



MANSION NEWS



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From the President

Dear Members,

This year's membership drive showed an increase in donations from last year despite a decline members who sent in their dues. However, many new members with tremendous talent keep the momentum going through volunteering. The board of directors are requesting your help in seeking people for the **Treasurer** and **Board of Director positions** that are **currently open**. We need to fill these positions soon in order to maintain the heartbeat of our society.

We are happy to announce the City of Marshfield has approved nine thousand dollars which will be applied to a new main upper roof, back porch roof, historical gutters, downspouts, and repair of the chimneys of the Governor Upham Mansion. The repairs are imminent due to the many upper level leaks and settlement of the basement foundation. The improvements are scheduled to begin after our **Pie and Ice Cream social, June 4th**.

I wish to thank all of you who encouraged me to seek other ways of obtaining donations. Our portion of family and structural history of the Governor William Upham and the Upham Mansion has been completed for the preparation of a grant. Another grant is also being applied for the engineer planning consults which will be required for restoring the home.

A new project will be started in September for **Maplefest**. Our society will be selling pie and ice cream at the popular Marshfield event.

Please consider reviewing estate planning information included in the Mansion News. By your sincere consideration of planning now, the North Wood County Historical Society will continue it's mission statement to preserve and protect.

As you read **Mansion News** you will see how busy our organization has been in the community. There are many upcoming events planned and we could use all the help we can get... Would you please consider volunteering for future events?

Thomas Ptak

NWCHS President

Mansion Events



People participated in the "Then and Now" game.

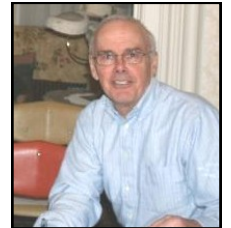
On February 26th NWCHS—Upham Mansion had a table at the **2011 Marshfield Cultural Fair**. It was our first appearance at the fair and despite an all day snow many, many people attended. Kids could get their passports stamped at tables representing certain countries. We chose the UK as the Upham family came from England... We served tea and Marmite!



Mike Steltenphol gave an excellent presentation on **Abraham Lincoln** during the February 28th General Member's Meeting. Along with the general members, history students from **Columbus Catholic High School** also enjoyed stories Mike told of Mr. Lincoln.



March 28th **Ed Arendt** spoke about the Wittenberg School which was located near Nekoosa. Ed talked about the one room school and how he did the research for the book "Wittenberg School History and Memories". Those attending the meeting enjoyed Ed's talk and he was able to sell a couple of his books. If you would like information on this book please call Kim at Upham Mansion.



April 25th **Doug Seubert** and **Kathleen Rulka** presented Mary Upham's poetry. Mary wrote many poems which were compiled into a book entitled *The Poems of Mary Cornelia Upham* but she also wrote poetry in her journals. In their presentation Doug and Kathleen read some of Mary's poems and discussed how her work typified 19th century Lyric poems which were first-person accounts of the thoughts and feelings of a specific moment or event and had common themes of love, tragedy, religion, politics, triumph, loss. In April was National Poetry Month

One of the recent acquisitions to the NWCHS are 9 of the **Betty Litkey doll collection** which were donated by Jennifer Urqhart. Mrs. Litkey began making dolls in 1984 after she retired from a 40 year career in nursing. She started with soft-sculpture boys and girls and then advanced to creating reproductions of classic dolls. Betty and her husband Charles moved to Marshfield in 1992 and Betty passed away in 2009.

Another of Mrs. Litkey's dolls, the "Madame Alexander" doll named 'Polly', is on display at the Angelus Retirement home



Planned Charitable Giving- The Basics

Please consult with a CPA or a tax advisor for how gifting could save you tax bills.

All non-profit organizations can only exist through gifts from donors like you. The North Wood County Historical Society has maintained the Upham Mansion and promoted its history for over 40 years. In order to continue that, it is critical that our members are aware that we need your donations of time and money during your lifetime and we are thankful for them. However, your gifts when you pass away and your gifts of home equity are usually larger amounts that allow us to do the big projects like roofs and other large capital projects to preserve the history of the Uphams and the City of Marshfield. We ask that you think about us as you plan your retirement finances. Here are some suggestions that you may know about and some creative ideas you may not have thought of.

Will and Trust Distributions. You can remember us in your will or trust when you do your estate plan. And, if it is already done, it is easy and relatively inexpensive to amend it to gift some of your assets to the society when you have passed. Of course you will put your spouse and family members first, but you can name an amount or a percentage of your wealth as a gift.

Life Insurance. One of the easiest ways to leave money to the society is to add us as a beneficiary (either partial or full) to any of your life insurance policies or annuities. There is no cost to change this and it can be accomplished with a simple call to your life insurance agent.

Bank Accounts. Any of your checking, savings or CDs can be easily gifted to our society as a POD or Payable on Death designation on your account. Simply ask your banker how to accomplish this.

Business Sale. When a business is sold during your lifetime, you can sometimes create major tax savings if you divert some of your gain to our non-profit.

Stock and Mutual Fund Sales. If you have built up gains in your securities, a great way to avoid part of the taxes is to give some charitable gifts which will give you deductions. Brokerage accounts and stock holdings can also be set up as TOP - Transferrable upon Death.

IRAs – Tax Deferred Accounts. It is no secret that your heirs will lose as much as 30-60% of retirement accounts when you pass away depending on their tax situation and the size of your gift. Because the bequest is not taxed, 100 percent would go to the Society.

Reverse Mortgages. This often misunderstood financial product is a wonderful way to gift to the Society while you are alive and you can see the effects of your gift. You can leave your home as a gift, but that requires quite a bit of work before income can be realized by our organization. A Reverse Mortgage Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) is guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration and allows you to take between 50-80% of the value of your home in cash with no obligation to ever make a payment during your lifetime. The cash distribution (which is tax free) and the interest accumulated are paid back by the future equity in your home. Neither you, your estate nor your heirs are ever liable to make payments. You have a lifetime guarantee that no matter what happens to real estate values and no matter how long you live, that you will never owe more than the value of your home. The HECM is the ultimate safe tool to give now with no worry about values in the future.

So—regardless of which method you use to gift money to NWCHS it will always be appreciated. If you do it the right way, it will often be a great benefit to you and your estate as well. However, the largest benefit is not financial, it is the pride and satisfaction of making sure a landmark is preserved and that your gift made an impact on our community forever.

For more information, please contact a member of our financial committee:

Harlan Accola of Envoy Mortgage regarding Reverse Mortgage

Greg Tamason of M&I Bank regarding Charitable Gifts

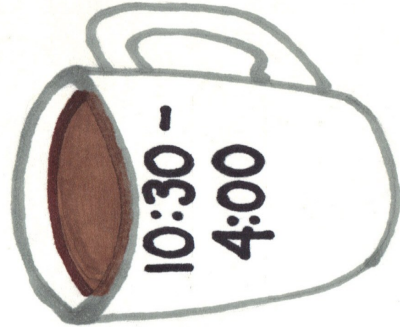
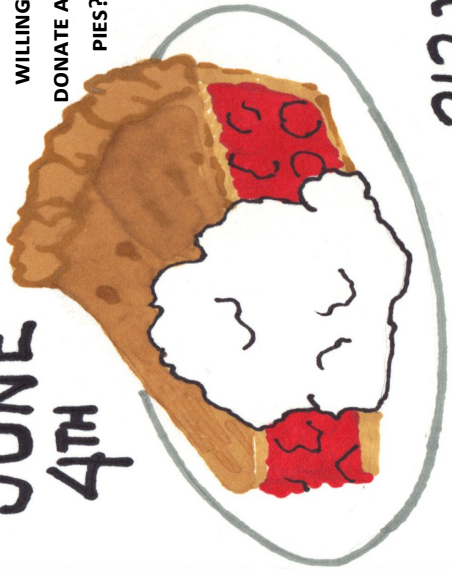
DAIRYFEST 2011

UPHAM MANSION

Pie & Icecream SOCIAL

JUNE
4TH

WOULD YOU BE
WILLING TO
DONATE A FEW
PIES?



212 W. 3rd St.



QUILT RAFFLE

KICK OFF

AT DAIRYFEST 2011

JUNE 4TH

212 W. 3RD ST.
715-387-3322

UPHAM MANSION



May 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 BOD 7-9pm | 10 Washington Elm. 3rd Grade | 11 Spencer Elm. 4th Grade | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Grant 3rd Grade Nasonville Elm. | 20 | 21 9am—? Garden & Yard Clean—up |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Grant Elm. 3rd Grade | 25 Lincoln 3rd Grade | 26 Spaghetti Supper 4:30-7pm | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Office Closed General Meeting 7-9pm | 31 | | | | |

General Meeting May 30th

A guest speaker from the National Guard will be speaking.

The meeting starts at 7pm

June 2011

Special Spaghetti Supper

May 26th
4:30-7pm

"Taste of History"

Enjoy portrayals of Marshfield's historic citizens.

History performance begins at 7pm

Tickets \$6 at the door

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Pie & Ice Cream Social 10:30—4:00 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 BOD 7-9pm | 14 | 15 | 16 Spaghetti Supper 4:30-7pm | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Annual Member's Picnic 6pm- 8pm. Bring a guest! | 28 Marshfield Garden Club Mtnng & tour 8:30—10:30 | 29 | 30 | | |

July 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 Office Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:

May—June

"I Do" Bridal Photos, Toasters, Dresses

July—August

"Down on the Farm" Farm Photos, Toys, etc.

Sept—Oct

"Bogs & Orchards" Cranberries & Apples

NORTH WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Upham Mansion Museum
PO Box 142
Marshfield, WI 54466

MANSION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE UPHAM MANSION of Marshfield, WI

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



BELOW THE FOLD

The Mansion's Wish List:

\$280 Donation for upgrading the Mansion Security Cameras

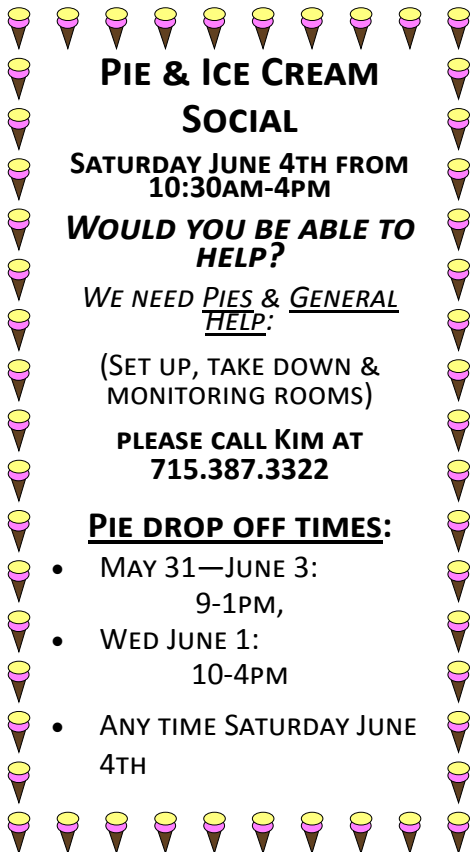
\$290 Donation to offset printing of 1000 new Upham Mansion Brochures

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.
715.387.3322

Used Hewlett Packard inkjet or toner cartridges

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



PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH FROM 10:30AM-4PM

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?

WE NEED PIES & GENERAL HELP:

(SET UP, TAKE DOWN & MONITORING ROOMS)

PLEASE CALL KIM AT 715.387.3322

PIE DROP OFF TIMES:

- MAY 31—JUNE 3: 9-1PM,
- WED JUNE 1: 10-4PM
- ANY TIME SATURDAY JUNE 4TH

Upham Mansion
212 W. 3rd St.
Marshfield, WI 54449

Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays
9:00-1:00

Tour Hours:
Wednesdays & Saturdays
1:30-4:00

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