

Fitchburg Historical Society



MAY GENERAL MEETING

Throughout the histories of Fitchburg and Oregon, Wisconsin we know that the communities have been closely interwoven. We are delighted that our Historical Society will hold our Spring meeting at the new Oregon Historical Society building, 159 West Lincoln Street at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 1993.

Eeda Lumley, the Oregon Historical Society President and other Society members have been most gracious in their enthusiasm for our visit. I have had a "sneak preview" and I know you will enjoy their wonderful new home and the display of their many historic treasures.

Janet and Bob Keenan are active members of both the Fitchburg and Oregon Historical Societies. They have worked very hard on the Oregon building renovation and the establishment of excellent display areas.

We will meet at the building site in Oregon. See you on Sunday, May 16.



OFFICERS ELECTED - MEETING DATES SET

The Board of Directors met on Feb. 10th and elected the following slate of officers for the 1993-94 membership year. They are:

President - Kay Harty
Vice-President - Arlene Ace
Secretary - Winnie Lacy
Treasurer - Ellen Green

Dates for general membership meetings were also established. They are:

Sunday, May 16, 1993 - 1:30 p.m.
Oregon Historical Bldg.
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993 - 7 p.m.
Fitchburg Community Center
Sunday, Feb. 13, 1994 - 1:30 p.m.
Fitchburg Community Center



MARCH CARD PARTY

We are happy to report that our March card party was very successful. The proceeds of the party (\$160.00) have been given to Tom Kinney to assist him in the publication of his book about the Irish settlement in Fitchburg.

Thank you to all who made donations of food, money, time and effort. We also wish Tom much success as he completes his historic publication.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

Please make sure that your membership dues are paid by February each year. We wish to have all of you continue as members and it is easy to forget a Feb. expiration date unless we remind everyone.

Please send your renewal or new membership dues to our treasurer, Ellen Green, 5449 Irish Lane, Madison, WI 53711.

OLD FITCHBURG DAYS

Fitchburg's annual community festival will be held August 13, 14, & 15 in McGaw Park. The City and the Fitchburg Lions Club will act as co-sponsors of this year's event, which will also celebrate the 10th anniversary of Fitchburg's incorporation as a city.

The Historical Society will again participate as organizers of our popular "cakewalk" on Saturday, the 14th. As you know, we will need many, many cakes so mark your calendars now and plan to get involved in this fun event.



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PRESERVATION OF HISTORY

Don't forget about the Fitchburg Historical Society when you clean your attic, basement, closet, barn or tool shed. Our primary goal is to preserve Fitchburg history and we do need artifacts, newspapers, letters, postcards, antique clothing, pictures, signs, tools, etc., which we can display someday when we find a suitable location.

Please contact a Board member if you wish to make a donation of an antique, or if you might consider remembering us in your will.

NEW IDEAS WANTED

We are always looking for new ideas for program topics, speakers, etc. We wish to make our meetings educational and interesting. If you have any ideas for our organization, we do wish to hear from you. You may contact one of our Board members to give us the information.



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

This year at our annual meeting, long-time Board member, Stan Cross, declined to serve another 3 year term on the Board. We certainly respect Stan's desire to take a break, and appreciate all that he has offered to us during his time on the Board.

We are also pleased to announce that Marc Jones has agreed to serve as a Board member for this 3 year term. Because of Marc's appreciation and knowledge of Fitchburg history, we look forward to his input in the coming months.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNDERTAKES RAFFLE

This year the Pleasant Company, headquartered in Middleton, kindly responded to a request for donations by sending us several sets of books which are historic stories about the beautiful Pleasant Co. dolls. After lengthy discussion, the Board of Directors decided to offer the books as prizes in a raffle.

We want all members to be actively involved in this project. and are sending you raffle tickets with this newsletter to sell between now and "Old Fitchburg Days."

The price of the ticket is \$1.00 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5.00. More tickets may be obtained from Arlene Ace (271-3497). We prefer that you send ticket money and explanation of number of tickets sold to Ellen Green, treasurer, at 5449 Irish Lane, Madison, WI 53711. Any Board members will also be happy to assist you if necessary.

Please note that in addition to the books, prizes also include a handmade wooden quilt rack, a handcrafted footstool, and a Sunbonnet Girl quilted wallhanging.

Bob Langer is the talented craftsman of the quilt rack and footstool, and Ellen Green has designed and created the quilted wallhanging. We thank them for their lovely donations to our raffle.



NEW FITCHBURG MAYOR ELECTED

Congratulations to Fitchburg Historical Society member, Douglas Morrisette, who is now "his honor", the Mayor.