



Hours & Location

Presentations: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Tours: 2nd & 4th Sunday
(Free Admission)

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

Mukwonago Red Brick Museum

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2026 Calendar*

June 7 – OPEN HOUSE &
Presentation

June 13-14 – Walworth County
Museum Scramble Weekend

June 21 – *Presentation*

June 28 – Tours

July 5 – *Presentation*

July 12 – Tours

July 19 – *Presentation*

July 26 – Tours

Aug 2 – *Presentation*

Aug 9 – Tours

Aug 16 – *Presentation*

Aug 23 – Tours

Sep 6 – *Presentation*

Sep 13 – Tours

Sep 19 – Ice Cream Social &
Walk-thru Tours

Sep 20 – *Presentation*

Sep 27 – Tours

Oct 10 – Victorian Tea (Sat)

Dec 5 – Walk-Thru Tours (Sat)

*New in 2026 – alternating Tours &
Presentations; Check website &
Facebook for topic updates v1.2

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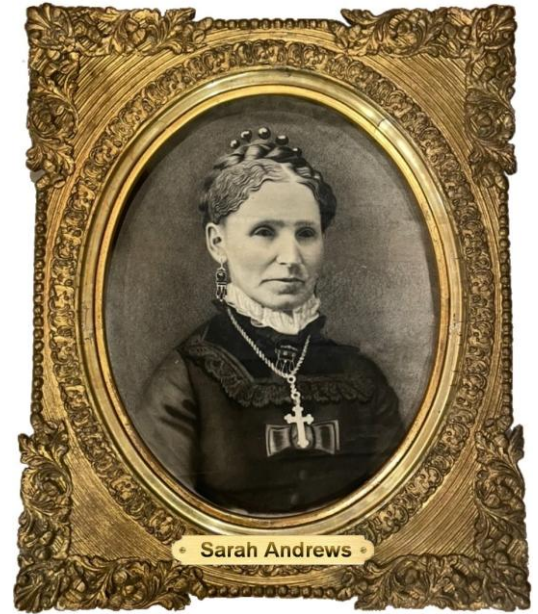
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Restoration of a Masterpiece

The intricately detailed charcoal portrait of Sarah Jane Mason Meacham Andrews Babcock

After years having rested in storage, the lovely second wife of Sewall Andrews – an original settler and builder of the museum’s house – has been returned to her proper place in the parlor of her former home. Drawn by local jeweller and artist Perry Camp, the professional conservator carefully removed the wavy linen backing, restored the paper and placed her in a magnificent gilded frame. Grieving over the loss of 2 husbands and a 3-year-old daughter, Sarah, like many during the late 1800s, turned to Spiritualism for comfort. Stop in during our 2026 season to see the “Mukwonago Mona Lisa” and find out more about the original inhabitants of the first brick house in Waukesha County. ■



The “Mukwonago Mona Lisa”

Looking Back, Looking Forward

From President Henry Hecker: Our 2025 season kicked off May 31 with a reception showcasing our renovated Native American Gallery. Over 80 attendees were treated to refreshments and hors d’oeuvres while admiring the transformation that has drawn many compliments all season long. More improvements are planned including more educational panels, some from the Mukwonago Community Library, owner of the Arthur Grutzmacher collection. We participated in the filming of a promotional video for the Village of Mukwonago and we received coverage in a news segment on K-Love radio which has played regionally. Other 2025 highlights include increased memberships and volunteers; funds raised via donations and events to fund the Log

Cabin project (damaged log replacement, electricity & new window installation); multiple private group tours including public and home school groups; presentations on new topics every open tour date. The presentations have become so popular that in order to resolve logistics issues with concurrent tours, presentations will now be held on the first and third Sundays, leaving tours on the second and fourth Sundays. Watch our website and →



Native American Gallery reception guests enjoying the evening

Facebook pages for the latest 2026 schedule updates.

In September we de-accessioned three catlinite pipes that had provenance to the Crawford and Thunder families of the Forest County Potawatomi tribe in Crandon, Wisconsin. These pipes were well documented by Charles Schoewe, who obtained them in the early 1900's. Out of respect for their cultural and religious significance, these objects had not been displayed for many years. After several consultations with the Tribe spanning over two years, the pipes were delivered to tribal representatives who conducted a very moving ceremony at their cultural center to receive the objects. One of the participants was Mary Jane Thunder, a 97-year-old tribal elder and the last remaining descendant of the Thunder family.

If you have not been to the Red Brick Museum in a while, plan a trip in the coming year. If you are a regular visitor, tell your friends and neighbors about us. What group do you belong to who would enjoy a private tour? We'll have an exciting lineup of events to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday in 2026. It will also be the 190th anniversary of the settlement of Mukwonago so our visitors can anticipate a local flavor to the celebration! ■

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

LOG CABIN TRADING POST

Exterior Repairs

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PLANNED REPAIRS:

- Add Electric Service
- Replace Damaged Logs
- Replace Windows



Walworth County Area Historical Societies Consortium - 2026

- Letterboxing Activity
- Passport for Participating Museums with Prizes
- Museum Scramble Flag Day Weekend June 13-14
- Historical Presentations



Recent Donations

A summary is provided here – a more detail description of the history and background of these items will be published in the 2Q-2026 newsletter. Stop in to see these items during our 2026 season; become a member and you'll receive the next newsletter in the mail!

Original Lock from the first School in Mukwonago: The school stood on Main Street but was replaced in 1869 by a new brick school on Rochester Street. Donated by the Dettmann family.

Artisan hooked American Indianhead Rug: 2024 Victorian Tea presenter, Joyce Krueger, donated a hand-dyed, custom-designed, hand-hooked wool rug honoring Wisconsin's Tribes.

Hand-blown glass cane: An impressive blown glass cane, 35 inches long, donated by the Mohr family who also donated a glass chain decades ago. Gifts given to a local hotel owner for his hospitality shown to the gypsy glassblowers; early 1900's. ■



MUKWONAGO RED BRICK MUSEUM ANNUAL

VICTORIAN BENEFIT TEA

The 2025 theme was "Uranium Glass" – Kathy designed lovely centerpieces with uranium glass and all 20 guests were given a UV flashlight to keep. A delicious buffet, a lovely selection of teas, door prizes and a Silent Auction made for a busy tea. Robyn & Laura shared stunning pieces from their personal collections as well as some facts and samples about other radioactive vintage pieces. Background and stories about some of their fragile pieces also delighted the guests. The 2026 topic was announced: Women in the Civil War. Did you know a woman who spied for the South is buried in Wisconsin? Tickets go on sale June 1, 2026. Happy 250th Birthday to the USA in 2026! ■



Robyn & Laura share their Uranium Glass pieces