

MAYVILLE AREA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & GENEALOGY

P.O.BOX 242 MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744

October 2013 through September 2014

It has been a very busy year here in Mayville! A big celebration occurred with Mayville turning 150 years old and the Museum participated in all the activities.

Last year (2013) as we closed the season, we celebrated with our annual Appreciation Dinner and Mortgage Burning Celebration in October, serving a delicious meal of roast sirloin tip beef, red skin potatoes, vegetable medley and all the fixings. Small copies of our “paid in full” mortgage were given to guest to throw into the burning bonfire as they left. We cannot thank the Western Foundation for all they did to help us secure our office building.

Officers for the upcoming season were elected:

Frank Franzel, President (2014)

Ron Johnson, Vice-President (2015)

Fran Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer (2014)

TRUSTEES (term expires 2015):

Val Atkinson

TRUSTEES (term expires 2016):

Susan Shaver

Marilyn Patterson

Judy Chesney

Bob Fritz

Carol Harmon

The Museum was the site for the annual Mayville Chamber of Commerce Buck Pole in November and close to 50 deer were brought in to hang on our pole. The Museum also participated in the Deer Widows Craft at the elementary school where they sold 2014 calendars, videos, and books.

In December we gathered once again to bring in the Holiday Season with a potluck dinner and lively recycled gift exchange.

The New Year 2014 put us in the celebration mood as we made plans over the next few months for our big 150th celebration.

Again the Mayville community pulled together and put on a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th. Organized by member Cindy Coxe, area business donated so that hundreds of colorful eggs could dot the museum lawn and have prizes for everyone. Balloon artist and face painting experts helped keep everyone busy. The We Can Read Program set up shop in the West Dayton Schoolhouse and distributed over 200 books. It was a glorious spring day.

In April 2014 plans really kicked into third gear as we moved forward with our big 150th celebration. The Museum opened our door for the new season on Memorial Day Weekend and never slowed down. Every Friday and Saturday, members Carol Harmon, Fran Campbell, Dodie Rappuhn, Francene Smith, Marilyn Patterson and Judy Chesney were there to welcome guests, give tours, do research and answer any questions.

June 7, 2014 we held our second Museum Auction. Again thanks to all who donated items. We raised a little over \$1800 which was designated for repairs. It was a busy day and we appreciated all the help by our members, Ron Johnson and Bill Rappuhn for putting it all together. We also received word that the Museum received a \$500 grant from the Anne Lathaem foundation for our depot painting project. Cindy Coxe was the master behind this request and we really appreciate her diligence for following through. Our intent was to have the depot painted and driveway resealed before all of our festivities but as fate would deliver we had a “foundation issue” that needed to be addressed first. The crawl space under the depot was full of water (we had a very wet spring) and the walls were not supporting and were buckling. Also it was creating a “mold issue” in the museum that we definitely needed to address. After an inspection, we needed to replace the two shorts walls of the depots building and install

vents at a cost of \$2300 and we had to fix the drainage issue under the depot with new tile, sump pump and crocks at a cost of \$1000. Because we didn't want to have everything tore up during our celebration we decided to wait until afterward to complete. Our painting project was temporarily put on hold until this work could be completed. So we moved on with other activities. The last week in June the Museum once again participated in the Tuscola County Museum Open House . We displayed clothing from the 1800's to the popular 1960's. Punch and 150th celebration cookies were served to all our guests.

July was celebration month..... And celebrate we did. The Museum sponsored a concert downtown on Friday night. Chatquaqua Express performed.... A grant of \$500 from the Wal-Mart Corporation was received to make this possible. Our grounds were busy all weekend of the 150th celebration. Deb and Stan Brant again coordinated our annual flea market. We moved our vintage clothing display to the founders building for everyone to enjoy. We served nearly 100 people for our annual pancake breakfast. New books were offered for sale. Carol Harmon completed a postcard picture book featuring Mayville postcards from the past years. It has been a very popular item. The Mayville 150th Celebration Book was also completed and introduced during the festival weekend. The Sons of Union (thank you to Leo Marr) had a civil war encampment on the museum grounds during the festival and offered genealogy research for civil war descendants. A vintage photographer took pictures on glass and our own Abraham Lincoln (aka Gary Sanford) delivered the Gettysburg Address, flanked by a guard of union soldiers from the back of the depot deck. It was quite a moving event. Best yet.... Our float in the Grand Parade won "Best of Parade". Thank you to all our helpers.



August was a busy month as well. We held the annual All Country School Reunion the first Saturday of August. Some new faces joined the group and it was a very pleasant day.

Labor Day weekend was quite early this year, falling on September 1, which gave us two full weeks to prepare for our annual Car Show. This year our chairperson was Candi Franzel and she did an excellent job taking over from past chairperson Julie Hollenbeck who pretty much had most things all situated. We welcomed the American Legion Post 181, who hosted a pig roast on the museum lawn during the car show. It was a rainy day but that didn't stop us from having 28 cars participate. Everyone who came had a great time and we look forward to next year..... Are you up for it Candi?

A new addition to the museum is our Modern Dresden Plate Quilt Square which is displayed on the Founders



Building. The Thumb Quilt Trail officially opened on September 27, 2014 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Museum. On that weekend the Museum was host to the Michigan Barn Preservation Network and they held their annual meeting at our office building on Friday and the museum was the registration and starting point for their annual barn tour. It was a beautiful sunny day and we had lots of visitors from all over the state.

This past year we also added a 24" monitor screen (thank you to the Western Grant) to our office building. Judy Chesney has been busy scanning pictures to play on a continuous feed for everyone to enjoy. Our goal is to scan everything we can for a permanent memorial display. We also resealed our drive and parking lot. Lots of work has been completed..... thank you to everyone who helped accomplish it.

Again we have had to say "rest in peace" to several of our members. We lost Marvin Lambert (husband of Liz), Clare Blasius (brother of Francene Smith) and Tom Chance (Florence Chance's husband). Our hearts are sadden at the loss but comforted in knowing they are with the Lord.

We look forward to a few more events in 2014 and are anxious to start our 2015 season next May. First on our agenda will be the painting of the museum depot building. Our schoolhouse is in need of some repairs and we need to apply a new coat of paint on it as well. There is always something to do. Thank you for all your support and stop by when you can to visit. Like us on Facebook to get updates!

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