



The Mukwonago Historical Society

Summer 2020

Status of the Red Brick Museum

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the Red Brick Museum is currently closed and special events are cancelled. The Historical Society Board is discussing options that include the possibility of conducting tours by appointment and outside events. The Museum must comply with County and Village guidelines for social distancing and sanitation.

Thank you for your understanding!

Check out our Website!

Over the last several months, the Historical Society in conjunction with Four Summits Web Services, has created a new website. It can be found under a new domain name at:

<https://mukwonagohistoricalsociety.org/>

The new website includes articles, upcoming events, the ability to join the Historical Society and donate on-line, and a gallery of historical photographs of Mukwonago and the surrounding area.

The gallery was organized with the help of students from the IT Academy at Mukwonago High School. The photographs document people, street scenes, homes, businesses, and events from the past. You may find images of long, lost relatives or family homes.

In the Gallery section of the website, there is a video of the Civil War Soldier Ceremony held at Oak Knoll Cemetery in the summer of 2019. The ceremony dedicated a new Civil War headstone for Charles Dillenbeck and included a roll call of all known Civil War veterans interred at Oak Knoll Cemetery.



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Membership

The Historical Society invites you to support the Red Brick Museum through its membership. Your donation supports the mission of preserving objects significant to the development and culture of Mukwonago and the surrounding areas.

The new website makes it easy to join. On the Home page there is a drop-down box for "Get Involved." Simply click on the Membership icon and complete the form. Membership categories include:

Individual	\$10
Sustaining	\$25
Family	\$15
Sponsor	\$50
Patron	\$100
Small Business	\$100
Corporate	\$150

Once you have submitted the membership form, payment can be made using a PayPal account or a debit or credit card. After remitting your dues or donation, you will receive an email with a letter acknowledging your donation that can serve as a receipt for tax records.

Membership and donations may also be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 392, Mukwonago, WI 53149.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Mukwonago Historical Society will be sponsoring the traveling display from the State Historical Society on November 23 through December 6, 2020 at the Mukwonago Library. Please stop during Library hours to view the display.



Special Donation

1836 Plat Map Mequanigo

This hand drawn survey map was found in the attic of a descendant of the Andrews family many years ago and has hung in the Museum. It is in fragmentary condition and is in need of being professionally preserved.

It will cost approximately \$1000 to be restored. Anyone donating towards this effort will receive a printed facsimile of the map. Donations can be made online or by mail.

"We Stand on Their Shoulders': A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting"



The traveling display explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights and highlights some key leaders. Covering the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the display shares the important story of women's quest for political rights and recognition through quotes, photographs, and a timeline of events. Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 10, 1919. Thirty-six states were needed to ratify the Amendment before it became a law. The Amendment took effect on August 26, 1920 and allowed women to vote in all elections.

Thank you!

The purpose of the Historical Society is 'to promote, develop and encourage the history of the Mukwonago region, and to gather and preserve the books, documents and artifacts relating to the history of the region and locality.' The Historical Society appreciates the donations listed.

Addition to the Native American Collection



In March of this year, a resident of Mukwonago found the maul when doing excavations for a new home. The implement is made of worked granite. Native American tools were made from various materials and often hafted, or attached, to a wooden handle. The artifact is approximately five inches tall and dates to a time prior to settlement of early Europeans.

Volunteers Needed

Have an interest in history? Like to participate in community outreach, design exhibits, help with special events, or work behind the scenes?

Give us a call: 262-363-2420
262-363-4627

Preservation of History From Bill Kingston

The history of Mukwonago cannot be told without mention of Sewell Andrews who built the Red Brick Museum. Sewell first came to Mukwonago in 1835, returned to Vermont, and upon his return to Mukwonago built the first brick house in Waukesha County. A direct descendent to Sewell Andrews is Bill Kingston. Bill has donated many documents to the Museum as well as photographs that can be found on the Museum's website in the Galleries section.

