
DANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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2023 Annual Meeting • Dane County Historical Society **Sunday, June 4, 2023** **Seven Acres Dairy Company • Paoli, WI**



The Dane County Historical Society will hold its 2023 Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 4, at the newly-opened Seven Acres Dairy Company in Paoli.

The annual program will start at approximately 1:30 pm and will feature guest speaker Craig Deller. (The noontime meal beforehand is optional.) Craig is an internationally-recognized

conservator who recently returned from the caves and cliff shelters in the Pang Mapha District of the Mae Hong Son Province of SW Thailand, where he will be consulting on the conservation of many 2,000-year-old teak log burial caskets.

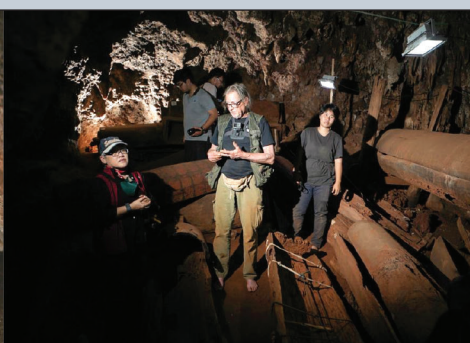
Craig will also be retained by DCHS to conserve the 20 Civil War Memorial Plaques that DCHS recently acquired. More about that at the annual meeting will also be shared. This portion of the program is free to DCHS members and others interested but will still require registration since the meeting room can only hold 50 people. A newsletter with a registration form will be mailed soon. Hope to see you all there. Email us if you have questions at danecountyhistory@gmail.com.

DCHS Annual Meeting - Guest Speaker

Craig Deller, Fellow, American Institute of Conservation

As a professional conservator, Craig has had a wide variety of projects to work on, from the furniture in Abe Lincoln's home to the metal finishes of a telescope at the Adler Planetarium. In addition, the Dane County Historical Society has been consulting with Craig about restoring the 20 Civil War brass memorial plaques we acquired last summer.

So it made sense that we would ask him to talk about the Dane County Civil War Memorial Plaque project plus some others he has been a part of. Top on the list would be the exciting news that Craig recently



traveled to Thailand to consult with the local authorities about the many 2,000-year-old teak log caskets in the caves of north-west Thailand. Craig is a Fellow of the American Institute of Conservation and has a specialty in preserving wood so was the right person for the job.

CHLOE FOOR digital specialist



Hi everyone! My name is Chloe Foor, and I am the new Digital Specialist with Dane County Historical Society! I am a junior at UW-Madison, where I am studying History, Computer Science, and Information Science. Outside of classes, I am the social event coordinator for Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honors Society, as well as the treasurer for the UW- Madison Euchre Club. I enjoy reading, collecting vinyl records, hanging out with friends, and exploring Madison! I am super excited to work with Dane County Historical Society, and cannot wait to see what comes my way this upcoming semester!

The story of how I got this job is pretty serendipitous. Last summer, I worked as a Public History Intern with the Historic Indian Agency House in Portage, WI. While there, I would digitize collections, clean artifacts, and give tours. Since the Agency House is a pretty small museum, the tours would usually end up being just me and the family who came in. One fateful day, I gave a tour to a pair of grandparents and their grandchildren. Little did I know, I was giving a tour to Peter Williams, who is on the board of the Dane County Historical Society. Everyone was super engaged in the tour, and as it was winding down, Peter asked me about myself. I told him that I'm a student at UW majoring in History and Computer Science (the addition of Information Science is a very recent development in my college plan). Peter told me that they were looking for someone to work on the digital side of things at the Historical Society, I gave him my email, and the rest is history—no pun intended. Rick Bernstein and I connected with each other early into the Fall 2022 semester, and a few months later, I officially started with Dane County Historical Society!

My big project during this internship will be to add metadata to the Kronenberg Collection. This collection includes over 1500 architectural drawings done by Ferdinand Kronenberg, an architect who spent decades working in the Madison area. Adding metadata to these will allow us to publish these drawings digitally through Recollection Wisconsin, and ensure accessibility to them for years to come! Some other projects could include adding metadata to a few other collections, as well as possibly reworking the website! I am excited for the coming semester and all of the adventures that I will have as a part of this internship! I am so thankful for everyone who has helped me along the way, especially Peter Williams, Rick Bernstein, and the rest of the Dane County Historical Society board.

Treasure Trove of Oral Histories from Historic Madison to be Digitized

In the early 1980s, Historic Madison began recording oral histories. Ruth Doyle, Betty Gay Kurtenacker, Hallie Lou Blum, Julia Schwenn, Lorraine Orchard, Lynn Hartridge, and Marie McCabe interviewed more than sixty Madisonians, some of who were 100 years old at the time. Among them: David Couper, Connie Elvehjem, Joyce Erdman, Otto Festge, Walter Frautschi, Lowell Frautschi, Lucile Miller, David Mollenhoff, Vito Paratore, Walter Plaenert, Ellis Potter, Gordon Sinykin, William Bradford Smith, Betty Smith, Paul Soglin, Dick Wagner, James Wright and Florence Zmudzinski.

The histories were transcribed by Historic Madison in the late 1990s. Very soon, both transcripts and the actual interviews will be available on the Dane County Historical Society website and the Madison Public Library website. In addition, Chloe Foor, our student employee, is working with Troy Reeves, archivist at UW-Madison, and staff at Recollection Wisconsin to make the audio files and the transcripts easily accessible to a much larger audience.

These fascinating oral histories record memories of growing up along Third Lake and downtown and in the Bush and on Regent Street and in the Latin Quarter. They include eyewitness accounts of the 1904 Capitol fire and the fire that destroyed the dome on Bascom Hall in 1916. They mention wooden sidewalks, windmills in University Heights, a school shooting, German classes being removed from Madison's public schools during World War I, a Pledge of Allegiance controversy, May Day activities on Bascom Hill, construction of the present Capitol building, the grandstand collapse at Camp Randall, the passage of the equal housing ordinance, struggles by African Americans, Vietnam War riots on State Street, a UW coed being chastised by the women's matron for swimming without stockings – "a Wisconsin woman does not appear in public with her legs exposed." And so much more.



If all politics is local, all history must be local, too. John Englesby of Morrisonville demonstrated that through a long life spent in Morrisonville his fascination with its people.

Englesby, who was born in Madison in 1942, attended grade school in Morrisonville, high school in DeForest, and college at the UW-Madison. He taught in the Sun Prairie public schools and was a member of the DeForest Historical Society – at the time of his death its archivist-curator – and was proud of his role in creating the archival center of the DeForest Area Public Library.

Former library staffer Jane Hintz told the DeForest Times-Tribune that Englesby was the “backbone” of the historical society, where he served on the board for many years. But he also soaked up the history of communities throughout Wisconsin as a member of the Wisconsin Council of Local History.

2023 Dane County Historical Society Annual Meeting Registration Form

Send to: Dane County Historical Society
3101 Lake Farm Park
Madison, WI 53716

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Local Historical Society (If Applicable) _____

Number of attendees _____

Amount Enclosed (@ \$33 a person) _____

Make Checks out to Dane County Historical Society

We expect to have room for fifty attendees. We expect the event to fill up quickly so please send in your registration as soon as you. We will return your check made out to Dane County Historical Society if we reach capacity before we receive your registration. Questions can be emailed to danecountyhistory@gmail.com.



Luncheon (Optional) • Noon - June 4, 2023

Fixed Price - \$33

MAINS

Buffet Spread with ½ Sandwiches & Homemade Soup to include:

Roast Beef Sandwiches- cold roast beef, landmark cheese, horseradish mayonnaise, knight farm lettuce, tomato.

Grilled Cheese - Depplers baby Swiss, piccalilli mustard relish, house-made white bread
Tomato Soup or Soup of the Day

BEVERAGES

Water • Drip Coffee • Fountain Soda

SIDE DISHES

Pasta Salad & The Perfect Salad with Knight Farm Greens, Puffed Wild Rice, and Honey Vinaigrette

SEVEN ACRE SIGNATURE DESSERT SELECTIONS

Homemade Cookies & ½ Apple Pie

Dane County Historical Society 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ Renewing Member

☐ New Member

Levels of Membership (check only ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/> Student, w/valid student ID	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Aldo Leopold	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Thornton Wilder	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Eston Hemings Jefferson	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Professional Membership	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Belle LaFollette	\$1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Membership	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Lloyd Wright	\$2,500.00

I am enclosing an extra donation of \$ _____ in addition to my membership.

If you would like to designate your gift to a specific use other than our general fund, please let us know here:

Donations to DCHS in memory of loved ones are an excellent way to help our non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

**Make checks payable to & mail to:
Dane County Historical Society
3101 Lake Farm Road
Madison, WI 53711**

Please answer the following questions by checking the appropriate boxes.

How would like to receive the newsletter: ☐ Mail ☐ E-mail

Would you like to receive an email reminder about special events?

☐ Yes ☐ No

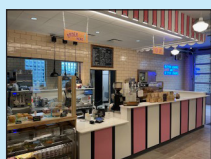
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History of the Paoli Co-Operative Creamery Company Plant

The history of the Paoli Co-Operative Creamery Company Plant tells a fascinating story about the role of the creamery in Dane County and the celebrated Dairy State. Before it was the state-of-the-art farm-to-table restaurant it is today, its production of butter, cream and cheese was tied at the hip to the larger dairy-based economy.

The plant processed and distributed the goods of dozens of farmers in the Paoli area, first, under the co-operative farming system, then, under the umbrella of Pabst Farms. During its time in operation between c. 1925 and 1980, the plant expanded to meet the needs of the various milk, cheese, and butter processing that occurred within the building, which oftentimes required new equipment and shipping procedures.



The expansion of the Paoli Co-Operative Creamery Company Plant was necessary to incorporate twentieth-century advancements in processing machinery. The Creamery was a major force in supporting the small rural community's agricultural industry and was vital in keeping local farms afloat by limiting competition and providing an easier method for bringing their products to the market.

The former Paoli Creamery now houses the Seven Acre Dairy Company. The new dairy company will center around a micro dairy plant focused on soft serve ice cream and butter made on site, using milk from many of the same farm families that delivered to the original factory before it was shuttered in 1980.