



ANNUAL MEETING

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It is time again for the Annual Meeting of the Fitchburg Historical Society. Dust off your precious mementos and bring them to our "Show and Tell" day Sunday, February 10 2002. The meeting is slated to start at 1:30 P.M. After a short business meeting we will again have an opportunity to marvel at the treasures that have been handed down through the years. The articles do not have to be connected to Fitchburg. We are interested in seeing whatever has been kept dear to your hearts. We will be anxiously waiting to hear more tidbits extracted from the various daily journals kept by ancestors of our members. They were just one of the precious memories of last year's meeting.



ACQUISITIONS

We have had several donations since our last newsletter. Bill Stoneman has given us an atlas covering every township in the state of Wisconsin. The actual year of the atlas has yet to be determined but it is known that it predates 1925. We also have

a photocopy of the book of poems, "Songs of a Badger" written by former Fitchburg resident, Joseph Warren Wallace. The poems dealing with Fitchburg were printed in the bicentennial history book done by Jean O'Brien (Elefson) and Connie Darling but this has the annotations of all the poems, who they were written about and where they were written. The owner of the book, Jack Herrick, has allowed us to photo copy the book in its entirety. It had been presented to his grandmother, Mrs. John Lacy, by the author. Last, but not least, we are now in possession of a computer donated by Mary Wendt. This should enable us to do our newsletters, record keeping, indexing and transcribing at our headquarters. Thank you to Bill, Jack and Mary. We have also received a short history of the Cranefield family who lived in Fitchburg in the late 1880s. We encourage families with Fitchburg connections to provide a copy of their family history to keep on file at our archives.

BOARD ELECTIONS

During the business meeting on February 10 we will be electing four members to the Board of Directors. Board members whose terms are expiring are; Betty Brantmeyer, Mike Engelberger, Carole Kinney and Bill Reddan. If you would like to become a

member of the board and have a hand in some of the day to day operations of the organization please give the nominating chairman, Bill Stoneman, a call and offer to have your name put in nomination. Likewise if you know of someone who is too shy to volunteer but you know would make a good board member do the same. Bill's phone number is 271-7981. The annual meeting is also the time to renew your membership. You can use the form included with this mailing or you can bring your dues to the annual meeting.

PROGRAM NOTES

Our last general meeting and program was held on October 14, 2001. The program featured Kristin Gilpatrick, a local author who featured two of her books, *The Hero Next Door*, and *The Hero Next Door Returns*. A panel of WW II veterans,

including our own Bob Keenan told of their experiences and answered questions from the audience. Those in attendance had an opportunity to purchase the books and the author donated a portion of the sales to our treasury. Thank you, Kristin. If members have ideas of programs for the future be sure to present them at the meeting on February 10. The board wants to schedule programs that appeal to the membership. Don't forget the Show and Tell on February 10. We are looking forward to seeing some lovely items.



FITCHBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Dues for one year:

Junior Historian (under 18)	3.00
Individual	5.00
Family	10.00
Business	20.00

Dues can be paid at the annual meeting or mailed directly to:

Fitchburg Historical Society
Janet Maves, Treasurer
5781 Chapel Valley Road # 206
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Membership cards can be picked up at the annual meeting or if you wish to have one sent please include a self addressed stamped envelope.