



**MUKWONAGO
RED BRICK
MUSEUM**

The Mukwonago Historical Society TRADING POST

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Hours & Location

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June - September • 1:00-4:00pm
& by Appointment All Year

Mukwonago Red Brick Museum

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Mukwonago Red Brick Museum

2025 Calendar*

June 8 - Tours & Speaker

Native American Gallery Re-Opening

June 22 - Tours & Speaker

Stagecoach Inns

July - Tours & Speaker

Civil War Service of Mukwonago

Area Soldiers in 5th Wisc Infantry:

July 13 - Part 1 • July 27 - Part 2

Aug 10 - Tours & Speaker

Mukwonago's Pioneer Lawyer:

Alice Craig Edgerton

Aug 24 - Tours & Speaker

Pres. Candidate: Eugene Chafin

Sep 14 - Tours & Speaker

Rainbow Springs

Sep 20 - Walk-Thru Tours &

Ice Cream Social (Sat)

Sep 28 - Tours & Speaker

Blacksmiths in Mukwonago

Oct 18- Victorian Tea (Sat)

Dec 6 - Walk-Thru Tours (Sat)

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NATIVE AMERICAN GALLERY REOPENING

New Interpretive Panels!

New Display Cases!

Newly-Displayed Artifacts!

New Flooring!

We loved the 1970s too, but it was time to invest extensive time and money on a complete face lift, and we're thrilled to reveal the final result to our community! It was a team effort between the Village of Mukwonago, the MHS Football team, the Mukwonago Community Library, and of course the Mukwonago Historical Society members, family and friends. We started carefully packing, labeling, moving, and reorganizing in January 2024. In addition to acquiring new cases (one donated by a generous Library Board member), we gave new life to some existing cases, sold some old cases, repurposed some cases elsewhere in

the museum and then re-imagined how best to tell the fascinating story of Native American culture and the three collectors passionate to preserve history through artifact preservation. What is a discoidal? Who played Chunkey? How was a celt mounted? Who were the collectors? In what shapes were arrowheads flint-knapped? What objects have been found in Mukwonago? See us this summer to find these and many more answers! ■



Mukwonago Historical Society Volunteers

Log Cabin Repair Project

For over 40 years, this symbol of Sewall Andrews' Trading Post has allowed our tour guides to tell how his store was an epicenter of area commerce and the impetus for the village's founding. It is in dire need of repair.

log structures. This work will be financed from the Mukwonago Historical Society's funds. This will allow us to continue relaying the rich history of Mukwonago to thousands more visitors including school groups. ■

The Society has been working with several experts on log structures to extend the life of the building for another 25 years or more. We finalized plans with the Village to re-side the logs, a technique used in the past to extend the life of original



**LOG CABIN
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**Exterior
Repairs**

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PLANNED REPAIRS

- Seal the current logs
- Patch the worst logs
- Apply furring strips
- Install wavy beveled siding

This will protect the logs from further deterioration and retain a rough-hewn rustic appearance. This siding was sometimes applied over log structures in the 1800's. Sewall Andrew's original trading post structure was likely square hewn logs that shed moisture, unlike the current "wilderness" design.





Henry Hecker – May 2025

Our devoted volunteers of the Mukwonago Historical Society worked over 4500 hours to make 2024 a resounding success! The accomplishments were many and I will just try to describe the high points:

We completely renovated the Native American display room. Approximately 10,000 objects had to be inventoried and stowed. We had help from a contractor, Driftless Pathways of Lodi Wisconsin, on this step and also received design concepts from this museum consulting firm. Then the old display cases had to be removed. For this work, members of the Mukwonago High School Football team came to our rescue. Then the flooring had to be replaced. The Red Brick House is owned by the Village and we worked with Ron Bittner, Director of Public Works to get that work done before new display cases could be installed. We collaborated with the Community Library, owners of the Grutzmacher collection, to purchase and install the new display cases. We also refurbished several older cases to modern standards. Our volunteers researched and labeled many of the artifacts and we created stunning interpretive panels to provide our visitors with much more information about our collections.

Fabrication of these panels was done by a New Berlin firm, Graphic Innovations. Several of our volunteers worked many 40 hour weeks to get the new Native American Gallery ready for our grand opening in June. Thanks to our donors we were able to spend \$30,000 to make this happen. This project truly was a community (and beyond) endeavor.

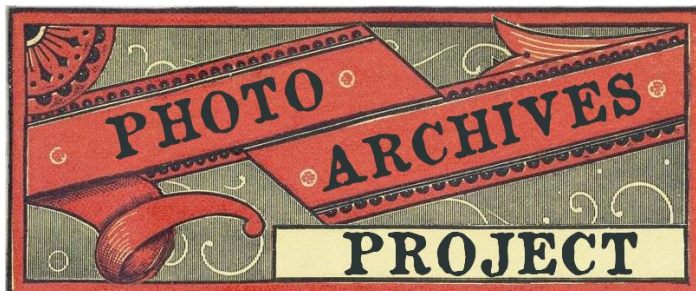
We also updated our by-laws, conducted a successful membership drive and a fund-raising campaign for the Native American Gallery. We sold more ice cream and root beer floats at our September event than ever before, and our Victorian Tea again sold out, as always.

We researched and presented seven topics on Mukwonago history at our open Sundays. The topics included “The History of the Phantom Lake YMCA Camp,” “Bicycles Made in Mukwonago,” “Asa Craig, the Melon King,” “The Life of Charlie Dewey,” and “A Memory Tour of Old Mukwonago” by Dan Smart, life resident of Mukwonago. If you haven’t attended one of these, you will have your chance as we are doing them again this year, just check our calendar.

This year we are planning events to celebrate the semiquincentennial in 2026. We are working with two neighboring consortiums of historical societies in both Walworth and Waukesha counties. If you haven’t heard, the semiquincentennial is America’s 250th birthday!

Over 850 people came through our doors to visit the museum or attend our outside events in 2024. We should easily attract more than a thousand people in 2025. Feedback says we are doing things right. Remember,

“There is always something new that’s old at the Red Brick Museum!” ■



Bob Bartelt – May 2025

We are pleased to report that “The Sleuths” have continued the project outlined in the prior article in last year’s newsletter of identifying, categorizing, scanning to digitalize, and indexing the museum’s vast collection of photographs.

Last year at this time, phases one and two of the photo project (sorting, categorizing, and identifying) were essentially complete. Over the course of the past year, working diligently and painstakingly with our excellent scanner, “The Sleuths” are proud and happy to report that the all-important third phase, digitalizing and thereby preserving the photo collection, is nearly completed as well. Indeed, as more photos are rediscovered,

packed away in the museum collection, and as donations of photos are taken in, the digitalization and preservation of photos will be an ongoing process and will never be completely finished.

“The Sleuths” have kept indices of the photos, in separate, broad categories, as the work progressed but now their focus is on refining those to a point where they become easily sortable for researchers and for those creating new displays so that what is depicted in each photo can be readily retrievable. As in the other earlier steps of this process, a great deal of knowledge, care, and precision in constructing useful index tools is necessary. While this is certainly a somewhat slow and deliberate task, hopefully the care undertaken in doing this leads to both an accurate and user-friendly result. ■



Remembering Dorothy Mohr & Barbara Hall

by Janine Coley Dorothy Mohr was well known in Mukwonago for her work with the Mukwonago Historical Society and for Mohr's Standard Service Station (now Honey Nails Spa) which she owned and operated with her husband Wilbur, for 52 years. Dorothy was a kind and gentle lady who helped fix bikes for children, kept paper routes straight for deliveries, and shared her smile with everyone she met.

Dorothy was born in Lafayette Township in Walworth County in 1912 and moved to Mukwonago in 1929 when she married Wilbur. They raised four daughters: Marilyn Craig, Barbara Hall, Kathryn Naukkari, and Vivian Norton. Dorothy was President of the Mukwonago Historical Society and was dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Mukwonago. She contributed significantly to the "Historical/Architectural Resources Survey" project that included



Mohr's Standard Service Station

Mukwonago, but also Waukesha and Walworth Counties.

The people of Mukwonago were important to Dorothy. She was recognized by the Wisconsin Senate for providing a safe place for children at her home for over 40 years. Children were welcomed into her home to use a phone or wait for rides. Dorothy was involved in the community and belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary, Lake Beulah Garden Club, and the Congregational Church. She was a member of the national, state, and Waukesha County Historical societies.

In meeting Dorothy you were immediately impressed with her determination and spirit. She was dedicated to Mukwonago and its history. Dorothy passed away in 2006 at the age of 93 and is remembered fondly for touching so many people's lives and for making the community a better place. *Credit: www.findagrave.com*

By Henry Hecker Dorothy's daughter, **Barbara Hall**, 91, passed away on November 3, 2024 in Libertyville, Illinois. Barbara was also a long-time supporter of the museum. Barbara's ancestors also operated the Mukwonago House Hotel in the early 1900's.

Born and raised in Mukwonago in the 1930s, Barbara's early experiences shaped her world view. A tight-knit, large family together with strong community ties established for her the value of human connections. Exposure to small family businesses and farming taught an indelible work ethic and flexibility in confronting life's challenges.

Barbara would delight in pointing out that she was born at home, in a room on the third floor of the family-owned hotel, a historic structure that exists to this day. Her childhood included fishing on Phantom Lake, swimming in the local millpond, and working at the family gas station and saddlery.

Barbara was proud of her strong family ties in rural Wisconsin and the stalwart for keeping the extended family connected over the years.

In 1951, she graduated from Mukwonago High School and attended UW-Madison, earning a bachelor's degree in Anthropology in 1955. It was here where she met graduate student Robert (Bob) L. Hall.

Barbara attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and later worked as a resident advocate for the Chicago Housing Authority. She also served as District Director of the Badger Council of Girl Scouts.

Barbara married Bob in 1958; the young couple lived in Wisconsin and South Dakota before establishing a permanent home in Libertyville, where they raised their four daughters, Jane, Kathryn, Martha, and Susan.

Barbara later worked as a teacher aide in the CORE classrooms at Libertyville High School for a time and was Coordinator for the Lake County Literacy Program at the College of Lake County. She was a passionate advocate of safe bicycling through Spokes group.

During their 53 years together, Barbara and Bob were a team, traveling throughout North America and Europe pursuing their many shared professional and personal interests including archaeology, genealogy and anthropology amongst others.



After Bob's passing in 2012, Barbara continued to travel with her children and grandchildren. These adventures included three cross-country rail journeys to the west coast on Amtrak. In 2018, she fulfilled a bucket list goal by hiking on the Camino de Santiago in Spain – at the age of 85!

An avid reader and library supporter, Barbara was an early riser to read her newspapers, which she always began by tearing out all the parts not worth her time. She was an avid gardener; her yard was filled with native plants and trees.

In the last few years, Barbara and daughter Jane have made treks back to Mukwonago to visit our museum, donating memorabilia from the Mohr family's hotel and gas station. ■

Credit: Barbara Mohr Hall Tribute



Group photo of the Craig-Mohrs who traveled from all over the US to attend Barbara's memorial service in February. We appreciate the many generous donations received in memory of Barbara.

Sunday Speaker Series

Presentations from the 2024 Season:

We're excited to announce our 2025 Speaker Series presentations! Ever since we featured notable Mukwonago personalities during our hours in 2022, we continued featuring a fascinating topic that helps tell the story of Mukwonago every tour day we are open. A wide variety of subjects keeps our regulars coming back and our new visitors intrigued. Check out some of the visuals from our 2024 presentations and make sure to visit us to find out the fascinating history of Mukwonago & beyond. Presentations are held about 3 times during our open hours and as always, admission is free! ■



Bicycles Made In Mukwonago

July 14, 2024

Presented by **Henry Hecker**

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The Mystic Cycle. HIGHEST GRADE. 1895

2025 Presentations

Native American Gallery Reopening & "Indigenous Peoples of SE Wisconsin"

"Stagecoach Inns in Mukwonago"

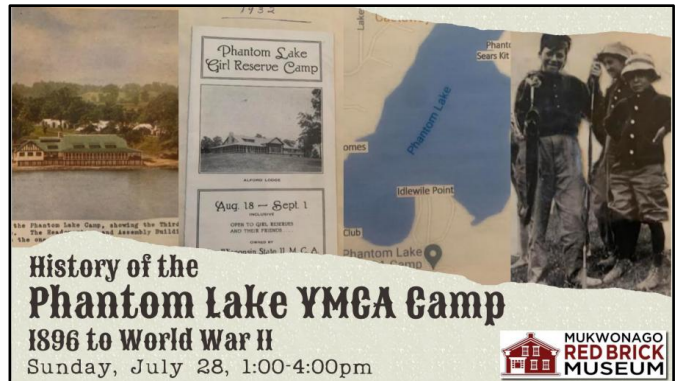
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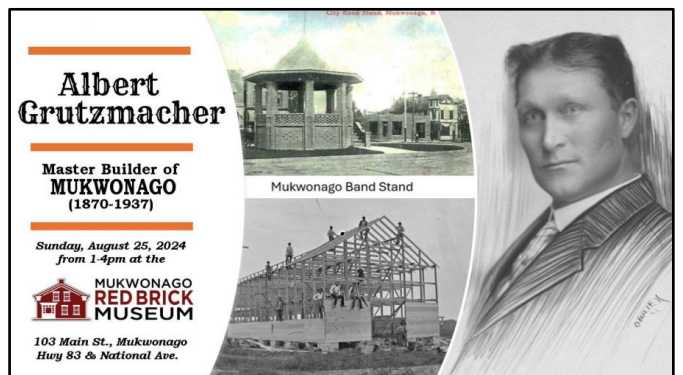
"Blacksmiths of Mukwonago"



History of the Phantom Lake YMCA Camp 1896 to World War II

Sunday, July 28, 1:00-4:00pm

MUKWONAGO RED BRICK MUSEUM



Albert Grutzmacher

Master Builder of **MUKWONAGO** (1870-1937)

Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 1-4pm at the **MUKWONAGO RED BRICK MUSEUM**

103 Main St., Mukwonago Hwy 83 & National Ave.



Donor Gratitude

We are grateful for every donation we received in 2024 that helped us finance the Native American Gallery renovation. A quick shout-out to the people and businesses who donated \$200 or more:

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Rainbow Springs:

THE RISE, THE DEMISE

Joe Jurkowski – April 2025

This is a used Lodge key to one of the former rooms at **The Rainbow Springs Resort & Hotel**, or as the developer envisioned, *"The Convention Resort of America"*. Why were the other 755 hotel room keys never used? Why did developer and primary investor, Francis Jay Schroedel, never open this world class meeting and convention center? It was built, carpeted but simply \$2 million short from completion.

For those who don't know or have never heard of **Rainbow Springs**, it is an area of pristine landscape situated on 945 acres in the townships of Mukwonago and East Troy, just 5 miles west of the Village of Mukwonago on Hwy LO. It was to be a sportsman's paradise to the nth degree.

"From the Bush to the Plush" was the slogan coined by Schroedel. This destination resort would have featured bird hunting, fishing, golf, plus many other seasonal activities. In addition, there was a 90,000 sq. ft. convention center plus a 180-foot-long mall named "Carnival Street" to mimic Bourbon Street in New Orleans, all of which were interconnected under one roof.

All the buildings including the resort are long gone except for a small cabin. The vast majority of the 945 acres have returned back to nature and are controlled by the Wisconsin DNR.

You can see other mementos, read more of this history and get answers to your questions at the Mukwonago Red Brick Museum on September 14, 2025. ■

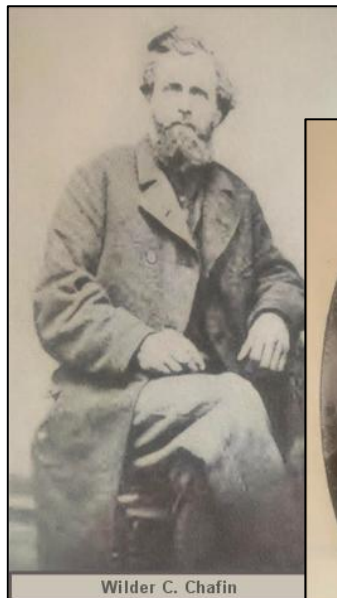


CHAFIN BIBLE DONATED

Henry Hecker – May 2025

Recently, the Historical Society received a donation of a Bible from one of the earliest farming settlers of Vernon Township. The Bible, printed in New York in 1849, was owned by Wilder Chafin and his wife Amelia. It contains many handwritten notes on the genealogy of the Chafin family from their arrival in the area in 1838 to the 1950's.

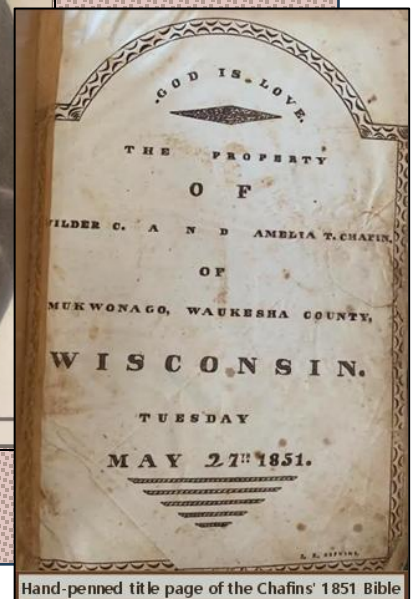
The Chafin family is prominent in the area's history for many reasons but of special note is Wilder's nephew, Eugene Chafin. Raised on another farm on land that included what is now the Phantom Lake YMCA Camp, Eugene became an accomplished lawyer, orator, and passionate Temperance advocate and ran for President of the United States in 1908 and 1912. Eugene authored several books and led an investment group that build the Phantom Lake Inn in 1893. ■



Wilder C. Chafin



Eugene W. Chafin



Hand-penned title page of the Chafins' 1851 Bible

(Genealogy courtesy of Mary Jo Isely)



Know a school, social or business group who'd like to visit the museum? We can schedule private guided group tours any time of the week and year by appointment. The Mukwonago Historical Society can be contacted via email (president@mukwonagohistoricalsociety.org) to arrange a date for special group tours. Special tours are dependent upon the availability of our volunteer guides but we are usually able to accommodate groups of six or more with enough advance notice. A moderate admission is required for appointment tours. See the following list for the types of groups we have hosted. ■

Join us for a Group Tour – we'd love to host YOUR group!

Museum Group Tours

Elementary, Junior, High School
Classes & Clubs

Home School Groups

Scout Troops

Youth & Adult
Church & Social Clubs

Book Clubs

Businesses & Employee Groups

Family Reunions



Excerpted from "Memories of Pioneer Days" by Alura Collins Hollister circa 1920s - By Ruth G. Smith, 2018

The period from Christmas, 2017 to New Year, 2018 made me a card-carrying hot house plant with credits as a couch potato. I live in a strong well insulated replica of an 1868 barn with all the amenities of the modern day, and when my favorite weatherman announces projected wind chills between -35° and -50° with frostbite possible within fifteen minutes of exposure, I was in for the duration. We not only have the luxury of natural fibers woven into thick cuddly clothes, but synthetics designed to keep even firemen warm and safe in subzero temperatures. Hunters have hand warmers, feet warmers, layers of down providing warmth. A much different story was told by Alura Collins Hollister of the "winter of deep snows."

In the 1920's she wrote, "There had been boastful discussions on road clearing for winters, the papers claiming it would soon be possible to clear roads perfectly in twenty-four hours after snow stopped falling." Alura laughed to herself as she thought of the winter of 1880 and 1881, the "winter of the deep snows". "I'd like to see them with all their new-fangled machinery clear such roads as we had then in twenty-four hours!" "During the first storm that time of deep snows, February 12, 1881, Charles B.

The Winter of Deep Snows

Stockman died. We had no undertaker then.

Mr. Weiffenbach had made coffins but possible his later blindness was already coming upon him. At any rate, it was decided to go to Waterford for a coffin, so six men with shovels, a strong team and big sleigh went to Waterford, and it took all day. Nineteen were in the sleigh load, expecting to return to their homes the second night. It snowed almost continuously for six weeks and during the last storm of that never to be forgotten winter, John Stockman and his wife died. The family dared not send to Waterford for the coffins, for fear there would be no coffins there, so twelve men with shovels and two strong teams and sleighs went to Waukesha and again it took all day. In those long ago days, our mail was taken to and brought from Milwaukee and the "winter of deep snows" there was at least once when we had no mail till two weeks had gone by."

In 1855, Alura Hollister's parents traveled here with their three children. Alura was age five. There were few miles of railroads in the state, and they came around the lakes. She always remembered a terrible storm in the night so noisy she awoke several times. Her timid young mother was always sitting beside her babies in constant fear the boat would go down.

They lived in Waukesha for a while, and when her father taught at Mill Valley School, he bought a small house at Prospect. May, 1858 they moved to Mukwonago. "The few houses on the way, some of logs, made little impression on my mind, but I do remember the almost unbroken forest of green trees all the →

way to Mukwonago. Father bought twenty acres south of the river on the Rochester Road, now Hwy 83 of Chas. Stockman, and had a house built there. We moved into it in March 1859, and our brother, Edgar was born April 8. Those early days on the farm were very beautiful. There was an Indian trail several inches deep across our front yard. The field north of the house was smooth and beautiful, and when father plowed, he turned up little piles of ashes left from wigwams. Our woods were all young trees around which was a fringe of poplar trees. Tender early green leaves would come (sic) a little before a lower fringe of wild apple in all its pink blossoms.

When we first came here, except for lilacs and snowballs, there were not so many cultivated flowers. But we did not need them then as we do now, because everywhere almost was a riot of the loveliest flowers, wild. Mr. Elmore's people had a wonderful garden south of their home, but a high board fence shut it from view and only a knothole now and then allowed us glimpses of tulips and roses so rarely lovely. Perhaps they were afraid of the wayside pasturing creatures. Our neighbor, Mr. Samuel Winch loved flowers dearly, and he had tulips, peonies and the most beautifully dark red roses, damask roses, he called them.

In those days so long ago, nearly everybody in Mukwonago owned a cow or hog, or both which were often pastured on the roadside and often wandered into a neighbor's gardens. My father thot (sic) this should be stopped so he gave notice he would take possession of trespassing cattle and charge damages for losses. We had a hard time for a while but finally people stopped pasturing in the streets, and began making nice lawns.

In those days with almost everybody owning a cow and some hens, butter and eggs were very cheap. I remember my uncle coming from Providence, R.I. in August 1859. When he found eggs were so plentiful and so little market for them they were only six cents a dozen, he said, 'Well for once I'll eat all the eggs I want.' Mother said she did hate to sell butter for less than fifteen cents a pound; it was such hard work to make it.

Mother had a hard time in those early years, but she was brave, cheerful and content. Most sewing was done by hand, no ready-made clothing. Stockings and mittens were knit, too. Mother was always sewing, mending or knitting and when she visited the neighbors, she took her sewing along.

Incidentally, the first sewing machines were looked upon as taking the bread from sewing girls. The first sewing machines were crude affairs, clamped onto a table. The stitch was a chain stitch which had to be carefully fastened, otherwise liable to rip out. Many stories were told of embarrassments as a result of accidental ripping!

I wonder how we used to get so much done evenings with such poor light, tallow candles mostly. I remember a big boiler full of melted tallow, and then the dipping of the candle molds. There was a central wick for each candle and a dozen were made at a time. It was a long tedious job. There were no screens and when the mosquitoes were thick, we made a smudge of burdock and other leaves.



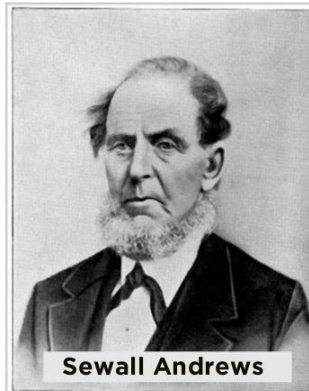
Alura Collins Hollister

Alura became a teacher. "The first winter I taught I received \$20 a month and paid \$1.50 a week for my room and board. I wore aprons to save my dresses. Hoods in winter and sunbonnets in summer comprised the headwear in those days, all homemade."

She taught in Milwaukee in the 70s. "One night we went to the Academy of Music where a man gave a demonstration of the new invention, the telephone. We were awed especially when we heard an orchestra in Chicago play at a pre-arranged time. Couldn't believe all the man told us about it, but in two or three years Andrews & Wood had a telephone installed in their store for the use of the public."

Modern technology had arrived in sleepy Mukwonago.

There were Mite societies for church; spelling schools and arithmetic matches; singing school with Bart Winchell to teach it. In summer we gathered berries, plums and nuts of various kinds. A ten quart pailful (sic) of berries is a pleasant memory. In winter there were sleigh rides to farm homes. Van Amburgh's Menagerie of Wild Animals came twice to Waukesha, and lumber wagons filled with children and adults rolled into town from all over the country."



Sewall Andrews

In our day of instant communication, it is eye opening to hear Alura tell of going with her father to the Good Templar Lodge at Uncle Jesse Smith's near Caldwell. (Jesse Smith was the proprietor of a halfway house located on the toll road on what is now Forest Home Avenue. It was about eight miles from Mukwonago.) "We were driving along the ravine this side of the Blood farm and met someone coming from Milwaukee who stopped and told us of Lincoln's death on Saturday evening after he was killed. That was a night of sorrow."

Alura completed her memories with a tribute. "Sewall Andrews was reputed to be hard, stern and grasping. I wish to do justice to his memory. Money disappeared from the till in his store; by watching, Mr. Andrews caught the boy who was a bright, happy young fellow and the son of a widow, who had tried hard to raise her son in the right way. After a good reprimand, Mr. Andrews let the lad go providing he leave town. In later years it was learned the boy had developed into a good man who was a credit to his community. His life might not have turned out that way except for the leniency of Mr. Andrews. Shortly before my mother left this life she said, 'What a pity that we cannot be as charitable and sympathetic toward mental and moral illness as we are toward physical sickness.'"

Some things never change. ■



Our October 2024 tea was yet another success – food, tea, program - according to feedback from our guests and volunteers! The team of museum ladies got together months early to plan a mouth-watering selection of savories and sweets and of course a wide variety of green, white, black and herbal teas. The 2024 theme was “Hooked Artisan Wool Rugs” and super creative Kathy H. came up with centerpieces featuring little sheep she hooked – each guest and volunteer got to take one home along with a postcard of one of our presenter’s rugs.

We had our fabulous door prizes again featuring a lovely floral arrangement from Americana Flower Station as well as sets of exclusive Hooked Rug notecards (for sale only at the museum), a set of handy kitchen goodies and wool dryer balls in the shape of sheep. Our second silent auction was held featuring tea-, kitchen-, wool- & rug-themed items donated by Mukwonago Historical Society volunteers and Thomas Greenhouse & Gardens who donated a basket of gifts. Proceeds were directed to our Native American room renovation fundraiser.



Our 2024 presenters were Joyce & Mary - artisans and teachers of rug hooking. They described the history and process of preparing wool yarn & hooked rugs, some related activities and of course presented their stunning hooked rugs while sharing the inspiration and details related to each. After the conclusion, the newly-remodeled Native American Room was open to guests to check out. Next year’s presentation will feature “Uranium Glass” with our own Robyn sharing pieces from her extensive collection & maybe a surprise or two of other glowing items. ■



Victorian Tea volunteers & Hooked Rug Presenters Joyce & Mary



Delicious food and desserts for the Victorian Tea Guests



Joyce with “King” and Mary with “Treeva”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Gardening Update



This Spring 2025, the West Vernon 4H Club families mulched, weeded and built a raised garden bed with some Lannon stones sitting in the back yard. Hostas have now been planted there. Dorothea "Do" Anich planted the Medicine Wheel Garden flowers donated by Yerke Family Farm as she graciously has done years past. Back in Fall 2024 the museum volunteers & family members had a workday for pruning, cutting off dead foliage and trimming the hedges. The grounds are ready for Open House on June 8!



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2025 Events Schedule*

Open Second & Fourth Sundays & by Appointment

June
8 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *Native American Gallery Grand Opening*
22 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Stagecoach Inns in Mukwonago"*

July
"Civil War Service of Mukwonago Area Soldiers in 5th Wisconsin Infantry:"
13 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Civil War – 5th Infantry – Part 1"*
27 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Civil War – 5th Infantry – Part 2"*

August
10 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Mukwonago's Pioneer Lawyer: Alice Craig Edgerton"*
24 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Presidential Candidate: Eugene Chafin"*

September
14 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"Rainbow Springs"*
20 Walk-Thru Tours 11-2pm (Saturday) & Ice Cream Social @ Museum
28 Museum Tours 1-4pm - *"The Blacksmiths of Mukwonago"*

October
18 Victorian Tea 1pm – *Prepurchase required; Limited Seating*

December
6 Walk-Thru Tours 3-9pm (Saturday)

** See Facebook & website for updates*
103 Main St. • Mukwonago, WI 53149
Schedule updated 04/30/2025



HISTORY CONSORTIUMS PLANNING FOR AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Mukwonago Historical Society hosted planning sessions with other area Historical Societies from both Waukesha & Walworth Counties to plan and coordinate festivities and activities in celebration of our 250th Anniversary. Such a dedicated, hardworking, creative group of people! Check our website & FaceBook for details as they develop.



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WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU TO JOIN US!

Community volunteers exclusively staff the museum – a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. Consider joining us as a member &/or volunteer to share our love of history! Gardeners needed too. Visit our website and click on “GET INVOLVED” at the top to find out more.

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