Swiss Historical Village
SPECIAL EDITION

Annual Meeting March 8, 2014

New Glarus Historical Society
2013 Activities

2013 was an eventful year for the New Glarus Historical Society. We continue to uphold our mission to collect, preserve, interpret and display the history of the New Glarus region. Here are a few highlights:

- The first order of business was reorganization of the board. The voting named Peter Etter for president, John Colstad for vice president, Doris Arn for treasurer and Judy Reuter for secretary.
- Jo Gehl resigned from the Historical Society Board in October 2013 to live in Florida. David Hustad has agreed to complete Jo's term until spring of 2015.
- On April 13, 2013, Marion Streiff passed away. Marion was a good friend and will always be remembered for her dedication to the museum as tour guide and cashier and for the many hours she donated working on projects.
- On May 15th for our open house, the Historical Society board invited Ann Marie Ott and Mary Nelson to present a program entitled Preserving our Gardening Heritage. The ladies are Master Gardeners and the presentation was very informative.
- On June 8, a wedding was held in the Log Church for Rilla French and Kurt Messner.
- As participants of the Blue Star Museum since 2011, the Swiss Historical Village in 2013 had 17 active service personnel with up to five family members receive free tours that started Memorial Day and ended on Labor Day weekend.
- Amy Legler brought summer school students to spend June 11 to June 14, 2013 in the schoolhouse re-enacting school in days gone past. Our walk-in visitors enjoy seeing the children. The New Glarus fourth graders were given a tour at the Swiss Historical Village on June 5, 2013.
- The 54th commemorative service in the Log Church was held on August 17, 2013. Rev. Todd Hackman, Swiss United Church of Christ, New Glarus, WI conducted the service.
- Harvest Fest festivities at the Swiss Historical Village were held on October 13, 2013. The demonstrators and crafters were truly appreciated. Thank you to George Albright and John Colstad for playing alphorns, Richard Arn for flag throwing and to the volunteers that helped with the bake sale. Peter Etter did a cemetery tour on tombstones with German inscriptions.
- Harvest Fest is the high-light of our season and the biggest fund raiser. Next year's Harvest Fest will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014.
- A cemetery tour, sponsored by the Swiss Church cemetery committee under the direction of Dale Hustad, was held on August 3, 2013. Bob Elmer helped with the research and Duane Freitag talked briefly about the pioneer cemetery and the tombstones at the Historical Village.
- Roger Clark of Clark's Construction completed repairing the Blacksmith, Farm Implement, Fire House and the doors on the Cheese Factory. It was a much needed improvement! Roger donated ½ of his labor to the New Glarus Historical Society. Thank you!
- A 2x2 barn quilt called "Swiss Roads" was designed and painted by Kris Winkler and Lynn Lokken who donated it to the Historical Society on June 7, 2013. Thank you Kris and Lynn. It has made a big impression on our visitors.
- Thank you to Brad Beal and Larry Klassy for installing the barn quilt on our Farm Implement building.
- A big thank you to Rosie Wieser for providing dresses, laces and material for our newest display in the Collectibles Building. Thank you to Rosie, Gail Beal and Jo Gehl for planning and setting up the wonderful display. They incorporated artifacts from the Swiss Miss Lace Factory into a story and explained the important part it played in New Glarus.
- The New Glarus Historical Society donated $100 to the Post Prom Party at the New Glarus High School.
- Thank you, Dave and Carol Hustad, for the planting and caring for the beautiful flowers again this year! As usual, we received many compliments on how beautiful our grounds looked!
- Thank you to Rosie Wieser for donating perennials to be planted around our museum grounds. Thank you to Larry Klassy for planting and caring for them.
- Appreciation to Larry Klassy for painting our benches and for taking good care of the Swiss Historical Village grounds.
- Thank you to John Eglesaer for mowing the grounds and trimming bushes in Larry Klassy's absence.

- A thank you to John Marty for the daily checks on the Village grounds, the restrooms and doing many maintenance chores
- A thank you to John and Sandy Colstad for doing the spring housecleaning.
- Thank you Mary Funseth and Mary Dibble for making the update of our web-site happen.
- Thank you Mary Dibble for producing the 2013-2014 work plan.
- Bob Elmer continues to send his Family History Notes by email to all those who have requested it. He also does genealogy research upon request.
- Rev. Mary Gafner, Monticello, thanked the New Glarus Historical Society for the Log Church service donation of $100 for the Green Care Food Pantry.
- We received monetary donations "$20 and over": Ann Marie Ott in memory of Don Ott, Dwight Truttmann and Janet Novak in memory of Viola Truttmann, Fred and Mickey Blum, Bob & Antonia Seitz in memory of Marion Streiff, Gabriela and Reid Olson, Marion Streiff memorial by Streiff family, Rita and Kurt Messner, Elizabeth Zgraggen/Joe Hanes, John Marty, Emy Gartzke, Model T Club, and Amy Legler presented a check from the New Glarus School District for Summer School.
- Significant artifacts for the permanent collection received this past year: Genealogical materials by Marion Lenore Hoesly, 2 Swiss signal bells from the Dwight Hoesly family, European Style chair with a strong Swiss German connection from Buzz Holland, Scroll clock and shelf donated by Mary F. Johnson, Waupaca, Several items by New Glarus businesses from Louann Bodenmann, 1945 Police bicycle from Switzerland donated by Rich Kelley, framed poster advertising Appenzeller cheese donated by Kay Knobel, a photo with an original autograph of JFK donated by Dorothy (Heller) Abendroth, Ames, IA, wire stroller with cloth doll and corn husk dolls by Gloria Jacobson, wooden chalet model by Linda Giesen and Henry Dixon, rolls of plans for fabric Swiss Miss designs and programming rolls of Swiss Miss embroidery donated by the Weiser Family, Swiss Miss Welcome banner and fireman's association patch and programming roll donated by William Hoesly, child's doll dresser by Kathryn Disch, large tapestry by Penny Kubly, and Citizen's State Bank checkbook cover and New Glarus Bakery Mug by Bob Elmer.
- The Historical Access and Use Policy has been finalized and approved by the board. The policy has been put on our web-site, *www.swisshistoricalvillage.org*
- 2013 attendance was 4,897 representing guests from 44 states (we needed Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Vermont) and 28 foreign countries.

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Our guest speakers tonight are Kris Winkler and Lynn Lokken who started the barn quilt project that has become very popular throughout Green County.

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Message from Peter

This past year has been busy and eventful. I would like to thank the board members, office personnel, guides and volunteers for all their work and dedication. We have a very nice museum here and I hope we can continue to be an educational and historical part of the community for a long, long time. I feel very strongly about history because I know that this country was built on the hard work and dreams of immigrants who came here. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Peter Etter
President

You are the Best – you make this museum what it is! "Thank You" to ALL! This evening is for you.

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Leaders Line

Swiss Historical Village - Season 2014
The Swiss Historical Village is open May 1 to October 15 for visitors and the bus tours will be given through October 31, 2014. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Swiss Historical Village has several bus tours scheduled. Admission for adults is $9.00 and admission for children ages 6 to 13 is $3.00. Mastercard and Visa are available. Membership fees are Individual - $20, Couple - $30, Family - $40 and Lifetime - $500. Genealogy is available upon request for a small fee.
The gift shop features a wonderful selection of gift items, books and a variety of cheese. The buildings and grounds are ready to greet our 2014 visitors.
The three big events of the season at the Swiss Historical Village are the **Opening Day** program that features a Maple syrup presentation, May 18, 2014, the **Commemorative service** in the **Log Church**, August 16, 2014 and **Harvest Fest** to be held the Sunday before Columbus Day, October 12, 2014. Come and enjoy!

Historical Society Board News
A motion was made and approved to cast an unanimous ballot for Peter Etter for president, John Colstad for vice president, Doris Arn for treasurer and Judy Reuter for secretary.
Members of the New Glarus High School senior class volunteered to rake the Historical Village grounds on April 18, 2014.
SilverWater Productions, LLC will be coming to the Historical Village sometime in May to discuss the Video project explaining the emigration story for the Hall of History.
The Historical Society board decided again to participate in the Blue Star Museum program that gives active military members with their families a free pass to a tour of the Swiss Historical Village from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Attendance - 2013
2013 attendance was 4,897 representing guests from 44 states (we needed Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Vermont) and 28 foreign countries.

Open House for 2014
This year our open house will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 at the Swiss Historical Village grounds.
A presentation on Maple Syrup will be given by Bob Holmes, New Glarus.
Mary Funseth will host the event and give a brief history of pancakes and the Swiss ways to make pancakes.

Resignation
Jo Gehl resigned from the Historical Society board of directors and from being our Friday cashier last October. She and husband Gene moved to Florida to enjoy the warm weather. David Hustad agreed to complete Jo's term on the board of directors until March of 2015 when at that time he can determine if he wants a three year term. Welcome, Dave!

Harvest Fest – 2013
The festivities at the Swiss Historical Village was held on October 13, 2013. The demonstrators and crafters were truly appreciated. Thank you to George Albright and John Colstad for playing alphorns, Richard Arn for flag throwing and to the volunteers that helped with the bake sale. Peter Etter did a cemetery tour on tombstones with German inscriptions.
There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed a full day of activities. One of the children's highlights was jumping rope.

Quote:
"Never forget that it takes only one person or one idea to change your life forever."

"Today is our future's past."

Around the Corner

Dairy Cattle

The five most important breeds of dairy cattle in the United States are the Holstein-Friesian, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, and Brown Swiss. They differ in size and appearance. The composition of their milk and the amount they produce also vary.

Holstein-Friesian cattle, often called merely Holsteins, produce the most milk. Their milk, however, does not contain as high a percentage of the natural fat called *butterfat* as does the milk of the other breeds. The Brown Swiss is the second in the amount of milk produced, while the Ayrshire is third and the Guernsey fourth. The milk of Jersey and Guernsey cows is yellower in color than the milk of Holstein cows, because it contains a higher percentage of butterfat. Jersey milk contains about 5 per cent butterfat, Guernsey milk contains about 4.7 per cent, and Holstein milk contains about 3.7 per cent. Brown Swiss and Ayrshire cows produce milk with about 4 per cent butterfat.

The breed of cattle kept on a dairy farm will depend upon the farmer's breed preference and the market for milk. Sometimes it will be more advantageous to keep Holsteins because of the quantity of milk they produce. In other regions, it may be more profitable for dairy farmers to raise Guernseys and Jerseys, because these breeds are efficient in the production of butterfat.

Dairy cattle whose history can be traced to the original animals of a breed are called *purebred.* A *registered* animal is one whose history has been recorded with a breed association. Most dairy cattle are not registered with a breed association. Such cattle are called grade cows. Some grade cows are the offspring of unregistered parents of the same breed. However, many are born of unregistered cows and registered purebred bulls

Improvements in Dairy Farming

Today's farmers have increased milk production efficiency greatly through improved methods of breeding, feeding, and managing dairy cattle. In the United States, the average yearly production of milk per cow has risen to about 10,355 pounds. Many of the better dairy herds average from 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of milk per dairy cow every year. One Holstein cow produced more than 44,000 pounds of milk and 1,505 pounds of butterfat in one year – a world record. She produced an average of about 60 quarts of milk per day.

Such improvement has resulted from better breeding methods and the work of dairy herd improvement (DHI) associations; the United States Department of Agriculture; colleges of agriculture; and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. DHI associations are cooperative organizations of about 25 dairy farmers each. Each association employs a trained supervisor to keep monthly milk and butterfat production records on association herds. The supervisor advises members on how to feed and care for the cattle, and which cows to remove from the herds because they are not good producers. Cows in these herds produce an average of 13,266 pounds of milk and 496 pounds of butterfat annually.

More than half of all dairy cows in the United States are now bred by *artificial insemination* (artificial breeding). This method enables dairy farmers to increase their use of outstanding purebred bulls. The average bull used by artificial insemination organizations is now mated to more than 3,000 cows in a year.

Milking is usually done at regular times, once each morning and once each evening. On a good dairy farm, the cows are carefully brushed and washed before they are milked. This keeps the milk clean. Many farmers who own only a few cows do their milking by hand. Most of the milk marketed as *Grade A* fluid milk comes from larger dairy farms that use milking machines.

On many farms, the milk is pumped directly from the cow through a glass pipeline into a separate milk house where it is cooled immediately. The milk may also be pumped into a closed pail and carried to a milk house for cooling. The milk's flavor is improved if it is not exposed to the air in the barn. The machines and pipeline are washed and sterilized after each milking.

Housing. During the summer, the cows may go out to the pasture between milkings. In the winter, they may run loose in a *loafing barn,* a large shed that is open on one side, or they may be confined to a closed barn for nearly the entire day.

Feed. Cows that produce a large amount of milk need feed that provides energy, protein, and such essential minerals as calcium. A dairy farmer tries to balance a cow's ration and provide all food nutrients in the proper amounts and proportions.

Taken from the World Book Encyclopedia.

New Glarus Historical Society Annual Meeting (excerpts)

The annual meeting and dinner was held March 8, 2014 at the Chalet Landhaus.

Board members in attendance were Peter Etter, John Colstad, Doris Arn, Judy Reuter, Mary Funseth, Gail Beal, Larry Klassy, Denise Anton Wright, Mary Dibble and David Hustad. Board member absent was John Marty.

Guests introduced were: Emy Gartzke, Dan Gartzke & Tracy Schwalbe, Esther Disch, Craig & Sue Weiss, Joe & Karla Anderegg, Rene' and Kathy Vanoni, Kim Tschudy, George and Linda Albright, Roger Clark & Connie Wild, Kris and Kevin Winkler, Lynn and Jerry Lokken, Barbara Streiff, Pauline Ott, and Marion (Blum) & Elliott Sweet and family.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held March 2, 2013 were read and approved on a John Colstad/Josef Anderegg motion.

Treasurer Doris Arn reviewed the financial report dated December 31, 2013 and compared it to December 31, 2012. The income was pretty close and the expenses were higher in 2013 due to the building repair of four buildings. The expenses would have been even higher had Roger Clark not donated ½ of his labor. Thank you, Roger. In 2013, admission dollars were slightly lower. The membership and miscellaneous sales were up. Labor was lower. Attendance for the year was 4,897. The report was approved on a Duane Freitag/John Eglsaer motion.

The terms of board members John Marty, Peter Etter and Denise Anton Wright were expiring and all have expressed an interest in staying on the board for another three year term. Vice President John Colstad asked if there were any additional nominations and there were none. The closing of nominations and casting of a unanimous ballot for the three candidates was approved on a Duane Freitag/Mary Funseth motion.

President Etter thanked Amy Legler for bringing her summer school students to the Historical Village to re-enact school in days gone past.

Marty welcomed Rene' & Kathy Vanoni from Shakopee, MN on their 6th wedding anniversary. They got married in the Log Church and have celebrated their anniversary each year by coming to New Glarus and attending the Historical Society annual meeting and dinner.

President Etter expressed thanks to the many volunteers who help make the Swiss Historical Village successful.

President Etter announced that a program on barn quilts would follow the meal.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on a Brad Beal/Kathy Vanoni motion.

Program:

Kris Winkler and Lynn Lokken were introduced by Gail Beal.

Beautiful photos of barn quilts on barns in Green County were shown on the screen while Kris and Lynn explained that they were not the first to do this as it was started in Iowa. Kris and Lynn's first quilts were painted directly on the barns but they soon realized it was more practical to paint the quilt designs on plywood and attach the finished products on the barns. It became more of a project after Green County's Farm Progress Days as a way to honor the farm woman by putting their quilt designs on the barns.

The design and colors are chosen by the barn owners with the help of Kris and Lynn. They like to have a theme or story for the design. The pattern should be one that could be on an actual quilt made by farm women. The boards either 4x4 or 8x8 (300 lbs.) are painted two coats of primer and four coats of regular paint allowing 3 hours of time between coats of paint.

The hardest part is installing the barn quilts because they are heavy and the designation is high! The number of barn quilts in Green County is way over 100. They are interested in getting more participants in the New Glarus area.

Kris and Lynn's Project is under the umbrella of the Ag Extension office. Statistics show that the barn quilt bus tours have increased tourism by ¼ million dollars.

Thank you Kris and Lynn!

President Peter Etter thanked everyone for coming.

Judy Reuter, Secretary

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Leaders Line

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of May was 652, which included visitors on five buses. Guests from 32 states visited the museum in May and five countries were represented.

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order May 13, 2014 at the Historical Village.

The New Glarus Historical Society is having an Open House on May 18, 2014 at 3:00 on the grounds of the Swiss Historical Village. The making of Maple Syrup will be presented by Bob Holmes.

Guest Ann Marie Ott, Master Gardener, suggested planting a herb garden and a Prairie garden to enhance the grounds at the Swiss Historical Village. The board expressed the need for the plantings on the north side of the Hall of History be groomed or replaced so the mural on the building can be seen and appreciated. In conclusion, Ann will create a plan in phases that will include a "Landscape" of flowers or plantings for identification.

Swiss Folks from Rûti, Switzerland, coming for a tour at the Village on May 19, 2014 are offering a prayer book dated 1869 and some letters.

Mark Coplien of Coplein Painting stained the Cheese Factory, Blacksmith Shop, Farm Implement building and the Fire House in April. They look great!

SilverWater Productions, LLC came to the Swiss Historical Village on May 9, 2014 to film for the Video Project. The video for the Hall of History will include the immigration story.

Insights...

Fabulous – loved the history and tour guides. Loved their knowledge and kindness.

Couple from McHenry, IL

Very interesting to see "Little Switzerland" in Wisconsin.

Gentleman from Switzerland

Great museum, extra ordinarily nice museum.

Gentleman from Zearing, IA

New Glarus Historical Society Event –The Making of Maple Syrup

The New Glarus Historical Society celebrated the beginning of the 2014 museum season with a talk by Bob Holmes on the Making of Maple Syrup, May 18, 2014. He explained how he planted many Maple trees 40 years ago and they are just now providing sap for the making of Maple syrup. One of the questions was, "Are the trees damaged by tapping them for sab?" He said, "The trees are not hurt by the small hole that is required to remove the sap". The event was free and the guests enjoyed a wonderful program and had waffle sticks for sampling syrup (donated by Bramble Patch) and juice during a question and answer period.

Swiss Museum get hidden art trove

A museum in Switzerland said recently that it has been named the "unrestricted and unfettered sole heir" of a German art collector whose priceless hoard of long-hidden artworks last year set off an uproar over the fate of art looted by the Nazis.

The Kunstmuseum Bern, in the Swiss capital, said it was "surprised and delighted" at the appointment, of which it was informed by Cornelius Gurlitt's lawyer, Christoph Edel. German investigators seized more than 1,000 artworks from Gurlitt's Munich apartment two years ago after chancing upon the trove of paintings, print and drawings by masters such as Pabio Picasso, Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall.

From the Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, WI
May 7, 2014

Blue Star Museum

This will be the fourth year that the Swiss Historical Village has participated in the Blue Star Museum program.

The program runs from Memorial Day (May 26th) through Labor Day (September 1st) this year and it allows active military (including National Guard and Reserve) and their family members (up to five family members) free admission to our museum when they show valid military ID. The program does not include retired military. The concept behind this program is that active military and their family members may have financial constraints/limitations that would discourage them from attending museums.

"Today is our future's past."

Around the Corner

Wisconsin Dairy Industry

Number of licensed Wisconsin dairy farms
10,860 dairy farms
Number of Wisconsin cows
1,271,000 dairy cows
Average milk production per cow per year in Wisconsin 21,693 lbs./2,522 gal.
Total Wisconsin milk production
27,572,000,000 lbs./3,206,000,000 gal.
Wisconsin milk production (percentage of the U.S. total) 13.7%
Average number of cows per farm in Wisconsin
117 dairy cows
Total Wisconsin cheese production
2,842,456,000 lbs.
Wisconsin cheese production (percentage of the U.S. total 25.5%
Total Wisconsin specialty cheese production (2012)
611,162,000 lbs.
Total Wisconsin Cheddar cheese production
566,883,000 lbs.
Total Wisconsin other American cheese production
268,320,000 lbs.
Total Wisconsin Mozzarella cheese production
961,520,000 lbs.
Total Wisconsin other Italian cheese production
462,824,000 lbs.
Total Wisconsin Dry Whey (for human consumption) production 306,667,000 lbs.

Number of cheese plants in Wisconsin
134 plants
Number of butter plants in Wisconsin
13 plants
Number of yogurt plants in Wisconsin
12 plants
Total Wisconsin plants manufacturing one or more dairy products (2012) 211 plants

Dairy Statistics dated 2013 unless noted otherwise. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service (WASS); USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS); Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)

The average Wisconsin dairy cow generates more than $21,000 a year in economic activity.

Source: WASS UW Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics.

Wisconsin Dairy Heritage

1830s	Wisconsin farm wives begin making cheese.
1858	J.I. Smith obtains state's first cheese vat; becomes first to sell beyond state's borders.
1877	Brick Cheese is first made by Wisconsin cheese maker John Jossi.
1885	Colby Cheese is invented in Colby, Wisconsin, by Joseph Steinwand.
1890	UW Professor Stephen Babcock develops method for placing value on milk quality.
1910	Wisconsin becomes nation's leader in cheese production.
1915	Wisconsin becomes leading dairy state, producing more milk than any other.
1921	Wisconsin becomes the first state to establish cheese grading standards.
1940	Wisconsin adds "America's Dairyland" to auto license plates.
1972	Wisconsin Cheese production exceeds one billion pounds.
1986	The Center for Dairy Research at UW-Madison is established.
1992	Wisconsin Cheese production exceeds two billion pounds.
1994	The Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker program, unique in the Western Hemisphere, established.
1994	Wisconsin Specialty Cheese Institute is formed to promote specialty cheese.
2010	Wisconsin becomes 4th largest cheese-producing region in the world.
2012	Specialty cheese production tops 611 million pounds, accounting for 22% of Wisconsin's total cheese production and 45% of total U.S. specialty cheese production.
2014	Wisconsin cheesemakers capture 39% of all awards presented at the World Championship Cheese Contest, including 29 awards won by Wisconsin Master Cheesemakers.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Commerce; WASS; American Cheese Society; Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA).

As much as 90% of Wisconsin's milk is made into cheese, and 90% of that famous Wisconsin Cheese is sold outside of the state's borders.

Source: WMMB, Inc.

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Leaders Line

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on June 10, 2014 at the Historical Village. Guest Ann Marie Ott, Master Gardener, presented photos of different types of plantings for the Swiss Historical Village. The plan for the north side of the Hall of History would include plantings that would provide color the year round and be low enough so as not to cover up the mural. Several other ideas were discussed e.g., a prairie garden, herb garden such as the emigrants may have had, a Ricola – herb garden in a circle, Alpine garden of miniature plants and greens and a "Landscape" of flowers or plantings for identification. The board asked that the north side of the Hall of History be the first project to complete. Ann will present a drawing for the project to the board for approval.

Minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were approved and the membership report was given. Two new members are Arthur Marty and Hillary Johnson both of New Glarus.

Arn stated the admissions, misc. sales and food and pop were slightly down and the expenses were up mostly due to the payment to Coplien for painting four buildings and the increased cost of light, water, sewer and gas compared to May 31, 2013. The report was approved.

New hires for 2014 were Sharon Etter, cashier and Savannah Bettin, tour guide.

A query on our web-site asked if we allowed large dogs on the museum grounds if they are not certified by the ADA (American Disability Act). Seeing Eye dogs are certified but therapy dogs are not. Therapy dogs International (TDI) is an organization dedicated to the regulation, testing, selection, and registration of qualified dogs and handlers for the purpose of visitations to hospitals, nursing homes and facilities or any pace where Therapy Dogs are needed. People with balance or other issues using Therapy dogs will by admitted.

The museum's policy is not to allow large dogs on the grounds for liability reasons. Small dogs that are carried throughout the tour are allowed.

The Swiss Counselor, who is located in New York, will be visiting on June 11, 2014. Peter Etter will give him a private tour of the Swiss Historical Village.

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of June was 707, which included visitors on three buses. Guests from 39 states have visited the museum since May 1st and to date there have been 11 countries.

Summer School

Amy Legler conducted classes for the New Glarus summer students, grades 3 to 6, in the museum's school house June 16 to June 19, 2014. The children dressed in period clothing and played old fashioned games. They made ice cream on the last day which was very good! The museum's visitors were welcome to stop and say "hello."

Fifty years ago – 1964

The former Pet Milk Co. building was well stocked with Civil Defense supplies to serve as a fall-out shelter.

Millard Tschudy, chairman of the Planning Council for the 120th anniversary celebration, announced preliminary plans for the event to be held July 30th through August 1st, 1965.

The installation of natural gas began for the community.

The Heidi Folk Festival Inc. plans to present Johanna Spryi's Swiss classic "Heidi" for the first time next year.

About thirty Amish families come into the area buying farms and working them with horses like the early settlers did.

At the Wilhelm Tell drama over 2,500 witnessed the German and 4,500 the English performances. Now they consider expanding it to three days.

The Village board decided to divide the village into two wards.

Excerpts from "The Swiss Endure" by Elda & Linda Schiesser.

Insights...

Very interesting especially the buildings. Thanks for letting us ring the bell.
Couple from Kenosha, WI

Wonderful. I'm Swiss (Laurie) and really enjoyed this. Couple from Bardstown, KY

"Today is our future's past."

Around the Corner

4th of July celebration was big event in 1879

In 1879, the New Glarus correspondent for the German-language *Green County Herold* described the village's 4th of July celebration. The editor of the *Herold* had remarked earlier that Monroe should be as enthusiastic about the Fourth as New Glarus is. Here is a translation of the article.

The parade formed at 10 a.m. after Pastor Etter was picked up by the committee. There was music and singing by the *Gesangverein* at the little village's Liberty Pole and the celebration opened up with a beautiful song and some suitable words by the festival committee. Then came the glorious Stars and Stripes and next to him the little but no less glorious white cross in a red field. That was followed by 38 flower be-decked young women, wearing costumes representing the 38 states, the *Gesangverein*, the keynote speaker, and an interminable train of festivalgoers.

Under the solemn ringing of the church bells, they moved slowly at a fixed pace to the festival grounds, accompanied by numerous marshals. The marshals were an ornament to the parade and were made up of the most prestigious of our fellow citizens and not, as you so often see, a nuisance to get woman and children to stop their screaming.

Of course, included in the parade from our county town of Monroe were our pioneer, the honorable John Luchsinger, our old friend J.J. Tschudy, and J. Ruegg, who by their presence showed that the old love is not denied but remains eternally new. They have themselves honored us by their presence.

The festival place was well chosen, but the musicians, keynote speaker, and listeners will record it only as a minor criticism if it is noted from the outset that they had the singing and talking from above and the rest of us were listening from below – but never mind, after numerous thank-yous and beautiful and practical pieces, our dear John Luchsinger of Monroe clearly gave an explanation of the spirit of the day in German. It is a pretty thankless business as we know the meaning of loving to live. It is honorable that Mr. Luchsinger underwent this obligatory business.

Next Pastor Etter spoke beautiful words with profound meaning that hopefully met their target. After him – the interludes were filled with music and song – Mr. [Joshua L.] Berkey of Monticello spoke in English, which was natural for our English-speaking visitors. For us and for those who could understand him, it was a speech catching the spirit of the day. It was not trivial and although it did not mesh with our first mood of the day, there is no blame if the good old pioneer folk did not appreciate his talk.

Since out dear Tschudy is now better, he spoke to us with his studied works from the heart and to the heart. Also, J.T. Etter Jr. spoke well. His transition from the older ones made full use of slogans, and although he is still so young he already knows his people and his speech generally fell favorably on all.

The party was already long and our singers have not contributed the least. At home in the old country, the singers would sing from an elevated position. With less excellent facilities here on the glorious Fourth, one heard them better applauded.

At the end, the orderly parade went back to the Liberty Pole in the village and after some singing and remarks it was explained with short words at about 2 p.m. that the ceremony was completed and it was time for lunch.

All have contributed to make our 4th of July celebration successful. The Swiss have again shown that they know how to celebrate festivals. The committee and the president have noted the modest behavior and will take your comments. Three cheers for the Union! Three cheers for the director of the festival! And three cheers for the partakers of the feast!

Thank you, Duane Freitag, for the article!

Swiss Historical Village

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Leaders Line

Attendance
The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of July was 905, which included visitors on one bus. To date there have been 46 states and 17 countries.

Historical Society Board News
President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., July 8, 2014, at the Historical Village. Guest Duane Freitag, past board member and tour guide, surprised the board with a generous donation to put toward video equipment for the Hall of History. Mary Jo Kilpatrick and John Freitag want to donate money in memory of J.U. and Verena Freitag and Waldo and Betty Freitag for something permanent and it was suggested that a purchase of benches to view the video would be appropriate.
The minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were approved by Hustad/Klassy motion.
Treasurer's Report – None.
Archiving/Collections – The Freitag family donated to the museum several artifacts that included a full length horse hide coat, a beautiful horse lap robe having J.U. Freitag's name in it, bacon press, apple peeler, little toy tops from the Bank of New Glarus, aerial photo of Glarus, Switzerland, New Glarus plat map, 1918 plat book, Krum Kaka iron, and a framed photo of J.U. Freitag while on duty at the museum.
Advertising and Marketing – Gail Beal, Mary Dibble and Larry Klassy are working on an ice plow display and Duane Freitag wrote an article on Harvesting Ice.
Membership/Newsletter – Two new members are Sue & Sam Armato & family Downers Grove, IL and Douglas Camarigg of Orlando, FL. Faye Whitaker, Verona, became a Lifetime member.
Correspondence – Peter Etter presented to the Swiss Historical Village a check for a speech he had given on how New Glarus was settled, and how he came to America, settled in Waukesha, learned to speak English and his life as an educator at a luncheon, Saturday, May 3, 2014. Nancy Sheldon, Chairperson of the 2014 Wisconsin State Convention of Epsilon Sigma, Alpha wrote Etter a note of thanks for the entertaining speech and the Gruetzi sign he had given her.

Log Church Service:
The 55th commemorative worship service in the Log Church will be held **Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** Guest minister will be Rev. Bill Wienke, Interin pastor, Swiss United Church of Christ, New Glarus. The New Glarus Yodel Club will sing and Rosalie Huntington will play the 1900 Story & Clark pump organ. The evening offering will go to the Green Care Food Pantry.

Cemetery Tour
The Swiss United Church of Christ cemetery committee reported that this year's Cemetery Tour will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014. The tour this year again will focus on the lives of early 1900's local people who played a significant civic role in the development of New Glarus and will begin at **10:00** a.m. and repeated again at **11:30** a.m. Both tours will begin at the front of the Log Church at the Swiss Historical Village.

News
The flowers are in full bloom, many thanks to David and Carol Hustad, Larry Klassy and Ann Marie Ott.
On August 5, 2014, Debbie Engen is bringing a group of teachers to the Swiss Historical Village for a tour to be given by Peter Etter.
During In-service Day for teachers, August 20, 2014, the teachers from the New Glarus school district have been invited to a free tour of the Swiss Historical Village. Peter Etter offered to give the tour.
On July 19, 2014, a couple from Chesapeake, Virginia had a tour at the Swiss Historical Village. They had flown to Minneapolis then started hiking in Wisconsin on the Ice Age trail starting at Sturgeon Bay. They walked down the west side of Wisconsin and were going to Belleville and Verona from New Glarus before going up the east side of the state. They either camped or stayed in a motel at night. A delightful couple!
Thank you to Gail and Brad Beal for putting up the new pictures in the Farm Implement building.
Thank you to John Eglsaer for mowing while Larry and Zenda Klassy were on a tour on the Douro River in Portugal.

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Around the Corner

Great Grandpa was the Iceman

He worked on the coldest days of winter and the hottest days of summer.

Before the days of refrigeration, everybody used an icebox to keep their food fresh. That meant ice was needed in homes from spring through fall.

Wisconsin's clear and abundant lakes were the perfect source for this ice which was cut, packed in sawdust and stored in sheds, where it kept right through summer.

The winter ice harvest was an important enterprise during the early 1900s, a cold, tough job tackled by the hardiest of men. In Cumberland, Wisconsin, the local iceman was Tom Alfonse – my great-grandfather.

Tom bought his ice business in 1917 from George Miller, who'd started it in 1903. It was located on Beaver Dam Lake, a winding body of water that nearly surrounds town, which we call "the island city".

January through mid-February was the best time to harvest ice, when it thickened from 18 to 24 inches. Temperatures of minus 30 were common then. Sharp tools, strong horses and an experienced crew were needed to bring in the ice.

Scraped Off the Snow

Grandpa Alfonse started the job by clearing some snow off the lake near his home. With a horse-drawn scraper, he'd clear a patch 120 by 200 feet – more total area than a football field. After repeated scrapings, he had a patch of clean blue ice.

He then etched a large checkerboard pattern onto that ice using a horse-drawn plow. The plow had seven teeth spaced 24 inches apart.

To make the checkerboard, the plow was pulled down the length of the ice patch, then across its width. The plow was drawn over these rows six or seven times, until the grooves were 7 inches deep. This could take up to 5 days.

Then the sawing started.

A corner cake was hand-sawn on two sides, then chiseled and lifted out. When a row of cakes was removed, the men could break off the entire next row. Individual cakes measured 24 x 24 inches and weighed 150 to 200 pounds. With pike poles, they were floated to a wooden chute and onto the sleigh by a horse. A team then pulled a load of 15 to 20 cakes to shore.

The old ice shed could hold 10,000 cakes. They were slid off the sleigh with chutes that made stacking easier. The ice was stored 12 layers high with sawdust between each layer. Six inches of sawdust was packed around the cakes to insulate the ice through summer.

Grandma Fed Hungry Crew

On a good day, 1,000 cakes could be loaded by three teams of horses and 10 hardy men. Grandma Alfonse would prepare a real lumberman's dinner for the men at noon on days of the harvest.

Grandpa's ice deliveries would begin on April 15 of each year. Home ice delivery came four times a week, more often during extremely hot weather.

Home iceboxes were simple. A draw pan under the box had to be emptied each day. A regular icebox was filled for $2 a month. Businesses bought their ice 200 pounds at a time.

At that time, there were three hotels in town, three meat markets, a hospital, a creamery, restaurants, taverns and a fox farm. All needed ice.

In summers, Grandpa started his days at 5 a.m. He uncovered the ice, washed and loaded it. After a quick breakfast, he started his route. Most days the home deliveries were handled by 1 p.m. Then he delivered large loads to the businesses.

Delivery was done by horse-drawn wagon until 1922, when Grandpa purchased a new Republic truck. The beautiful yellow machine with hard rubber tires was the pride and joy of the whole family. It took family and friends to the county fair in Rice Lake, a long bumpy ride enjoyed by all.

By the 1930s, electric refrigeration was becoming common, and the days of the icebox were numbered. In the early 1940s, a small pickup truck was all Grandpa Alfonse needed to make his deliveries. In 1944, he retired from the business.

Today, my parents, Bob and Carol Sirianni, live in the home Great-Grandpa Alfonse built on the shore of Beaver Dam Lake.

Many in town still recall stopping there during summer for ice. And they warmly recall the good-natured iceman and his gentle horse, who worked through the coldest days of winter- and the hottest days of summer – in Cumberland, Wisconsin.

Written by Juli Relford, Cumberland, Wisconsin for Our Wisconsin.

Insights....

Worth the stop. Great fun!
Couple from LaGrange, IL

Thank you for supporting our country, it was interesting. Couple from Bern, Switzerland

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Leaders Line

Log Church Service

The 55th commemorative worship service in the Log Church was held on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Rev. Bill Wienke, Interim pastor at the Swiss United Church of Christ gave the sermon to the congregation and the music was provided by the New Glarus Yodel Club and Rosalie Huntington on the organ. Rene' and Kathy Vanoni, Shakopee, Minnesota, were in attendance for the sixth year celebrating the anniversary of their wedding in the Log Church. There were several people in attendance that were direct descendants of the first settlers that arrived on August 15, 1845. The evening offering of $133. was given to the Green Care Food Pantry.

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of August was 1095 that included visitors on five buses. Forty eight states were represented so far this year. States still needed are Delaware and Maine. Five countries were represented in August for a total of 22.

Harvest Fest

The Harvest Fest event held each year on the Sunday before Columbus Day will be October 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Re-entry is possible. AAA and credit card usage will not be available.
This is the only day that cheese is made in the Cheese Factory and sausages are made in the Sausage Shop in addition to the many presentations provided by special crafters and demonstrators.
There will be guides around to answer questions as guests move freely among all the crafters that participate.
Civil War enactors will be present in costume to answer questions regarding our cannon and the civil war days (1861-1865). Members of the New Glarus Historical Society are admitted free.
There will be Brätzeli and baked goods for sale.
Please encourage your friends and family to put October 12th on their calendars.

Insights....

Very Informative – gave a good picture of "Swiss" life thru the years. Couple from Crystal Lake, IL

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m., August 12, 2014 at the Historical Village. Guests were Sandi Blum and Mary Statz from the Chalet of the Golden Fleece. After a discussion, it was decided to create a discount coupon to make an incentive for both museums for $1.00 off per adult starting September 1, 2014 to October 15, 2014. The Swiss Historical Village cashier would charge the full amount of $9.00 and ask if there is an interest in going to the Chalet. If so, a coupon would have the adult's name and be dated and initialed by the cashier. The Chalet then would take a dollar off the admission price. The same would be true in reverse. This is a trial run and will be revisited before next season. The Chalet will be open all Saturdays and on Sundays of Holiday weekends.
The exhibits committee have added to the Log Church case a book from Godmother to Godson dated 1845 and a book novel given to Gilbert Ott for perfect attendance.
A new display of enlarged photos and articles to enhance the farm kitchen and farm machinery in the Farm Implement is almost complete.

Video Tour for Hall of History

On Tuesday, August 26th, Fuzzy's Audio & Video Co. from Monroe installed a Sony 50" TV and a DVD player in our Hall of History. We now have the capability to play a five minute video that was made by Stillwater Production explaining how the original Swiss settlers came to the Sugar River area in 1845. JJ Burkart filmed Marie Pagel, John Marty and me giving tours and edited the five minutes from our presentations.
People going on a self-guided tour now have the option to use a remote to start the video and sit down on benches and watch it. The equipment was paid for by a donor who wanted to remain unnamed. Thank you! We are now asking folks for their reactions. To date they have been very positive. If we continue to receive positive comments we may consider additional videos for other buildings.
Please come and check out this latest addition to our historical museum and give us some feedback...
Peter Etter

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Around the Corner

Winemaking

The Wisconsin Winery Association claims that the America wine industry was born in the rich soil of the Badger State. Agoston Haraszthy, a Hungarian immigrant planted a vineyard and established the first winery in the 1840s on the estate that is now the Wollersheim Winery, near Sauk City. He later moved to California where he established vineyards in the famous Sonoma wine area. In the same timeframe, many European immigrants settled in Green County and brought their grape growing and winemaking skills with them, too. If they carried grape cuttings with them from the old country, it's likely they did not survive Wisconsin harsh winters.

However, the immigrants would have found a plentiful supply of wild grapes in the fields and forests. *Vitis Riparia*, is the most common wild grape found in Wisconsin. The small, dark blue to black fruits of *Vitis Riparia* are very similar to Canadian moonshade or *Menispurnum Canadense*. Foragers must exercise extreme caution, because the fruit of Canadian moonshade is highly poisonous. Wild grape leaves are very pointed with teeth around the edges, in contrast to those of moonshade, which are rounded. Tendrils will be present on wild grape vines, which result in vines covering fence rows and shrubs as well as vines climbing trees. While experienced home winemakers may harvest wild grapes to make their wine, others may prefer to select grapes from winter hardy grape varieties.

Through the efforts of Osceola, WI native Elmer Swenson, we and all residents of the upper Midwest can enjoy growing grapes that survive and thrive in our climate. Elmer was born in 1913 and his interest in grapes came from his grandfather, a Swedish immigrant, from whom he inherited the family farm. He began planting and experimenting with developing new grape varieties in 1943 while working as a full-time dairy farmer. In 1969 he was hired as a gardener at the University of Minnesota. Through this relationship, Elmer and the University developed and released about 20 cold hardy grape varieties since 1977. The University has continued its research and release of new varieties since Elmer's death in 2004.

The Wisconsin Hop Craze

For a short decade, between 1860 and 1870, growing and drying hops became a major industry in southern Wisconsin, particularly in Sauk County. Crop failures in New York State, most likely resulting from aphid and mold damage, prompted the interest in cultivating hops. Returning Civil War soldiers found themselves looking for a new source of cash and hops were especially enticing, as prices for hops sky-rocketed as a result of the shortage of this important beer-brewing ingredient. Wisconsin produced over 6 million pounds of hops by 1867, increasing from the 135,000 pounds recorded in 1860.

The Wisconsin Magazine of History's December 1935 edition, published by the Wisconsin Historical Society references, "*Memoirs of a Sauk Swiss*", notes that this family was growing hops and brewing beer. The Sauk County hop growing culture was clearly described by author, Mrs. Belle Cushman Bohn in Volume 18, No. 4 June 1935 edition of the Wisconsin Magazine of History. Mrs. Bohn reports that the men, women and children of the area did not provide enough labor to pick the hops, and that friends of families growing hops may travel a distance to enjoy an outing, picking hops. Perhaps the Green County Swiss enjoyed such an adventure, however, no current information is available to confirm this possibility.

Unfortunately, the people of New York had addressed their hops growing problems and the availability of hops in this major production area caused prices to drop dramatically in the late 1860's. Some farmers moved westward to establish hops plantations, where climate and limited pests, at the time, favored production. Those who remained, lost their limited-term fortunes. However, renewed interest in this specialty crop may be increasing along with the expansion of the small, craft brewery industry in Wisconsin. See a hops growing just south of New Glarus on Hwy 69, near the entrance to the New Glarus Brewery, to get a glimpse of the early days of hops-growing.

Thank you, Ann Marie Ott, for the above articles.

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Leaders Line

Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest festivities at the Swiss Historical Village will be held October 12, 2014, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be old time craft demonstrations, real cheese making, sausage making and special foods. Also, there will be a bake sale.

Our guides will be available to show you the artifacts and to talk about the unique and interesting history of New Glarus. Time can be spent with the Civil War re-enactors and studying the Civil War photos. The grounds are decorated with corn shocks, pumpkins, gourds and mums. Admission at a reduced price $5.00 for adults and school age children 6-13 at $3.00 does not include AAA or the use of credit cards. If you are a member, this is a chance to use your membership card. Harvest Fest is the highlight of our season and the biggest fundraiser. Please tell your friends about this exciting event and we hope you can join us!

New Glarus Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order on September 9, 2014 at the Historical Village. The minutes of the August 12, 2014 were reviewed and approved following a Marty/Beal motion.

The financial report by Doris Arn dated August 31, 2014 was distributed by Etter. It was decided to table the discussion until Arn could do the comparisons to August of 2013.

In memory of Don Ott's 85th birthday, Ann Marie Ott and family donated money to be used for the photos and signage for the Firehouse displays.

The September/October coupon project began with Denise Anton Wright creating the coupons, one with a photo of the Historical Village Entry Building on the set used by the Chalet of the Golden Fleece and a photo of the Chalet on the set used by the Historical Village. Each coupon worth one dollar off included days open, hours and admission. It was reported that on September 6th, first Saturday they were used, seven were received at the Historical Village and the Village gave out eight coupons to be used at the Chalet.

Plans for the Harvest Fest are progressing well.

All board members are to bring baked goods for the bake sale and to be present to help with the event.

Harvest Fest posters will be distributed and the demonstrators and crafters contacted.

The evening meal for the workers and volunteers will again be served by Pam Burke.

After a discussion, it was decided the Historical Village would contribute to the Saengerfest – 2015 donation fund followed by a Dibble/Wright motion.

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of September was 760, which included visitors on four buses.

We had guests from 48 states and we need Delaware and Maine for the year.

A total of 27 countries were represented to date.

In Memory of Ed Hauser

Excerpts from the Wisconsin State Journal, Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Edward R. Hauser, age 98, of Madison, passed away on Monday, September 8, 2014 at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg. He was born on August 29, 1916 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

As a professor for 39 years, he taught undergraduates the science of beef production. To his graduate students, he imparted the importance of the scientific method and the uncompromising search for truth. He was an outstanding mentor of graduate students and many followed him into academia.

He was an avid reader, especially interested in geology, history and science. He enjoyed weekly trips to the Lakeview branch library and farmers market, gardening, reading and card games with his great grandchildren and relatives.

After retiring from UW-Wisconsin, he worked as a docent at the Swiss Historical Village in New Glarus. He was the son of Swiss immigrants from Weidlisbach, Canton Bern. Born on the dairy farm, he never forgot his Swiss roots or his love of animals and agriculture.

Memorials may be given to the Swiss Historical Village, P.O. Box 745, New Glarus, WI 53574, in honor of Ed.

Ed was a Lifetime member of the New Glarus Historical Society and was 90 years young when he retired from the Swiss Historical Village. Visitors and co-workers alike thought the world of him!

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Around the Corner

Hornussen, a Swiss Sport

Among the artifacts in the Swiss Historical Village Hall of History, are a trio of wooden implements that arouse the curiosity of nearly every visitor. The items, well-worn and made of wood look somewhat similar in shape to known American and European sporting equipment. For example, a long wooden shaft, with a cylindrical club on the end, reminds some of a driver to hit a golf ball. A wooden paddle, about 20 inches square, atop a handle suggests a racquet sport. It's clear the paddle has experienced some damage over time as evidenced by missing wood in one of the panels. The third item, a small rather flat, and round puck-like object makes one think of a hockey match and completes the collection. Next to the implements hangs a painting by the late Paul Grossenbacher which offers some insight. The landscape depicts men standing in a line, one behind another, on a hill in large green field, holding these paddles above their heads. A man in the foreground is holding the long club and appears to be preparing to hit the "puck" which has been placed on a thin rail. This is Hornussen!

Swiss church records include references to Hornussen dating back to the 16th and 17th century. Hornussen is often referred to as the farmers' game and historical references note that matches took place after fields were harvested in the summer and fall. Rules were officially set when a Hornussen association was established in Switzerland in 1902, perhaps in part to regulate the reported brawls that sometimes took place following early matches.

Today the game is mainly played in the Cantons of Bern, Solothurn and Aargau, although the national organization supports regional and local leagues totaling over 200 teams with more than 8200 individual participants throughout Switzerland.

Eighteen men made up a team and each team takes the field in two of four quarters. Each man on a team also has two opportunities in a match, to hit the "Nouss," that small, round puck-like object in the display. The Nouss is placed on one of two rails, called a Bock; one rail is set for right handers and one for those who prefer a left handed swing. Similar to baseball, the game allows three attempts to hit the Nouss with the striking whip. The whip, approximately 100 inches long is now made from carbon fiber rather than from wood, but does include a well-tooled, highly compressed maple head.

A successful strike will send the Nouss, directly at the opposing team of fielders at speeds up to 200 miles per hour and can potentially arc over 100 feet in the air! The Nouss, is reported to sound like a large hornet as it flies through the air and that sound is reflected in the roots of the sport's name, Hornussen. One visitor recently reflected on the hornet-like sting one might feel if hit by the Nouss!

But rather than being hit, the defenders in the field use the wooden paddle or Shindel to intercept the Nouss as soon as possible and most importantly, before it hits the ground in order to prevent penalty points. Fielders actually throw the Shindel in the air to intercept the Nouss. If the fielder fails to stop the Nouss, the striker scores points for his team according to the distance the Nouss travels before hitting the ground. Ultimately the lowest number of penalty points determines the winning team.

So, if you're tired of golf and your favorite team has not made it to the baseball playoffs, you might consider going to the internet and search You Tube to watch a demonstration of Hornussen.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdIHOV6VGNU

Written by Ann Marie Ott. Thank you!

Insights...

Marvelous! A whole other world hidden in Wisconsin.

Lady from East Brunswick, NJ

Very good idea to have maintained the traditions. Beautiful Village!

Couple from France

I liked it a lot!
"I liked the firehouse but mostly the fire trucks".

Youngster form Clinton, WI

Brought back a lot of memories. Enjoyed the tour guide. He made things more real.

Lady form Onalaska, WI