

MANSION NEWS


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Dear Members,

Another four months have passed since our last newsletter and many items of interest should be mentioned. We have a new coordinator after Charlene has been accepted for full time employment in Wausau. Kim Krueger came to us with much knowledge in archive and museum experience. She has so caught on quickly, implementing our ideas for continuing our mission statement. If you have not seen our office lately, changes were made by moving heavy file cabinets to the main section of the office, to avoid further sagging of our walls and foundation. Children tours have increased significantly in 2010. New tour guides are being instructed for the increase in groups of schools, cub scouts and girl scouts. Many Thank-Yous have been received.

RESTORATION UPDATE

Progress is being made on our home structure report, The Architect contract is finished which tells us major repairs have to be completed. Emergency roof repairs primarily in the spring are planned. Engineer proposals are next in line and then a preservation architect will draw plans for an approved general contractor to start estimated repairs for reconstruction, hopefully over the next few years. Our fundraising restoration drive continues with slightly increased donations and membership dues. Thank you for your membership dues and donations. Have you thought of estate planning? Please consider the North Wood County Society for your future planning.

MANSION EVENTS


During the **Christmas open house**, nearly 200 visitors enjoyed the Christmas atmosphere for two days, viewing the colorful decorum provided by our designers and volunteers. Many comments were made about the quality and detail of the decorations

Sweetheart Valentines Dinner at the mansion fundraiser has begun by selling raffle tickets this year. (See pink insert) Please do your best by promoting this event.

A booth at the Woodridge Shops **Mall Bridal Fair January 8TH** featured some of our historical bridal gowns as well as ticket sales for the private dinner. We will also be at the **University Ethnic Fair** coming up February 26th.



UPCOMING CHANGE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS

Our board of directors would like to encourage a member with good math skills or computer spreadsheet knowledge to run for our open treasurer position. **Gary Gray** has done a tremendous job and will be greatly missed. **Jackie Breu** and **Arnie Mickleson** have also resigned after 1 year of service. We appreciate all they did with the Board for the NWCHS.

Election Ballot	
Election for 2011 will be held on January 31 st during the General Meeting at 7pm. If you are unable to attend please use this ballot to vote. Please post by Friday January 28, 2011. Candidate must be a member of North Wood County Historical Society	
President (1 year term) - Vote for one only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Ptak	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write in: _____	
Director (3 year term) 2 openings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write in _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write in _____	
Treasurer (2 year term)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write in _____	

Please see enclosed election ballot to vote for the open Board of Director Positions. Election for 2011 will be held on January 31st during the General Meeting at 7pm.

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BI-LAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors has recommended the following Bi-Law changes. They will be discussed at the January 31st and the February 28th General meetings. The final vote will be on February 28th. If you wish to respond to these changes please send a written comment to the NWCHS office.

Old Bi-Law:

Article I Purposes

"As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of this organization are:"

Old Bi-Law:

Article II Section 2 a.

Membership shall be of five classes:

Individual \$15

Family \$25

Sustaining \$35

Business \$

Life (per person) \$200.00.

New Bi-Law:

"The Mission Statement of this organization is:"

New Bi-Law:

Individual \$35

Family \$50

Business \$100

General Gift \$__

Gift for repair/renovations \$ ____

Memorial – in memory of \$ ____

In Article I. Section 1. Substitute the word, *Saturday* for *Sunday*

In Article II. Voting Rights, Section 4. C., Revise the sentence to read, *"Holders of life memberships shall be entitled to one vote at the meetings of the organization."*

In Article V. Elections, Section 3. Nominating Committee, a., cut *"one month prior to the election."* And replace this with *"December Board of Directors meeting."*

DROP IN AND SEE US!

You are always invited to join us at the mansion during open office mornings for some interesting conversations over coffee, or to read some very entertaining & educational books of historical significance in our library. As you have heard and seen in the public relations of local papers, magazines and newsletters, we continue to carry our mission statement forward to the local community and surrounding areas: *"To preserve, advance, and disseminate historical knowledge"*. We look forward in seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ptak

Calendar of Events

Date	January	Exhibit Schedule
10	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	"As Time Goes By" Calendars & Clocks Valentines & Presidents
27	Spaghetti Supper 7pm – American Legion	
31	General Members Meeting 7pm	
	February	
7	10 AM Drawing for the Sweetheart Dinner at Upham Mansion	"Easter Parade" Hats, Purses, Gloves, Umbrellas
14	Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm	
26	Marshfield Cultural Fair – UW Marshfield	
28	General Members Meeting 7pm Speaker: Mike Steltenpohl on Abraham Lincoln	
	March	
14	Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm	"Easter Parade" Hats, Purses, Gloves, Umbrellas
28	General Members Meeting 7pm	
	April	
11	Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm	"Easter Parade" Hats, Purses, Gloves, Umbrellas
14	Spaghetti Supper 7pm– American Legion	
25	General Members Meeting 7pm	

Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database



The Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database is an online catalog of furniture, pottery, textiles, metalwork and other decorative arts made in Wisconsin between 1800-1930 from the collections of museums and historical societies around the state.

On January 24th Emily Pfothenauer, Project Coordinator for WDAD, will come to Upham Mansion to photograph some of the furniture made by the Upham Manufacturing Company as well as a few other locally made decorative arts in the collection. We are excited to join other museums and historical societies who have contributed to WDAD. This will give more exposure to the North Wood County Historical Society - Upham Mansion and will allow researchers to view some of the Upham furniture styles.

You can visit WDAD and connect to their project blog at http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/cdm4/index_wda.php?CISOROOT=/wda

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MANSION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE UPHAM MANSION
of Marshfield, WI

We're on the web at:
www.uphammansion.com

BELOW THE FOLD

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 27th

Spaghetti Supper for 2011
sponsored by the NWCHS.

January 31

General Members Meeting
7 PM @ Upham Mansion

February 7

Drawing for the Sweetheart
Dinner Raffle

February 14

Board of Directors Meeting
7 PM @ Upham Mansion

Reminders

Don't forget your 2011
Membership Dues!

Please notify Kim (the
coordinator) of your
current e-mail address. We
will only use it for purposes
of sending out our
newsletter or for reminders
about upcoming events.

We always have a place for
volunteers!

The Mansion could use
the following:

Used Hewlett Packard
inkjet or toner cartridges

We can receive a small credit
which will help defray office
expenses.

Barrister Bookcases

These bookcases provide a
dust free environment for
historical items.

Speakers

If you or if you know someone
who would like to speak on a
topic at a General Meeting
please contact Kim at the
office.

A HUGE thank you to **Meda
Heywood** for her donation
for a new vacuum cleaner!