



MANSION NEWS



From the President

Dear Members,

Our society grieves the loss of Ken Kobs who passed away on August 7th. Our sympathy was expressed by many members attending his funeral.

Since our last newsletter the engineer reports were completed for the historic structure report. A grant was applied to Historic Preservation Trust Foundation for the engineering planning and we were awarded \$3500.00 recently covering fifty percent of the invoice. A new roof, replacement of rotted roof trim, and historic gutters and downspouts have been completed. We are happy to report we have finally a dry basement during the past rain storms. Our architect is finalizing the final chapter of the HSR. We have hired a professional fundraiser Jodi Sweeney from Madison to do a feasibility study in the local area for fundraising efforts. A new committee called "Friends of Upham" will assist the well known professional. Some members have will be selected to receive a survey which will be sent out by Jodi soon.

The board of directors have agreed to forego future spaghetti suppers at the American Legion. Due to many other dinner functions we had poor turn outs. We will have "special diners" scheduled in the future.

We have purchased an artisans 10X10 tent to be utilized during the Maplefest pie and ice cream sales on September 17th and 18th at the Wildwood park. Please respond well to the calls for baked pies for the new event.

Our raffle for the king size pioneer quilt is going fair well. Tickets are available at the Mansion: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.

Our summer tours were up by 30% the past quarter. Thank you, tour guides for doubling up on the tour dates to accommodate the visitor increase.

We have a new director on the board of directors. Well known historian Ken Wood was appointed to replace Herb Weber who has given countless hours to our society.

Please wish our coordinator Kim Krueger "Happy Anniversary". She has been with us doing a superb job since September 2010.

And finally thanks to all of our members who have given extra amounts of time to the society the past quarter. We need you more than ever for continued progress.

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"He who has gone, so we but cherish his memory, abides with us, more potent, nay, more present than the living man."

~ Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

We will miss you, Ken.



On May 30th **1st Sgt. Jim Ward** came to Upham Mansion to speak to general members on the history and

makeup of the National Guard. 1st Sgt. Ward brought photos and stories and much information that held a very attentive audience. In one of the photos general member Shirley Burt-Overli found a photo of her late husband, Robert Burt, who had served in the National Guard. A huge thank you to 1st Sgt. Ward for coming and speaking on Memorial Day!



The annual **Pie & Ice Cream Social** held at Upham Mansion was a big success this year! It's estimated that close to 600 people attended. Some took advantage of the open house tours available, young and young at heart participated in the cake walk and all enjoyed the music provided by Mike Holubets. Shelby Wiester asked Mike to perform this year and he has agreed to perform again next year! A HUGE thank you to all who made the Social possible!!



You may have seen **Kulp's of Stratford** guys on top of the Mansion's roof this past summer.

Kulp's replaced shingles, removed dry-rot on some of the roof trim, prepared chimneys for the restoration project and installed historic eaves per historic preservation standards. As you can see in the picture some of the 1920s chimney brick was in pretty bad shape!



NWCHS Collection Items now on the Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database

Fourteen catalog entries for objects from the North Wood County Historical Society in Marshfield are now online in the Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database, including several examples of furniture produced by the Upham Manufacturing Company. Many of these pieces, including an extensive painted bedroom suite ornamented with resin moldings, were used by the Upham family and remain on view at the Upham Mansion.

In January 2011, Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database project coordinator Emily Pfothenauer worked with NWCHS to photograph 24 objects here at the Mansion. Visit Emily's blog to read more. <http://wisconsinobject.wordpress.com/>



Monie & Darby Upham

On Saturday August 13th Upham Mansion had two special visitors! That morning Monie Upham left a message on the office answering machine saying that she and Darby would be coming by for a visit.

The ladies returned to the area for the Central Wisconsin State Fair and sat at the Historic display in the Hockey Building. Maybe you had the chance to see them there?

Monie and Darby enjoyed their visit and we really enjoyed having them with us!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mark your calendar!

September

8th Spaghetti Supper @ the Legion

(Last one of the season!)

12th Board of Directors Meeting

7pm-9pm

17th & 18th Fall Maplefest! NWCHS will have a pie and ice cream stand at the Maplefest this year.

29th General Member's Meeting

7pm-9pm

Speaker: Prof. Thomas Bitner speaking on Changes of the central Wisconsin landscape during the last one billion years from the igneous rocks to the last Ice age.

October

10th Board of Directors Meeting
7pm-9pm

24th General Member's Meeting

Please note: due to Halloween this is one week earlier than usual!

Presentation topic to be determined during the September meeting.

November

14th Board of Directors Meeting
7pm-9pm

28th General Members Potluck

Bring a dish to pass!

September-October Exhibit: "Bogs & Orchards—Cranberries & Apples"

November-December Exhibit: "Dashing Through the Snow—Sleds, Sleighs & Santa's Helpers"

NORTH WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Upham Mansion Museum

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NEWSLETTER OF THE UPHAM MANSION of Marshfield, WI

We're on the web at: www.uphammansion.com



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The Mansion's Wish List:

VOLUNTEERS!!! For tours & archives

\$280 Donation for upgrading the Mansion Security Cameras

\$290 Donation to offset printing of 1000 new Upham Mansion Brochures

Speakers

If you or if you know someone who would like to speak on a topic at a General Meeting please contact Kim at the office. 715.387.3322

Used Hewlett Packard inkjet or toner cartridges

We can receive a small credit which will help defray office expenses.

SEEKING UPHAM MANUFACTURING INFORMATION!!

We average three or four inquiries per month regarding furniture made by the Upham Manufacturing Company

The resources here are limited to a couple catalogs and photos sent in from inquiries. If you have or know of resources pertaining to the Upham Manufactured furniture it would be so helpful!

Please contact Kim in the office... **THANK YOU!**

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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays
9:00-1:00

Tour Hours:

Wednesdays & Saturdays
1:30-4:00
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