

NEWSLETTER :: January 2012

Volume 11/number 1

# **Northern Waters** **Land O'Lakes Historical** **Museum**



## **Table of Contents**

The Year in Review  
Opening Party  
Updated Website  
Images of America  
Scholarship Award  
Up North Stories  
New Board Members  
Next Exhibit - 2013  
Annual Fish Fry  
Membership Time  
Historical Society Want Ads

## **Contact Us**

**Land O'Lakes Historical  
Society**  
P.O. Box 541  
Land O'Lakes, WI 54540

## **Historical Society Want Ads...**

Like Uncle Sam, we are looking for a few good men and women!

- Four hours from 11a.m.- 3 p.m. on any Thursday, Friday or Saturday to act as a greeter/guide/docent at the

## **The Year in Review**

Land O'Lakes Historical Society has had a busy year. Sudy Ferry Watson and assistants trained 32 dedicated Docents who guided over four hundred visitors from fifteen countries and many states through our expanded exhibit of resorts and fishing guides.



A typical Resort Bar Room/Den of "early day 40's and 50's" was added to the Museum exhibit by Lisa Stemen and Lynn Richie. It features card playing and "story-telling" about the "big one that got away" or "how I bagged that 14 point buck and tracked him for miles!" The tales got better as the drinks were poured and the evening got later. Antique fishing gear, clothing and old boat motors are featured. Barb Wilkinson, our researcher is busy researching next year's extension of Guides and Hunting. Look for other new additions next summer when Barb Wilkinson, our newest researcher, includes her winter's work to the exhibit.

NorthernWaters Museum. Only 2 - 3 times. Work with a friend or as a family team. Training available.

- Choose your own hours. Gather your decorating group. Create a parade float for the 4th of July Parade. Sign and museum artifact boat available. Uncle Sam marches in the parade for us, too.

- Eight hours at various times to send media releases to publicize NorthernWaters Museum events and exhibits.

- Choose your own hours, your own workplace. Write thank you notes for Historical Society donations and memberships. Materials provided.

- Two hours on your own schedule to interview a Land O' Lakes elder and write up an interview for Pioneer Notebook collection. Recorder provided. Interview outline suggestions provided. Choose your own special Land O' Lakes elder from our list.

- Three hours weekly to work with the Accessions Team in the Historical Society workroom. Basic computer knowledge needed. Training available.

- Newsletter editor to gather articles from Board members and Taskforce Chairs, pictures of events, and take info to local printer to set up newsletter. Gather friends over coffee to stick on address labels.

- Two hours to host a program about the current exhibit and arrange for people to present, i.e., Fish Tales with the Old Guides, or Summer Vacation Stories from the Cisco Chain, etc.

- Fundraising and Development Task Force Chair.

- Eight hours to order products we sell, keep museum supplied, maintain record of sales in conjunction with Treasurer.

## Opening Party!

The Opening Party in June was hosted by Dorothy Marling Aikens and husband R.D., longtime seasonal residents of Black Oak Lake. We enjoyed the company of Ed and Donna Richter at this event. Ed and Harold Richter gifted the Ski Chalet which became our NorthernWaters Museum. Other members, volunteers and donors enjoyed the delicious food while sharing stories and memories.



## Updated Website



Lisa Stemen has joined our Board this summer and is adding great energy to our group. She will be doing updates on the recently updated website. Be sure to check it out at:

[www.landolakeshistory.com](http://www.landolakeshistory.com)

• One hour weekly on your own schedule to clean the museum building. Materials provided. Choose the month you want to work — July, August or September.  
Call 547-6176 or 547-3954 with questions or to sign up to help or email [behook@aol.com](mailto:behook@aol.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Historical Society presented a \$2000 scholarship to Joshua Karlovich of Land O' Lakes to assist him in attending Nicolet College. He has been very active in the community at the Land O' Lakes Library, Lion's Club Blood Drives, local food drives and church youth group. He has competed in Wisconsin State Band competitions and was selected to attend Badger Boys State. He aspires to have a career in theater production and musical performance. We wish him well in his education and future career goals.

## UP NORTH STORIES

*We have been fortunate to receive another gift this year. Working with Mary Sethness and Bill Stout, Marilyn Annin, our Exhibit Designer for the past 10 years, has converted her delightful Storyboards, created for our exhibits, to books for young children. These four books are incorporated into a portfolio of Up North Stories. Profits are being shared between the Land O' Lakes Historical Society and the Land O' Lakes Artisans (LOLA). They are available at local stores and our Northern Waters Museum and Artistree. We do appreciate the generosity of these members.*

Lisa has also offered to put the Newsletter out via email for those of you who prefer this format. In addition she will be coordinating the Member's Party prior to the museum opening this summer.

## IMAGES OF AMERICA LAND O' LAKES

One of the Highlights of our summer was the publication of Jon Helminiak's historic book, Images of America, Land O' Lakes, a picture and anecdotal history of Land O' Lakes. He has compiled a picture history of Land O' Lakes from the historical archives and the personal archives of local residents. He spent nearly nine months researching, selecting photos and writing text. It spans a 100 year period — 1880 to 1980, including over 130 rare captioned photographs.



Jon has been a summer resident for many years, loves Land O'Lakes, the Northwoods and history. He wrote this book as a gift to Land O' Lakes and as a fund-raiser for the Historical Society. It's a great gift for family and friends who have shared time with you in our beautiful Northwoods! Jon had many book signings over the summer.



## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are happy to announce three new people who have joined the Historical Society Board this fall: Yvonne Stone, Barbara Nehring, and Bonnie Clarke. They have been and will continue to be enthusiastic Docents at the Museum. We look forward to having their ideas and energy on the Board. Yvonne is our new Membership Chairman. Bonnie and John Clarke and grandchildren represent the Historical Society each year in the 4th of July Parade as Uncle Sam and friends. Barbara is well known as one of the founders who began the Historical Society with Ann Bates and Kathy Nordine. Sue Marcus, Nancy Wandling, Sonya Paplowski, Sudy Wattson, Joanne Spinner Donna and Ed Richter, Northern Waters Museum building donors.



Dr. John Clarke as Uncle Sam

## ANNUAL FISH FRY

On Wednesday, October 5, 2011, the Annual Fish Fry and Historical Society Film Event was held at Bent's Camp in Land O' Lakes. Craig and Amy Kusick, the new owners of Bent's Camp, were the generous hosts of that event. We greatly appreciate their support. Seventy-five people were in attendance and enjoyed the portrayal of "old-timer" Land O'Lakes fishermen, guides and hunters, dressed in their clothing of the era. The food was delicious as it has been in the past and many thanks were expressed to the Kusicks by our guests.

## MEMBERSHIP TIME

*It is time to renew memberships — please be sure to include your email address if you would like to receive your Newsletter in that format. Thanks for choosing that as it saves the Society considerable costs.*

### MEMBERSHIP 2012

YES Please enroll me (our family) as a member(s) of the Land O' Lakes Historical Society. I have checked the category of my membership and have sent my dues to the Land O' Lakes Historical Society, P.O. Box 541, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Category of membership:

Basic \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing

Address\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_

Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to work with the Museum volunteers in 2012. Check a job that intrigues you.

Board positions (monthly meetings) \_\_\_\_\_ Task force Technology support\_\_\_\_  
E xhibits\_\_\_\_ Fund-raising\_\_\_\_ Membership\_\_\_\_ Landscape\_\_\_\_ E  
vents\_\_\_\_\_

Public Relations\_\_\_\_\_ Museum Docent (one or two days in summer 11  
am to 3 pm.)\_\_\_\_\_