

Concord Historical Society News



Preserving Our Local History

Town of Concord - Established in 1846

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We Are Proud to be an Affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society



A WCLH Member Since 1993

The Concord Historical Society has been a member of the **Wisconsin Council for Local History (WCLH)** for over 25 years. In our early years the WCLH assisted us with advice for our 501-c 3 not-for-profit status; and has offered specialized services, annual workshops, and webinars regarding the proper care and preservation of our photos, artifacts, and documents. Currently there are over 400 Affiliate WCLH history organizations in Wisconsin, and the number grows every year.

The main headquarters and offices of the Wisconsin Historical Society are located on the UW Madison campus in Madison. They are also now planning for a new and inclusive **Wisconsin History Museum**. Please check out the website for more information: www.wisconsinhistory.org



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

Join Us For A Visit To:



CONCORD FARMS

www.concordfarmsbees.com

Did you know that we have a local honey business in Concord that is helping to pollinate our local crops, and preserve our local bee population? Yes, it is called **Concord Farms**; and is owned by Ryan and Sarah Stern. “Up to 10% of profits from Concord Farms' honey sales are used to expand and restore pollinator habitat. This provides additional nutritional resources for our honeybees as well as other native bee species and pollinators.”

Join us on **Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m.** to see their farm operation and farm store. Ryan and Sarah will explain how the business started and about their ecology efforts, and continued history in the area. Call us to make your reservation for the tour at 262-593-8099. It is a free tour, and is open to our members and friends.



THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM

By Renee Baneck Tantala

Hurrah, hurrah! The Concord Historical Museum will be open to the public on the **second Thursday of the month, from 10 AM until 2 PM, from May through October.** We invite you to come and see what's on display or to chat about local history. For Renee (curator) and Sharon (secretary) these are work days but hosting visitors is even more fun. If you want to let us know that you're coming, call Renee (414-807-8119) or email (historylynx@gmail.com).

During open hours we can receive donations or gather information you may have for us. Actually, this is a great time to bring donations, because in addition to filling out the donor form, you can tell us more about the item and the people associated with it. Also, if you are working on genealogies, we can share resources and perhaps some research tips.

We look forward to seeing you at the museum. Remember that we will continue to be open by appointment (contact Renee or any board member).





A Special Artifact for our Log Cabin

This antique rope bed was donated to the Concord Historical Society by Bill and Donna Klumb. This bed was brought from Germany by Bill's great, great grandparents Authur and Amanda Goldheimer, who had seventeen children. The rope is strung across the bed frame, this technique was used before bed box springs were developed. A thick mat stuffed with corn husks would have been used on top of the rope frame for sleeping. This type of bed is period appropriate for our 1850, William R. Look log cabin. Many thanks Bill and Donna!

Rope Bed - donated by Bill and Donna Klumb, who are standing in the background of the photo.

Town of Concord History Book

We are embarking upon a new project, to write a history of the Town of Concord. Our unique history as a township dates back to 1846, and the history of our geographic area dates back to the Ice Age, when new landforms, were created by glaciers. We have been collecting information about the town for over 25 years and it is time to condense our information into a good book. This is a major undertaking and we have just started the project. If you would like to help, and perhaps have a background in writing, or history, or if you like to do research; we would love to have you join us. We hope to have the book completed in the next few years. Also, if you have more photos to share, or information to consider including in the book, please let us know?



In Remembrance



We lost some wonderful and supportive Concord Historical Society members and residents in the past twelve months. Please keep these good people in your thoughts.

Thomas E. Senn - husband of Sue Senn

Duane A. 'Ole' Olson - husband of Grace Loppnow Olson

Robert Eckert - husband of Christine Buske Eckert

Lorraine Wendt Baneck - wife of Ernest Banek

Karen J. Staffeil Bankert - wife of Ernest Bankert Jr.

Ralph Christian - husband of Ruth Ann Dorn Christian

Dorothy Propp Gartzke - wife of Robert Gartzke Jr.

Harriet Christian Groose - wife of Donald Groose

2019 CHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE!

- May 11**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- June 15**
1:00 p.m. **Visit to Concord Farms** – A honey of a tour! Please call 262-593-8099 by June 8 to reserve your place for the tour.
- June 22**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- August 3**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- August 11**
12:00 noon **Concord Town Picnic** – Picnic that celebrates unity in our town. Town of Concord **Family Heritage Award** is presented. Bring a lunch dish to pass.
- Sept. 14**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- Sept. 22**
12:00 p.m. **CHS Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Pot Luck Lunch** – at Concord Historical Museum. Bring a dish to pass! Program to follow
- Oct. 12**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- Oct. 21**
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **CHS Pie Social Luncheon – Annual Fundraiser** – At Concord Historical Museum. Delicious lunch with homemade pies.
- Nov. 2**
9:30 a.m. **CHS Board of Directors Meeting** – At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome
- Nov. 10**
1:00 p.m. **Farming In Concord-How Things Have Changed** At Concord Historical Museum, open to the public

2019 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award

We are now accepting new nominations for the 2019 **Town of Concord Family Heritage Award**. Please contact us by May 31 at info@concordwihistory.org or call 262-593-8099.

The Carl Friesch family was awarded the **2018 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award**. The Friesch family settled in the Town of Concord in the mid-1800s. The award was presented at the Town of Concord's Annual Picnic, on **August 12, 2018**.



Front row from left to right:

Wyatt Peterson - Carl's grandson, Garth Gilbert - his mother was a Friesch, Debbie Friesch - Carl's daughter, Carl Friesch is holding the Heritage Award plate

Back row from left to right:

Josie Peterson - Carl's granddaughter, Susan Peterson - Carl's daughter, Mark Peterson - Carl's son-in-law.

Photo by: Dale Konle





Curator's Corner - by Renee Baneck Tantala

Lots to do at the museum: We are busy on many different fronts, but always keeping in mind how our artifacts, photos, and documents can help us tell better stories about our township.

We are now using an updated version of the Past Perfect software. Thanks, Cindy, for loading it and transferring content to the new computer. Our focus is now on cataloguing. Another task is to put in better order the paper trails and manuscripts what we have been archiving for more than 25 years. Thanks, Sharon for all your assistance as we sort and file.

We are now thinking about ways to make our museum more thematic, for example, by putting together a school-days corner. To anchor a country kitchen scene we already have a built-in cupboard, wood-burning stove, and antique refrigerator. Other possible themes include family fun (music, games, toys), farming implements, woodworking, and blacksmithing.

This newsletter's photo page highlights items that serve to remind us of the days when we were kids in Concord. While most of us would agree that we all did lots of chores, we had fun, too. We need to preserve artifacts of childhood not just for their nostalgic value but for how they can nudge us into telling stories that today's kids can relate to.

Please see the next page for the photos of the artifacts described below.

To represent all of those who grew up here, we are sharing a delightful portrait of the Koeppler children (circa 1905/1906), donated by Robyn Reed. Included in the portrait are Elsie (Koeppler) Buske, William C. Koeppler, and Leona (Koeppler) Hemke. Their parents were William and Ida (Goose) Koeppler, who lived on the farm previously owned by the Yates sisters.

Concord has a deep tradition of skilled wood-workers and carpenters and the next item adds a chapter to that story. The toy cupboard now at our museum was built by William F. Wendt for his granddaughter Renee Baneck, making her a happy gal on Christmas Eve, 1952. Eventually, she would have to share it with her sister Devonne.

Speaking of Christmas, Ernest Berkholtz received a lovely storybook in 1915, now part of our children's book collection. We also have boys adventure books that once belonged to Delmar Wendt and Carl Schildbach. Books like these help us to imagine what it was like to be a kid decades or even a century ago.

Ponies and other pets were a big part of childhood in Concord. We could fill several panels with photos of kids and their special buddies. Here we have a photo of Carl Friesch, Garth Gilbert, and Diane Adsit on their mounts. Nancy Buth is playing with her dog. Diane and Nancy were friends who lived in Sullivan.

Now that it's baseball season, if you're at Concord Park, think about the generations of ball players who've pitched, hit, and run bases there. We have a softball that was donated by the Jim Gilbert family. We know that Ed Schultz liked to recall playing ball on a local team. And what about Bakertown's victory over Concord (10 runs to 5) in the summer of 1900? If you have stories or photos to share about any teams or games, please share them with us.

Finally, many thanks to all those who donated items or volunteered their time during the past year. And please come and visit the museum—during our new open hours or by appointment.



Recent Donations:

Here are some interesting artifacts that were recently donated to the CHS



Koepler children portrait (circa 1905/1906), From left to right: Elsie (Koepler) Buske, William C. Koepler, and Leona (Koepler) Hemke. Donated by Robyn Reed.



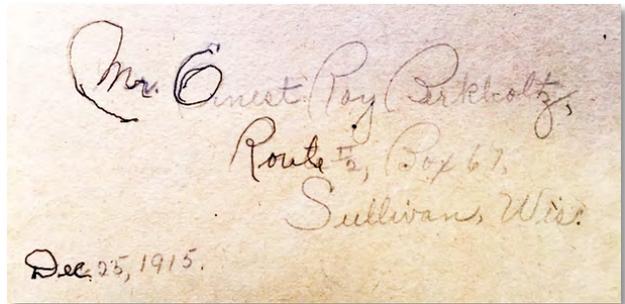
Toy cupboard handmade by William F. Wendt for his granddaughter Renee Baneck



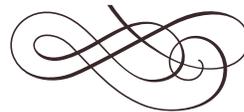
Renee Baneck is sitting at a table in front of her gift, a toy cupboard on Christmas Eve, 1952, donated by Renee



Ernest Berkholtz received this storybook for Christmas in 1915, donated by Donna & Bill Klumb. Inscription below reads: Mr. Ernest Roy Berkholtz, Route #2 Box 67, Sullivan, Wis., December 25, 1915.



Left to right: Carl Friesch, Garth Gilbert, and Diane Adsit on their mounts. Nancy Buth is playing with her dog. Photo donated by Garth Gilbert



Baseball - Softball donated by Jim Gilbert and family.

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Groups are Welcome!

The Concord Historical Museum and Wm. R Look Log Cabin are open by appointment. We also offer tours to school groups and scout troops.

Please contact (262) 593-8099 for more information.

“Like Us” On Facebook – Thanks to one of our new CHS Volunteers

We now have a Facebook page and it can be found at: Concord Historical Society, Concord, Wisconsin. Connor Baneck volunteered to start-up a page for us, and it has been up for about one month now. Connor is a young history buff, who is very interested in his family history. At 14 years of age he is quite an impressive young man. We asked him about his interest in history:

What makes you interested in preserving local history and researching your family genealogy?

“I got into genealogy about four years ago and have been doing it ever since. I am not sure what got me into it, but I sure am glad that I am. Once I got more in depth into my family history and grew older, I made the connection to local history, as learning about where my ancestors lived is important too!”



Connor Baneck is one of our new and highly valued CHS volunteers.

CHS Spring Annual Membership Drive 2019



We are currently into our 2019 annual membership drive. You will find a convenient membership renewal envelope 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 nevertheless, we do appreciate your support through your membership. **Thanks so very much for your continued support!**

Please send in your 2019 membership with the convenient envelope attached to this newsletter. Please remember, your donations “beyond” membership are tax-deductible and are put to good use.

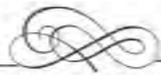


Many Thanks!

Maintaining our William R. Look log cabin is a continuous job, and many thanks to the folks at **Kettle Moraine Pest Control**, located in Dousman for keeping the log cabin pests at bay. Kettle Moraine Pest Control Service, we really appreciate your help and support! **Thank you!**



Nick from Kettle Moraine Pest Control sprays for pests at the log cabin.



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