



**Marshfield, Wisconsin**

**Spring 2024**

## From the President

*First, let me introduce myself for those who don't know me. I am a 50+ year resident of Marshfield. I was a volunteer with the Marshfield Police Auxiliary for 20 years, holding nearly every position in the organization. I served on the city's Common Council for six and a half years, and fought year after year to maintain the city's funding of the North Wood County Historical Society (NWCHS), a battle I lost the last year I was there.*



**Tom Witzel**

*This past fall, I was inducted into the Mayflower Society. This was the culmination of years of work my wife completed to trace my roots back to George Soule, and then prove to the national organization that her research was valid. While at the induction event, I was struck by the passion of those in charge of the state chapter of the organization. Their passion for history, and more specifically for the history of those settling in New England in 1621, could be seen by their involvement at both the state and national level.*

*As I reflect on my first couple of months with the NWCHS, I am struck by the passion of those who are part of this organization. Passion in the history of Marshfield prompted Grace Maluge to bring people together in 1952 to start the organization that would become the North Wood County Historical Society. Passion in the hearts of the many volunteers in the organization drives them to give countless hours each and every month, not just during the "major events". Passion prompts many more people to give financially, even people who don't live in or near Marshfield and North Wood County. The passion is contagious.*

*I have very quickly realized I have very big shoes to fill. Brad Allen has done an incredible job leading the NWCHS through a transitional time of funding. He, along with the board members, has worked incredibly hard to identify ways to not only fill the lost funding from the city, but to generate even more financial support. I want to thank all those who support the NWCHS through their generous giving. There is still much to be done, however, as the list of items to be accomplished on the Upham House alone is lengthy.*

*I want to thank Andrea Jackan for her hard work as our past, and welcome Melissa Sinha for her willingness to step in and take over as the new treasurer. She has moved us to a more formal accounting software, allowing us to graphically track and communicate our progress and financial needs. I want to thank JoAnn Gougeon for her ongoing work producing this newsletter, a staple to the organization. I also want to thank Amy Varsho for her vision and work on an email communication plan to provide additional information to our members, especially embracing an approach that is appealing to the younger people. And, I want to thank the other members of the board for their patience with me as I learn this position. Additionally, Don Schnitzler continues to be an unbelievable resource for the NWCHS. His knowledge and direction continue to help me as I figure out my part as President.*

*I have now had the opportunity to work at two NWCHS events, the brat fry in Pittsville and the Cultural Fair at the Marshfield campus of UWSP. I found both events to be fun, exciting, and enriching. Talking with people from the community has been a great opportunity to brag about the incredible work that you all do. I would encourage everyone to jump into such events. It has been great to work along side incredible people with unbelievable ideas and passion, and I look forward to many more such changes in the future! Join us, we have fun! Help us, we need funds and volunteers. Share us, we are here for the community, not just for tours, but for many opportunities and events throughout the year.*

*Tom*



**Upham House**

### NWCHS Board of Directors

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Wednesday - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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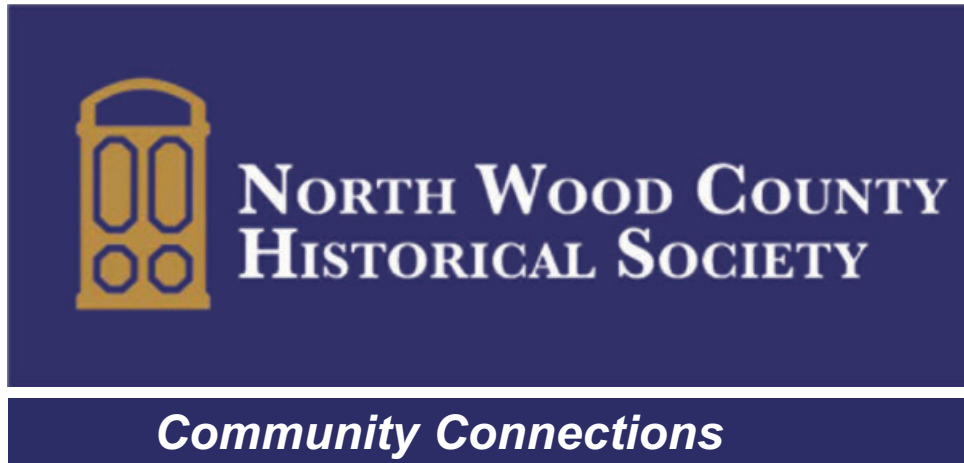
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www.uphammansion.com

## Look what's new at North Wood County Historical Society



Dear Members & Friends of NWCHS,

One of the ways we would like to have better communication with our membership is via an email format which will allow us to share more information with you. This past January we launched our mailer called *Community Connections* which will give our email subscribers the upcoming events at the Upham House. If you do not see it in your inbox, check your spam folder (as it is a new platform). If you chose not to receive further information from us, there is an unsubscribe option at the bottom of the email. Thank you, and we look forward to sharing the rest of our exciting news with you each month!

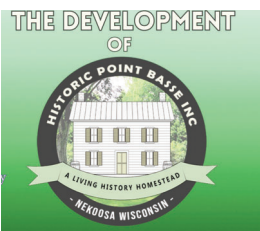
## April 2024



### April 7 Sunday Card Class With Elizabeth

Join Elizabeth Giles here at the Upham House as she instructs on how to make this card and another small project! She will have all supplies available. Elizabeth conducts classes in person as well as on her Facebook page, "*Stampin Unicorns with Elizabeth Giles*" so be

sure to check it out! <https://www.facebook.com/stampinwithelizabethgiles/> To register, please call 715-387-3322 or email the NWCHS at [nwchs@uphammansion.com](mailto:nwchs@uphammansion.com). Cost: \$5 (limit 10 spots)

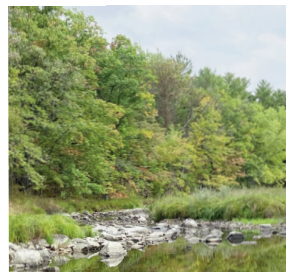


### April 10 Wednesday Spoken History

Program: Historic Point Basse Homestead.  
Speakers: Mike Hittner and Tom Brehmer

### April 19 Friday - No School Day

Plants/Tree Seeding – Family Activity • 1pm-4pm Limit of 25 so register soon! Call the NWCHS office to register 715- 387-3322. In commemoration of Arbor Day and Earth Day, school



(Courtesy of Wisconsin DNR- Griffith State Nursery)

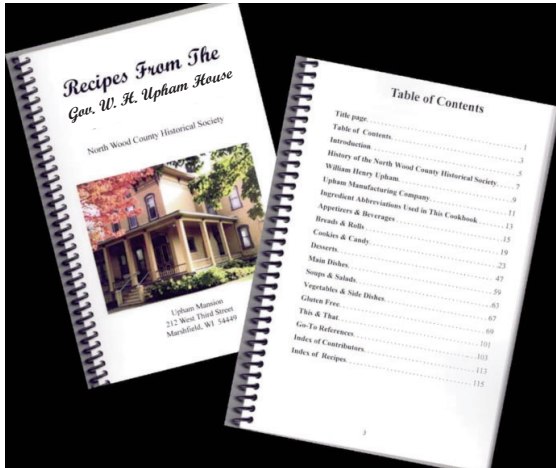
age youth are invited to Celebrate Trees with the North Wood County Historical Society! Join us for fun activities and a snack as you learn about the history of Wisconsin's forests and how important trees are for the planet. Each participant will receive white pine tree to plant!



### April 21 Sunday- Woven May Baskets & Paper Flowers

Vickie & Don Schnitzler will be instructing attendees how to make a woven paper heart basket that can later be filled with candy or hand-crafted flowers. You can weave together any combination of colored paper to make this basket which also can be used as a May basket. Supplies will be furnished to make one basket. After it is finished, you will learn how to upcycle toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls into beautiful flower ornaments. Start saving your rolls now to bring along to the class. The rest of the supplies - paint and brushes, glue, flower stems & centers, will be furnished. Cost: \$5 per person. To reserve your spot, email [nwchs@uphammansion.com](mailto:nwchs@uphammansion.com) or call 715-387-3322.

## NWCHS introduces 125-page cookbook



The Society recently announced its release of a new cookbook, *Recipes from the Upham Mansion*. This 125-page cookbook contains nine chapters of recipes, including one that is gluten free, all compiled from the members and friends of the NWCHS. Interspersed between contemporary recipes are others collected over the years from past community and society members.

Images of past Restaurants and Diners serve as chapter dividers and add a touch of the community's heritage to the book.

The cookbooks are \$13 and are available at the Upham House. If you are interested in a book (or more) please contact the NWCHS office 715-387-3322, or stop by the Upham House, 212 W 3rd St. Marshfield, Wis.

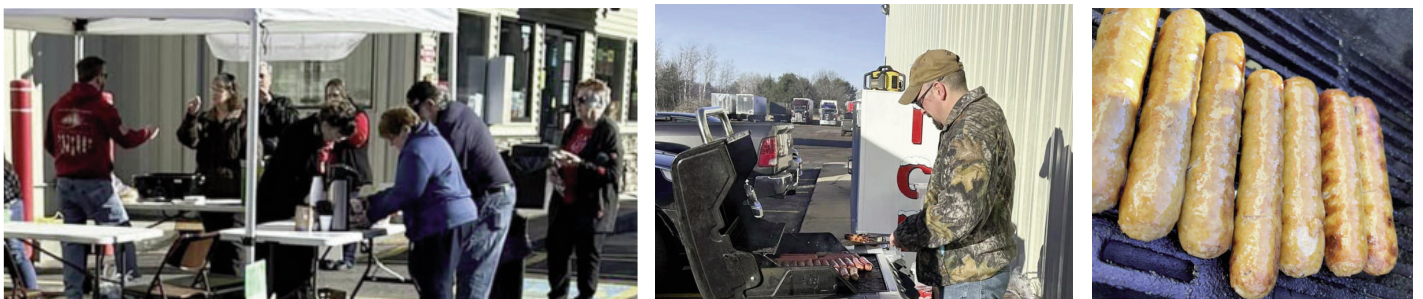
## NWCHS Community events are in full swing



## Spring bulb plants are growing at the Upham House

2024 marks the second year of the spring bulb plant sale through the North Wood County Historical Society. We have again been blessed with a wonderful donation of assorted bulbs and containers, so the sale is on. We have kept our prized bulbs chilled in our root cellar through the winter months, so that they are ready to sprout and grow in the sunny windows of our historic house museum. Volunteers gather to plant, water and watch the plants as they continue to grow. This year marks the first time that we have offered forced bulb plant classes and we have seen many happy faces as they plant and take their own touch of early spring home to enjoy. It is a growing year here at the Upham! As of this writing all sizes of planters \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 are still available for purchase. If interested, please stop in or call for hours at 715-387-3322.

## A brat fry in the winter? Where's the snow?



The NWCHS took a step of faith by sponsoring a brat fry in the middle of winter at the Pittsville Cenex ProVision Partners station on February, 4. Thankfully the weather cooperated and the sale was a tremendous success. "The brats tasted just like summertime!" A big thank you to Cenex and all the Society members who volunteered their time.

## The Train has left the building



It was “ALL ABOARD” the crazy train for members of the NWCHS on Saturday, February 24 at the Marshfield Area Cultural Fair, at the University of Wisconsin Steven's Point Campus. This year our exhibit was all about **Trains and Railroads of Wood County**. Attendees were treated to a “Selfie” Booth, chances to win an Easter basket and tables filled with outstanding information about Wood County railroads.

## A March event was an Easter Egg Decoupage Class



The decoupage class, led by Vickie and Don Schnitzler was a tremendous success. More than 30 participants combined their creativity, paper, and adhesive to transform eggs into something extraordinary.

## NWCHS Joins The Chestnut Center to “Bring on Spring!”



Looks like someone at the North Pole got jealous about our March 23rd *Bring On Spring Celebration* and wanted to make its appearance. But the snow did not stop us. The egg hunt was held as planned and if attendees got too chilly they went indoors to the Chestnut Center to take part in an art project. Many of the little ones also took a chance on winning the Golden Basket raffle. A great time was held by all. Thank you to our event sponsors: Rembs Funeral Home, Hub City Ice Cream, Mojo's, Associated Bank, Pick'n Save, Melody Gardens, 2 1/2 Cups, and Marshfield Parks and Recreation, and all our volunteers.

## Grace Maluge, organizer of the North Wood County Historical Society

During December 2023, Grace (Ives) Maluge was named the 108th inductee in Marshfield's 150: Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present register. She was nominated by her great-granddaughter, Lynette (Werner) Pupp.

Interested in history and its preservation, Grace (Ives) Maluge recognized the importance of Marshfield having a historical society. Her effort was instrumental in seeing that organization established in 1952 and she continued to actively support its mission during the remainder of her life.

In 1952, with the help of John L. Stauber, then president of Marshfield's Old Settlers Club, and others interested in a local society, Grace arranged a meeting in the Marshfield Free Library on September 19, 1952 to consider options. Acting as chairwoman, she introduced Dr. Wilbur Glover of the State Historical Society who explained the necessary steps for organizing a historical society and the statutory requirements to be affiliated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.



**Grace (Ives) Maluge**

After John Stauber, speaker for the evening, stressed the need for such a group in this community, those in attendance voted unanimously for its organization to be known as the Marshfield Historical Society. Articles of incorporation were approved and certified by the secretary of state, Fred K. Zimmerman, October 17, 1952, and then filed by the Wood County register of deeds. The names of those forming the corporation included Mrs. William A. (Grace Ives) Maluge, Clarence C. Meyers, Mrs. Fred K. (Nellie Bohn) Kamps, Mrs. Caroline Hartl Allen and C. J. Dregne.

The first meeting of the new historical society was held in the Council Chamber of the Marshfield City Hall on November 7, 1952. In addition to local attendees, there were two staff members of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Margaret Gleason, reference librarian, and Donald McNeil, field representative also present. Among the first directors elected that evening was Grace Maluge, who has been recognized as the woman who pioneered the area society.

Four years later, the society changed its name from Marshfield Historical Society to the North Wood County Historical Society, hoping to attract and encourage interest and memberships outside the city of Marshfield.

Grace Elizabeth Ives was born on August 30, 1886, the daughter of George Washington and Fannie Elizabeth Ives. She had seven siblings. A brother, George Smith Ives, served as mayor of Marshfield from 1934-35 and was re-elected for the 1936-37 term. Another brother, Walter Ives, was the band leader of Wally Ives and the Jolly Dutchman band, and still another brother, Lovell Ives, was the music arranger and a member of the band, who also directed the Green Bay Packers Band from 1982 to 1997.

In 1904 Grace married William August Maluge who was a butter maker. Three years later they moved to Marshfield. They established residence at 301 North Peach Avenue where they operated a neighborhood grocery store on the property called Cash Corner Grocery. Later they operated another grocery store at 304 East Tenth Street. That store had been owned by Isadore Seidel.

William and Grace had three daughters, Charolotte, Ruth and Grace, who all graduated from Marshfield High School. In 1926 Will started to spend the summer months in Perkinstown, where he owned and operated a small resort, "Shady Nook," and a small grocery store. In 1932, Grace and her youngest daughter would join him for the summers after a local doctor told her that their youngest daughter's asthma would be relieved with the Northwoods air.

Throughout her life, Grace enjoyed collecting and preserving both community and family history, and she relished sharing these with family and friends. In 1972, as the city celebrated its centennial, Grace's efforts were memorialized at the North Wood County Historical Society Museum at Praschak Wayside Park with a portrait, engraved with the title, "*Organizer of North Wood County Historical Society 1952.*"

## Marshfield Historical Business Directory Database

A new Marshfield Historical Business Directory database is the result of a collaborative project between North Wood County Historical Society (NWCHS) and the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library during Marshfield's 150th Anniversary in 2022.

Historical society volunteers collected the business name, street address and directory date from phone-books and city directories held by the historical society and library dating between 1881 and 2009.

They also prepared an individual database for each year, and then merged those into one comprehensive database. For convenient use, the all-inclusive database is sorted and saved as three documents, 1) alphabetical listing by name, 2) street name and address listing, and 3) business listing on Central Avenue only.

At this time, the directories are available only on the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library website. From their main navigation bar, select "Adults" and then on the dropdown menu select "Genealogy/History Research." On the open page, the directories are listed under the heading, "Marshfield Historical Business Directories." When the historical society's website is updated links will be found there as well.

Volunteers who contributed to this project are Bob Apfel, Bob Kult, Sue Kult, Lorraine Rogers and Don Schnitzler.

## New logo for the Society

A new logo was developed as the visual identity for the Society by *Exclamation*, a Marshfield marketing agency, with financial support provided by a MainStreet Marshfield grant.

Whether visiting in person or online, the society provides a doorway (hence the logo door to the Upham House) to Marshfield and North Wood County History.



North Wood County  
Historical Society

## Spoken History Series

Those interested in learning more about the area's rich history are invited to attend the monthly Spoken History presentations in person in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library. These monthly presentations are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The presentations are **FREE and open to the general public.**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:30 pm**

**Program:** Historic Pointe Basse Homestead.

**Speakers:** Mike Hittner and Tom Brehmer

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:30 pm**

**Program:** *Leadership Traits of Governor William H Upham*

**Speaker:** Greg Koepel

**Saturday, June 8, 2024, 1:00 pm**

**Program:** The evolution of sewing machine mechanics through the years. They will bring machines from 1880s, 1900s, 1920s, and 1950s which are important decades where improvements and accessories changed the art of sewing.



*Thanks to the Marshfield Health Systems Print Shop, we are now able to send all our newsletters in color. They have graciously agreed to print our quarterly newsletter as a donation to the North Wood County Historical Society.*

## Now accepting memberships for Year 2024



Preserving North Wood County history since 1952

### **NORTH WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC**

#### Membership and Donation Form

212 WEST THIRD STREET, P.O. BOX 142  
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Web Site: [www.uphammansion.com](http://www.uphammansion.com)

**Please make checks payable to NWCHS. Send to: NWCHS P.O. Box 142, Marshfield, WI 54449**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement of donations will be emailed for those who provide an email address.  
End of year receipts for all donations will be mailed out in January the subsequent year.

#### **I/We wish to support the NWCHS –Governor W.H. Upham House for the year 20\_\_**

Individual \$35       Student \$10 (High School & College)       General Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$50       Business \$100       House Restoration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial—In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All memorials will count as General gifts unless otherwise designated:*

#### **I/We also wish to contribute by helping with one or more of the following:**

- Bake cookies/pies for Dairyfest, Christmas Event
- Guide at Upham House- *occasional Saturday afternoons (We will train you!)*
- Garden and yard care - *seasonal work*
- Help with Special Events - *Dairyfest, Hub City Days– Carriage Exhibit, Christmas Open House*
- Identify and Classify Photographs - *meet one Saturday afternoon a month*
- Artifact Care & Accessioning - *Wednesday or Saturday afternoons*
- School Partner - *work with projects with Education Liaison and students at Upham Mansion*
- Research Exhibits - *develop exhibit material and historical data for the Exhibit Committee*
- Help Design Exhibits - *layout and display of artifacts with the Exhibit Committee*
- Sponsor an Exhibit - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- Sponsor an Event - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- Speakers or Topic for “Spoken History” lecture series
- Take a Leadership role- *Board, Committee Member, Publicity, Fundraiser*

*The North Wood County Historical Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible.*

North Wood County Historical Society  
PO Box 142 (Mailing Address)  
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## NWCHS Upcoming Community Events



**April 27** - Brat Fry at Hillers Parking Lot

**May** - Student Tours begin

**May 5** – Charcuterie Class – call or email the office for more information!

**May 18** - Saturday, May 18 – 10am-4pm the Upham yard will be overflow for the Chestnut Center of the Arts' Spring & Garden Festival

**May 24** - Marshfield Cemetery Tours, starting at 9 am and noon, Free and open to the public.

**June 1** - 10am – 3pm the 45th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social! Upham Yard.

**June 9** - 1pm - 3pm Rock Painting class with Jerin

**June 21** - Make Music Day – all day throughout Marshfield