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From the President

Dear Members, Friends and Volunteers,

Let me introduce myself. As Vice President I, Ken Wood, will be serving as your acting President until the end of Shelby's current term. Shelby Weister will remain on the Board of Directors but has, for personal reasons, chosen to resign as President. I ask for your help, guidance and prayers for my attempt to fill the huge gap left by Shelby. I wish to thank her for the many long hours she has given to the position and to wish her the best from this day forward.

I am also sorry to report the resignation of Board member Martha Pomainville, also for personal reasons. Martha, a long time, committed member of the Board of Directors and the North Wood County Historical Society, will be missed. However, we do hope to retain Martha's valued input and assistance as a general member! Thank you, Martha for all your had work over the years!

I am asking the membership to send me any suggestions they might have for programs at future General Meetings, ideas for fund raisers, volunteers for the Board of Directors or suggestions for Board member candidates. I can be reached by e-mail at mhw5439@yahoo.com or by mail at the Upham Mansion.

Sincerely,

Ken Wood
NWCHS President

Memberships & Donations

The North Wood County Historical Society survives on membership dues, donations and volunteerism. Without the generosity of individuals, families and businesses NWCHS would not be able to fulfill its purpose—to educate, preserve and disseminate the history of the North Wood County area—**NOR** would it be able to function. **Thank you to all who care enough about local history to become a member, donate time and/or funds to the Society!**

Please find enclosed an envelope for the year 2014, to donate to and/or renew or become a member of the North Wood County Historical Society. Thank you!



From the Gift Shop

By Mary Anne Arendt

This year's new, Christmas merchandise will include Chris Egger's photographs, rubber band bracelets, old fashioned toys. We will continue to sell the beautiful glass ornaments from Margaret Peterson, and the lovely Victorian decorations made by Vickie Schnitzler.



Jan Thomas Remembers Ginger Snap Gravy

This is a story I heard many times from my Aunt Florence and Uncle Herman Gandt. In the 1940s & 50s Uncle Herman worked for the Roddis Lumber Company. Each day he would walk to work and back to their home on West Cleveland Street. On his way home from work he would stop for a beer and light lunch at Bauman's Tavern then located on the corner of North 1st Street and Central Avenue. (Approximately where Kwik Trip is now) The light lunch was a very popular dish called Ginger Snap Gravy. Through the years my Aunt Florence would make this dish for birthday parties and family gatherings. When we came to visit, Ginger Snap Gravy would be simmering on the stove, getting ready to serve for midnight lunch. This is the original recipe from Aunt Florence's cook book.



Bauman's Hall
101 N. Central Ave.

Ginger Snap Gravy

Serves 12 or more

2 qts. Water

2 med. Onions- diced

2# ground pork sausage

1 bay leaf

1/2 tsp. salt & pepper (to taste)

Bring water to a full boil

Make 1 inch size (or smaller) meat balls & slowly drop into boiling water.

Add onions & bay leaf and salt & pepper

Cook & simmer slowly for about 1 hour

Add 30 small ginger snaps crushed

Add scant 2/3 cup white vinegar

Remove Bay leaf

Let simmer until it thickens—add more gingersnaps if too thin
Serve on Rye Bread

Each piece getting some meat balls & enough gravy to cover bread.

This is better if made the day before

Submitted by Jan Thomas from Florence
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Submitted by Jan Thomas from Florence's Cook Book

Yard and Garden Report

By Tom Ptak



The Heritage Rose Garden was in its splendor mid June with wreaths of trailing roses displaying heavy blooms of pinks, reds, mauves, and whites tempting us with their fragrant scent. The Macintosh apple tree blossom pictured above also showed well with a cloud of flowerets snowing on the memorial garden. The Marshfield Master Gardeners finished their major two year assignment in our yard by applying for a grant and planting the remaining shrubs, perennials, and annuals in three of our large gardens; rhododendron, hydrangeas, herchura, silver ferns, hosta, and many annuals just to name a few. Last year the long row plantings of conical junipers and purple ninebark highlighted the hansom border of the largest planting area under the maple tree. Working with these horticultural experts was much fun and a enjoyable, recreational experience. Shirley Person taking over for Gail LaFontaine will be the supervisor of their project next year. The verbal rewards from many visitors viewing the Governor Upham Mansion is proof of the pudding of a job well done. Even though there was drought during the summer, appropriate watering was given to the gardens. As we prepare the gardens and Heritage Roses for winter, thank you master gardeners, and volunteers who helped us landscape, cultivate, weed, plant, water, and prune the yard this past year.

We believe that maintaining our yard in the public viewpoint is extremely important for encouraging members and donators to continue supporting the North Wood County Historical Society.

2013 at a Glance

Visitors:

Student Tours	357 (3rd & 4th Graders)
(7 schools)	47 Adults
Artist Receptions for Ken Flanagan & Chris Egger	80
Dairyfest	190 visitors
Tours/Guests	244 (who registered)
Wedding Photos	30 people in 2 parties

Unofficial Total: 948

This does not include the Christmas Event which usually brings close to 200 visitors.

NWCHS was also involved in:

- Cultural Fair** in February @ the UW Mfld/Wood County
- Blum Brothers Mini-Exhibit** @ the Public Library
- The Amazing Race** put on by the Personal Development Center
- Bill & Linda Bauman** Presented their trip to Antarctica. Held at the Chestnut Center for the Arts—close to 80 people attended!
- Great Things Are Happening Here** @ the Public Library

Where have some of our visitors come from?

Abbotsford	Inner Grove, MN	Rock Dam
Antigo	Janesville	Seattle, WA
Arpin	Junction City	Sheboygan
Athens	Ladysmith	St. Paul, MN
Austin, TX	Leslie, MI	Stevens Point
Barron	Lodi	Stratford
Bradenton, FL	Long Beach, CA	Sun Prairie
Cadott	Loyal	Tomah
Chetek	Madison	Vesper
Chicago, Ill	Marshfield	Washington, D.C.
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Eagan, MN	Milwaukee	West Bend
Eau Claire	Neillsville	Willard
Eden Prairie MN	Nekoosa	Wis. Rapids
Elk River	Oconomowoc	Woodbridge, VA
Green Bay	Omro	
Greenville, SC	Philadelphia, PA	
Greenwood	Plainfield	
Hazelhurst	Prairie du Sac	
Hortonville	Racine	
Hudson	Rice Lake	

Historic Snap-shots -Then & Now

by Ken Wood



Hungry Hollow

When I first came to Marshfield I heard people referring to Hungry Hollow. I asked about its location recently and was told by several people that it was the area roughly east of North Peach between East Depot Street and East Doege and east to “the new houses built in the 60’s” or “to North Hinman, everything east of there was swamp land.” The area is officially known as the Madison School Addition or the Roddis Estates on various plat maps of Marshfield.

I made a few assumptions as I looked for the houses that made up the original Hungry Hollow neighborhood. I assumed that they would be built prior to 1930 and mostly in the 1920s. After looking up all the ages of the homes in these boundaries my assumptions seemed correct. So we will limit ourselves to homes in this age group.

Let’s start at Pickle Pond. Did you know we had a pickle factory here in town? That may be a topic for a future column. Back to Hungry Hollow.

There are three homes dating back to 1885 and one to 1890 in the area. The first three are located 315 N. Peach, 708 E. Doege and 109 N. Palmetto. The 1890 home is at 401 N. Peach.

I have been told that many of the homes were built by Mr. Roddis in the 1920s for his employees. The mill is just across the railroad tracks and is visible from the neighborhood.

If we just look at the age of the homes in the area we find that there is an interesting pattern. Of the 82 homes in the neighborhood, 27 were built in the 1920s, with 16 of them built in 1922, all in the 100 and 200 blocks of N. Hinman. The next large number is for the 1940s when 30 were built, mostly in 1947 (8) and 1948 (9). The latter dates coincide with the return of servicemen and women from World War II who were seeking inexpensive housing. These are scattered through the neighborhood.

Let’s take a look at the homes built in 1922. The size of the houses varies. Four of them are 1176 square feet, with the others varying from 728 to 1514 square feet.

These houses seem to fall into three basic designs. The first is a square one floor box design found at 100, 104 and 112 N. Hinman. They all have an area of 884 square feet and five rooms. Similar houses can be seen at 112 and 208 where some modifications have been made which have increased their area

A second, larger design, which contains two stories with a dormer on the side of the house and a large open, or now enclosed, porch across the front, can be found at 108, 116, 200 and 204 N. Hinman.

A third design is at 201, 205 and 209 N. Hinman. All three of these houses contain 1176 square feet of area, have a dormer facing the street and a porch, enclosed or open, across the front.

Other homes from 1922 are found at 109, 113, 117, and 212 North Hinman. These are the only homes in the area built in 1922.

Later we may take a look at the homes from the 1940s

If you have a suggestion of historic buildings in the north Wood County area you would like to see featured please contact the NWCHS office at: 715-387-3322.

Annual Upham Mansion Christmas Event

Saturday December 7th & Sunday December 8th

1:30—4:00 pm

\$2- Adults; Children 12 & under Free

Across the street at the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts:

Saturday 7th: 7:30-9:30pm Trisis— 3 Sisters One Voice

Sunday 8th: 12:00-4:30pm Holiday Showcase

2014 Exhibit Schedule

Jan. - Feb. Norwegian boxes on loan by Shelby Weister

March - April green glass, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Hats "Easter Parade"

May - June -Baskets "A Tisket a tasket" & "Everything's Better with Butter" for Dairyfest

July - August- Tea cups and tea pots "Tea for two"

Sept. - Oct -Clocks - "Time on our hands"

Nov. - Dec. - Reindeer and elves, "Santa's helpers"

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The Mansion's Wish List:

⇒ **VOLUNTEERS!!!** If you would like to help we can REALLY use you!

Items needed:

- ⇒ **Riding lawnmower**
- ⇒ **1st class Postage stamps**
- ⇒ **Paper products**— multipurpose copy paper
- ⇒ **Printer cartridges.**
HP 60XL black & tri-color
- ⇒ **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:

November Saturdays: Decking the Upham Halls—help decorate for the Upham Christmas Event! (Bring your own lunch)

November 25th—NWCHS Christmas Pot luck! 6:30—8:00pm

December 7&8— 1:30—4PM Upham Mansion Christmas Event
\$2/adult; Children 12 & under free

Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts:

Saturday 7th: 7:30-9:30pm Trisis- 3 Sisters One Voice

Sunday 8th: 12:00-4:30pm Holiday Showcase

NEW Office Hours:

Wednesdays 12:00-4:00pm

Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm

Tour Hours:

Wednesdays & Saturdays 1:30-4:00pm

(Closed Holiday Weekends)

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