be on your right, after you pass the maintenance road at the north end of the cemetery.

NOTE: The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum has a Master List of the cemetery plots, and copies of the cemetery map which are available free of charge.



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SLAHS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual memberships in the Stone Lake Area Historical Society begin on April 1, 2021. We NEED memberships in order to maintain the beautiful Depot Museum Complex. You will notice that there has been a slight increase in dues for this year.

Current members will find a ballot for the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Board in this newsletter. Please return to the address given.

Please consider becoming a new member or by renewing your membership with the form below. Checks should be made out to the **Stone Lake Area Historical Society**.

Please update your address per our records.

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

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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: _____

Address: _____

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

_____ I would like to help maintain the museum by painting, etc.

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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.

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**THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A MEMBER
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**Proceeds pay the yearly operating expenses of the
Stone Lake Area Historical Society.**



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