

Mansion News

From the President

First and foremost I want to thank all of the extraordinary people who have volunteered their time, resources and energy to keeping our ship on course! The hundreds of hours spent to make this place a destination for visitors both near and far is a tribute to the dedication of the people who understand that our community's history is as important today as it was at our founding in 1952.

I'd also like to thank Kim Krueger for her dedication and hard work in keeping up with the office, and for the care of and documentation of artifacts as well as setting up new displays for our visitors. She should be highly commended by all.

Anyone who visits the grounds can't help but admire how beautiful and orderly everything is kept due to the many years of hard work by Mr. Tom Ptak. We will have our hands full trying to fill his shoes as he is choosing to step down from the grounds to take care of the rose garden specifically from now on. That gives me cause to reach out to anyone who would like to help with our grounds, please let us know if you are interested. Again, thank you Tom (and Laura) for the many years of time away from your own gardens to tend to ours!

Every year it is exciting to see the possibilities and opportunities that we are afforded to share with the public. This year we had a "Horse Power" display on our grounds during Hub City Days. Though it was not greatly advertised, we drew in over 200 curious and grateful visitors to view horse drawn vehicles including buckboards, carriages, a sleigh, a horse drawn hearse, to name a few. Many thanks to the Marshfield Fire Dept. for allowing us to display one of our City's first fire wagons. Next year will prove to be an even bigger event with more vehicles!

At our Pie and Ice Cream Social we added a kids play area that was a hit and also added brats and hot dogs which helped raise some funds and filled some stomachs of those who were at the parade...!

We are looking forward to seeing our members at our annual **Holiday Potluck and General Membership Meeting on Nov.26**. Please attend if you can, we really appreciate the opportunity to visit with you all! Also, please, invite as many people as you can to come through during the Christmas Season, as the Schnitzler's and their elves will have a major role in decorating the house once more and it is always impressive.

- Brad Allen



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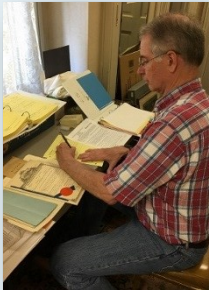
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Martha receiving the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award



Bill working on one of the archive projects



Sad Good-byes

With great sadness the NWCHS lost three great friends and volunteers this year.

Martha Pomainville had been a long standing member, served on the Board of Directors, volunteered at just about every function and event, and was a huge advocate of the Society. Martha would often serve as a tour guide, and willingly filled in if a need arose. She helped to develop the guide for beginner tour guides, which is still used today.

Martha worked hard to raise awareness for the Society and truly invested her time, talents, and energy to see it successful. She was a good friend is greatly missed!

Bill Rebholz started volunteering in 2017 and spent most of his time cataloging artifacts and archival collections. He enjoyed digging in to, finding the hidden gems, and making sense of material that could be dry and or confusing. Bill was kind, generous, and willing to lend a hand where needed. In the two years he volunteered, he

invested 200 hours, and received the Volunteer of the Year award for 2017. Beyond his time commitment, Bill had a keen, dry sense of humor and a joy to be around. We will miss, you too, Bill!

Maxine Feind, a faithful member since the 1990s, was she was always willing to help out in whatever way she could.



Whether it was acting as a tour guide, helping out with events, or taking care of the Upham

House, Maxine was an integral team member! As a seamstress, Maxine was also instrumental in getting the Upham House's window treatments installed.

To Martha, Bill, Maxine, and their families, we extend our sincere gratitude.

Upham Yard Winter Prep—October 27th; 1-5pm

Members and friends of NWCHS we need you! The yard and garden cleanup at the Governor Upham House will be Saturday October 27th between the hours of 1:00PM and 5:00PM with a break at 3:00PM. We need your garden talents to accomplish raking leaves, cutting back perennials, pruning shrubs and lower tree branches, as well as covering roses and delegate

shrubs for winter. Truck removal of garden debris will also be needed. Please bring your tools to accomplish the yard and garden tasks. If you wish to come another day please call me at 715-207-9187 and let me know when you wish to work, instead of date specified, to assist me for garden prep for winter. Thank you, Tom Ptak
Yard & Garden Chairperson

“Spoken History” Lecture Series #11 - November 5th “On the Hunt—History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin”



The 11th installment of the monthly “Spoken History” series will feature **Robert C. Willging**, author of "On The Hunt; The History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin" This presentation is sponsored by and will be held in the Everett Roehl Marshfield Library, Monday, **November 5th** at **7pm** in the JP Adler Room.

The December 3 presentation will feature Mike Meyers & Don Schnitzler speaking on the history of Central Avenue’s 100 block, east side.

General Membership Meeting & Holiday Potluck Nov. 26, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Please join us 6:30pm on Monday, November 26th at the Governor Upham House for the **Annual meeting** and elections followed by the **Holiday Potluck** dinner. Please bring a guest and a dish to pass!

Last year the membership voted to have the bylaws changed and approved by November (2018) to hold the Annual, General Meeting and Elections in November. The decision was made because multiple January meetings were postponed due to inclement weather.

One of the items to vote on this year includes expanding the Board from 10 Directors to 12. If this is passed, and the fact of a couple terms ending, there will be vacancies for 4 directors, and 3 officers.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be interested, in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Kim in the office.

715.387.3322 or
nwchs@uphammansion.com

A Piece-ful Christmas—Quilt exhibit



The Christmas Event and exhibit theme this year is "A Piece-ful Christmas, Pieces of our Past" featuring quilts from within the NWCHS collection as well as vintage quilts on loan from the membership.

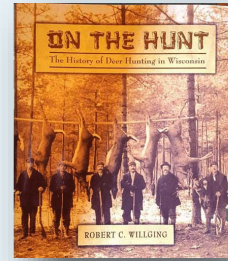
The **Christmas Event** will take place Saturday and Sunday **December 2nd & 3rd** from **1pm to 4pm** but the

quilt display will be up through January.

If you have vintage or heirloom quilt you would be willing to loan for this display, please let Kim in the office know.

715-387-3322 or nwchs@uphammansion.com.

See the page 4 for two Quilted Ornament Craft Days in November!



Membership ‘Head’s up’

In order to vote in the upcoming elections for the NWCHS Board of Directors, dues for 2018 must be up to date.

In November the Membership Team will be sending out the annual letter for the 2019 membership.

The Annual Christmas Event

**Saturday & Sunday
December 2nd & 3rd
1pm-4pm**

Bring your family!

Craft days Registration:

**Please call the office
(715.387.3322) to register
for these craft days.**

Space is limited!

If these dates don't fit your schedule, there will be opportunities to learn the basics for these ornaments during the normal tour hours throughout December.



Martha and her family at the 2015 Annual Potluck Picnic



Martha and Jan co-presenting an award for the "Past, Present, and Future" art exhibit held during 2016 Historic Preservation Month—photo by Schnitz

Quilted Ornament Craft Days—November 7th & 11th

To coincide with the Christmas quilt exhibit, "A Piece-ful Christmas", NWCHS is hosting at the Upham House 2 days in November where individuals create two, no sew quilted ornaments—one to leave here to decorate the Christmas tree, and one to take home with you! **Thanks to a grant from the Sunrise Rotary**, this event is free, but spaces are limited to 10 people each day. Call the office to register! *Instructors: Schnitz & Vickie Schnitzler*

Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 6:30—8:30pm

This day is for anyone interested, come by yourself, or bring a friend!

Sunday, Nov. 11th, 2:00-4:00pm

Mother-Daughter day—whoever that Mother & Daughter may be!

Jan Thomas Remembers—Martha Pomainville

Martha Pomainville was my "Tuesday" friend.

We became friends in 2012 when she was retiring as Secretary from the North Wood County Historical Society Board of Directors. I had been the secretary in the 1990s, and Laura Ptak and Shelby Weister talked me into taking the open position. Martha volunteered to type the minutes for me and we usually got together on Tuesdays to work on them.

As a former English teacher, Martha had a sharp eye for checking spelling and punctuation! I always cooked dinner for Martha who liked and complimented my German cooking (which earned her all the leftovers!) She was a real movie buff and we would often watch movies after dining.

Martha loved the Upham Mansion. She was a great tour guide and often dressed for the part. She was also a great photographer and took many photos for special events. She would also help with the annual May, Cemetery tours in full 1800s dress.

I saved dogfood coupons for Martha's dog and from that we started grocery shopping together. We

would shop at Pick n Save on Tuesdays to take advantage of the 10% discount and we also enjoyed going to the dollar store, Weber's Farm for ice cream, or Culvers for a treat.

We enjoyed hanging out together. We spent a lot of time in the library. I could tell Martha anything and she would listen to me vent. One knew one could trust her. We always laughed a lot.

Martha was a real dog lover—especially beagles. On a rare moment she agreed to adopt another dog named Jamie, who had not training and was very naughty! Martha loved him and was very patient with him—even though he ran away many times! Jamie passed away after a long battle with cancer. Martha had another dog named Mercury (Merk for short).

Martha has a daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters who live in Paris and were her pride and joy.

I miss my "Tuesday" friend. She passed away suddenly without saying 'Good-bye'... Rest in Peace, dear Martha.

In honor of Martha, the NWCHS is naming an established flower garden on the front side-walk the "Martha Pomainville Memorial Garden".

39th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social



Despite weather that threatened rain all day, it did not defeat this year's Pie & Ice Cream Social!

Added to our historic social was an expanded kid's carnival where, for \$1 youth could try their hand at 6 different games for prizes. Thank you to Nora & Meg Allen and their friends for heading up the carnival!

We also decided to try selling brats and hot dogs this year so that folks would be able to have a lunch option with their pie and ice cream.

Multiple people expressed their appreciation that they were able to have something to eat after the parade.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all who helped make this year's Social a success!



1st Annual "Horse Power" Exhibit

Keeping in line with Hub City Day's car show, NWCHS chose to display horse drawn conveyances. Without the coordination of Brad Allen, the Ken Wunrow and Kelly Aue families, the Marshfield Fire Department, and O'Brien Automotive, we could not have done this event!

Nine vehicles from a buckboard to a replica beer wagon graced the Gov. Upham lawn and drew in people headed downtown for the car show. The oldest conveyances were the 1860s A. Tolman & Co. Hearse owned by Allen and Chris Buchanan, followed by the 1887 Marshfield Fire Hose wagon.

Nearly 200 people took the opportunity to view each vehicle up close, chat with owners on hand to answer questions, grab a brat or hot dog and enjoy the beautiful day. Next year we hope to have an even bigger and better exhibit!

Thank you to all those who worked hard and gave their time for this first "Horse Power" event!

October's Mini-Exhibit Guest Designer



Jake Covey, a UW Oshkosh graduate in History and English, came to us through the South Wood County Historical Society. He spent over 6 hours designing, researching and interpreting the Early 20th Century Funeral mini-exhibit that will be up through October. Artifacts are on loan from Chris and Allen Buchanan.

Jake's goal is to get into the field of museum studies to become an exhibit creator for both museums, historical sites and parks.



Joe Finamore provided live music



Above: 1860s Hearse
Below: 1887 Mfld Fire Hose





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You can support the NWCHS via the Marshfield Area Community Foundation

One way you can give a **non-membership** gift online is via the [Marshfield Area Community Foundation](http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org). MACF is a public charity managing a number of permanent endowment funds serving multiple community needs including arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and recreation. The Foundation is classified with the IRS as 501(c)(3), meaning it is non-profit and tax-exempt.

Since 2016, the NWCHS has a designated fund with the MACF to which individuals may donate. If there is a specific project towards which you would like your funds to go you can give via MACF. After you designate the **North Wood County Historical Governor Upham House** fund and enter your information, you will be able to indicate a project you would like your donation to go towards: Examples: "Wallpaper project", "House repairs", "Memorial Garden", "General", etc...

Please understand that membership dues are not eligible for this online giving. The NWCHS is non-profit relies upon memberships, donations, and community support.

To make a non-membership, online donation through the MACF

Go to www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org

Click on 'Contribute' and click on "Donate"

In the area that says "*Please specify name/purpose of fund, etc.*" type the fund name: **North Wood County Historical Governor Upham House**

After you give your information you are able to indicate any specific project you would like your donation to go towards—or just type 'general gift'.

We could use YOU!

Besides financial support, volunteers are our next biggest need! We always could use a hand with various events or with ongoing, behind the scenes projects. Let the office know if you can help! Thank you! 715.387.3322

- ◇ Help Catalog artifacts
- ◇ Research for Exhibits
- ◇ Submit an article for the newsletter
- ◇ Help with Tours (BIG NEED!)
 - *Regular tours - One Saturday a month (We'll teach you!)
 - *Student tours (3rd grade) during May
- ◇ Help with Photo Archive
- ◇ Help Clean the House
- ◇ Help with the lawn and garden
- ◇ Be a on the Board of Directors!
- ◇ Take the area history to the people
- ◇ **Christmas Event Dec. 1 & 2**
 - * In November we will need help decorating the House and arranging quilts that will be on display
 - * Help monitor rooms in the House

Happy Holidays from the North Wood Co. Historical Society!

Fresh Wreaths and Garlands made in Northern Wisconsin

The wreaths are made of hand-wound balsam boughs, decorated with clusters of pinecones and a red velvet bow.

Proceeds go to help support the North Wood Co. Historical Society!

Pictures are not exact representations



Wreaths

Outside Diameter

20"	\$13.00
24"	\$15.00
36"	\$23.00
48"	\$29.00
60"	\$38.00

***Specialty Items**

Door Swag (Great for mailboxes & graves)	\$13.00
Candy Cane	\$18.00
Cross	\$18.00
Balsam Garland 25'	\$26.00

Orders are due by Tuesday, October 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call Laura Ptak (715-387-4512 or 715-207-9928)

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2018 North Wood County Historical Society WREATH ORDER FORM

Please pay upon placing order

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
20" Wreath			
24" Wreath			
36" Wreath			
48" Wreath			
60" Wreath			
Candy Cane			
Cross			
Door Swag			
25' Garland			

Grand
Total:

Orders with checks are due by Tuesday Oct. 30

Please make checks payable to **NWCHS**

Mail to:
Laura Ptak
217 S. Schmidt Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449

Email:
laura_ptak4@yahoo.com

Phone:
715-207-9928 (Laura's cell)
715-207-9187 (Tom Ptak)
715-387-4512 (Ptak's Home)

You may pick up your order the following days and times:

Wed. Nov. 22nd: 9am-2pm
Fri. Nov. 23rd 9am-1pm
Sat., Nov. 24th, 10am-2pm

Gov. Upham House
212 W. Third St., Marshfield, WI (715-387-3322)

North Wood County Historical Society

PO Box 142 (mailing address)
212 W. 3rd St.
Marshfield, WI 54449

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Upcoming Events

October	An early 20th Century Funeral—featuring artifacts pertaining to funerals in the early 1900s. This exhibit, curated by Chris Buchanan, interpreted by UW-Oshkosh Graduate, Jake Covey, and will be up through October
Saturday Oct. 27 1pm—5pm	Upham Yard clean up. If you like working outside in the garden, come out to the Upham House to help prepare this historic yard for winter. Hot beverages will be provided!
Monday, Nov. 5 7 pm	“Spoken History” Lecture Series featuring Robert C. Willging “On the Hunt—deer hunting history” @ Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library—Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room
Monday, Nov. 26 6:30 pm	Holiday Potluck & General Meeting - bring a friend and a dish to pass!
Quilt Exhibit November 2018— January 2019	“A Piece-ful Christmas; Pieces of our Past” This exhibit will feature vintage quilts from within the NWCHS collection and on loan from private individuals.
Saturday & Sunday Dec. 1 Dec. 2 1pm-4pm	Come out to the Gov. Upham House for the annual Christmas event!
Monday, Dec. 3 7 pm	“Spoken History” Series featuring Mike Meyers & Don Schnitzler The history of Central Avenue’s East side 100 block