



# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January 2008

Eagle, Wisconsin

## **EHS Board**

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### **Curator**

Elaine Ledrowski  
594-3301

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Jean Cisler  
495-4637

## **Museum Happenings**

Congratulations to Irma Joliffe, who was recognized by the Mukwonago Chief as one of the "FIVE WHO GIVE"

Some board members visited the home of artist Barbara Beier for a tour of her studio and a showing of her Moveable Mural depicting historic downtown Mukwonago.

Did you notice the Autumn and Christmas display outside the museum? Thanks to board members Mark & Julie Dexter.

Have Cabin Fever? Volunteer at the museum Wednesday 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon Call Elaine for information 594-8961

Please remember to save Santa Claus Christmas cards for the museum Santa book.

## **ARTIFACT DONATIONS**

Luella Bowey  
Mabel Finney  
Malinda Kenney  
Dottie Murphy  
Janet Prokop

## **Memorial**

\$50.00 in memory of Dr. Rosenkranz

## **Donation**

\$50.00 Ken & Mal Olson

\$40.00 Myrtle Bohlman

## **And the Envelope, Please** \_\_\_\_\_

Winners in the drawing for members who renewed before January 1, 2008 were Jackie Lewis, Steven Steinhoff and Diana Hall. They each received a framed historic photo of Eagle.

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EHS  
museum/ library  
594-8961  
open  
Fridays and Saturdays,  
9 am to noon  
Wednesdays, 5-7 pm  
Website: eaglehistori-  
calsociety.org

## EHS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members,

We will not be mailing membership cards this year. If you have renewed your membership and your name is not listed please contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or don4elaine@aol.com. A drawing was held for a surprise gift for anyone who renewed their membership before January 1, 2008. Jackie Lewis, Steven Steinhoff and Diana Hall were awarded framed historic photos of Eagle.

### Senior Membership

Pat Arnold  
Gerald Baker  
Yvonne Beranek  
Myrtle Bohlman  
Jean Bowey  
Harry Bowey  
Elaine Cook  
Rosanne Day  
Mabel Finney  
Paul Kramer  
Carol Lake  
Bernice A. Lueck  
Marge Plainse  
Sarah Rosenkranz  
Fred L. Smart  
Jean Richardson  
Thomas Varrelmann  
Betty Weimer

### Honorary Members

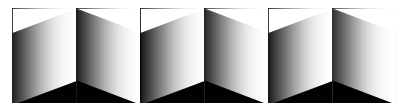
Luella Bowey  
Guenther & Lisa  
Busche  
Bea Delaney  
Betty Enright  
Stuart Fredenberg  
Maureen Hisey  
Irma Jolliffe  
Jerome & Eileen Juedes  
Meryl Kelsey  
Dorothy Kramer  
Welthy Mueller  
Esther Stead

### Individual Membership

Scott Bovee  
Mickey Breidenbach  
Virginia Dudzek  
Mark Finney  
Ryan Hajewski  
Ty Howard  
Jim Johnson  
Mark Jung  
Peggy Moots  
Bill Orchard  
Florence Pape  
Rose Raiter  
Gay Semanko  
Maxine Strickler  
Vonda Williams

### Sponsor (\$50.00-\$99.00)

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## EHS MEMBERSHIP



### **Family Membership**

Edward Baker  
 Richard & Annette Baker  
 Darol & Roseanne Carter  
 Harry & Jean Cisler  
 Hazel & Terry Connors  
 John (Doc) & Olive Crawley  
 Mark & Julie Dexter  
 Lee & Lynn Greenberg  
 Jerry Johnson  
 Mike & Karen Kennedy  
 Mark & Heidi Lake  
 Jim & Nancy Manschot  
 Jerry & Karen Mealy  
 Robert & Janet McCue  
 Bob & Nada Moeller  
 Martin & Vera Murk  
 Gerald & Florence Neary  
 John & Eleanor Normington  
 Ken & Mal Olson  
 Carl & Wilma Pettis  
 Art & Carrie Peavy  
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 Marshall & Patricia Riley  
 Jack & Ruth Ann Rolfe  
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 Thomas & Terri Sorensen  
 Steven & Linda Steinhoff  
 Jim & Phyllis Steinke  
 Tim & Diane Tate  
 Paul & Anne Trupke  
 Don & Pat Wilton  
 Richard & Carol Wilton  
 Steve & Wanda Wilton

### **Patron (\$100.00 & Over)**

Dorothy Clark  
 Jorrie & Richard Friedman  
 Bob & Barb Hegwood  
 Arthur & Betty Isleb  
 Don & Dottie Murphy-(Murphy's Complete Service/Septic)  
 Russell & Jill Steinhart (Eagle's Headquarters)  
 Paul & Sandra Fisher

### **Sustaining (\$25.00-\$49.00)**

Dick Adduci & Jackie Lewis  
 George & Arlene Baumhardt  
 Bill & LeeAnn Madsen  
 Stewart & Carol Calkins  
 Violet Orchard  
 Diana & Eloise Hall  
 Jerry & Kay Perkins  
 Harold & Mary Lou Hinkley  
 Conrad Potrykus  
 Martin & Ada Holzman  
 Rosann Sasso  
 Audrey Houk  
 Toula & Kim Sievers  
 Barbara Jatczak  
 Eris Thurston  
 Robert & Carol Kwiatowski  
 Clare B. Turner  
 Donald & Elaine Ledrowski  
 Edward & Susann Mack  
 Gary & Nancy Payne  
 Ken & Ann Skidmore  
 Bill & Jean Thiele

## OUR AREA ARTISTS

The Eagle Historical Society is fortunate to have prints and originals from a number of local artists, including Stephanie Kalnes, Martin Murk, Carol Sundquist, Bill Krestan, Jr., Audrey Casey, Tom Shropshire, Margaret Richards and Margaret Sullivan. There are items on loan from Anne Meyer, Rose Raiter and Charlotte Fung Miller.

The newest member of our artistic community is Charlotte Fung Miller. She uses brush painting inspired by the Chinese philosophy of reverence for nature, serenity and peace. Painting is done in watercolor on rice paper. No shadowing is used and depth is achieved only through graduation of color. However, she adds her own individual style through the use of more color and the introduction of Midwestern themes.

Charlotte is a native of San Francisco's Chinatown, currently residing in the Mukwonago-Eagle area. She studied 9 years of formal Chinese calligraphy and 7 years of Chinese brush painting under Master Lui Sang Wong of San Francisco. She earned an M.S. degree in nutritional science and a B.A. degree in bacteriology at the University of California at Berkeley. Mrs. Miller has received numerous awards, including the "Featured Artist Award" for PBS television. She has also taught courses in Chinese art and cooking, her philosophy being, "I will be able to share my heritage with others."

The Museum's art display is greatly enhanced by Charlotte's lovely brush painting, "Love Birds and Irises"

Another artist of some renown has a watercolor of a California Oak Tree at the museum. It was donated by Luella Bowey. The artist is Beth Martineau. Our mature members may have their own stories of Mrs. Martineau, some of them authentic and some probably greatly exaggerated. Whatever the story, the truth is that she was an artist of genuine talent, albeit quite colorful in her personal life. She graduated from Milwaukee Downer College with a degree in art and married Dr. William Martineau. They had five children. The marriage did not last and in 1957 after the divorce, she began painting in earnest.

She had a studio that her sons built in 1961 between Palmyra and Eagle just off of Hwy. 59. By 1970 she was a well known artist entertaining students from Whitewater and Palmyra High School who would visit her studio and admire her work.

She died in 1993 at the age of 89 and is buried in St Therese's cemetery in Eagle. The much publicized property she owned is still in the Martineau family and currently for sale.



Charlotte Fung Miller

## THE BEAR FACTS

The Teddy Bear silent auction was a huge success And the bears are happily in their new homes. Thanks to the following business and organizations that participated:

Eagle Wine & Spirits, Chase Bank,  
 Lake Enterprise, Eagle Centre House,  
 Your Garden Diva, Alice Baker Library,  
 Citizen's Bank of Mukwonago-Eagle Office.  
 Dragonfly Embroidery,  
 Nancy Cares Day Care,  
 P-E High School Cheerleaders.  
 Morning Dove Day Care, Inc.,  
 Eagle United Methodist Church,  
 Viking Adventure, Steve Steinhoff, Attorney,  
 Palmyra Eagle Community Band, Suhmers Saloon,  
 St. Therese's Catholic Church,  
 Eagle Fire Dept., Hen House Café  
 Heckel's Tool and Mfg. Corp.

The proceeds from this fund raiser will be used for the further development and expenses of our web page:

**[eaglehistoricalsociety.org](http://eaglehistoricalsociety.org)**

The people voted and chose Billy the Kid for their favorite bear. Billy was created by The Citizen's Bank of Mukwonago-Eagle branch. The bank will receive a plaque to commemorate the occasion.



A Christmas tree and holiday music contributed to the festivities at our annual Holiday Raffle held December 8th at the municipal building. Many gaily decorated baskets contained items and gift certificates donated by local businesses. The aroma of homemade cookies enticed visitors into the side room where they also enjoyed complimentary coffee. A warm thanks to everyone who donated to this event.



FOR 100 YEARS THE BELL TOLLS FOR EAGLE
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The people of Eagle have always been foresighted and energetic, it seems. Some time after St. Therese's Church was built, the people wanted a town clock that would chime the hours. St. Therese's tower was the perfect place. The bell was made in St. Louis, MO. by the J.G. Stucksteder Bros. It has an 1869 date on it. Whether it was made that year or is a patent date is uncertain.

The clock was installed on July 4th, 1908, at a cost of about \$650.00. This year marks the 100th anniversary of that clock, a fact worth noting. The people of Eagle donated money for this cause, as did some very unlikely donors. Contributors included Pabst, Gettleman, Miller, Jung, Blatz and the Weber brewing companies. Other donors were Brittingham & Hixon, the lumber company still in Eagle, the John Graf and Supreme bottling companies, dance proceeds of Feb. 11th, 1908, the basket social of March 4th, 1908, the Eagle Maenner Choir, and the Eagle Dramatic Club.

In 1969, one of the cables holding a few hundred pounds of weights was frayed and the village board decided to make the old clock electric. Prior to that it was a weight-cable operated windup clock. Originally it was wound by Carl Kalb. Later that job was taken over by Frank Von Rueden and finally by Milt Mueller who continued to wind it until it was electrified. Every day Milt would climb the stairs to the choir loft and then the ladder to the clock room, moving aside the dead pigeons, and wading through whatever else was there (we can only imagine) to turn the crank and wind the clock. Once it was modernized it needed only to be changed in Spring and Fall to account for daylight savings time.

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 the stairs to the choir loft and  
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The clock has always chimed on the hour, half-hour and at 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the Angelus. The Angelus has a different chime with time in between chimes for prayer. While there are still clocks that chime the Angelus throughout the United States, it is unlikely there are any in a town the size of Eagle. They are more apt to be found in private Universities or larger cities.

**EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Every Month	Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from March through October and at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month from November through February.
January 25, 2008	Eagle Community Showcase-Beginning at 9 a.m. and running to 12 noon. This will be hosted at Eagle Elementary School. An informational table will display toys from the past.
February 19,2008	Election Day Outreach and Bake Sale. Home made baked items will be on sale until they are sold out.. There will also be a display of election artifacts.
March 19, 2008	Annual Meeting starting at 6:30p.m. The program is yet to be announced.
June 7, 2008	Golf Outing-The second annual golf outing will be held at the Eagle Springs Golf Resort. This includes a raffle. All proceeds will benefit the historical society.
June 20-23,2008	Kettle Moraine days. Parade at 12 noon on Sunday the 23rd.
July 13, 2008	Ice Cream Social and Palmyra Eagle Community Band Concert will begin at 2 p.m. Spend an afternoon in Eagle Village Park enjoying great music and delicious ice cream and cake.
August 17, 2008	Wine & Cheese Reception– Meet friends and neighbors at the museum 2-4 p.m. A musical program will be presented by Mal & Ken Olson
November 4, 2008	Presidential Election Day Bake Sale
December 13, 2008	Holiday Raffle Municipal Building 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Election Day and bake sale  
February 19th, 2008*

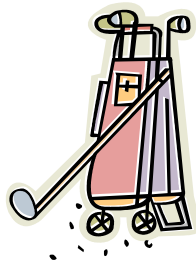
Annual Meeting, March 19th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

### WEATHER ADVISORY

Having contacted the Sullivan weather station as well as all other local weather outlets, we feel confident in saying that the snow will eventually disappear and be replaced by warm, sunny days. With that in mind, mark your calendars for these grand summer events:

The second annual golf outing to be held June 7th, 2008 at the Eagle Springs Golf Course.



Kettle Moraine Days  
June 20th-23rd. Parade  
starts at noon on Sunday.

