

Ashwaubenon
Historical Society
AND MUSEUM
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OUR MISSION

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose goal is the preservation of Ashwaubenon's past and present through the collection and interpretation of historical records and artifacts of the area.

Preserving the memories of yesterday for the generations of tomorrow.

TWO NEW DOLLS IN THE MUSEUM



Two dolls were recently donated to the Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum.

A Heubach-Kopplesdorf German doll (left) was donated by Ashwaubenon Historical Society member, Lorraine Petersen. These dolls were made between 1919-1932. The doll belonged to Lorraine's mother. She kept the doll in a suitcase, wrapped in a blanket. Lorraine said she did not know of the doll's existence until she helped her mom move out of her house. The doll's history is unclear. The name "Florence" was handwritten on the doll, and Lorraine's mother had an Aunt Florence. Mary Huebner, Ashwaubenon, restored the doll. Mary is an avid collector of antique dolls, specializing in Italian felt dolls from the 1920's.



A 95-100 year-old doll was donated by Ilmae Buckoski. It was originally owned by a cousin who died at age seven of tuberculosis. The girl's mother kept the doll for several years and later gave it to Ilmae's mother to give to her. Ilmae named the doll Mary Lou and said it cried when you laid it down. The doll has no markings to identify the maker. It has a cloth body, tin eyes, felt tongue, painted hair, and a composite body. About 20 years ago, a woman in

Seymour did some restoration and made the clothes the doll now wears. Although she is not originally from Ashwaubenon, it is where Ilmae raised her family and lived for 52 years before moving to De Pere, Wisconsin.



MAY WE BORROW YOUR WEDDING DRESS?

In March 2013, the Museum is going to open a display of wedding dresses across the decades beginning in 1900. We still need dresses from the 1910's, 1920's, 1940's, 1970's and 2000's. Do you have one from any of these years we can borrow? We'd need it for several months and would like to include a history of the dress, a photo, and wedding memorabilia. The dress should be from someone that was a resident of Ashwaubenon at the time of the wedding. If you can help, please call Mary Selner (437-3570) or Janet Klipstine (339-9519).

BACK TO WISCONSIN: WHERE IS ASHWAUBENON?

Jean Watson

It was the spring of 1970 and I decided to move back to Wisconsin from Maryland with my two young children. My parents, who lived in Clintonville, where I grew up, suggested we move to Green Bay so we would be close to them. I thought that was a good idea so my parents found us an apartment on Fox Heights Lane, which we really liked.

My first task after moving was to find a teaching job. I went to the Green Bay School District office, had an interview that day, and was offered a job. The next day, a woman living in our apartment building asked me if I was applying for a teaching job in Ashwaubenon. I asked her where Ashwaubenon was and she said we were living in Ashwaubenon!

Because it was close to where we lived, I went to Valley View School to apply. I had an interview with the

principal, Mr. Gene Burns, and he hired me to teach fourth grade. In Maryland, where I taught, we had to share books. I was amazed to discover that Valley View had a room full of books and was well equipped. I taught at Valley View for five years, one at Pioneer School, and back at Valley View for the rest of my career. I walked to school everyday, regardless of the weather.

Two years after moving to Ashwaubenon, we moved to a duplex on the corner of Orrie and Echo Lanes, and that is where I still reside.

My children really enjoyed being raised in Ashwaubenon, and I felt it was a safe and friendly place to live. I have been retired for 16 years and have no plans to leave the area.

MEET OUR MEMBERS



Werner and Jackie Burkat have been members of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society since 2008 and enjoy learning about Ashwaubenon's

history. Werner grew up on Long Island, New York, and was living in Philadelphia before moving to Ashwaubenon when he married Jackie. He retired after working for 17 years as assistive technology specialist at Options for Independent Living. Jackie grew up in Marathon, Wisconsin, and lived in several Midwest states before moving to Green Bay in 1975 and Ashwaubenon in 1980. She was a librarian with the Nicolet Federated Library System prior to retirement. Werner has helped with computers at the Ashwaubenon Historical Society, and Jackie edits the newsletter.

"TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" TREE DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

Stop in at the Museum to see the tree decorated with "The Twelve Days of Christmas" ornaments. The toys under the tree were donated by Ashwaubenon Historical Society member, Peggy Wellems. Some belonged to her husband, Daniel, who grew up in East De Pere in the 1950's. Others were purchased by Peggy at various sales.



In the July issue of the newsletter, Mary Ann Mullin's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

COMING EVENTS

The calendar for the year is on the Society's website: www.ashhs.com

Nov. 29 6:30 p.m. General meeting
Dec. 27 No general meeting

Jan. 24, 2013 Winter Gathering at Stadium
View Bar and Grill



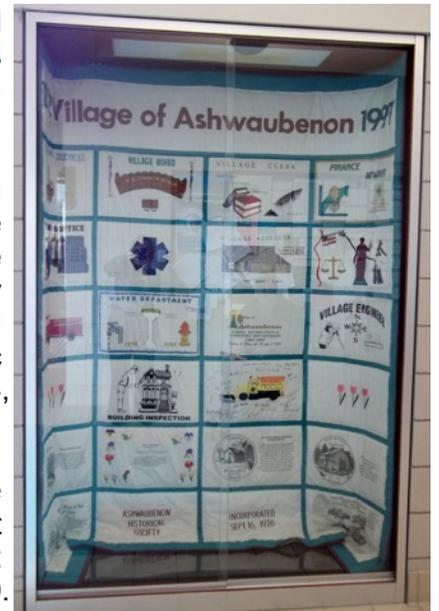
ASHWAUBENON 125th ANNIVERSARY QUILT AT VILLAGE HALL

In 1997, Ashwaubenon was 125 years old. In 1872, it received its charter for a strip of land between De Pere and Fort Howard. As part of a celebration of this anniversary, the Ashwaubenon Historical Society asked the Village of Ashwaubenon to participate by making a quilt. Each office and department was given a quilt block to decorate. With help from the businesses Ad Ideas and Threads, Joyce Capelle assembled the quilt. The completed quilt hangs in a wall cabinet in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall. It was recently cleaned by members of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society. The blocks, from left to right, beginning at the top, were prepared by the following:

Administration	Village Board	Village Clerk	Finance Department
Treasurer's Office	Police Department	Village Assessor	Court
Fire Department	Water Department	Parks and Recreation	Village Engineer
Tulips*	Building Inspection	Street Department	Tulips
House Plate*	Beautification	Church Plate*	School Plate*
Hocker's Plate*	Ash. Historical Society	Date of Incorporation	Wagon Train*

*The two tulip squares recognize the work of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society Beautification Committee. In 1995, it held a tulip sale and in 1996, its first annual plant sale. From 1996 to 2000, the Committee planted tulips on 40 corners in Ashwaubenon.

*The "plate" blocks are depictions of three plates that were sold during Ashwaubenon's Centennial in 1972. The house plate depicts the residence of Mikail Erickson. He moved to Ashwaubenon in 1872 and built a home. The church plate shows the Ashwaubenon Moravian Church, dedicated on July 27, 1890. The small chapel now stands at the corner of Babcock Road and Highway 172. The school plate commemorates Ashwaubenon's first public school known as East School and later, Cormier School. It opened on May 4, 1872.



The Hocker's plate was produced for the 125th anniversary celebration. The back of the plate reads: Hocker's Brick and Tile. Ashwaubenon's oldest business. Founded in 1864 by Narcisse Derosier, it was purchased in 1872 by John Hockers, who also ran other brickyards in the area since 1869. Millions of bricks and drain tiles were produced each year. The brick yard was originally located at 2285 S. Broadway, but relocated to its present site (2870 S. Broadway) in 1896...."

*In 1998, Barbara Smits, then Ashwaubenon Historical Society president, was the main organizer of a wagon train to celebrate Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial. For 16 days in May and early June, it traveled the old military road from Prairie du Chien to Green Bay going through or nearby 47 communities.

PLATES FOR SALE

The commemorative plates depicted on the 125th anniversary quilt are available for sale at the Museum. The house, church, and school plates are available in a set of three for \$25.00, or individually for \$10.00. The Hocker plate is available for \$5.00.



WINTER GATHERING DATE SET

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society will hold its Winter Gathering on January, 24, 2013, at the Stadium View Bar and Grill. It will include a family style dinner. Those attending are invited to bring a wrapped gift to be used as part of door prizes. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Charlotte Nelson and Judy Schroeder are coordinating this event.



AND MUSEUM

737 Cormier Road
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

HOURS

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Saturdays
Closed January - February
Admission: \$1.00

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MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2013 (January 1 to December 31)

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