



Calumet County Historical Society Museum

**Open Sundays June-September 1:00 to 4:00
or by appointment**

“The museum does not charge an admission and is funded mostly from the generosity of current and past society members.”

Greetings,

Please accept this correspondence and accompanying newsletter as a means for members of the Calumet County Historical Society to share our enthusiasm over the increased activities, both at the Museum and in the Community.

We have been fortunate to be the recipient of donations from Ron & Peggy Sarno, Catholic Financial Life, The Zarnoth Family Fund & The Allen and Karen Schuette Heritage Fund (through the Chilton Area Community Foundation), Karen Gerhartz, Chilton Optimist Club and The Wisconsin Historical Foundation.

Because of these generous donations, we have been able to undertake some sizeable projects in the past few years. We have moved and restored a vintage windmill, added 12 new showcases and changed the layout of our south building. We began digitizing our collection and added a website and Facebook Page. As part of the website project we featured a movie filmed in Chilton in 1938. This film played in the Chilton movie theater for years. Thanks to the Chilton Kiwanis of 1938 and 2015, we were able to show it to you again in the comfort of your own home. As with any worthwhile project, the rewards outweigh the labor intensity involved.

One of our main projects for 2016 is the continuance of our ongoing documenting project which involves tagging each item and cataloging all information we have available on the object. We have about 750 items already completed, with thousands remaining. We have ideas for new displays and rearranging of current displays that have served us so well. We will also continue the process of duplicating large maps so the originals can be properly preserved.

We are also making some big changes to the north building. This time we are not adding showcases, but instead are constructing a long, T-shaped wall down the center of the building. This will allow us the space we need to make changes in the way objects are displayed. The addition of the wall will enable us to create new displays by grouping like objects together. Creating the results we are envisioning will require this project to be a work in progress throughout the 2016 season. We are also planning to move all our horse drawn carriages toward the front of the building, making the other displays less crowded. We hope that when you walk into the north building there will be more of a “wow” factor than before.

Being more active has created so many good things; more visitors to the museum more members, more activity on the web and more involvement in the community. We could not be happier. We think 2016 will be about the same as the past few years – more changes and increased activities overall. This increase of activity is great, but it has also created another issue – an issue we are happy to encounter. This issue being, ***we could use your help!*** Anything you can do for us would be appreciated; whether it be just once during the summer or on a more regular basis. As much as we would love to have you join our group, membership is not necessary. Think of it as simply helping the historical society from time to time. You can help cut the grass, paint or help on a Sunday when the museum is open. Let us know what might interest you or if you have ideas of your own. Many of the recent volunteers have enjoyed the time and interaction at the Museum.

This year we are going to measure success in volunteer hours. Please help us to have another successful year.

Thank you!
Terry Friederichs

Please Join Us Today!

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- \$25.00 Corporate
- \$15.00 Family
- \$100.00 Lifetime Membership**
- \$ _____ Donation

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