

Fitchburg Historical Society



FEBRUARY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fitchburg Historical Society will be held on Sunday, February 13, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Dining Room on the lower level of the Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 East Lacy Rd.

Since our Community Center has a magnificent view of the exterior of our beautiful Wisconsin Capitol, I know you will all be interested in the extensive restoration of the interior of this historic architectural masterpiece. We have invited the project architect, Mr. Joe Sokal, to describe and show us the details of this tremendous project. His presentation will precede our annual business meeting.

Our business meeting will include elections to the Historical Society Board of Directors, renewal of memberships and discussion of the first reunion of Fitchburg country school, which will be held on Sunday, June 12, 1994 at the Community Center.

Refreshments will be served during the break between the speaker and the meeting.

We are delighted that members of the Oregon Historical Society have accepted our invitation to join us at this meeting.

We do hope you will all attend this important meeting. It would be wonderful if all of you would come, renew your membership and also bring a friend, relative or neighbor who also might be interested in preserving Fitchburg history by joining our great Fitchburg Historical Society.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We value your membership in the Fitchburg Historical Society. As you know, yearly memberships are from February to February which makes our annual meeting the perfect time to renew. Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form which we urge you to complete and bring to the February annual meeting. Additional forms and membership cards will be available at the meeting.

If you miss our annual meeting, please mail your renewal dues to our treasurer, Ellen Green, 5449 Irish Lane, Madison, WI 53711. Our membership dues remain the same --- \$5.00 - Individual, \$10.00 - Family and \$25.00 - Business.

Be sure to keep your addresses and telephone numbers up-to-date so that our next membership directory will be accurate.



ELECTIONS PLANNED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The terms of the following Board of Directors expire in February: Janet Keenan, Ellen Green, Bill Stoneman and Kathleen Harty.

Janet Keenan and Ellen Green have indicated that they do not wish to seek re-election. Both of these members have faithfully served our organization for several years. They have always taken a very active role in everything in which they have been involved. We will miss their ideas and skills and we thank them for their many years of service.



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BOOK PUBLICATION

We are all very proud of Tom Kinney's wonderful newly published book: Irish Settlers of Fitchburg, 1840-1860. If you have not seen this fine historical book, it is on sale for \$10.00 at the following locations:

Fitchburg City Hall, 2377 S. Fish Hatchery
Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 E. Lacy Rd.
Oregon Historical Society, 159 W. Lincoln Street, Oregon
State Historical Society Museum, 30 N. Carroll St., Madison
Kinney Residence, 5339 Irish Lane, Fitchburg.

Tom has gathered many wonderful pictures and historical facts as a basis for this quality historical book. The preface of the book, written by John O. Holzhueter of the State Historical Society states: "As for content, Irish Settlers of Fitchburg reaches well beyond the confines of its title to illuminate county-wide and statewide issues of interest---just as good local history should."

Tom has received acclaim for his work from many sources including Fitchburg Mayor Doug Morrisette, Dane County Supervisor Tom Clauder, Fitchburg Cable FACT's "Focus on Fitchburg" program, Dane County Cultural Affairs' Lynne Eich and many local historians.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 21, 1994 - 7 p.m. - Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting - Swan Creek Room, Fitchburg Community Center.

June 12, 1994 - Fitchburg Country School Reunion



COUNTRY SCHOOL REUNION

We are planning a reunion of alumni of our ten former rural schools. Those schools are:

Lakeview - 1848-1930
Syene - 1850-1952
Oak Hall - 1850-1949
Stoner - 1850-1938 & 1953-1964
Prairie View - 1850-1937
Swan Creek - 1855-1925
Camp Badger - 1857-1964
Fitchburg Center - 1860-1962
Fish Hatchery (Dogtown) - 1860-1962
Maple Corners - 1864-1964

The reunion will be held on Sunday, June 12, 1994 in the lower level (Stoner Prairie Dining Room) of the Fitchburg Community Center. If any of you have pictures taken at any of these schools which we could have on display at the reunion, it would be of great interest to us. Also, if you know individuals who attended these schools, we would like to get in touch with them to let them know our plans. Please call Kathleen Harty at 271-4276 if you would like to serve on a reunion committee and/or if you have stories or memorabilia from any of the schools.