

North Wood County Historical Society

Mansion Newsletter

Marshfield, Wisconsin

Winter 2023

From the President

Greetings everyone!

I hope everyone had a safe, happy, and fun holiday season. It is 2023 and we have a lot to be grateful for and a lot to look forward to.

First off, the Board of Directors has closed the Upham House for tours during January and February to hang new wallpaper in the parlor and in the library areas of the house as well as paint ceilings and trim. Kim and other volunteers have done some excavating into the old wallpaper and may have found what is the original paper put on in the very early days of the house!



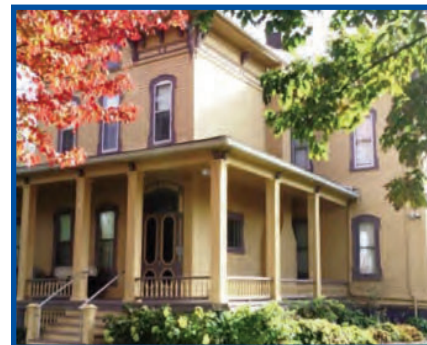
Brad Allen, President

We hope to match, as best we can, with what is available, to be able to have the authentic look of that time. If ever there was a reason to be had to come and visit us again, this will certainly be it. Stay tuned for updates as the work progresses on our social media platforms and future copies of the Mansion News too.

During a Special membership meeting on March 20, 2023, the Board of Directors asks for your consideration of a few modifications to the Society's bylaws. We believe these changes are necessary to accommodate the continued needs of the historical society. Inside this newsletter, you'll find the proposed language changes, along with a brief explanation for the change. Approval of the changes to the bylaws, election of board members and officers are the only business items to be considered. We hope you will join us for the meeting and an opportunity to view first-hand the improvements in the parlor and library.

Though winter has crept in, and the frost is on the windows, we are looking forward to spring as we need to paint our grand porch, seal up some drafty windows and watch those gardens start to bloom again. We can't do it without the help of our volunteers. In case it hasn't been mentioned before, we are always open to more hands-on decks to volunteer inside and outside, more ideas, more referrals, more references to ways to better ourselves and financial help as well. As we have all heard, the City budget was cut quite a bit and we had always asked for and graciously received some financial backing from them. Unfortunately, that has been taken off their budget as well as it has for some others, and we hope that by the grace of the powers that be, and a little hard work, we can find the support we need to continue our mission of educating our young (and not so young), caring for the artifacts we have, including our biggest one, the Upham House, and disseminating and documenting the history of our spot in this great state... North Wood County. We look forward to seeing you all come in and inspect the new look when we **re-open in March!**

Brad



Upham House

NWCHS Board of Directors

President - Brad Allen

Vice President - Jerin Turner

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Directors

Kris Coleman

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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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Changes to the by-laws: Check over before you vote on March 20

Consideration of NWCHS Bylaw Changes

1. ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition of the Board

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of ~~twelve~~ **between twelve (12 and fifteen (15)** persons who are elected as members of the Board by the general membership, to include at least seven directors, the Society's four officers, and immediate past president

Explanation – The bylaws specify that the past president is a member of the Board of Directors, but limits reelection beyond the second three-year term. This will allow for election of a new board member (keeping the annual election rotation in place, and still maintain the past president in an advisory capacity). The range also allows for recruiting special talents as needed for the benefit of the society.

1. ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS, Section 2. Officers

Section 2. Officers

- b. The president shall be elected for a ~~term of not more than one~~ **two-year term, after which he or she may be reelected to serve one additional term.**

Explanation – The President is the only officer elected for a one-year term; it takes time to hone the skills of being a good president. Extending the term to two-years will benefit the society and provide greater continuity among the board leadership by limiting elections of just two officers each year. See suggested language of Section 2, e.

- e. **The President and Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years, and the Vice-president and Secretary will be elected in odd numbered years.**

Explanation – This additional language establishes the two- year rotational schedule of the four officers. Note – if approved current president Brad Allen will serve out a second year of his current term of office.

2. ARTICLE VI. Meetings

- a. ~~Six members shall constitute a quorum.~~ **A majority of members eligible to vote** or any meeting of the Board of Directors present in person, via telephone, video or web-conferencing **shall constitute a quorum.**

Explanation - With the expansion of the board to a range of between 12 and 15 members this language provides guidance for establishing the necessary quorum for conducting business.

Voting Ballot for March 20

2022 Election of Board Members and Officers

5. Election of Directors (3-year terms ending 2026 at annual meeting).

Select up to four.

_____ Kris Coleman

_____ Jerin Turner

_____ Tim Kraus

Other (please specify) _____

Election of Officers

6. For the office of President – one-year term ending 2024

(select one) _____ Brad Allen

Other (please specify) _____

7. For the office of Vice-President – two-year term ending 2025 (

select one) _____ Jerin Turner

Other (please specify) _____

8. For the office of Secretary – two-year term ending 2025

(select one) _____ Christopher Porter

Other (please specify) _____

Christmas at the the Mansion - 2022



President Brad Allen presents Kibby Arkulary with the 2022 Volunteer of the Year award



There was a great turn out for the annual holiday potluck

A Dickens Christmas Display

This year “A Dickens Christmas” was inspired by a recent, anonymous donation of a Dicken’s Christmas village to the North Wood County Historical Society. We found and exhibited articles of clothing in the society’s textile collection which gave a nod towards the time of Charles Dickens.

Other parts of the exhibit consisted of small vignettes based on “A Christmas Carol”. Visitors saw references to Tiny Tim and to Marley’s ghost. One room had tombstone rubbings from some of Marshfield’s past residents and a quote from Scrooge’s interaction with the Ghost of Christmas Future; another room was staged to look like Scrooge was getting ready for bed. We had fun putting the exhibit together and had great feedback from guests.



Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol



Clothing with a Dickensian influence in the parlor and the ceramic village in the sun room.



This vignette confused guests if they did not read the corresponding quote about Marley’s ghost!



Scrooge’s bedchamber — the mantle clock was set to a couple minutes before one o’clock, when Marley said his first visitation would arrive.

Restoration in progress!

(1) This past summer the outside east wall was repaired from bee damage. (2) This winter, as the house is undergoing interior repairs we are making discoveries. (3) While excavating layers of wallpaper in the parlor and library, we uncovered two earlier layers. We also found that we have sample rolls of these papers. The lowest layer dates to when the house was built! According to State Historic Preservation Officer, Daina Penkiunas, Ph.D., "...to convey the aesthetic preferred by the Uphams ...you are very fortunate to have surviving rolls to guide you...."



(1) Exterior East Wall where the bees were found.



(3) Bottom layer reveals wallpaper from late 1890-early 1900. Middle layer is from mid 1920s.



(2) Wallpaper found behind library shelves.



Brad observes Kibby working on peeling off wallpaper as Kim provides some light.



Deb Felix cleans a silver coffee set that normally sits in the parlor.

Volunteers Make the World a Better Place

Deb Felix started volunteering this summer after stopping by to donate her grandmother's quilt. She initially helped with the final parts of our huge hat inventory-and despite the fact that in Deb's words, (with a *Gone With the Wind* voice inflection "I don't know nothin' about hats!") with a few guidelines and a crash course on hat styles she did a FABULOUS job! We discovered Deb did enjoy polishing silver and she set about taking layers of tarnish off the various silver objects in the society's collection.

When asked what she enjoyed about volunteering at the NWCHS, Deb said she does enjoy vintage items but gets great satisfaction in helping to reveal the beauty of artifacts that need a little more TLC. The next time you are at the Upham House and notice the beautifully polished silver, Deb Felix is the one to thank!

Thank you to all who supported the NWCHS in 2022!

Tony & Nancy Buchek
Kathleen L Chase
Brad Allen
Patricia Allen
Ed & Mary Anne Arendt
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Upham/Krueger Family Reunion

Always in our Hearts, Those who gave to remember

Mary McCann remembering Monie Upham's Birthday: Ruth a Kalms remembering Ted Fetting: Tony & Nancy Buchek remembering Harold & Elsie Blum: John P Nikolai remembering Theresa & Lavern La Mere: Judith Gaskell remembering Darby Upham.



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 North Wood County Historical Society.

Now accepting memberships for Year 2023



Membership and Donation Form

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Preserving North Wood County history since 1952

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:

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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***DONT FORGET THE UPHAM HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED TO TOURS
DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. HOWEVER,
YOU MAY CONTACT US BY PHONE OR STOP BY WITH DONATIONS
OR QUESTIONS. WE PLAN TO REOPEN IN MARCH.***