

North Wood County Historical Society

Mansion Newsletter

Marshfield, Wisconsin

September 2022

From the President

Hello folks,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer thus far, and continue to do so as we go into autumn. It's been a couple of busy months for the North Wood County Historical Society Board and all its volunteers, starting with our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social in coordination with the June Dairy Fest here in Marshfield. The weather was perfect and we had a wonderful turn out for this event, which made for a very successful celebration not only at the Mansion but throughout the city as well.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to our event from those who donated wonderful homemade pies, to our cast of numerous volunteers working night and day to prepare, and to all our servers who did an excellent job keeping up with the crowds.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors who contributed so generously to make it a success. Most importantly, I want to personally thank every community member and all the folks who came to town to help make this day a wonderful event. Without all your support and your generous donations, we couldn't have done it.

Hub City Days also was a blast, though our carriage display was smaller this year due to prior obligations and haying season. But, we still had a busy day and a number of interested visitors. We served a brat or hot dog plate as well as root beer and orange floats (yum). Our tour guides were running full force as we had a nice crowd being interested in the house and our local history. We look forward to continuing this tradition and if you haven't had a chance to come and check it out please put it on your calendar for next year. Again, many thanks to all those mentioned above for their efforts in making this a great activity for our community.

In the previous newsletter you read about our honey bee "friends" making a bit of a mess of things on the east side of the Mansion. We were able to open up the wall to remove them but we discovered more repairs will be needed to that wall, which are scheduled to be done soon. We also will be closing the house for tours during the month of January and into February so we may restore the restroom floor, repair the walls in the library and are hoping to have the parlor and library re-wallpapered as well. We've chosen the first two months of next year for this work so it wouldn't interfere with our preparations and decorating for Christmas, as well as hosting our annual Christmas open house on December 3 and 4.

NWCHS also will be having its annual potluck membership meeting on November 28 at 6:30 pm. The meeting/election will begin first followed by the meal. Please bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift to exchange.



President
Brad Allen



Upham House

NWCHS Board of Directors

President - Brad Allen

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Tour Hours

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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Brad

It has been a busy and wonderful summer at the Mansion

Pie & Ice Cream Social -2022



Each year the Pie & Ice Cream Social is the Historical Society's biggest fundraiser. This year we saw close to 400 people tour the Gov. Upham House, and many more enjoyed pie and ice cream.

We were blessed with amazing weather and everyone truly enjoyed their time. A huge thank you to all our donors and guests for helping make this 43rd annual social a success!



We were also happy that Monie Upham, (far right) was on site as she was chosen as this year's Dairyfest Parade Marshal. Monie is the granddaughter of Wm. Upham and Grace (Upham) Hambright. Joining Monie for a photo are (l-r) Monie's great nephews Edwin, John, and their Mom, Becky.



Working hard behind the scenes are (l-r) Laura Ptak, Terri Richards and Kris Coleman cutting and preparing pie slices to be taken outside for our customers.



A new addition to the bakery table was Holly Schnitzler's famous cupcakes!



Providing beautiful live music again this year was Joe Finamore who was accompanied by Jill Kupfer.



This year again we featured our famous basket raffle as well as added a silent auction for those donated items listing for more than \$100.





Thank you to all those who donated so generously and helped make our 43rd Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social a success!

- Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
- Melody Gardens
- Bauman Nursery & Landscaping
- Baymont Hotel by Wyndam
- Hotel Marshfield—Libby McNeils
- H&S Manufacturing
- Gail Butler
- Edward Jones
- Joe Finamore & Jill Kupfer
- Marshfield Clinic Health System YMCA
- Marshfield Clinic Health System
- Marshfield Park & Recreation
- Partners Floral & Gift Shoppe
- Rembs Funeral Home
- Rose Bowl Lanes
- The many individuals and NWCHS Board of Directors who donated pies, time, and talents

THANK YOU!!!

Fire Walk Tour Commemorates the 135th Anniversary of the Great Marshfield Fire



The first of three tours started at the intersection of Walnut and West 2nd Street at 11:49 am, the exact time the fire alarms began on June 27, 1887.

Those who joined the six block walk heard from Marshfield pioneers who had fought the fire and shared their first hand stories of the devastation.

All the folks had a beautiful day and the tours were well attended.

Front row: 'Adolph LaBelle,' portrayed by Vincent Dahlke

Second row: 'Minnie Furstenburg' portrayed by Kristin Hughes, 'Michael Berg' portrayed by John Berg

Middle: 'Mayor William Upham' portrayed by Tom Ptak

Back row: 'Otto Scharman' portrayed by John Armbruster, 'Everett Upham' portrayed by Dave LaFontaine, Don Schnitzler, Narrator

Not pictured: 'Frank Upham' portrayed by Jeff Johnson and 'Lillian Upham' portrayed by Theresa Bannach

NWCHS Sponsors 4th Annual Horse-Power Carriage Exhibit During Marshfield's Hub City Days

Many people came out this beautiful day during Hub City Days to sit in the shaded Upham yard to enjoy a lunch, root beer or creamsicle float, and view carriages dating back to the 1800s. A large number also came in and toured the Upham House.

A big thank you to Dennis Raab and the Marshfield Fire & Rescue Dept. for exhibiting their rigs; and to Gary with O'brein Auto for assisting with transportation of the Marshfield Fire Wagon.



Marshfield's Fire Hose Cart #1—always a favorite! A huge thank you to Marshfield Fire & Rescue for allowing us to display it!



1890s Rural Route Post Buggy owned and operated by Alois (Al) Nikolai, who was a rural mail carrier from 1919 to 1957. Owner: Donated to the North Wood County Historical Society by the Helen Nikolai family in 2021.



Shelby & Jerin are ready for the \$5 lunch plate special to begin!



Dennis Raab brought an eight passenger replica waggoneer

Recent Acquisitions

In July we received from Masonite (formerly Marshfield Doorsystems), items that were originally part of the Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company. Items included an office desk, 1935-1945 Underwood typewriter, and a Kodachrome image of Hamilton and Catherine Roddis. The desk replaces our old office desk and the typewriter now sits in an upstairs bedroom on an Upham manufactured desk.

Thank you to Faith Lovett-Wilson, Environmental manager at Masonite, for her initial inquiry and assistance in obtaining these historic artifacts!



1935-1945 Underwood typewriter originally from the Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company in Marshfield.



Kodachrome image of Hamilton and Catherine Roddis.



This desk originally located at the Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company, now sits in the Upham House office.



Moving the desk are Kris & Mike Coleman, Chris Porter, & Brad Allen

Upham/Krueger Family Visit the Upham House

This summer on July 20th the grandchildren and great grandchildren of William and his second wife Grace (Upham) Hambright drove down from northern Wisconsin where they had gathered for the Upham/Krueger family reunion to visit the Gov. Upham House. The family enjoyed reminiscing as they toured the house and enjoyed a picnic luncheon on the porch. It is the first time the cousins have been together at the Upham House since the 1990s! Monie, John, and Edwin Upham are descendants of William (Bill) Jr. and BettyAnn (Dentz). Rick, Tim, Amy, and Pam (not pictured) are descendants of Frederick (Fritz) Upham and Jean (Krueger).



Top (l-r): Monie Upham, John Upham, Edwin Upham, Pete Pryharski, Cosette Wrynn. **Middle (l-r):** Rick Upham, Amy & Allison Pryharski, Peter Pryharski. **Bottom (l-r):** MaryJo Upham, Tim Upham.



Gov. Upham "overlooks" Rick and Tim Upham (back row), Monie Upham and Amy Pryharski, Rick and Tim's sister, in the front. Missing is their older sister, Pam Evans.

Other family members



Bill and Betty (Denz) Upham



Fritz & Jean (Krueger) Upham

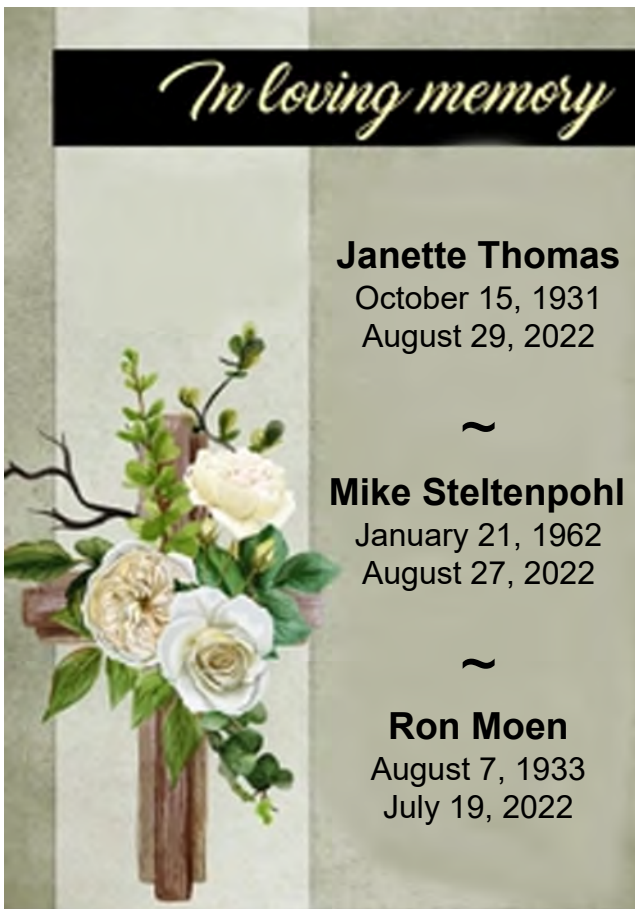


MaryJo, Rick, and Tim look through Upham family pictures in the NWCHS' photo archives.

NWCHS Annual Picnic - 2022

Monday, September 12 President Brad Allen welcomed old friends and new to the NWCHS' annual Potluck Picnic. He gave an update on the progress of repairs being doing on and in the House and Don 'Schnitz' Schnitzler shared about the ongoing digital scanning project which started last December. The project consists of scanning thousands of negatives donated by the Marshfield News Herald taken back in the 1990s.

Some of our new guests are those folks who have spent many hours pouring over 4"x5" and 35mm negatives. Despite rain earlier in the day, the evening turned out to be very pleasant and everyone enjoyed the gathering.



Remembering Jan

We were saddened to learn about the passing of Jan Thomas, a long term NWCHS member and Board Director. Jan passed away peacefully on August 29, 2022 at Wells Nature View Assisted Living in Marshfield.

A huge advocate for the NWCHS, Jan served for many years as the historical society's secretary and from 2017-2018 as vice president. She was involved in as many functions as she was able and enjoyed greeting people in the Upham parlor as they came through on tours.

Jan was a lifelong Marshfield resident and had many, many stories and memories, some of which she shared in her "Jan Thomas Remembers" articles for our "Mansion News" newsletter. She contributed stories from 2013-2019 and covered topics from her Aunt's Gingersnap gravy to her 1949 high school graduation, to "Uthmeier/Hintz Mercantile Store and Aunt Emma's Bed & Breakfast"

Jan has not been able to attend NWCHS functions for a couple years now, but she has often been in our thoughts and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Jan, we are so glad you shared part of your life with us!



Restoration continues on the Upham Mansion

This spring after many rain events and honey laced water infiltrating a library window affected by bees in the wall, Ryan Niehaus with Kountry Home Builders took off exterior wall boards above the window. He extracted 10 honeycombs and patched up the wall until more work could be done.

In September Ryan and his work partner, Josh, were back to remove boards under the window and determine the extent of damage. Thankfully, the damage did not go beyond the initial area. Ryan replaced the older boards with fresh, new cedar boards which will withstand many more years of sun and weather.

The next phase for this restoration project is to fix the window frame affected by the bees and to replace wallpaper in the library and parlor. The present wallpaper was put up when the historical society restored the house 45 years ago. The Board of Directors outlined a plan to replace existing wallpaper and in 2018 an upstairs bedroom was the first room to be done. This bee incident helped decide which rooms were to be done next.

One fun find we discovered is an earlier, floral print wallpaper behind the book case under the 'bee window'. It is believed the bookcases were a part of the 1925 renovations Grace Upham did before she married her second husband, Harold Hambright in September of that year. The wallpapering is slated for January and February 2023.

The anticipated cost for all repair work could be close to \$10,000. All donations and memorials will be much appreciated to help fund this project.



Water damage under one of the library windows.



Fresh new cedar boards replace the old ones.



Dates to Remember

October 22 - Clean up Day - 10 am - Noon
Volunteers needed.

November 28 - Annual Membership/Potluck meeting - 6:30 pm - Bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift to exchange.

December 3 & 4 - Christmas Open House - "A Dicken's Christmas" 10 am - 3 pm

December 11- 4 pm - Swag Class (see details right)



Happy Holidays from the North Wood County Historical Society

Fresh Wreaths and Garlands supplied by Bauman Nursery, Edgar, Wisconsin

*The wreaths are made of mixed pine boughs,
decorated with pinecones and a red velvet bow*

Proceeds go to help support the North Wood County Historical Society!

Wreaths	
<i>Outside diameter</i>	<i>Price</i>
24 inches	\$24
30 inches	\$34
36 inches	\$40
48 inches	\$50



Example of a Wreath

New This Year	
Wickless Candles (Vanilla, Cranberry spice, Pine, Cinnamon, Cinnamon Pumpkin)	\$7



Special Items	
	<i>Price</i>
Door Swag (24" - 30")	\$24
White Pine Garland (25')	\$38
Frazer Fir Garland (25')	\$48
Small Centerpiece (~10 wide x 12-15" tall)	\$26
Large Centerpiece (~18 wide x 16-20" tall)	\$32

*Centerpieces (Disposable container, mixed
pine boughs, sticks and cones)*

Orders with payment are due by Friday, October 28th at 6 pm

----- Please detach and return -----

2022 North Wood County Historical Society Wreath Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
24 " Wreath		\$24	
30" Wreath		\$34	
36 " Wreath		\$40	
48 " Wreath		\$50	
Door Swag		\$24	
White Pine Garland		\$38	
Frazer Fir Garland		\$48	
Small Centerpiece		\$26	
Large Centerpiece		\$32	
Wickless candle		\$7	
		Total	

Orders with checks are due by Friday, Oct. 28 at 6:00 pm

Please make checks payable to NWCHS

Mail to: North Wood County Historical Society
P.O. Box 142
Marshfield, WI 54449

Questions — reach us by Email:
nwchs@uphammansion.com
or by Phone:

715-387-3322 (Upham House)
715-207-6740 (Kris Coleman)
715-383-9775 (Don Schnitzler)

Pickup:

Mon., Nov. 28th 9 am—1 pm Wed., Nov. 30th 9 am—1 pm Sat., Dec. 3rd 10 am—2 pm

Governor Upham House 212 West Third Street, Marshfield

Spoken History Series

Those interested in learning more about the area's rich history are invited to attend the monthly Spoken History presentations virtually via a Zoom platform or in person in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library. These monthly presentations will be offered the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Dates of upcoming presentations and speakers are listed here through December. The presentations are FREE and open to the general public. Pre-registration is necessary and required to join the Zoom presentations. As the Zoom links are created and finalized, the titles, descriptions, and registration links will be shared with members by email, future issues of the Mansion News, and Society's website and Facebook Page.

Please plan to attend or sign in to the following virtual and live presentations.

September 8, 2022

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library - 6:30 pm
Felker Genealogy & Local History Room

Program: "Etched in Stone: Understanding the Symbols Used on Old Gravestones."

Presenter: Dennis Jacobs, Library Association from the Brown County Library, will explain the meaning behind that symbol along with the many other engravings used on old headstones.

records are just a few of the many resources.

November 10, 2022

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library Felker Genealogy & Local History Room -6:30 pm

Program: "The Life and Times of Engine 2442."

Presenter: Keith Meacham, local railroad historian, will highlight the history of the iconic locomotive resting near the entrance to the Wildwood Park and Zoo.

and suggest possible activities forward to the 250th USA Anniversary on July 4, 2026.

Past Spoken History

Note: The following past Spoken History presentations can be viewed on

[YouTube channels North Wood County Historical Society and ERMPL Library \(Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library\)](#)

The rail-roaders, loggers, sawmill operators, farmers and townspeople all depended on a blacksmith's skills to forge from iron, or steel, a wide array of objects needed for everyday life. This presentation will introduce you to those essential members of the early Marshfield community.

Presenter: John Berg, a retired teacher, author, local historian and blacksmith.

October 13, 2022

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library - 6:30 pm
Felker Genealogy & Local History Room

Program: "Genealogical and Local History Records Available in the Wisconsin Regional Archives"

Presenter: Brad Casselberry, UWSP archivist, will explain the many and varied archived records available for research. Naturalizations, probate, tax assessment

December 8, 2022

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library- 6:30 pm
Felker Genealogy & Local History Room

Program: "Marshfield's 150th Celebration, Leading into an America 250th Celebration; Let the Planning Begin."

Presenter: Don Schnitzler highlights the years past events commemorating the City's 150th Anniversary, and

Program: "The Karau Family Business: Marshfield's Last Locally Owned and Operated Supermarkets"

Presenter: Jeff Kleiman

Program: "Marshfield's Early Blacksmiths"

Marshfield's history is due in large part to the railroad, and the industries and settlers who followed it.

Program: "Wisconsin in the Civil War."

Presenter: Local college student and Civil War enthusiast, Tim Kraus, will discuss the Civil War and how it relates to Marshfield. The talk focuses mostly on the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment and other famous Wisconsin Regiments.. "

Please Note: Check for additional updates and additional events on our Facebook and Web sites.



Thanks to the Marshfield Clinic 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 Historical Society.

Now accepting memberships for Year 2023



Membership and Donation Form

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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:

North Wood County Historical Society Needs Your Help

This is our **Wish List** and areas where members and nonmembers can **Volunteer** to help the Society

- **Funds for purchasing archival boxes for garments.** We have numerous garments that should not be hung and need garment boxes for safe storage. Please contact Kim at nwchs@uphammansion.com or 715-387-3322 for more information.
- **Donate postage stamps** to help cover mailings
- **Join the Society** by sending in your application with your yearly dues
- **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 and 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 event** - ideal for businesses, groups of members, families



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Annual Potluck Membership Meeting

Monday, November 28 • 6:30 pm • Upham House

The meeting/election will begin first and then followed by the meal.

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