New Glarus Historical Society, Inc.
Swiss Historical Village Museum

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Historical Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the New Glarus Historical Society was held on Saturday evening, March 11 at the Chalet Landhaus. John Colstad announced the retirements of Board members Peter Etter and John Marty, thanked them for their many contributions and service, and ended with a round of applause from the group. Jim Hoesly and John Eglsaer, recruited and nominated by Board members, along with incumbent member, Denise Anton Wright were unanimously elected to serve three year terms.

The annual financial report was accepted by the group following a discussion about paid and volunteer service. Revenue was down slightly from 2015 due to a decrease in attendance and donations. Expenses were less in 2016 than 2015, in part due to the consulting fees incurred in 2015 to evaluate the log buildings for repair and restoration. Treasurer Arn noted that not all donations specified for the log cabin restoration are included in the 2016 financial report because some were received after January 1, 2017.

Secretary provided a status update on the Settler's Cabin restoration. Michael Yaker, dba *Woodjoiners* was hired to perform the work. The contract cost is $10,000-$12,000, much less than the consultant's estimate of $60,000. The variance in amounts is due to the consultant's best practice/full restoration approach to cost estimation. Mr. Yaker's estimate is a modified approach, replacing some, but not all logs as well as chinking in the building and using an approach that will not require complete disassembly and reassembly. Mr. Yaker has purchased white oak logs that are being prepared using hand tooled methods and will begin work on site in late March or April. Keith Rockett, a master craftsman in New Glarus and who has done work at the Brewery is assisting Mr. Yaker.

Following dinner, attendees enjoyed a presentation by Duane Freitag, *Coming to New Glarus on the Erie Canal*. Duane's presentation highlighted his research and photos of recent travels in New York and Pennsylvania which will be used in a book scheduled for publication in the Fall of 2019.

March Board of Directors Meeting

The March meeting of the Board of Directors focused on organization and planning for the coming season. The following officers were elected:
President: John Colstad, Vice-President: Mary Dibble, Treasurer: Doris Arn, Secretary: Ann Marie Ott.

Based on a recommendation made at the annual meeting, the Board reviewed salaries and documentation of volunteer hours. For 2017, the President will receive a $25 payment for each monthly Board meeting. The treasurer shall be paid $750 per year for the following responsibilities: regular mail pick-up and management; payroll for all paid staff May – October; regular recording and reconciliation of museum admission receipts (admissions, gift shop consignments/sales) May – October; regular payment of ongoing expenses for the operation of the Historical Society and Museum; monthly and annual financial statements; preparation of W-2 forms and tax forms in collaboration with Society's accountant. The Board noted that the cost for comparable services provided by an external vendor, based on contacts with two CPAs, would exceed the annual payment to the Treasurer.

All other officers and directors will be reimbursed $15 per Board meeting, based on long-standing practice. The majority of Board members do not wish to document their hours of volunteer service as Board members or those associated with Committee work and/or museum operations. The Secretary will record her hours and collect data from Board members who wish to do so and will document hours for volunteers at the museum as a member of the Labor/Hiring/Volunteer committee.

The Board voted to continue participation in the Blue Star Museum program offering free admission for active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we will collaborate with the Chalet of the Golden Fleece to offer $1 off admission coupons.

The Board noted receipt of a donation in the amount of $375 from Dr. Fred Blum, in memory of Miriam "Mickey" Blum.

New Glarus Historical Society Committees

Board members and volunteers will serve on these operations committees:

- Advertising: Denise Anton-Wright, Doris Arn, Gail Beal
- Facebook/Website: Ann Marie Ott, Denise Anton Wright, Amanda Smithe\ (volunteer)
- Archives/Collections/Exhibits: Mary Dibble, Gail Beal, Ann Marie Ott
- Buildings and Grounds: John Eglsaer, Larry Klassy, Dave Hustad, John Colstad, Jim Hoesly
- Finance: Doris Arn, Mary Dibble, John Colstad
- Gift Shop: Gail Beal, Doris Arn
- Group Tours – Gail Beal
- Labor/Hiring/Volunteers: Ann Marie Ott, Gail Beal, Roseann Ott (volunteer) Membership: Judy ReuterNewsletter: Mary Dibble, Ann Marie Ott with support from Judy Reuter and Gail Beal
- Flowers/Prairie Plot Planting and Maintenance – Green County Master Gardener Volunteers
- Genealogy Research requests – Ann Marie Ott, Bob Elmer (volunteer), Sherry Anderegg, Green County Genealogy Society (volunteer)

For more information about committees and their work, please write to us using the website contact link found here:
http://www.swisshistoricalvillage.org/contact/

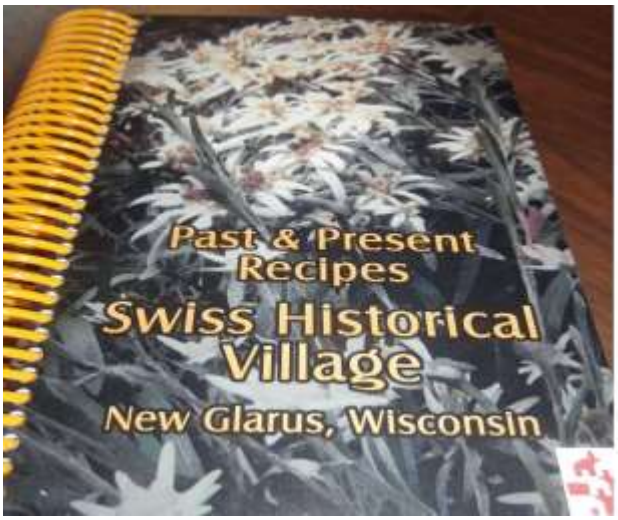
Open House

We are kicking off the the 2017 season with an Open House on Saturday, May 13 from 10 am – 4 pm. This event is scheduled in collaboration with the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce and the Wisconsin Economic Development Committee. No admission fees will be charged for visitors on this day.

Swiss Historical Village

Back by Popular Demand

The Swiss Historical Village recipe book is back by popular demand! Visitors routinely ask about the availability of a souvenir recipe book. This book first compiled and published in 2007. The cookbook is a collection of favorite recipes submitted by members of the Historical Society and community.



The 397 page book is organized by types of recipes from appetizers to desserts and includes some blank pages for recording favorite family recipes, too. You will find ethnic delights and heirloom recipes from books in the Historical Society archives in the book including fondue, kalberwurst, gerste suppe (barley soup), Norwegian krumkaka and sauerbraten, wienerschnitzel and how to use Glarner Schabziger cheese, to name a few.

The original Cookbook Committee included Gail Beal, Doris Arn, Judy Reuter, Jo Gehl with Duane Freitag contributing the text for all of the index pages.

If you would like to order a copy of the book, please send your request and a check for $18 plus tax, postage and handling of $6.49 (Total $24.49) to:

Swiss Historical Village
Attn: Gail
612 7th Avenue Box 745
New Glarus, WI 53574

The discounted price for Historical Society members is: $16.20, plus tax, postage and handling of $6.39 (Total $22.59). Books will be available in the museum gift shop for direct purchase beginning May 1st.

“Today is our future’s past”