

Concord Historical Society News



Preserving Our Local History

Town of Concord - Established in 1846

Spring 2013

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CHS Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary of Preserving Town of Concord Local History



**20 Years of Volunteer Service
to the Town of Concord**

It's Time To Celebrate!

The Concord Historical Society has been collecting and preserving historic photos, artifacts, documents, maps, and oral histories for the Town of Concord for twenty years. We would like to sincerely thank all of our members and supporters who have helped us to make this possible. Without “you” it would not have been possible to move ahead and succeed as we have. To celebrate we will have a big cake at the Concord Town Picnic on August 11, and a new special exhibit that will open on that day at the Museum. We will also have an activity for kids at the log cabin during the picnic. There will be a small gift for children who participate in the log cabin activity.

Thank you for your membership with the CHS. Your continued support is very important to us!



William R. Look Log Cabin - circa 1850

Originally located in the south-west area of the Town of Concord
Restored at Concord Park in 2003, by the Concord Historical Society

Recognizing Some Terrific CHS Volunteers

It takes a lot of work to run a not-for-profit organization like the Concord Historical Society, and we really appreciate our dedicated volunteers who help make it happen. Dale Konle is a new member of the CHS Board of Directors. Dale has helped us launch our website, and recently spent many hours scanning photos from our collection. Fenja Nakawanga has been a volunteer at our Pie Social for many years. Always with a smile, Fenja is willing to help with any task she is asked to do. In addition to being a great baker for our bake sales Barb Seamandel is also our Membership Chairperson and Treasurer. Barb is a whirlwind! Dan Arbiture recently scanned over 300 photos and assembled our new artifact storage shelves. Many thanks to all of our amazing volunteers!



Fenja Nankwanga and Barb Seamandel



Dale Konle



Dan Arbiture



Got a Great Family Recipe?

Submit It To The 2014 Concord Cookbook Fundraiser Project, And Help Us To Raise Money To Preserve Our Local History



It's Easy To Participate!

Just fill out the attached recipe form and send it to the address at the right by **September 30, 2013**. This fundraiser will help us to put a new roof on the Concord Historical Museum. **Your name** will also be included in the cookbook with your recipe or recipes.

Many thanks to Barb Seamandel, our Chairperson for the 2014 Cookbook Fundraiser!

Please send your recipe to:

Concord Historical Society

Cookbook Fundraiser

P.O. Box 561

Watertown, WI 53094



RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tbn. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg. _____

DIRECTIONS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
- Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- Your recipes should fit into the following categories:

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| Appetizers & Beverages | Breads & Rolls |
| Soups & Salads | Desserts |
| Vegetables & Side Dishes | Cookies & Candy |
| Main Dishes | This & That |

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Please submit 3–5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

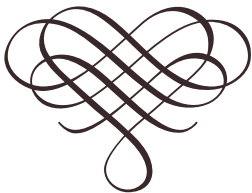
Name _____

P.S. Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

A Special Gift From The Thomasen Family

Many thanks to Jerry and Kim Thomasen for their \$1,000 donation to the Concord Historical Society. The gift was made as a Memorial to Agnes Thomasen, and in Honor of the Thomasen family and its history in the Town of Concord. Jerry Thomasen serves on the CHS Board of Directors, and he always manages to involve the family with our volunteer projects for the society. As some of you may know, Agnes Thomasen, Jerry's aunt passed on March 2, 2013 at 87 years of age. She was born in the Town of Concord and lived on the Thomasen family farm for many years, and she attended school at the Willow Glen One Room Schoolhouse. Agnes was also very generous to the Concord Historical Society. She donated many family artifacts from the old Thomasen Farm to our society. She will be missed by her friends at the CHS for her knowledge of local history, continuous support of the society and her quiet unassuming demeanor. Our sincere thanks to the Thomasen Family for their continued support of Concord's local historic preservation.

Some members of the Thomasen family attended the CHS 2012 Pie Social, from left to right, Delores and Milton (Bud) Thomasen, Kim and Jerry Thomasen, Elaine Bankert and Agnes Thomasen.



Why Not Explore A Wisconsin Historical Society Site This Summer?

Check it out!



www.wisconsinhistory.org

We are fortunate to live in a state where history is appreciated and preserved by many dedicated individuals. The **Wisconsin Historical Society** has a new site in Lake Geneva called the **Black Point Estate**. It is a fine example of Queen Anne architecture, with many historic details intact. The 20 room "cottage" was completed in 1888. It includes 13 bedrooms and is set on about 8 acres including about 620 feet of Lake Geneva shoreline. Visitors can arrive to the site by boat. For more information call the Estate at (262) 248-1888. Please see the **coupon for 20% off** admission for all WHS sites in this newsletter.

WHS Historic Sites and Museums

- Black Point Estate, Lake Geneva
 - Circus World, Baraboo
 - First Capitol, Belmont
 - H.H. Bennett Studio, Wisconsin Dells
 - Madeline Island Museum, La Pointe
 - Old World Wisconsin, Eagle
 - Pendarvis, Mineral Point
 - Reed School, Neillsville
 - Stonefield, Cassville
 - Villa Louis, Prairie du Chien
 - Wade House, Greenbush
- Wisconsin Historical Museum, Madison

**CLIP AND SAVE THIS
CALENDAR!**



2013 CHS Calendar of Events

- June 11** **CHS General Membership Meeting –**
7:00 p.m. **At Concord Historical Museum**
- June 15** **Laura Ingalls Wilder Book Readings**
1:00 p.m. Free program for children at the Log
Cabin. Call 262-593-8099 for reserva-
tions.
- August 11** **Concord Town Picnic – Town of**
12:00 noon **Concord Heritage Award/s are pre-**
sented. CHS 20th Anniversary Cake is
served **New Exhibit** opens at the Mu-
seum.
- Sept. 22** **CHS Annual Meeting, Election of**
6:00 p.m. **Officers and Pot Luck Dinner –**
Program on **History of Concord**
Places of Worship at Concord His-
torical Museum. Bring a dish to pass!
- Oct. 20** **CHS Pie Social and Luncheon –**
11:30 a.m. to **Annual Fundraiser – At Concord**
3:00 p.m. **Historical Museum**
- Nov. 9** **CHS Board of Directors Meeting –**
10:00 a.m. **At Concord Historical Museum, all**
members are welcome

2013 Town of Concord Family Heritage Awards

The CHS is now seeking nominations for the 2013 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award. Please contact a CHS officer to make a nomination for this year's award.

The awards will be presented at the Town of Concord Picnic on August 11th, 2013. The Ingersoll family received the award in 2004, with the Koeppler family receiving it in 2005; and the Christian and Kramer families receiving the award in 2006. The Hemke and Groose families received it in 2007, with the Zastrow and Webb families accepting the award in 2008. The Rohloff and Bankert families were presented with the award in 2009; and the Stendel and Buske families received it in 2010 with the Milbrath, Schuck/Thomasen families in 2011. Last year the Koch and Schultz families received the award.

Town of Concord Family Heritage Awards by Year



- 2004 - Ingersoll Family**
2005 - Koeppler Family
2006 - Christian and Kramer Families
2007 - Hemke and Groose Families
2008 - Webb and Zastrow Families
2009 - Bankert and Rohloff Families
2010 - Buske and Stendel Families
2011 - Milbrath and Schuck/Thomasen Families
2012 - Koch and Schultz Families

CHS Receives A Mini-Grant From Wisconsin Historical Society For Large Artifact Storage

The CHS received a matching mini-grant to purchase new shelves for large artifact storage. The Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History provided the Concord Historical Society with the opportunity to improve our storage capabilities. This is the second matching Mini-Grant we have received to improve our artifact storage. We received the first grant in 2008 and purchased new metal cabinets for small artifact storage. The CHS is a member of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, which is an affiliate organization of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Many thanks to both of these organizations for their support of Concord's local historic preservation efforts.



New artifact storage shelves have been installed at the Concord Museum.

In Remembrance

There are three members of the Concord Historical Society that passed in 2012 -2013. Lloyd Buske, Agnes Thomasen, and Kathy Ingersoll. All of their "last" names represent families that are an integral part of the cultural fiber of the Town of Concord; all having long family histories woven into our community. Sincere condolences from the Concord Historical Society to the Buske, Thomasen and Ingersoll families.

Curator's Corner - by Renee Baneck Tantala

Are you spring-cleaning, dismantling a household, or moving to a new home? These are time-consuming tasks, but you can turn all that sorting of "stuff" into a grand opportunity.

When we have attached memories to artifacts, it can be hard to let them go. This is a good time to talk over with family and friends what should be donated—now or later—to a local historical society or archive. Feeling overwhelmed by too much stuff, we sometimes head for the dumpster—much too quickly. Please remember that what may seem like *trash* might be a historical society's *treasure*. So consider passing on to CHS that handwritten recipe card, grade-school essay, or the manufacturer's bulletin that came with a long-gone milking machine, electric fry pan, or manure spreader. Old letters, too, even if mostly about too much snow or not enough rain, document the concerns of local farmers. Of special interest are letters sent to—or received from—those in the armed services.

This fall we had to clean out my mother's closets, basement, and "tornado" room. We saved a lot of "stuff" and I'm still busy recording the memories attached to heirlooms and photos (why didn't I do more of this years ago?). Some items ended up at the Concord Historical Museum. Thank you, Lorraine (Wendt) Baneck for your generosity and for your stories.

Curator's Corner continued...

Among the donated items is a Union Butter Churn, based on a prize-winning model (the patent date is 1861) and manufactured in Toledo, Ohio. The churn wasn't new when Bill Wendt bought it during the 1940s, just before Christmas. By that time most farmers had given up churning at home, but butter was rationed during World War II. Lorraine remembers turning the crank in the farmhouse kitchen. That year there was plenty of butter for Christmas baking.

Last summer CHS also received several items from Mary Schmidt, including two from Willow Glen School, a flag and a framed portrait of Abraham Lincoln. What makes the Lincoln print so special is the roster of names inscribed on its back. Thank you, Mary, for passing on these original artifacts.

Family farms and businesses were (still are) the heart-beat of our community. CHS needs items that will help us tell Concord's stories. We need photos, documents, and small to medium-sized artifacts. We can make digital copies of photos if you want to keep the originals. Your family's story is important to us--even more so as CHS continues to work on new exhibits for its museum. We greatly appreciate the generosity of all our donors and volunteers.



Harvey Buske, with a wedding portrait of his grandparents, Albert and Martha (Korth) Buske. His daughter-in-law (center) is holding Martha's framed wedding veil. CHS Curator Renee Baneck Tantala stands at right.



Butter Churn donated by Lorraine (Wendt) Baneck.



Not a member of the Concord Historical Society?

JOIN THE CHS TODAY!



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with

Contributing Articles by

Renee Baneck Tantala



Groups are Welcome!

We offer tours to school groups and scouts. Please contact (262) 593-8099 for more information.

CHS Spring Annual Membership Drive 2013

We are currently into our 2013 annual membership drive. You will find a membership renewal form that accompanies this newsletter. Please return it to us with your membership check. Every CHS member is very important to us; please continue your support to preserve our local history. Please do note, that our membership fee continues to be very affordable, at only \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 per family.

Dear folks, we understand that life gets busy, and you may not have the free time to attend our meetings or special events, but never the less, we do appreciate your support through your membership. *So, thanks so very much for your continued support!*



Concord Historical Society Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____@_____

Membership rates per year:

\$5.00 Individual _____ \$10.00 Family _____

Amount enclosed _____

Additional Donation _____

Please note that donations beyond membership, are tax-deductible

The Concord Historical Society, Inc., is a 501c3 non-profit organization

Please return this form to our Membership Chairperson:

Concord Historical Society

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Thank you for your continued support!

Expires December 31, 2013

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