

The Marathon County Historical Society presents

Wausau History Tours:

A Cut in Time on Barker-Stewart Island

Noon to 4 pm Sunday, May 21, 2017



Costumed re-enactors will tell the history of this island, where the Barker Stewart Lumber Co. was once the largest producer of hemlock lumber in the county. The original sawmill on the island was built in 1881, and purchased in 1887 by C.C. Barker and Hiram Stewart. By the end of the 19th century, Barker and Stewart could process 40 million feet of lumber annually. The mill closed operations in 1915.

\$5 donation at the site: 204 Scott Street

Parking available at Eye Clinic of Wisconsin, lower level, 800 First St.

Enjoy this event in conjunction with Open Streets Wausau.

Questions? Call Jane Janke Johnson at 715-297-1946 or MCHS at 715-842-5750

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- ◆ To Irow for their considerate discount towards our bill at the Jablonski building.
- ◆ To our volunteers who helped out at the 18th Annual Valentine Tea.
- ◆ To the volunteers who helped with our highest attended Mother & Child tea.
- ◆ To Betty & Lenora at Sweet Dreams Bakery for all the hard work they put into making the Valentine Tea food so delicious.
- ◆ To our kind-hearted sponsors of the Valentine Tea: Sweet Dreams Bakery, Evolutions in Design, Johanna May's Fine Teas, New Roots Coffee Company, Total Rental Center and Imagine This...Spaces by Sara.

We will be **closed** on
Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in
honor of our country's
Independence Day.



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A Very Special Thank You!

We would like to thank our six florists who so lavishly filled our two historical homes with “spring”. Both houses smelled and looked amazing thanks to the efforts of these local florists:

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Blossoms and Bows



The Marathon County Historical Society and Wausau both lost a cherished advocate and supporter with the passing of Nancy Frawley on March 16, 2017. She was a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Society of which her father, Henry Phillips, was a founding member. Nancy continued the sense of civic responsibility she learned from her father and was extremely generous to the Society and the community, gladly sharing her time, talent, and treasure. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

One of her passions was to get the living room of the Woodson House a little more “decorated”. Sara K. Goetsch is currently working on that project and it will be named in honor of Nancy.

• GIFTS RECEIVED •

- ◆ A gift from the Nancy Frawley Fund within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in honor of John & Sally Hattenhauer
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- ◆ A donation from Mary & Lon Roberts in memory of Nancy Frawley
- ◆ A donation from Donald & Connie Huehnerfuss in support of the Little Red Schoolhouse program
- ◆ A donation of office supplies from Carol Berens

Upcoming Events

2017 Civil War Book Club

7:00 pm at the Woodson History Center

Led by Prof. Brett Barker-University of Wisconsin Marathon County

On the 4th Thursday of the Month (All of the books are paperback):

April 27, 2017 Martha Hodes, *Mourning Lincoln*.

ISBN-10: 030021975X

ISBN-13: 978-0300219753

New Exhibit

Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 5:30-7:30 **Members Only Opening**

Saturday, May 13, 2017 10:00 am-4:00 pm **Public Opening**

This exhibit will demonstrate the changes to home and farm life that came with electricity in the early 1900s. The public opening will be in conjunction with other activities during the Downtown Open House.

By the 1920s, most city and town residents had access to electricity in their homes, businesses and schools. Indoor lights, home appliances, industrial machines and indoor plumbing were all run by electric power. Electricity made many jobs easier. But electrical power lines did not often extend beyond city boundaries, and electricity was available to only a few rural residents. As a consequence, rural life had changed very little since the late 1800s. Heavy manual labor remained a necessity for men, women and children on the farm.

This exhibit tells the story of how electricity eventually reached rural residents both in central Wisconsin and in the rest of the United States and how it changed their lives. WPS has generously provided \$150 worth of gift certificates and a number of Louie Coloring Books that will be given away during the exhibit opening on May 13.

Members watch your mail for a special invite to this new exhibit opening.



Upcoming Events

The Historical Society is participating in Wausau's Downtown Open House

Visit the Marathon County Historical Society during Wausau's Downtown Open House from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, May 13. There will be special activities – all for free – in addition to our regular offerings.

Communities all across Wisconsin are joining together to highlight our state's vibrant, unique downtowns. This statewide open house will help people fall in love or rediscover hidden gems and well-known treasures in their local communities. Venues across Wisconsin downtowns will be opening little-seen areas or hosting special events to showcase what they have to offer.

Three special events will be available at the Marathon County Historical Society. Visitors will be invited to handle several artifacts in "Grandma's Kitchen" to try out the ways people used to prepare food, wash clothes, or entertain themselves. In the library, Archivist Ben Clark will show how he digs into local history to find the story behind random receipts. And our newest exhibit, Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change, will officially open for public viewing. Visitors may decide to pick up our free brochure for a self-guided walking tour of Wausau's historic districts.

Other sites that will be open for touring during the Downtown Open House include the Center for the Visual Arts, the Landmark Building, Stewart Inn, YWCA, First Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, and St. Stephen Lutheran Church. The Stewart Inn will sponsor horse-drawn carriage rides in the downtown area.

Vintage Board Game Nights

The first Vintage Board Game Night in March went over so well, we've decided to host them monthly! Game nights will run from 7 pm to 10 pm on the fourth Fridays each month at the Woodson History Center.

The next one is April 28.

Join us for one or all of these nights of gaming fun for all ages. Bring your own board game or use one of ours. During the evening, you can test your knowledge with a "What's The Historic Artifact?" contest.

Among the games we already have are Mastermind, Connect 4, Twister, Aggravation, Go to the Head of the Class, Yahtzee, Labyrinth, PayDay, Cootie, Mille Bornes, Clue, Tiddly Winks, PassWord, Kerplunk, Nick at Night Classic TV, Rook, and Apples to Apples.

Watch our Facebook page for a longer list of games and future dates for Vintage Board Game Night!

American Girl-Themed Garden Party

Saturday, June 3, 2017

1 pm-3 pm

Enjoy an old-fashioned garden party with your American Girl Doll (or any other special doll) in the historic Yawkey House Museum Gardens. The party will include a brief look at antique dolls & toys, a vintage project to make, games, and of course refreshments! Recommended ages 5-12. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are **Required** and space is limited. Call 715-842-5750 to reserve your spot today. Girls & dolls can "dress-up" for this special garden party. Event will be held in the Woodson History Center in case of inclement weather.



Upcoming Speakers



The Marathon County Historical Society continues its popular lecture series *History Speaks*, which includes a wide variety of topics, including several of our well-liked genealogy workshops, presented by local experts and history enthusiasts.

Our past lectures have received great reviews and amazing attendance. We have planned a full year of presentations, programs that range from genealogy topics to presentations based on current exhibits to some just for fun.

All lectures are presented at the Woodson History Center, have no admission fee, and no registration is required. However, donations are always appreciated. **All presentations begin at 2 pm, unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, April 22 The Fromms and Their Fur Farm

Ben Clark outlines the history of the remarkable Fromm family and their lasting impact on the world of fur farming and fashion.

Sunday, April 30 Rural Electrification in Central Wisconsin

Gary Gisselman talks about how federal and state advancements brought electricity to the rural areas of central Wisconsin in the first half of the 20th century.

Sunday, May 7 Preserving Your Family Papers, Photos and Textiles

Curators Linda Forbess and Kathy Volkman discuss how to care for and preserve your family's treasured papers, photographs and textiles.

Sunday, June 4 Forward: Progressive Era Women Reformers

Paul Clark discusses Wisconsin women reformers in the early 20th century, with emphasis on women's suffrage (voting rights), the Temperance movement, Settlement houses and children's advocacy.

Sunday, June 25 Guided Tour of the Farm Museum in Marathon Park

Randy Block is the curator of the I.S. Horgen Farm Museum located in Marathon Park, Wausau. He will describe the background of the museum and talk about some of the larger equipment. The rest of the tour is self-guided, with Randy available for questions.

Saturday, August 12 An Introduction to the History and Usage of Ginseng

Will Hsu explains how ginseng has traditionally been used in Eastern medicine, the differences between the major species of ginseng, and its unique place in Wisconsin history.

Our Volunteers

Every year, the month of April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Every year, we here at the Historical Society try to convey our heartfelt thanks for all the help we receive throughout the past year. There are not enough words to express what we feel for all of you that so generously give of your time and talents. You are all appreciated and loved more than you could ever know! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!

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410 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403
Office: 715-842-5750 Library: 715-848-0378
Fax: 715-848-0576

Library Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Web site: www.marathoncountyhistory.org

YAWKEY HOUSE MUSEUM

403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403

Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Yawkey House tours are offered on the hour,
last tour starts at 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Holidays.