Swiss Historical Village
SPECIAL EDITION

Annual Meeting March 14, 2015

New Glarus Historical Society
2014 Activities

2014 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. A voting named Peter Etter for president, John Colstad for vice president, Doris Arn for treasurer and Judy Reuter for secretary.
- On November 11, 2014, Mary Funseth resigned from the Historical Society Board of Directors and Ann Marie Ott accepted the invitation to complete Mary's term until the annual meeting in 2016. Mary started on the board in 2002 and therefore is a permanent Lifetime member of the New Glarus Historical Society.
- Board members up for re-election are John Colstad, Gail Beal, Larry Klassy and David Hustad.
- The new hires for 2014 were Sharon Etter, cashier and Savannah Bettin, guide.
- Edward R. Hauser, age 98, of Madison, passed away on Monday, September 8, 2014. Ed was a lifetime member of the New Glarus Historical Society and was 90 years young when he retired from the Swiss Historical Village as guide.
- On May 18th, the Historical Society board invited Bob Holmes to present a program on Bees/Honey and the making of Maple Syrup. It was very enjoyable and informative.
- Kim Tschudy has authored a third book, "Images of America, New Glarus" which will be for sale in the Gift Shop when we open on May 1, 2015.
- In 2011, the board elected to become a Blue Star Museum. We continued to give active military personnel and their families' free tours from Memorial Day through Labor Day in 2014.
- Amy Legler brought summer school students to spend the week of June 16, 2014 in the schoolhouse re-enacting school in days gone past. Our walk-in visitors enjoy seeing the children.
- The 55th commemorative service in the Log Church was held on August 16, 2014. Rev. Bill Wienke, interim pastor of Swiss United Church of Christ, conducted the service. The New Glarus Yodel Club sang and Rosalie Huntington played the 1900 Story and Clark pump organ. The donation of $133 was given to the Green Care Food Pantry.
- Harvest Fest festivities at the Swiss Historical Village were held on October 12, 2014. The demonstrators and crafters were popular and the bake sale did well. The weather was nice and resulted in a record breaking attendance! Thank you to George Albright and Heinz Mattmann for playing alphorns, Richard Arn for flag throwing and to the volunteers that helped with the bake sale. This year, advertising was provided by the New Glarus Brewery.
- Harvest Fest is the high-light of our season and the biggest fund raiser. The next Harvest Fest will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015.
- The Swiss United Church of Christ cemetery tour was held August 9, 2014. The tour this year again focused on the lives of early 1900's local people who played a significant civic role in the development of New Glarus.
- A September/October coupon project between the Swiss Historical Village and the Chalet of the Golden Fleece began with coupons created for each of the museums. When a visitor came here and took a coupon they would get one dollar off the adult ticket price at the Chalet as would be the case at the Chalet for the Village. It will be determined if the coupons will be used in 2015.
- An ice plow display was created for the Farm Implement Building by Gail Beal and Mary Dibble. Duane Freitag wrote the articles, and Brad Beal and Larry Klassy did the installation.
- A donation was given toward the high cost of hosting the Saengerfest 2015.
- The New Glarus Historical Society donated to the Post Prom Party at the NG High School.

- The equipment for the video on the immigration story as told by Peter Etter, John Marty and Marie Pagel was installed in the Hall of History in August 2014. We received an anonymous donation for this project.
- Benches were purchased to view the video and were donated by the Freitag family in memory of J.U. and Verena Freitag and Waldo and Betty Freitag.
- Mark Coplien of Coplien Painting stained the Firehouse, Farm Implement, Blacksmith and the Cheese Factory in April and they look great.
- Mortaring of the chimneys on the Pioneer Cabin and the Collectible Store was done by Palmer Buesser.
- Rick Bernstein of the State Historical Society examined the settler's cabin on September 15, 2014 for restoration purposes. On September 25, 2014, he sent a memo of his findings and recommendations. Etter asked Denise Anton Wright to follow through with creating a grant for the restoration/repair.
- Thank you, Mary Funseth, for becoming an administrator for the website, www.swisshistoricalvillage.org and completing all the work that it entailed.
- Thank you, Dave and Carol Hustad, for planting and caring for the beautiful flowers this year!
- Thank you Brad Beal, for removing over-grown bushes on the north side of the Hall of History and south side of the Print Shop. Also helping with this project was Ann Marie Ott, Larry Klassy and Gail Beal. Brad also made a frame for the bible case in the church.
- A thank you to John Marty for the daily checks on the Village grounds, the restrooms and doing many maintenance chores.
- Thank you, Larry Klassy, for planting and caring for plants around the buildings and keeping the grounds looking great.
- Thank you to John Eglsaer for mowing the grounds and trimming bushes in Larry Klassy's absence.
- A thank you to John and Sandy Colstad for doing the spring housecleaning.
- 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. Thank you, Bob!
- In the future the Board of Directors will accept abstract titles.
- We received monetary donations "$20 and over": Emy Gartzke, Lisa Allen, Melanie Helbing, Bill Grager, Susan Hossman, Mary Harrison, Delta Phi Chapter #4658, Charles Brumm in memory of Ed Hauser, Reggie Duerst in memory of Margaret Duerst, and a memorial in memory of Don Ott by Ann Marie Ott, Pete & Roseann Ott, David & Cathy Ott, Andrew & Lindsay Ott, Kathleen Eby, Gayle Rawitzer, Lauren & Stuart Steenhoek, Matthew Hustad, Kevin & Mary Funseth and Sarah Attermatt.
  Amy Legler presented a check from the New Glarus School District for Summer School.
- Artifacts received are: 1915 Celebration/Pioneer Monument, "The Lord from David's House" book, Prayer Book – papers and letters, 2 sets Swiss Music records, wool carving tools, child's lederhosen with suspenders, horsehide coat, horsehide blanket, bacon press, krumkake iron, apple peeler, 1964 photo of Glarus, Switzerland, framed photo of J.U. Freitag, plaque, Four Bank of New Glarus Spinners, Bank of New Glarus coasters, Historic Book Perry Norwegian Settlement, Farm Platbook, red Bank of New Glarus folder, Roy's knife, various class photos, Tape of first phone call from Switzerland, Streiff Family Tree, and a Wedding dress.
- New Lifetime members are William and Jackie Hustad, Monticello and Faye Whitaker, Verona.
- 2014 attendance was 5,870 representing guests from 48 states (we needed Delaware and Maine) and 27 foreign countries.

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Our guest speaker tonight is Kim Tschudy who will talk about his new book, "Images of America, New Glarus."

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Message from Peter

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2014 a successful year. We are trying hard to maintain our facilities and modernize at the same time. Please check out our video in the Hall of History and feel free to comment to any board member regarding your concerns. Also check out our website: www.swisshistoricalvillage.org and let us know what you think. This is your New Glarus Historical Village and we appreciate your comments... Danke Vielmal.

Pete Etter

Swiss Historical Village

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Leaders Line

Swiss Historical Village - Season 2015

The Swiss Historical Village is open May 1 to October 15 for visitors and the bus tours will be given through October 31, 2015. 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 2015 visitors.

The three big events of the season at the Swiss Historical Village are the **Opening Day** program that features a presentation on Honey by Daniel and Diane Ziehli, May 31, 2015, the **Commemorative service** in the **Log Church**, August 15, 2015 and **Harvest Fest** to be held the Sunday before Columbus Day, October 11, 2015.

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.

New Glarus High School students cleaned up on Monday, April 13th. The grounds committee thought they did an exceptional job of raking and picking up branches. They also helped put out the benches.

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.

Road Construction on 7th and 8th avenues this summer is a concern for our visitors to reach our parking lot. The board has been reassured that there will be a road to our parking lot and that construction on the street by the Village will not start until after Saengerfest, June 18 – 21, 2015.

Attendance - 2014

2014 attendance was 5,870 representing guests from 48 states (we needed Delaware and Maine) and 27 foreign countries.

Open House for 2015

This year our open house will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 at the Swiss Historical Village grounds.

A presentation on Honey will be given by Daniel and Diane Ziehli, Belleville.

Resignation

Mary Funseth resigned from the Historical Society board of directors last November. Mary started with the board in 2002 and therefore is a permanent Lifetime member of the New Glarus Historical Society.

Ann Marie Ott agreed to complete Mary's term on the board of directors until March of 2016 when at that time she can determine if she wants a three year term. Welcome, Ann Marie!

Harvest Fest – 2014

The festivities at the Swiss Historical Village was held on October 12, 2014. The demonstrators and crafters were popular and the bake sale did well. The weather was nice and resulted in a record breaking attendance. Thank you to George Albright and Heinz Mattmann for playing alphorns, Richard Arn for flag throwing and to the volunteers that helped with the bake sale. This year, advertising was provided by the New Glarus Brewery.

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New Glarus Historical Society Annual Meeting (excerpts)

The annual meeting and dinner was held March 14, 2015 at the Chalet Landhaus.

Board members in attendance were Peter Etter, John Colstad, Doris Arn, Judy Reuter, Gail Beal, Larry Klassy, Denise Anton Wright, Mary Dibble, David Hustad and Ann Marie Ott.

Board member absent was John Marty.

Guests introduced were: Emy Gartzke, Dan Gartzke & Tracy Schwalbe, Esther Disch, Joe & Karla Anderegg, Kim Tschudy, Barbara Streiff, Marion (Blum) & Elliott Sweet and family and Jeff and Annette Jarosz, Ham Lake, MN (Jeff and Annette visit our museum every year in May for their anniversary).

Rene' and Kathy Vanoni from Shakopee, MN were not able to attend for their 7th 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's annual meeting and dinner.

The terms of board members John Colstad, Gail Beal, Larry Klassy and David Hustad were expiring and all have expressed an interest in staying on the board for another three year term.

President Peter Etter asked if there were any additional nominations and there were none.

The closing of nominations and casting of a unanimous ballot for the four candidates was approved on a Josef Anderegg/Elliot Sweet motion.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held March 8, 2014 were read and approved on a John Colstad/John Eglsaer motion.

Treasurer Doris Arn reviewed the financial report dated December 31, 2014 and compared it to December 31, 2013. The income was pretty close and the expenses were higher in 2013 due to the major repair work on the Blacksmith, Farm Implement, Firehouse and doors for the Cheese Factory. In 2014, those buildings were stained. The video and television for the Hall of History were given by a unanimous donor and the benches for the viewing area were donated by John Freitag and Mary Jo Kilpatrick in memory of J.U. and Verena Freitag and Waldo and Betty Freitag.

In 2014, admission dollars were higher. The membership and miscellaneous sales were up. Labor was lower. Attendance for the year was 5,870. The report was approved on a Brad Beal/Elliot Sweet motion.

Duane Freitag, author of a new book, "Civil War Years", asked the board to present the annual meeting attendees a copy of his book, one copy per family.

President Etter expressed a "Thank You" to all who volunteered to make the Swiss Historical Village successful; to Brad Beal, John Eglsaer, the tour guides, cashiers, the school kids and the board members.

President Etter announced that a program by Kim Tschudy would follow the meal.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on a Dan Gartzke/Josef Anderegg motion.

Program:

Kim Tschudy gave a presentation on his new book, "Images of America, New Glarus", published in 2015.

The book includes the Military history and the Amish case, "Yoder vs. Wisconsin" on compulsory education that went to the U.S. Supreme Court (law still taught in Law School).

The area's forefather's first farming endeavor was growing wheat and when that failed, they went into dairy farming and cheese making. The first church was also the town hall. The arrival of the train in 1893 was a boom to the village.

Kim spoke of the four century farms in the area and the closing of the Pet Milk Company that caused an evaluation to Tourism.

He spoke about the local rural school closings.

In the late 1950's, Highway 69, which used to wind through downtown, was relocated in the east edge of town, bringing with it a new commercial district "down on the Highway."

In 1970's, the Milwaukee Road railroad that serves New Glarus since 1887 announced that it was going to abandon the service from Brodhead to New Glarus. In 1972, the Wisconsin DNR purchased the right-of-way and converted to a four-season recreational trail.

President Peter Etter thanked everyone for coming.

Judy Reuter, Secretary

Gold Star Mothers and Blue Star Families

May is the holiday month for remembering mothers and their dear sons and daughters that served in the Armed Forces. Stars have long been a symbol associated with the military personnel representing rank, achievement and overall patriotism among all branches of servicemen and women. The star has also served as a symbol of family dedication and support since flags with stars were first placed in the windows of homes with sons in the military, during World War I.

An embroidered, blue star on the flag represented each family member in service. The blue star was over-stitched with silver thread when news was received that a son was wounded. In the unfortunate case of a death, the star was over-stitched in gold. President Woodrow Wilson recognized mothers of servicemen in mourning, by supporting a suggestion to add a gilt star to the black armband that mothers wore during the era.

The Gold Star Mothers organization, grew out of the star flag tradition and was founded by Grace Darling Seibold, whose aviator son went missing in action in WWI. She visited servicemen in hospitals while waiting for word about him, in part hoping to find news of his whereabouts. When the military officially sent his belongings to his family and with his remains never identified, Grace did not dwell on her loss, but rather, recruited other mothers who lost their sons to join her in volunteer work with servicemen and to support one another in grieving a shared loss.

Membership has been extended to mothers of servicemen following each of the subsequent wars and the Gold Star Mothers continue their commitment to perpetuating the memory of those lost, assisting veterans and their families and extend assistance to Gold Star Mothers and their dependents. Gold Star Mothers are especially honored on the last Sunday of September throughout the United States.

The blue star has also continued as a symbol for military families and since 2013 represents the collaboration between the Blue Star Families organization, the National Endowment of the Arts and the U.S. Department of Defense. As one of 2000 Blue Star Museums in the United States, the Swiss Village Museum offers active – duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserves, and their families, free admission to the museum, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

As you listen to the list of men who died serving our country at Memorial Day events this year, remember, too their Gold Star mothers for their sacrifice and service.

For more information about Gold Star Mothers, visit the organization's new website at: http://www.goldstarmoms.com/index.htm

For more information about Blue Star Museums visit: http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums

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Leaders Line

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of May was 651, which included visitors on five buses. Guests from 19 states visited the museum in May and five countries were represented.

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order May 12, 2015 at the Historical Village.

The New Glarus Historical Society is having an **Open House on May 31, 2015 at 3:00 on the grounds of the Swiss Historical Village. The Story of Honey will be told by Daniel and Diane Ziehli.**

Exhibits committee added a wedding dress donated by Larry Klassy's cousin to the Swiss Upright Embroidery display and more work has been done to enhance the display in the Firehouse in addition to the miniature fire set donated by Herman Pfund.

The Advertising and Marketing committee presented to the Board a draft of the Facebook Policy and Procedures that is to administered by two members of the Board or by one member of the Board and a selected volunteer who is willing to adhere to policies and procedures and is approved by the Board of Directors.

Etter contacted Nick Owen, Village Administer, about the access to the parking lot. Some work on 7th avenue will start on May 18, 2015 but the access to the parking lot will remain open.

A letter, dated April 17, 2015, was received from Charles Quagliana with a revised proposal for professional services related to the evaluation of the three buildings at the Swiss Historical Village. He stated that they are adept at developing pragmatic and realistic reports that clearly define the unique attributes and condition of the property and provide a "road map" for the future.

Under the Discovery Phase, the Analysis & Findings will prepare text and illustrations for inclusion in final report; define issues, concerns and areas for further analysis, and develop initial scope of rehabilitation work and probable costs. After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was accepted.

Wright and daughter, Natalie, have planned a **Regional District Meeting to be held in New Glarus, August 6, 2015.** The morning session, lunch, and regional round table sharing session will all take place at the Chalet Landhaus. Then in the afternoon, there will be tours available at both the Swiss Historical Village and the Chalet of the Golden Fleece. Duane Freitag, "Civil War Years" and Kim Tschudy, "Images of America, New Glarus", and a State Historical Society representative will be in attendance. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the cost to attend is $24. A registration form will be designed and placed on our Web-site and on Facebook.

Saengerfest 2015

The North American Swiss Singing Alliance (NASSA) triennial Saengerfest is coming to New Glarus on June 18-21. Saengerfest is a celebration of singing and yodeling that provides an occasion for Swiss immigrants, Swiss living abroad, Swiss descendants and admirers of Swiss culture to come together and celebrate a shared heritage and mutual passion through music, food, fun and friends. The event is hosted by Männerchor New Glarus with the assistance of Jodlerklub New Glarus and many others from New Glarus and Green County.

For more information, please visit the Saengerfest website at saengerfest2015.com or the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce website at swisstown.com.

Blue Star Museum

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

The program runs from Memorial Day (May 25th) through Labor Day (September 7th) 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.

Insights...

Very interesting tour in a lovely city that we are sure to visit again. Couple from Madison, WI

Really nice experience, little piece of history from Switzerland. Gentleman from Switzerland

Around the Corner

Display marks centennial of Pioneer Monument

When the Swiss Historical Village reopened this year, a new display was set up by Gail Beal and Ann Marie Ott to mark the centennial of the unveiling of the Pioneer Monument.

The display, in the Hall of History, includes a rare poster announcing the celebration, a pennant souvenir of the event, and seldom-displayed photo of the August 16, 1915 dedication. The poster, urging everybody to attend the "grand celebration" of the 70th anniversary of the settlement of New Glarus, was donated in 2014 by the late Karl Gmur and family. The poster notes that there would be an "unveiling of the Pioneer Monument, homecoming, and great festival." The pennant, which shows the monument, was donated in 2010 by the late Jack Kundert of Monroe and family.

The dedication was part of a two-day event on Monday and Tuesday, August 16 and 17, 1915. With Sunday set aside for religious services, Monday included the dedication, speeches, and a parade. On Tuesday, there were fire department water fights, a baseball game, and evening dances at Lengacher's Hall (the New Glarus Hotel) and Gmur's Hall (the Wilhelm Tell Hotel).

The monument is a focal point of 1st Street downtown. The park-like area around the monument is actually a cemetery, the resting place of more than 300 early settlers. Prior to the dedication, a fence was removed and the grounds improved. Likewise, the editor of the New Glarus Post urged village residents to clean up their property as much as possible before the anniversary celebration. Because of the expected large crowds, the paper reported that there would be "a strong police force, among which several detectives will be on duty both days to keep the crowd in order and protect people from swindling." After the event it was reported that while there were no disturbances, one person was arrested for stealing.

Money was solicited during the previous year to pay for what some refer to as the "Old Settler's Monument." The fund drive was led by a three-member subscription committee, whose names are on the back of the monument: Oswald Babler, Melchior Schmid, and Nicholas Duerst. Schmid posed for the life-size figure atop the 22-foot base, which is made of polished Montello granite from Wisconsin and gray granite from Barre, Vermont. The monument was created by the Luchsinger Monument Works of Monroe and shipped here in 10 pieces by rail. The statue is looking towards Galena, from where the emigrants completed their journey.

Eight of the surviving original colonists were present at the celebration. The names of 26 men, as heads of families who were part of the original settlers but soon left the group are not listed, while several who arrived shortly after the initial settlement are listed. The date of August 16, 1845, is a bit of a puzzle. The men who were sent on ahead from Galena to build a temporary shelter (where the monument is located) are believed to have arrived on August 15. The women and children definitely arrived by wagons on August 17.

Among the dignitaries who took part in the 1915 dedication was then-Gov. Emanuel Philipp, whose parents were immigrants from Switzerland. About 150 people drove here from Madison in a 37-car caravan for the event, which attracted a huge crowd. Riding in the governor's car was Sol Levitan, the popular former New Glarus merchant who headed a Madison bank at the time. He later served as Wisconsin's state treasurer.

Over succeeding years the gravestones were removed from the pioneer cemetery and some of those that survived are now on display at the Historical Village. The oldest dates to 1853. Four are of original colonists.

(Interesting news notes from the celebration will be included in the August issue of this newsletter in time for the actual 100th anniversary.)

Thank you, Duane Freitag.

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Leaders Line

Summer School

Amy Legler conducted classes for the New Glarus summer students, grades 3 to 6, in the museum's school house June 15 to June 19, 2015. The children dressed in period clothing and played old fashioned games. Many of the museum's visitors stopped to say "hello." The teacher, Ms. Streiff, and her students told them what it was like to go to a country school.

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on June 9, 2015 at the Historical Village. Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Collections: The new policy may consider whether the collections committee can accept donations without review by the full board, if the donation meets the key criteria related to the museum mission.

Charles Quagliana Proposal: Quagliana and two others spent ten hours on June 5 to examine the Settler's Cabin, the Log Church and the Pioneer Cabin. Quagliana will contact Etter when the preliminary report for restoration is complete.

Teen Volunteer/Employees: Ann Marie Ott handed out a draft copy of New Employee/Volunteer Guidelines for board members to review. She discussed the importance of training guides in a professional manner so as to keep them interested in history and what the Village has to offer. Ott also reported that we can hire fourteen year old students if we follow the state statutes.

WHS Capitol Regional Meeting: Denise Anton Wright is ready to send a final registration form out for the meeting August 6, 2015. The registration form will be placed on our Web-site and on Facebook. Registration is at the Chalet Landhaus and begins at 9:30 a.m. and the cost to attend is $24, morning coffee, tea, juice, rolls and lunch included. All attendees are invited to a free tour at the Swiss Historical Village and the Chalet of the Golden Fleece at the close of the meeting.

Mini Grant for storage: The final grant application for the Swiss Upright Embroidery's Collection will be sent out this week.

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of June was 1116, which included visitors on five buses. Guests from 38 states have visited the museum since May 1st and to date there have been 13 countries.

Saengerfest 2015

From all accounts, the Saengerfest 2015 held in New Glarus was a big success.

The musical presentations on Friday night were especially entertaining as the groups took turns singing on the Swiss Church lawn.

The breakfast on the Truttmann farm fed around 500 folks in a large tent. Visitors were very interested in the farming operation and it was a nice element of surprise when the long milk truck pulled up to the milk house.

The Grand Concert of Saturday night, June 20, 2015 was successful and enjoyed by all.

Catering was done by the Chalet Landhaus for the several meals provided in the Fest tent.

The Männerchor assisted by the New Glarus Yodel Club (Jodlerklub) organized all events and activities throughout the entire weekend.

We enjoyed meeting the Saengerfest visitors who came to our museum while they were in town. Toledo, OH will be the next host in 2018.

How Honey is Made

Ever stop to think about what's in a bottle of honey? It's really quite simple. There are no added preservatives. No added flavorings. No added coloring.

Honey gets its start as flower nectar, which is collected by bees, naturally broken down into simple sugars and stored in honeycombs. The unique design of the honeycomb, coupled with constant fanning by the bees' wings, causes evaporation to take place, creating the thick, sweet liquid we know as honey. The color and flavor of honey varies from hive to hive based on the type of flower nectar collected by the bees. For example, honey made from Orange Blossom nectar might be light in color, whereas honey from Avocado or Wildflowers might have a dark amber. *Taken from the Internet*

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Wisconsin Historical Society Grant

This spring the Wisconsin Historical Society offered local affiliates an opportunity to compete for grant funding to support care and management of museum collections. The grant offers a maximum of $700 to match funds raised locally for a project of this type.

After Board members participated in a webinar about collections preservation practices sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society and evaluated our current collection management needs, the Board agreed to support an application for the grant. This is the first time that our New Glarus Historical Society has applied for a mini-grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Our grant application focuses on the care of textiles in our collection as well as on loan to the museum, particularly wedding gowns, fabric, lace and trims made at the Upright Swiss Embroideries factory in New Glarus. In addition, many souvenir, organizational and military patches and banners made at the factory are part of the collection. Many visitors delight in the current displays of items associated with the factory and Swiss Miss fabrics store since they were first presented in 2013. The array of items bring back many, fond memories for those who visited these businesses, prior to their closure. These items represent an important party of the history of New Glarus as a tourist destination as well as the resulting contributions to the economy of our community.

Textiles are highly sensitive to light, changing temperatures and humidity. Our application, if approved, will allow us to purchase proper archival storage boxes, hangers, garment covers and a rack to appropriately store these artifacts during the off-season. Additional archival supplies, to reduce the wear on displayed garments were also included in the proposal. We intend to purchase all our supplies for this grant project from the Gaylord Archival Supplies catalog and requested a bid from Gaylord in order to receive the discount that has been negotiated for Wisconsin Historical Society affiliates.

The grant will also support our goals for a larger 2 year project during which we hope to accomplish the following goals:

- to identify all the items held in our New Glarus Historical Society collections with a tie to the Upright Swiss Embroideries / Swiss Miss Textile Mart;
- to consult with individuals who have expertise in textile conservation to be certain we are properly caring for and storing the fabric, clothing, and textiles that we identify;
- to work with the Weiser family to identify other items related to the Upright Swiss Embroideries / Swiss Miss Textile Mart that we could eventually display in an expanded exhibit in our Collectibles building or the Hall of History; and,
- to promote the importance of the Upright Swiss Embroideries / Swiss Miss Textile Mart to the development of New Glarus' ethnic Swiss identity through displays / exhibits, special events, and articles

Board of Directors member, Denise Anton Wright led the grant application writing project with research and support from board members Mary Dibble, Gail Beal and Ann Marie Ott.

Notification of grant awards by the Wisconsin Historical Society is expected by the end of the summer. *Thank you, Ann Marie Ott*

Insights...

Wonderful experience to be able to see my heritage. Lady from Michigan

Thank you for the history lesson. Family from Peoria, Illinois

Very interesting, I loved the school room in operation. Lady from Canada

Swiss Historical Village

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Leaders Line

Attendance
The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of July was 1,025, which included visitors on four buses. To date there have been 41 states and 19 countries.

Historical Society Board News
President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m., July 14, 2015, at the Historical Village.
Guest Charles Quagliana reviewed with the Board the preliminary evaluation and project proposal report for the preservation of the Settler's Cabin, the Pioneer Cabin and the Log Church. The preliminary report recommends placing a priority on structural repairs to the Log Church with additional and similar recommendations for repairs to the Pioneer and Settler's Cabins.
The minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting were approved by Marty/Klassy motion.
Treasurer's Report – None.
Labor/Hiring – Ott presented to the Board copies of a Job Description for the Swiss Historical Village museum Tour Guide in draft form. Discussion included adding certain requirements specific to the job. Two students are being considered for the tour guide positions. Ott was told to take charge following a Klassy/Beal motion.
Archiving/Collections – Colstad donated music from Audrey Weber that will be placed on the pump organ.
Membership –Lila Dibble, a lifetime member of the New Glarus Historical Society and a former worker of the Swiss Historical Village passed away July 3, 2015 at the age of 96. Condolences were expressed to daughter, Mary Dibble, a current member of the Board of Directors.
Road construction – The construction will be by the entrance of the Swiss Historical Village in the very near future. The village of New Glarus has assured us that there will be a road open to the parking lot.

Insights:
It thrilled my mother! She's waited 65 years to visit here. It brought many memories to both of us.
Lady from Mondamin, IA
Thanks – most informative great museum.
Couple from New Zealand

Log Church Service:
The 56th commemorative worship service in the Log Church will be held **Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** Guest minister will be Rev. Gene Talley, pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, New Glarus. The Männerchor will sing and Shirley Lueschow will play the 1900 Story & Clark pump organ. The evening offering will go to the Green Care Food Pantry. This service is open to everyone.

Cemetery Tour
The Swiss United Church of Christ cemetery committee's Cemetery Tour was held Saturday, August 1, 2015. The tour this year focused on the lives of late 1800's and early 1900's local people who played a significant civic role in the development of New Glarus and began at 9:00 a.m. and repeated again at **10:00** a.m. Both tours started at the front of the Log Church at the Swiss Historical Village.

How Honey is made, continued
Harvesting and Extracting
Beekeepers – large and small – harvest honey by collecting the honeycomb frames and scraping off the wax cap that bees make to seal off honey in each cell. Once the caps are removed, the frames are placed in an extractor – a centrifuge that spins the frames, forcing honey out of the comb. The honey is spun to the sides of the extractor, where gravity pulls it to the bottom and it can be collected.
Straining and Bottling
After the honey is extracted, it is strained to remove any remaining pieces of wax or other particles. Some beekeepers and bottlers might heat the honey to make it easier to strain, but this does nothing to alter the liquid's natural composition. It only makes the straining process easier and more effective.
After straining, it's time to bottle, label and distribute the honey to retail outlets. Whether the container is glass or plastic, or purchased at the grocery store or farmers market, if the ingredient label says pure honey, you can rest assured that nothing was added, from bee to hive to bottle.

"Today is our future's past."

Special look back at the Pioneer Monument dedication

This year the Swiss Historical Village has been making special note of the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Pioneer Monument in downtown New Glarus. Part of this month's newsletter is being devoted to reprinting contemporary comments about the well-attended two-day celebration on August 16 and 17, 1915, as recorded in the New Glarus Post:

A special Milwaukee Road train ran from Monroe to New Glarus, via Brodhead, to bring celebrants and Company H of the Wisconsin National Guard.

The brewery, pop factory, and waterworks were running at full capacity.

Henry Trumpy of Monroe, the oldest of the remaining pioneers, had planned to attend the celebration but died during the weekend.

About the time the governor's car was expected, the New Glarus band and a reception committee marched to the bridge east of town. When a car was seen coming in the distance, one person said get ready, he's coming. Then another said, no he isn't, it's a Ford (Gov. Emanuel Philipp drove a big Pierce Arrow).

After the governor arrived, the actual unveiling ceremony took place. It began with an invocation by the Rev. G. D. Elliker of Swiss Church. Then Thomas Luchsinger, representing the subscription committee, presented the monument to the village, which was represented by village president Dr. C. A. Hefty. The monument was "unveiled" by a young girl.

Assemblyman S.A. Schindler, who also served on the committee, said: "May this monument be a new spur to new impulses in the development of this town and enliven the spirit of perseverance, of hope, of diligence, and faithfulness of the pioneers." The community was encouraged to protect the monument and hope was expressed that it "always be kept in a respectable condition and that it be an ornament to the town."

The New Glarus and Monroe Cornet bands then played the Star Spangled Banner, followed by remarks by Gov. Philipp. The choirs sang "Heimat, Heimat, Ueber Alles." After a lunch break there was a procession to the village hall for additional speeches. The parade was to have gone to the shooting park, but rain made the road too muddy.

Tuesday was set aside for amusements. There were two baseball games (New Glarus beat Monroe, 7-3, and the Fauerbach team of Madison beat New Glarus, 5-0), water fights, Swiss-style wrestling, and "moving picture" shows. There were dances in the evening. Engler's eight-piece orchestra played at Lengacher's Hall (the New Glarus Hotel) and the Bast and Booth Orchestra of Monroe played at Gmur's Hall (the Wilhelm Tell Hotel).

No outside venders were allowed here. All the side attractions were under local management (except the dance bands).

The only place that people were "soaked" at the celebration was at the water fight and Monday's shower.

Lee German, one of the members of the Monroe band, had his cornet stolen from the pool table in the New Glarus Hotel. The cornet was recovered, having been in the possession of a Brodhead man.

Although many were slightly the worse because of intoxicants, no disturbance of any kind was made.

That the local police force was on the job was proved Tuesday evening. Two officials saw a small ray of light coming from one of the local business buildings at 12 o'clock. They rounded up the criminals and they proved to be two local people in a secluded place as they counted the money that had been made at the celebration.

About $3,000 was raised by a special committee to pay for the monument.

Thank you, Duane Freitag

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Leaders Line

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of August was 945 that included visitors on one bus. 44 states were represented so far this year. States still needed are Alaska, Delaware, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada and Vermont. Six countries were represented in August for a total of 25.

Harvest Fest

The Harvest Fest event held each year on the Sunday before Columbus Day will be October 11, 2015, 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 Bräzeli and baked goods for sale.

Please encourage your friends and family to put October 11th on their calendars.

Historical Society Board News

President Peter Etter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., August 11, 2015 at the Historical Village. Guest was Barbara Kummerfelt who spoke to the Board about "Rogues & Ruffians." The event has a Shakespearian theme with some actors and even kids from Green County. It is held the Sunday before Columbus Day as is the Harvest Fest. Barbara would like collaboration between the two events. She asked if we would be interested in having a paragraph on the page Family Fun in the brochure, "Smart Living". It has a distribution of 147,000 households and comes direct mail every six months.

Word was received that the Swiss Historical Village was awarded a matching grant of $700 for the Upright Embroidery Display. Our $700 obligation will come from donations.

New Glarus Hosts the Wisconsin Historical Society Regional Meeting

The Capital Region of the Wisconsin Historical Society met at the Chalet Landhaus on Thursday, August 6. More than 55 attendees filled the conference room representing Historical Societies from all parts of southern Wisconsin and was reported to be the largest gathering of regional representatives this season.

Rick Bernstein, the WI Historical Society's Field Services Representative provided examples of ways organizations around the state are getting younger people engaged in history. Rick's presentation was followed by area authors, Duane Freitag and Kim Tschudy, who offered recommendations, tips and personal experiences in publishing history material in a variety of formats. Following a catered lunch, the day's agenda concluded with round table discussions about the morning presentations and tours of the Chalet of the Golden Fleece and Swiss Historical Village. Special appreciation goes to volunteers Herman Pfund and Michael Schieldt, volunteer tour guides, to Richard Arn for his flag-throwing demonstration and George Albright for his alphorn serenades.

Welcoming Young People to the New Glarus Historical Society

We are happy to announce the addition of two, new, young people to our group of Tour Guides. Kira Elmer, will begin her senior year at Belleville High School and enjoys sharing her personal history as a descendant of an original New Glarus settler. Michael Schieldt, is incoming freshman at New Glarus High School, with a keen interest in history and an amazing memory for facts. Please welcome them to our group! A special thank you to Natalie Wright as she concludes her fourth and final year as a student guide and cashier at the museum.

Insights....

New Glarus and the Swiss Village places are the best. Been coming to this area every August for 55 years.

Couple from Kankakee, IL

"Today is our future's past."

Around the Corner

The Case for Cursive

I recently sent a handwritten note to a young person and expected a response. When I did not receive one, I made a telephone call to inquire personally. Was this a case of forgetfulness or bad manners? No. The barrier to communication I learned, was cursive writing.

Our Schoolhouse includes a display of cursive letters above the blackboard. This simple display always generates dialogue about the debate over continuing cursive writing in school curriculum. While it seems cursive writing has not yet disappeared from Wisconsin classrooms, this subject is not a teaching requirement. Some children report that it is a "free-time" exercise of choice. Several states are attempting legislation to bring it back including California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Utah, Massachusetts, and North Carolina. Advocates report that learning cursive promotes fine motor skills and engages multiple areas of the brain.

While you may have mastered perfect, Palmer method penmanship as a child, your adult upstrokes and curves may not connect as prettily as in the past. But, that string of squiggly lines translates to your name and becomes a part of your personal history. Think of how many times you record your signature. Perhaps you have sought the autograph of someone famous and kept it as a treasure. Will a handwritten declaration of love be recognized as true, when written in the hand of a first grader?

If you are among those who believe keyboarding is the future, at least try out the calligraphy or script fonts on your computer from time to time to preserve a bit of history.

Sincerely, Ann Marie Ott

What Happened to Pet® Milk?

What happened to Pet Milk is a frequent question posed by visitors as they tour our Hall of History. PET Milk, formerly known as the Helvetia Condensing Company, was founded in Highland, Illinois in 1885. The PET name was trademarked in 1895 as the company expanded sales in the western part of the United States.

Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders were the first soldiers to consume the milk and after the PET plant opened in New Glarus in 1910, producing milk for war rations continued through the time periods associated with the first and second World Wars. Some servicemen from New Glarus reported that they were lucky to have *a little taste of home* when rations were delivered.

After the PET milk plant closed in New Glarus in 1962, due to a decline in demand for canned milk and in part due to improvements in refrigeration, PET continued operations in other parts of the country.

The company expanded, acquired, merged and consolidated over the years, expanding and changing its lines of food products above and beyond dairy. Since 2004, PET has been a brand of the J. M. Smucker Company. Use of evaporated milk remains alive and well, with PET continuing its tradition of "*turning ordinary recipes into family favorites.*" Here's a modern recipe for mushroom soup from the PET website for you to enjoy today:

Ingredients

- -1/4 cup **Crisco® Light Tasting Olive Oil**
- -3 tablespoons chopped onion
- -1 small clove garlic
- -1/2 cup **Pillsbury BEST™ All Purpose Flour**
- -1 teaspoon salt &1/8 teaspoon pepper
- -1/4 teaspoon thyme or tarragon leaves, crushed
- - Dash ground red pepper
- -3 1/2 cups chicken broth
- -1 pound fresh sliced mushrooms, any variety
- -1 cup milk or half and half
- -1 (12 oz.) can **PET® Evaporated Milk**

Instructions

HEAT oil in large saucepan. Stir in onion and garlic. Cook about 5 minutes or until onion is crisp-tender. Whisk in flour, salt, thyme, black pepper and red pepper.
WHISK in chicken broth slowly. Bring to boiling; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in sliced mushrooms. Soup will be thick. Cook, covered, over low heat 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
STIR in milks. Cook uncovered over low heat 5 to 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
To make this a vegetarian soup, substitute vegetable stock for chicken broth.

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Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest festivities at the Swiss Historical Village will be held **October 11, 2015**, 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. The grounds are decorated with corn shocks, pumpkins, gourds and mums. Admission at a reduced price $5.00 for adults and school age children 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 8, 2015 at the Historical Village. The minutes of the August 11, 2015 were reviewed and approved following a Marty/Arn motion.

The financial report dated August 31, 2015 was compared to August 31, 2014. Miscellaneous Sales and Donation/Memorials were up. Expenses were slightly up. The report was approved following a Dibble/Reuter motion.

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.

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

The Swiss Historical Society received $500 from the Sangerfest committee. $100 was received from Garth and Martha Brokaw congratulating Kira Elmer, guide, on the excellent tour she gave them.

Attendance

The Swiss Historical Village attendance for the month of September was 847, which included visitors on seven buses.

We had guests from 45 states and we need Alaska, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada and Vermont for the year.

A total of 30 countries were represented to date.

Memories by Steve Gmur

Many of our readers know me, and know I have related stories concerning past guides, because if truth be known, I'm an old guide myself.

In the last months we have lost one of our best and that was Eva Zweifel. Her family name was Ringhand and I believe she was raised between Monticello and Dayton. After her marriage to Clarence Zweifel, they farmed in Primrose Township. She passed after reaching the age of 104.

I first knew Eva when she worked for the New Glarus Bakery. That was when it still had a soda fountain, so you see I date myself again. Over the ensuing years she was a check-out lady at Strickler's along with Elnora Showers and Viola Ubert.

Of the many areas in our village museum, she had her favorites, and one place was the farm implement building. The purpose of this article for our newsletter is to highlight how she would delight in two specific pieces.

The first was the very innocent chicken egg incubator. Eva would delight in asking our visitors what that square box was; and then proceed to explain that a process concerning approximately 21 days would result in hatched eggs and new little chicks with more adventures to follow.

The other was a very specific part of the corn harvest. When a farmer was using a corn binder, the machine would cut the standing corn and make the bundles of cut corn. The bundles had to be grouped together, stood up, and I believe 10-15 bundles made a shock. If you look close enough, hanging on the binder is a length of rope with a small block of wood on the end. A slit on one end, and a hole in the other end. The rope goes through the hole and the block of wood is tossed around the new shock, the rope pulled into the slit, and the shock would be pulled tight to stay erect, unless prank filled boys would tip them over at Halloween. That block of wood was made by Mrs. Ringhand (mother-in-law) for Clarence Zweifel.

It is just simple items like those mentioned that make our artifacts so unique and our guides were just as special for pointing them out.

May more follow to find the thrills that lie in many of our displays. As Ever, Steve

"Today is our future's past."

Around the Corner

Stereoscope

It is on display in the Collectible Store

Stereoscope is an optical viewing device that makes photographs seem to have three dimensions. An ordinary camera sees things only in a flat plane, and never in the round, the way our eyes usually see things. But two cameras set slightly apart can work like our eyes. They can photograph the same object at the same time. These two photographs are then mounted side by side and viewed through a combination of lenses and prisms called a stereoscope. The two views then enter the eyes without strain, and the resulting mental image appears to have three dimensions.

Everything is seen in the round.

A stereoscope with a cabinet of pictures was once a common item. The old-style stereoscope consisted of a rack and handle, a slide, and a pair of screened lens-prisms. The present-day stereoscope is a plastic box with two viewing holes. One popular type has picture slides mounted in a cardboard or plastic disk. Today, stereoscopes are employed extensively in aerial surveys to map out land elevations.

Astronomers use a special type of stereoscope for finding small planets. It is possible to mount two stereo photographs side by side and view them without prisms. The effect is a good picture in the round, by it causes eyestrain.

In 1952, producers introduced "three-dimensional" motion –picture projection. Some types used a large, curved screen and a new kind of sound projection to produce a three-dimensional effect. Others used a stereoscopic principle. Persons watching the film wore special eyeglasses so that each eye saw only the view meant for it. The mental image that resulted had three dimensions.

From The World Book Encyclopedia

Insights...

A great story of determined people.
Couple from Chicago

I'm very impressed.
Lady from Switzerland

Wonderful story, what guts!
Couple from Alabama

Very interesting and well done.
Couple from Canada

Interesting tour of the Swiss in America. Enjoyed the cheese information.
4-H Teen Exchange, Springmill, PA

Memories by Judy Reuter

When I first toured the Swiss Historical Village, I was surprised how at home I felt. I grew up on the farm my great-grandfather settled in Primrose Township just south of the Primrose Church. Our family was one of several in the surrounding area that belong to the Nessa School District. The Burkhalter Cheese Factory was also where the same families took their milk. The farmers worked together for chopping corn (silo filling), threshing of the grain and shredding of the corn stalks. My dad was in charge of moving the heavy equipment from farm to farm with a tractor that had iron lugs. The wife would provide dinner of meat, potatoes, vegetables and pie and then supper with another meat, fried potatoes, vegetable and cake. When there was an emergency, one would ring a long ring on the telephone and all the party line people would pick up the phone to hear the news. We had a bell on the garage that we rung to call everyone to come for a meal.

The things I remember are: cultivating with a 2-row cultivator drawn by Bill and Fanny, our horses; driving the horses on the grain binder and the hay wagon; walking with a horse to pull up the hay hook in the barn; carrying pails of milk at milking time and sometimes falling asleep in an empty cow stall; going to the Burkhalter cheese factory and being invited upstairs for a snack; and going to the blacksmith in New Glarus with my dad and I can almost hear the heated plow blade being straightened on the anvil.

I remember dad killing a chicken or two for Sunday dinner and after eating, the men would play a game of horseshoes in the driveway.

A neat sound was Grandpa Torgor humming as he picked up walnuts. My brothers and I would go to an old apple tree for apples for Mom to make pies or go to berry patch for blackberries (had a hard time filling the milk pail!)

I can remember getting our first car. It was a 1936 Chevrolet and it had belonged to my mother's dad. Mom painted the car a bright green and drove 30 miles an hour to visit relatives in Madison.

Getting our first tractor was equally exciting. It was a Farmal H (International Harvester) with a 2-bottom plow. Later dad bought a 3-bottom plow.

I went to country school (Nessa) for eight years. My first and second grade teacher was Evelyn Enerson, third was Ernie Lufi, fourth was Maxine Jensen, fifth and sixth was Marion Arthur, seventh was Ella Saunders and the eighth was Mrs. Rothlisberger. Oh, how I enjoyed those years!