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From the President

Dear Members,

Since I have been elected by all the members to serve as President of the North Wood County Historical Society, I will try my very best to work with you to help the NWCHS succeed in it's mission as stated in the Articles of incorporation: *"to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of Marshfield and the surrounding area. To maintain the Upham Mansion and to preserve the contents and such articles as may be given to the Society."*

But I need your help...

As you know, NWCHS—Upham Mansion is a volunteer run organization. Without the help of individuals this Society and the preservation and functions of Upham Mansion just would not happen. The truth is we need more volunteers! In this edition of ***Mansion News*** you will find opportunities where you may be able to volunteer. Whether it be helping out in the yard, or as a tour guide (we will train you), monitoring a room for an hour or two during the DairyFest Pie and Ice Cream Social & Open House, or helping to decorate the Mansion at Christmas—we would greatly value help!

May you all have an enjoyable spring season and a Happy Easter. I look forward to a new season where we all can contribute in preserving our history.

Respectfully,

Lorraine Hugg

NWCHS President



Basket Exhibit

During the months of March and April the featured seasonal exhibit is baskets made of pine needles, birch bark, willow and ash and of all shapes and sizes. The baskets for this display have been loaned to NWCHS by members of the Society.

May—August the Mansion will showcase items and photos pertaining to the 125th Anniversary of the Marshfield Fire.



Circa late 1800s

Newest Acquisition

A huge thank you to Margaret Peterson for donating this beautiful Eastlake, burl walnut, barrel roll top desk and chair which had been a retirement gift for her late husband, Joseph Peterson. The desk and chair can be seen in the Mansion's sun-room.

Eastlake style was developed by Charles Eastlake (1836-1906) as a reform to what he had considered overdone Victorian Rococo Revival style. *"People had filled their homes with large pieces of carved furniture, thick upholstery, and heavy draperies that collected dust and germs and kept out healthful air and light. Eastlake style*

furniture had low relief carvings, moldings, incised lines, geometric ornaments, and flat surfaces that were easy to keep clean. Also called Cottage Furniture, the mass-produced pieces were much more affordable than the fancy revival pieces."

(Excerpt from "A Matter of Style: 19th Century Furniture Eastlake Style" MuseumLink Illinois http://www.museum.state.il.us/muslink/art/htmls/ms_eastlake.html)

Yard and House News

By Thomas Ptak Past President & House Project Chairman

Last fall the board of directors approved the Marshfield Master Gardener's plans to improve 3 garden planting areas. A grant provided by MMG will cover one half of the cost of the renovation of the improvements. In November the Master Gardeners, along with NWCHS members Gail La Fantaine, Tom Stram, and Tom & Laura Ptak spread four dump truck loads of composted soil over the garden. trees were also removed, providing much light in the new planting areas.



Decoy Daffodil

A new planting area was designed and created on our north front entrance. Over fifty new hybrid red & white daffodils were planted and will give mid spring season color.

We thank Chris Buchanan for a memorial donation for the bulbs planted late fall. The winter burlap protection was removed in our Heritage Rose Garden. The roses look great. Perhaps because of early warm weather, an early bloom cycle will prevail during the Pie & Ice Cream Social DairyFest weekend June 2.

We are obtaining estimates from engineers for a major, support beam in the basement beneath the office. Since our new roof and historical eaves troughs were installed, the basement remains dry and ready for new structure work. This urgent work will hopefully completed by 1 April. No other house repair or restoration work is planned until we hear positive results from a major grant foundation. The feasibility study for fundraising is on going with a complete report due by 1 June.

Over the past year we have focused on the house and are presently concerned about promoting our mission statement to preserve and protect. Therefore, through the help of Doug Seubert we submitted a grant for archive management from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Results for the net grant award of \$1400.00 will be known in May.

A symbol of William Upham's promise to restore Marshfield one hundred twenty-five years ago will be performed in our yard during the flag raising ceremony **June 28 at 5:30 through 7:30 PM**. A hard wood tree from the former Upham Manufacturing timber lands will be transplanted that evening. Ice cream sundaes will also be served. If you would like to help please call Kim at the Mansion.



125th Anniversary of the 1887 Fire—Material Needed

We are working on a summer long exhibit of the Marshfield Fire. If you would like to be involved or if you have information, stories, or photos in your collection of post-fire Marshfield please contact Kim at the Mansion!

Opportunities Where YOU Can Get Involved!

Whether you like to do behind the scenes projects or enjoy interacting with people there are many opportunities to not only help out at Upham Mansion, but do something with a friend—or make new ones! Below are some of the areas where we really need people. If you are interested, or if you know someone who would fit with any of the options please contact Kim during office hours or email her at uphammansion@frontier.com.

Opportunity	Gardening, Pruning, Yard Work
Time Commitment	Spring and Fall - 4 hours a year
Description	Enjoy the great outdoors and work with Master Gardeners to keep the Upham Mansion yard beautiful!
Training	None needed—come and learn!

Opportunity	General Tour Guide
Time Commitment	3 hours one Saturday a month
Description	Share the story of the Upham family and parts of NWCHS collection with visitors.
Training	We will train you

Opportunity	Student Tour Guide
Time Commitment	As able. 1-3 hours (or more if desired) Certain Tuesdays & Thursdays during month of May
Description	3rd Grade classes come for 50 minute tours. Work with 3 other guides as we rotate small groups through an interactive tour of the Upham Mansion. Easy to follow routine.
Orientation	Overview of how the tour rotates and what artifacts students can interact with.

Opportunity	Decorating (and un-decorating) the Mansion for Christmas
Time Commitment	As able—the more people the faster it goes!
Description	Bring your lunch and help in decking the Upham halls in November and un-decking them in January.

Opportunity	Pie & Ice Cream Social/ Maple Fall Fest Help
Time Commitment	1 or more hours during the Pie & Ice cream Social 1st wknd in June or Maple Fall Fest in September
Description	General set up and tear down. Help with children's activities (P&I Social), serving pies, manning the booth for an hour or two during Maple Fall Fest

Opportunity	Room Monitor - P&I Social
Time Commitment	As able. 1 or more hours during the Pie & Ice cream Social 1st weekend in June
Description	During the open house we need folks to monitor rooms and answer possible questions.
Training	As needed. We have index cards that give an overview of each room and help identify artifacts in rooms.

Opportunity	Cataloging/Archives/Photos
Time Commitment	As able. During office & tour hours.
Description—Help with:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cataloging & scanning photographs *Cataloging artifacts *Entering artifact collection data into the computer *Help to organize collection *Research for inquiries and exhibits *Exhibit development *Etc...
Training	Training provided

Interested? Call Kim at 715-387-3322 We can use whatever help you would be willing to give. Bring a friend!!!

New Volunteer Highlights

Karen Thompsen has been coming in on Wednesdays to help with an accession audit for the museum collection. Her time and work has been invaluable as we are seeking to put the collection's artifact information into the PastPerfect software. Many man hours have gone into this—and many more are still needed; but in order to maintain good records on the items entrusted to the North Wood County Historical Society volunteers like Karen and **Pat Passo** who has been learning PastPerfect data entry, are essential!

If this type of work interests you please contact Kim at the Mansion.



Alternative School Student Volunteers

Since February a total of 10 students from the **Alternative High School** have been coming to the Upham Mansion on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with Kim (NWCHS Coordinator) on archival projects. With the cooperation of instructors Jerry Littman and Tamie Franks students have been chosen to participate in this pilot project. Many have spent hours scanning and 'watermarking' photos from the photo archives into the research computer. Others have been cataloging artifacts. It has proven to be a great opportunity for students to get some 'hands on' with history and some overdue projects completed in the museum archives. We are hoping more students will, in the future, also become more involved. Below are quotes from some of the participants.

A huge thank you to all the students, Mr. Littman, and Ms. Franks!

"I really enjoy coming in and learning about Marshfield. It's great to get new insight into things I see every day."

- Matt



"The Upham Mansion volunteer work I do is fun and a great learning experience. I would have never thought there was so much history in Marshfield."

- Samantha



"Volunteering here at Upham Mansion has been a great way to learn about the community of Marshfield!"

- Laruen



"My favorite part of volunteering here is looking at all the interesting pieces of history that are part of Marshfield's past."

- Amber



"Volunteering at Upham Mansion is a fun and great experience. You learn so many things about how Marshfield was back in the day, and it's interesting to see what's still here today."

- Austin

May & June Events You Won't Want to Miss!

June 2nd DairyFest Pie & Ice Cream Social

It may not seem like it but before you know it June 2nd and the Pie & Ice-cream Social will be upon us!



This year's entertainment will once again be provided by Mike Holubets. Something new will be a NWCHS a Porch Sale featuring books and magazines.

We will need volunteers to help in various ways. Set up and take down, room monitoring, serving pie and ice-cream and of course donating pies!



June 28th Flag Raising & Tree Planting Ceremony 5:30pm to 7:30pm

A flag raising and tree planting ceremony will take place on the Upham front lawn to commemorate William H. Upham's promise to rebuild his lumber mill after the 1887 fire. The tree will come from a former Upham forest plot near Marshfield. The Historical Society is also inviting local and state government officials to attend.

Following the ceremony people will be able to enjoy ice cream sundaes and the Heritage Rose garden which should still be in bloom.

May (Historic Preservation Month) and June (125th Anniversary of the 1887 Marshfield Fire) will be a busy time for Marshfield! Posters will be coming out with more information but some of the events include:

May 1-29

- Fire Display at the Fire Department and exhibit at Upham Mansion
- Art Exhibit at the Library
- Cemetery Tours
- Taste of History Dinner

June 24th

- Fireman's Picnic 1-4pm
- 2442 Engine Rededication and train display- Wildwood Park 1-4pm

June 27th -

- Historical People Reenactments 11:49am, 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- Concert in the Park 7pm Columbia Park

June 28th

- Flag raising, Tree Planting & Ice Cream Sundaes at Upham Mansion 5:30-7:30pm
- Vaudeville Show at Chestnut Center 7:30pm

And that doesn't even include DairyFest!

Planned Charitable Giving

Please consult with a CPA or 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. We are thankful for the personal time and monetary donations members have contributed during their lifetime.

Planned giving, sometimes called deferred giving, is a method of making a charitable contribution in which some or all components of the gift are only distributed, or have their ownership finally resolved, after some event or some period has passed. A wisely established planned giving mechanism can allow charitable gifts to avoid estate taxes that may apply if the gift is instead included in the donor's estate. Planning giving mechanisms can also provide benefits for the donor during his or her lifetime, including tax deductions.

Might you consider the North Wood County Historical Society as a Planned Charitable Giving option?

For more information please contact your tax consultant or Greg Tamason of M&I Bank regarding charitable gifts.

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If you would like to be unsubscribed from this letter please contact the office at the below listed number or email address.

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The Mansion's Wish List:

VOLUNTEERS!!!

See inside for opportunities!

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 Mansion

Used Hewlett Packard inkjet or toner cartridges

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

Financial Donations

*The North Wood County Historical Society / Upham Mansion is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization; donations are tax deductible.
Our tax ID is 39-6078622.*

Upcoming Events:

March

26th General Meeting 7-9pm

31st Spring Yard Clean up 8am-?

April

9th Board Meeting 7-9pm

30th General Meeting 7-9pm

May

14th Board Meeting 7-9pm

28th General Meeting 7-9pm

June

2nd Pie & Ice-cream Social
10:30-4pm

11th Board Meeting 7-9pm

25th General Meeting 7-9pm

28th Flag raising ceremony 5:30 - 7:30pm Upham Mansion front lawn to commemorate Wm Upham's promise to rebuild Marshfield.

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Office Hours:

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

Tour Hours:

Wednesdays & Saturdays
1:30-4:00
(Closed Holiday Weekends)

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