
DANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



The Dane County Historical Society Office and the Otto Schroeder Records Center are located in the lower level of the Lussier Family Heritage Building on Lake Farm Road just south of the Beltline near Lake Waubesa.

Volume 28

Spring 2009

Number 1

National History Day in Dane County

By Barbara Furstenberg

While March Madness was capturing media attention for student athletes, thousands of other school students were focused on putting finishing touches on their projects for National History Day. National History Day (NHD) is a nationwide competition that develops students' skills in conducting historical research using primary materials, analyzing historical information gleaned from a variety of sources, and presenting their interpretations in a critical, yet creative forum. This academic adventure provides tools that the students will need for a successful future. In Wisconsin, National History Day is sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society, with participation by mid-

dle and high schools from throughout the state.

For 2009, several Dane County schools will be participating and sending contestants to the State competition. Local schools in Madison, Middleton, Monona Grove, Mt Horeb, Waunakee and Wisconsin Heights school districts have submitted projects for the 2009 competition.

EAGLE School, an independent school in Madison, has been a large participator in National History Day for many years. Janice Lacock is the teacher at EAGLE who has spearheaded their participation. Again this year, Ms. Lacock's students have submitted a number of projects for the competition. On March 13, 2009, EAGLE judged all of the submissions from their students. The EAGLE judges then selected five projects from each category to be submitted to the regional competition which was held at the

Continued on page 2



Nate Smith (l), 2008 junior group documentary finalist, got a chance to meet renowned historical documentary film maker, Ken Burns (r), at the National History Day competition last year.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1-2. National History Day In Dane County
- 3-4. The Individual In History: Actions & Legacies
4. Call for New Board Members
5. Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory
6. DCHS Board Member David Pfankuchen
6. Ann Hartung Is New Board Member
7. 2009 Donations to DCHS
7. FORWARD! A History of Dane
7. DCHS Membership Information
8. President's Message from Mary Clark

Note: Volume 27, no. 4 (Winter 2008) not published.

National History Day... (Continued from page 1)

Wisconsin Historical Society on March 28, 2009. Eleven student projects from EAGLE were selected to move on to the state competition.

Nate Smith and Jeff Zhao are two eighth grade students at EAGLE School who will be participating in the National History Day competition this year. They have created a documentary about folk singer Pete Seeger. The two became friends at the national competition in 2008. Although they are in the same grade at EAGLE School, they had been in different classes and therefore did not know each other well until they shared the experience of presenting their projects on a national stage in Washington D. C. last year.

Nate Smith

Last year was actually Nate's third trip to the national competition. In 2006, he and another student created a performance project about the Black Hawk War, in which he played the roles of a rival chief to Black Hawk, President Andrew Jackson, and a contemporary Native American student. With that project, he learned the importance of having a strong bibliography and a research process that included interviews with scholars or primary sources.

So for his 2007 project, a documentary on Native American boarding schools, Nate traveled to Pennsylvania to visit the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School. Even though it is now a military base, this visit brought history to life for Nate. He took photographs of the buildings, located other existing pictures, wrote much of the script for the documentary, and narrated some of it. Interviews with two UW faculty members effectively separated segments of the documentary. That project was received well at the nationals, ranking around 30th.

For 2008, Nate created a documentary about the Chinese Exclusion Era. His interest had been piqued by photos of Chinese schools he had unearthed during his previous research and he wanted to explore the connection between this topic and modern day immigration policy. Nate and his family visited the Angel Island Center in San Francisco, where he saw a copy of a coaching book used by immigrants to pass interrogation. He interviewed a professor at the University of Minnesota, two UW faculty, and two docents at Angel Island. This documentary placed fifth at the national competition last year and won the Immigration History prize for best immigration project.

Jeff Zhao

Jeff came to EAGLE School in sixth grade from Sunset Ridge Elementary School in Middleton. His first National History Day project was an individual documentary on the Manhattan Project, a topic that appealed to him because of his interest in World War II and its relationship to nuclear terrorism. That documentary made it to the state competition.

For 2008 he made a documentary on the Kent State shootings. He chose that topic because he wanted to do something from the late twentieth century and because he is interested in the subject of civil disobedience. Jeff traveled to the Kent State campus and interviewed a professor and one of the students who had been shot. This project ranked tenth at the national competition.

2009 Project

Jeff and Nate chose Pete Seeger for their 2009 collaborative project because of his lifelong record of accomplishment. For over sixty years he has been involved in movements for peace, civil rights, labor, and the environment. His music has been an important factor because he has written special songs for each movement. In addition to speaking with several academic experts, the students interviewed Tom Smothers, Joan Baez, and even Pete Seeger himself.

Their National History Day participation has had an important impact on both boys. Nate wants to go into the history profession. Jeff has been inspired by the technology of documentaries and film-making. He is also making a film for an English class based on Let the Right One In, a Swedish horror novel.

The state competition to select entries for the National History Day competition took place at the Wisconsin Historical Society on Saturday May 2, 2009. This year's national competition will take place at the University of Maryland in College Park on June 14-18, 2009.

To learn more about National History Day and to experience the national contest through the eyes of Wisconsin students, check out the web site at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/teachers/historyday>.

**See the 2009 Membership
Information on page 7.
Please take time to renew for 2009.
We value your membership!**

The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies

By Barbara Furstenberg and Mary Clark

"The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies," is the theme for National History Day 2009. Student historians from all over Wisconsin are honing their projects hoping to represent the state at the National History Day competition in Washington D. C. this June. National History Day is an exciting academic adventure that helps students learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events while fostering their enthusiasm for learning. In Wisconsin, National History Day is sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society, with participation by middle and high schools from throughout the state.

In a culture dominated by publicity and accolades for student athletes, the Dane County Historical Society saluted the talented young National History Day contestants from Dane County, with an Open House and a program to share their research with the public. Those who visited the Open House took delight in, and were surprised by the high quality of academic achievement among Dane County's students.

The open house and program took place as part of the Dane County Historical Society's annual meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. Attendees were treated to a number of different topics celebrating individual accomplishments in history, as interpreted by these student historians in grades six through twelve. The historical interpretation took many forms of expression. The open house showcased five exhibits, eight documentaries, two live performances, and two web sites created by students from La Follette High School (Madison), Wisconsin Heights High School (Mazomanie), EAGLE School (Madison), Velma Hamilton Middle School (Madison), Mount Horeb High School, and Waunakee Middle School.

The day started with the open house from 1:00 to 2:30pm where attendees could walk around and view the exhibits and websites and talk to their student creators. The exhibits consisted of table-top displays organized to present the students' research of their topic. The exhibits told stories of individuals as diverse as Amelia Earhart, Alexander the Great, Cecil Rhodes, Confucius, and Rosie the Riveter. To put together these impressive and informative exhibits, the students had to fully understand their topic and be able to explain it in a clear and organized manner, focusing on the main points of their research.

Two young people showed off websites they had

created for their projects. Brittany Hauke of Waunakee Middle School presented a website highlighting her research on Nicholas Flamel, a fifteenth century alchemist who wrote about the Philosopher's Stone. William Henry Seward, the politician and outspoken opponent of the spread of slavery, was the subject of the website project of Samuel Buxton, a 5th grader from EAGLE School.

Additionally, five film documentaries made by students in a class in Advanced Research in the Sciences and Humanities at Wisconsin Heights High School were screened during the Open House. The documentaries presented were "The Life and Legacy of Elroy 'Crazylegs' Hirsch" by Isaac Kalsow; "Odessa Piper: Food Revolutionary" by Hannah Gemrich; "The Steenbock Legacy: Funding for the Future" by Dylan Hamel; and "Zona Gale: A Voice to be Remembered" by Taylor Landcaster. Each of these documentaries depicted a person from Wisconsin.

After the open house, the program showcased two live performances and two video documentaries.



Libby Scholz performs as Kay Clarenbach.

For the live performance portion of the program, Libby Scholz from Velma Hamilton Middle School recreated the career of Kay Clarenbach, local women's rights activist, by presenting a fictional talk show dramatizing an interview with Ms. Clarenbach and others.

Robert LaFollette's political career and particularly his staunch opposition to America's entry into WWI,

Continued on page 4



Jenna Matt portrays "Fighting Bob" La Follette.

was portrayed by Jenna Matt from Mount Horeb High School. Both young women researched their own material, wrote their scripts and played all the parts of the stories they told.

Two documentary videos were featured during the meeting:

A group of students from La Follette High School presented "Isaac Newton." This documentary was put

together by Colin Brochtrup, Bailey Derks, Nick Jensen, and Wendy Wolf. The film examined the life and accomplishments of the noted mathematician and physicist.

"We Shall Overcome: the Influence of Pete Seeger and his Music," a documentary film was presented by Nate Smith of EAGLE School. Nate teamed with Jeff Zhao to produce the film. They actually interviewed the legendary singer himself for the documentary; they also interviewed Joan Baez, on her recent concert tour in Madison.

During the program, each student was invited to comment about his or her project and answer questions from the audience. It was interesting to see what led the students to select their particular research topics.

The audience included members of our society and other Dane County historical organizations, parents, students, and other interested people. It proved to be a very interesting afternoon.

The Open House was a good start to Dane County Historical Society's efforts to shine public attention on the great work in historical research being done in Dane County schools. We look forward to working with even more Dane County teachers and students next year.

The Dane County Historical Society provided a scrumptious buffet of goodies, treats, bars and cookies for the students and attendees at the open house; and held an annual business meeting after the program.

Call for New Board Members

Dane County Historical Society Board has vacant board seats. Can you help? What does it require?

- Be a member in good standing of the Dane County Historical Society.
- Make a commitment and an effort to attend monthly board meetings (currently meets at 4:00pm on the 3rd Monday of every other month).
- Make a commitment and an effort to attend and represent the Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting; or at other programs/events sponsored by the Society.
- Serve on a standing Board committee.
- Advocate for and promote the Society and the Otto Schroeder Records Center to the Society membership and to the general public.

Especially if you have computer, webmaster, organizational, fundraising or library skills or experience

WE WANT YOU!!

If you think you could contribute a little time and enthusiasm to the Dane County Historical Society Board of Directors, please contact the Society (608 224-3605) or one of the current Board members.

Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory

Amy Hill Wyatt, *Digital Historic Preservation Coordinator*
Historic Preservation - Public History
Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory (AHI) is an online search engine that provides historical and architectural information on more than 130,000 properties all over Wisconsin; over 10,000 of the records in the Inventory document properties right here in Dane County. The AHI contains data on buildings, structures and objects that illustrate Wisconsin's unique history. The Inventory documents a wide range of historic properties such as round barns, log houses, metal truss bridges, small town commercial buildings, and Queen Anne houses that create Wisconsin's distinct cultural landscape. It is a permanent record maintained by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Since the mid-1970s, the Wisconsin Historical Society's Historic Preservation, Public History Division has been building a paper inventory of structures, sites, objects and historic districts throughout Wisconsin. The inventory records each contain information about the property's architecture and history as well as at least one photograph. The inventory is updated daily with new records, information and images.

Several years ago, The Society developed this online version of the Architecture and History Inventory that made the written information in the records more widely available to the public.

Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory

[AHI Home](#) | [Search the Inventory](#) | [About the Inventory](#) | [Disclaimer](#) | [Feedback](#)

[Refine Your Search](#) | [Need help searching?](#) | [Start a New Search](#)

This inventory card is merely a historical record of a property and may have inaccurate or misleading data. Inclusion in the inventory conveys no special status. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) for more details.

<<- Previous Record | Next Record ->>

County: DANE	Record #: 5203	Location: 113 MAIN ST
City or Village: BELLEVILLE	Town, Range, Section:	Quarter Sections:
Civil Town:	National Register Date:	State Register Date:
Unincorporated Community:	District:	
Current Name: MARTY'S BAKERY	NR Multiple Property Name:	
Survey Map: DOT	Historic Name:	Wall Material: Brick
Map Code: 23/9	Construction Date:	Structural System:
Survey Date: 1979	Designer Name:	Other Buildings on Site?:
Style or Form: Commercial Vernacular	Cultural Affiliation:	
Resource Type: retail building	Demolished Date:	

[View Additional Comments](#)



Example of a record from the Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory

Prior to that, researchers had to make an appointment to view the records housed at the Society headquarters in Madison. Although the online inventory was a huge step forward in making the collection more accessible, the project would not be complete until the Society could also scan and share digital copies of the thousands of photographs in the AHI records. A 2007 grant from the Evjue Foundation made it possible to scan the photographs of over 10,000 Dane County properties included in the inventory. You can

now view these photos as you search the inventory at <http://wisconsinhistory.org/ahi>. The photos represent the work of 35 years of survey of Wisconsin's historic landscape; this means you can often view multiple photos to see how the building has changed over time. It is very exciting that the public can now view these photos online as they read about the fascinating history of the architecture of Dane County. The photos really enhance the information in the inventory and help the viewer visualize the architectural details and historic elements that make the buildings worthy of appreciation and preservation.

WELCOME TO WISCONSIN'S ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY INVENTORY (AHI).

This resource is a search engine that provides historical and architectural information on approximately 120,000 properties in Wisconsin. The AHI contains data on buildings, structures and objects that illustrate Wisconsin's unique history. The AHI documents a wide range of historic properties such as the round barns, log houses, metal truss bridges, small town commercial buildings, and Queen Anne houses that create Wisconsin's distinct cultural landscape. It is a permanent record maintained by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

[Search the Inventory](#)

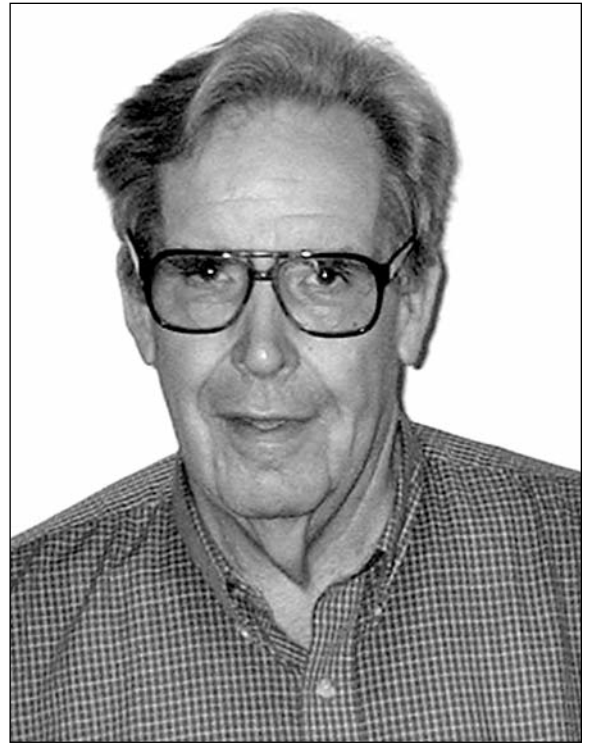
Keep in mind that this is not a comprehensive list of all old Wisconsin buildings and structures. The inventory has been assembled over a period of more than 25 years from a wide variety of sources. In many cases, the information is dated. Some properties may be altered or no longer exist. The majority of properties included in this inventory are privately owned and not open to the public. Inclusion in this inventory conveys no special status, rights or benefits to owners of these properties. Please respect the rights of private property owners when visiting any of these properties.



[Historic Preservation Home](#) | [Search the Inventory](#) | [About the Inventory](#) | [Disclaimer](#) | [Feedback](#)

DCHS Board Member David Pfankuchen

David Pfankuchen, friend and Dane County Historical Society board member, died on March 3, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born August 7, 1933, in Madison, son of Llewellyn E. and Gretchen (Kohler) Pfankuchen. David was a 1951 graduate of West High School in Madison. He attended the UW-Madison and went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota in 1958, with a B.A. degree in journalism. He was the news editor of the Madelia Times-Messenger in Madelia, Minn., from 1958-1960. He was subsequently hired by the Racine Journal Times in 1960. Starting out in Racine as a general assignment reporter, he covered the business and labor beat from 1961-1987. In 1980, he received the first place award from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for investigative reporting. David gravitated toward family and friends in Madison and retired there in 1989. He was loyal to his many classmates from the West High class of '51 and to the old gang from the newspaper, as well as to friends from his storied life as a dixieland jazz aficionado. For decades, he carried on a voluminous correspondence, tapping with gusto on his Royal manual typewriter. David owned a rare and historic collection of photographs of jazz personalities, many taken during visits to New Orleans in the waning years of the last great dixieland musicians. His photographs were frequently sought by publications such as the Mississippi Rag and editors of books on jazz. He was an early investor in the Jazz Emporium in Mendota, Minn., where the Hall Brothers Jazz Band performed and which he frequently photographed. In addition to serving on the Dane County Historical Society Board of Directors, he was a member of the Madison Jazz Society, and the United Nations Association. David was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1954 until 1956. He was stationed in the United States, France and Bavaria during the Korean War. He most enjoyed listening to his vast collection of jazz recordings, and was an avid reader, especially of World War II history.



Ann Hartung is New Board Member



Ann Hartung joined the Dane County Historical Society Board of Directors in January 2009. She is a life-long resident of Madison, graduating from Madison West High School. Ann attended UW-Milwaukee and recently retired after 28 years working in information technology at Capital Newspapers.

Ann lives on the east side of Madison. She is attending Madison Area Technical College to enhance her computer networking skills.

In her spare time, Ann enjoys reading, keeping up with politics, movies and her two cats, Cisco and Robbie. Welcome aboard, Ann!!

2009 Donations to DCHS

Donations of \$1000 or more

Madison Central Fund

Irwin and Robert Goodman

Donations of \$100-499

General Fund

Sharon Mulak & Lloyd Velicer

Donations up to \$99

General Fund

Sandra Bennett

John & Vera Dallman

Jack Davison

Patty Enger

Mabelle Ewald

Tom Fish

John & Bernice Gorman

Gary & Marilyn Hess

Jerome Hillebrand

Howard Kanetzke

Adrienne Imilkowski

David Pfankuchen

Marjorie Westergard

Stan Woods

Foundry Fund

George F. Jacobs *(In Memory of David Pfankuchen)*

Legacy Fund

Karen Baumann

Joanne Jensen *(In Memory of Lawrence Kivlin)*

Beverly Kneebone *(In Honor of Betty Barringer)*

(In Honor of Bob Barringer)

(In Honor of Almyra Kneebone)

(In Honor of Cheryl Schmidt Mueller)

Winnifred Lacy

Madison Central Fund

Joanne Jensen *(In Memory of Ron Harrington,*

Class of 1955)

Randall & Doris Montague

DANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Your continued interest and support enables the Society to carry out its goal preserving Dane County's heritage for tomorrow's generation.

(Circle your choice.)

Individual - \$15.00

Family - \$20.00

Contributing - \$45.00

Sustaining - \$65.00

Business/Professional - \$40.00

Student- \$10.00

Make your check payable to: Dane County Historical Society.

Mail to:

Dane County Historical Society
3101 Lake Farm Rd. • Madison WI 53711

The Dane County Historical Society has an office and archive room in the lower level of the Lussier Family Heritage Center, Lake Farm County Park at 3101 Lake Farm Road.

Phone: 608-224-3605

e-mail: dchs@danecountyhistory.org

Makes A Great Gift!

Dane County Historical Society

Presents

FORWARD! A History of Dane: the Capital County



FORWARD traces the history of Dane County through the twentieth century. As home to state government, Dane County history provides background and insight into the development of Wisconsin throughout this period. The book was researched and written by Allen Ruff and Tracy Will. Tracy Will is well known to many Wisconsinites as one of the hosts of the popular television series, *Wisconsin Stories*, developed cooperatively by Wisconsin Public Television and the Wisconsin Historical Society. The first published history of Dane County in nearly 100 years is replete with fascinating details and rich graphics. It has over 400 pages of text, hundreds of pictures, complete index, maps, photos, and graphics enliven the text.

I would like to order ____ number of copies:

Dane Historical Society Members @ \$26.95 each \$ _____

OR Non-Members @ \$29.95 each \$ _____

Shipping and Handling: Add \$3.00 per copy \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail to: DCHS, 3101 Lake Farm Rd., Madison, WI 53711

If you wish to pick up the book in person to save shipping and handling charge, please call DCHS (608-224-3605)

Dane County Historical Society
3101 Lake Farm Rd.
Madison, WI 53711

Return Service Requested

Please check your mailing label. If it says 2008, then you have not yet renewed your subscription in DCHS. Please renew now!! If it says COUR, you are receiving this Courtesy Copy of the newsletter as a friend of the Society

Non Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Madison, WI Permit No. 1
--

President's Message from Mary Clark



Mary Clark

Things are very busy at Dane County Historical Society. As 2008 came to a close, the DCHS Board of Directors was already planning for spring activities and a successful 2009.

During 2008, the Society presented a number of public programs, increased the membership, made the Madison Mirror available online, erected an historical marker, collaborated with our sister societies and ended the fiscal year in the black. For this newsletter, we have presented some of the highlights from 2008; the full report can be seen online at: <http://www.danecountyhistory.org/about/annrpt08.pdf> Much more detail and photos are available in the full annual report. If you don't have access to the website or if you would prefer to have a paper copy mailed to you, please contact us at 3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI 53711 (608-224-3605) to request a copy.

All in all, 2008 was a very good year! But we can't let it stop there. We have some goals for the coming year: Increase membership by another 10% in 2009; Increase collaborative projects with other societies; Work toward collaborating with school districts with programs for youth; Fill vacant seats on the board of directors; Reorganize the archive and complete the electronic cataloging project

If you would like to help, please let us know.

Mary Clark

The Dane County Historical Society Newsletter is published quarterly (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter), by the Dane County Historical Society and printed by The Printing Place. Submissions are due 15 days prior to publication. Reader reviews, testimonials, flak and flattery, are also welcome. Send to: DCHS Newsletter, 3101 Lake Farm Rd. Madison, WI 53711. E-mail: dchs@danecountyhistory.org Mary Clark, President, Howard Sherpe, Editor, Dane County Historical Society
