

Mansion News



From the President

Good ol' summertime...

I am not sure how many of you, over the years, have had the opportunity to be tour guides at the Upham House, but for me personally, I learn something new every time. I am always amazed at the plethora of information available at your disposal. Not just from the many displays, informational cards and snippets of our local history, but, more as to how someone might have lived in the house' glory days.

As the "newbie" around here I feel a sense of wonderment as I discover a new factoid or two or have someone come in and tell first, second or third hand accounts from subsequent generations of the goings on when the house was full of family and friends of the original owners, why I just heard a story about how one of the holes got in a bedroom wall from a certain young Upham boy, I am quite certain he had a little explaining to do to the folks...

One of the treats of being part of the NWCHS is that you can make the house your own, with the small caveat that "do not touch" still means "do not touch" when no one else is there! The beautiful gardens that Tom Ptak has so delicately taken care of for many years seem to help push the house out of the ground as if to say "here, take a good look" and when you do, the architecture from every point of view catches your eye and you know there was a time when things were built, they were built to last.

Our Pie and Ice Cream Social was a tremendous hit again this year and THANK YOU so much to everyone who contributed, what a great group of people, and companies who helped us out, it is much needed. This was my second year being involved and I already can't wait for the next one! It is always such a joy to see so many generations enjoying the grounds, reminders of times gone by, without the cell phones and distractions, people just talked to one another, wish we could bottle that!

That takes me back to my earlier comment about the house, when the yard was cleaned up, dishes were done, the left overs put away or donated to other worthy causes, the voices start to get quieter as people go back to their own homes to take care of business, (or put their feet up), when you get to go around the house to close it up for the night, walking upstairs and shutting the lights off, I can't help but think of the great man who almost died for his country, built a great business, salvaged our town from the ashes, became a local and state leader, and raised two sets of families in this house, this was his home, his legacy for his family and now the community, so, when I shut the last light off up there I whisper a soft "goodnight Mr. Upham, thank you."

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37th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social is a Huge Success!



Beautiful cake made by Holly & Vickie Schnitzler for the basket raffle.

Proceeds for all NWCHS fundraisers go to support the Society's mission to preserve and advance the history of the North Wood County area, and to maintain the Gov. WH Upham House.

Saturday, June 3rd weather started out on the sketchy side, however, after an early rain the skies cleared and the day turned bright and humid. A great day for the event!

Nearly 200 people toured the Governor Upham House and many more sat on the lawn, relaxed and enjoyed Joe Finamore's live acoustic guitar and songs while visiting and munching on some yummy pie and cool ice cream.

New this year was a basket raffle and we were very pleased with the results. Basket items were donated by local business and from NWCHS Board Directors.

This year's Social raised over \$2600 and the basket raffle alone raised close to \$600 for the Society!

This year's featured exhibit, which kicked off during Dairy Fest, is in honor of those who serve in our local law enforcement. The display exhibits the history of and artifacts on loan from the Marshfield Police Department and from the NWCHS historic collection. It will be up into July and those who work in law enforcement and auxiliary can enter free.



Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success!

See pg. 5 for full list of individuals.

Marshfield Police Auxiliary Celebrates 40 years this year!

In the mid 1970s when CB radios were peaking in popularity, of the various CB clubs which had been formed in the area, the Badgerland CB Radio Club became part of the Wood County Emergency Government Group II. This group would assist the Marshfield Police Department by providing monitoring during special events, and if assistance by officers was needed, they would call into the dispatch center using their CB mobile radios to contact a base station which was monitored 24 hours a day on the FCC designated Emergency Channel 9. Officers would then be dispatched to respond to the request for assistance.

In 1977 efforts to form an "Auxiliary Police Force" resulted in approval by the Common Council. Approximately 10 charter members, most from the original CB club & Emergency Govt.

Group II ranks, formed the initial membership of the Marshfield Police Auxiliary.

Over the years membership has varied in both numbers and make up. Earlier years found the membership around 30 and the number of donated hours as high as 5700. Those early rosters were largely made up of citizens who desired to provide service to their community without necessarily desiring to go into law enforcement as a career. Since 1977 the organization has seen a greater level of professionalism, greater focus on training, greater support from the Police Department.

The initial focus of the Auxiliary was patrol, the events that are now worked include wide variety.

Since 1970s, and as of May 2017, the Auxiliary has served 87,196 hours and the number of members is 188.



More information on how to serve with the Auxiliary can be found on the Marshfield Police Dept. website: <http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/police/auxiliary.php>

Excerpt from "A Brief History of the Marshfield Police Auxiliary". Provided by Rick and Carolyn Witzel.

Opportunity Development Center Helps for Earth Day



Saturday, April 22nd was Earth Day. A number of volunteers came to help tidy up the Upham yard that day, however, prior to this on April 18th seven ladies with the Marshfield ODC gave them a head start.

The day was overcast, chilly and a bit dreary, but this did not impede the upbeat, infectious spirits of **Laura, Krystal, Allison, Jessica, Mattea, Whitney, and Vivian!**

These ladies dove right in and cleaned leaves out of the nooks and crannies—some of which were still soggy from the winter. Following a good day of picking up sticks and leaves the group gathered in the Upham House kitchen and enjoyed some hot chocolate and cookies.

The NWCHS **thinks these ladies** for their hard work and ready smiles!



UPCOMING EVENTS

NWCHS Lecture Series—It Happened on Main Street

Monday July 24th, 2017 6:30 pm

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library, J.P. Adler Room

This free event is open to the public.

This is the 2nd part in the Lecture Series that Don and Mike are presenting this year. Come take a historic tour of the east side of South Central. Bring a friend and your memories!

During Hub City Days

Friday, July 28th - 6:30PM

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library, J.P. Adler Room

This free event is open to the public.

Archaeologist **Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt** will talk about the book *Hidden Thunder*, he co-authored with artist Geri Schrab. This Midwest Book Awards winning book takes us on a tour of ancient Indian carvings and paintings across Wisconsin.

Ernie has more than forty years of experience, the vast majority in Wisconsin. He worked for the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse for nearly thirty years and is now an independent archaeologist and an honorary fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Boszhardt and his wife, Danielle Benden, will be helping to identify Native American artifacts at the Upham House Saturday, July 29th from 10am to 2pm.

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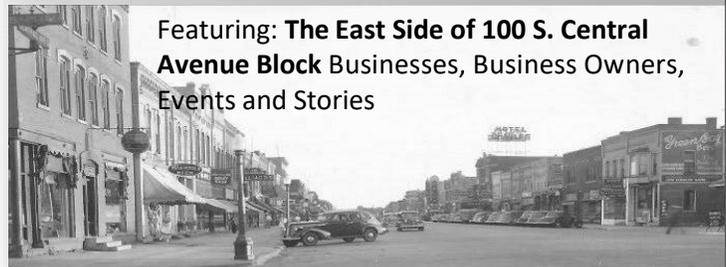


Donald Schnitzler

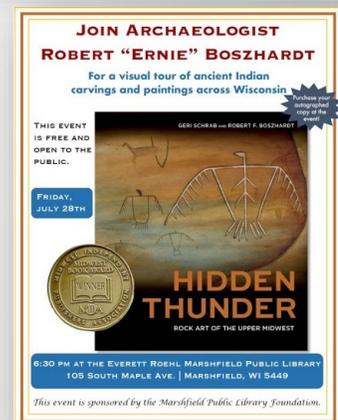


Mike Meyers

Marshfield Community Historians



Featuring: **The East Side of 100 S. Central Avenue Block** Businesses, Business Owners, Events and Stories



Native American Artifact Identification

Saturday July 29th 10am-4pm—Gov. Upham House

10am - 2pm Archeologists **Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt** and **Danielle Benden** will help with Native American artifact identification and to demonstrate ‘flint knapping’

10:30 am – 4pm Guided tours of the Upham House every half hour. Last tour at 3pm *Donation at the door appreciated.*

Community members are encouraged to bring their Native American artifacts for help with identification.

Local collectors who would like to bring a display please contact Kim at 715.387.3322

Activities:

- *Free Games
- *Refreshments
- *House Tours every half hour
- *Test your skills hunting a Mastodon with the ‘Battle At!’



We will need help for this new event. If you would like to help, please contact Kim 715.387.3322 or nwchs@uphammansion.com



Ernie Boszhardt guiding a group at Little Bluff Trail in Trempealeau.

Annual Potluck Picnic & Volunteer Appreciation

Members, Friends, Volunteers!

You are invited to the annual potluck- **July 31st 6:00PM**
Gov. Upham House in the back yard

What to bring:

-  a side dish or a dessert to pass
-  picnic ware (plates, utensils)
-  lawn chair

The NWCHS Board of Directors will provide the main hot dishes.



New NWCHS Volunteers

The North Wood County Historical Society depends upon volunteers for just about everything. This year, thanks to **Andrea Jackan** who in the autumn of 2016 helped set up an NWCHS account with *Volunteer Marshfield*, we have seen 7 new people join as volunteers. These new folks have been working hard to help out with various behind the scenes projects and have, since November 2016, logged **close to 600 hours!**

Welcome and thank you to these new folks:

Jenny Bravener Bill Rehbolz
Gary Carlson Kaitlyn Shadof
Catrina Conway Emily Schreiner
Annette Mattson



Annette Mattson has logged 300 volunteer hours since 11/2016!



Gary Carlson logged 193 volunteer hours between 11/16 & 2/17



Andrea Jackan helped set up our profile on VolunteerMarshfield.org

Bill Rehbolz cataloging a recent archival donation.



Catrina Conway packing a 1890s bodice.

In Kind Donations

NWCHS would like to thank the following individuals for their in kind donations to the support the NWCHS **Pie & Ice Cream Social**:

Festival Foods and Pick 'n Save — Gift Certificates

Perkins — Pies

Raffle Basket Items:

- ◇ Blue Heron Brew Pub
- ◇ Cupcakes on 8th
- ◇ Dairy Queen
- ◇ Gail & Dave Bultler
- ◇ Keller, Inc.
- ◇ Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ◇ Noel & Diane Denniston
- ◇ NWCHS Board Members
- ◇ Ronald McDonlad House Charities
- ◇ Ruth & Gary Elderbrook, *Slice of Heaven*
- ◇ Seehafer Farm & Creamery
- ◇ St. Joseph's Hospital Partners
- ◇ Styles by Carmen

Raffle Tickets donated by the Thomas Baer Veterans Memorial Fund

NWCHS Members donated 65 pies!

Joe Finamore— Live Music

Stacey Oelrich—2017 P&I Poster

Pie Social Banner during the Parade:

Paul Zieglmeier, Amy Larson, Ken Bargander, Jacqueline Zieglmeier

Volunteers

Brad Allen
Lori Belongia
Chris Buchanan
Jenny Bravener
Shirley Burt
Jen Jacobsen
Dolly Kobs
Annette & Roy Mattson
Pat Passo
Laura & Tom Ptak
Bill Rebholz
Rene Richardson
Emily Schreiner
Don & Vickie Schnitzler
Waleen Storm
Jan Thomas
Diane Wolf
Ken Wood

From the Webster 4-H Club:

Erik & Christopher Bennett
Lisa & Ella Bauman
Marla & Anna Fischer
Romelle Bymers—Homemade
Ice Cream



The featured display this year is on the history of the **Marshfield Police Department**. Up through July.

Marshfield Police Dept. Exhibit:
Thank you to **Lt. Darren Larson** and the **Mfld Police Dept.** for help and lending artifacts for the exhibit. Thank you to **Rick and Carolyn Witzel** for their help with the Police Auxiliary information.

A **HUGE** thank you to the following people for helping with the May 2017 **3rd & 4th Grade Student tours**.

Karen Bitrich
Jenny Bravener
Deb Gennet
Andrea Jackan
Pat Passo
Don Schnitzler
Kate Shadof
Ken Swenson
Karen Thompson

They helped give tours to
**6 schools, 7 classes,
309 Students
58 Adult chaperones**

Thank you to the following people for all their hard work in **preparing the Upham yard** for the Pie & Ice Cream Social and for the Marshfield Area Respite Care Center's 21st Annual Garden Tour

Tom Ptak
Tom Stram
Gail Snortheim
Judy Sternitzky
Shirley Person
Dana Anderson

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Upcoming Events

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Author, Archaeologist Ernie Boszhardt on Midwest Petroglyphs | 6:30pm |
| July 29th | Native American Artifact Identification Event @ the Upham | 10am-4pm |
| July 31st | Annual Picnic & Volunteer Appreciation—Upham back yard | 6:00pm |

We are seeking stories for *Mansion News*! If you have a story pertaining to North Wood County history, please contact Kim at the email in the sidebar. Thank you.