



Hawks Inn Newsletter

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Quilts have played an important role in Hawks Inn history



June, 1987 quilt show at the St. John's fieldhouse

In the 1980s, a group of Hawks Inn ladies began fundraising for the Inn by making a quilt each year to be raffled, often at the Ice Cream Social. This was very successful, but in 1987 they took on the enormous task of sponsoring a two day show at St. John's Military Academy (as it was known then). The records show that 194 quilts were displayed. The task of securing and/or building racks for that many quilts fell to the male members. Two of them even slept overnight in the gym to provide security. Admission to the show was \$3 and the Academy kitchen also served a luncheon for a modest price.

The mission of Hawks Inn is to teach and preserve history. The current exhibit is titled, *History in Stitches, From the 1800s to the 1990s: Works of Art Made with Love.* The History Center is open Wednesdays from 9 to noon and Saturdays 1 to 4 p.m.



Current quilt display through March 29

Until the end of March, the Delafield History Center is displaying a dozen pieces from the Hawks Inn collection of about 80 quilts, all documented in the National Quilt Index.

The quilt above, in the Dresden Plate pattern with an Ice Cream Cone border, was made in 1987. There was no record of who won it through the raffle at the St. John's show, but it was returned to us last summer by a woman who found it in a thrift shop. A label on the back that says "HAWKS INN QUILTERS- QUILT No. 4 - MARCH 1987," prompted this thoughtful gesture to return it to its place of origin.

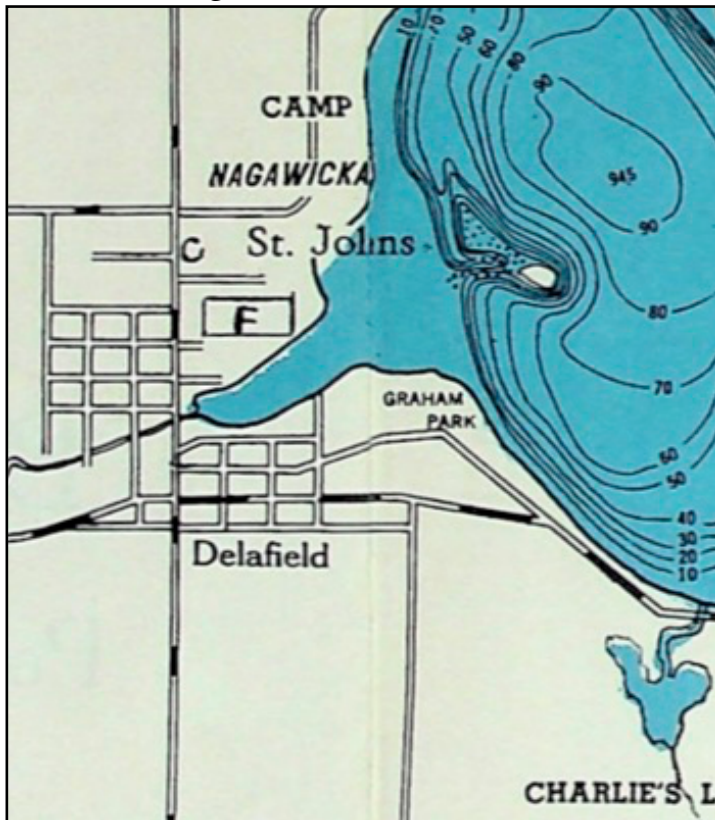
The most fragile quilt on display has a signature of Frances Hawks, youngest daughter of the Hawks family, who grew up in the Inn in the 1840s-'50s.

Become a Friend & Donate

Your donation will help preserve the Hawks Inn and Delafield History's educational and cultural opportunities we offer for all.

You may mail a check to P.O.Box 180104 Delafield WI 53018 or donate through our website <https://hawksinn.org/become-a-friend-donate/>

From our Digital Archives



McGowan's Sportsman's Map

<https://hawksinn.org/archive/>

Check out our digital archives for the full size hydrologic map of "*Land o' Lakes - Showing Roads, Lakes, Reefs and Depths of Lakes for Boating and Fishing*." There is no date on the map which was prepared by the njk, Wisconsin Map Service.

McGowan's Beer Depot and Liquor Store in Okauchee sponsored the map with a small ad for the business on a side panel. Of the 20 area lakes shown, Pewaukee Lake is the largest at 2,310 acres and Lake Nagawicka the 4th largest at 900 acres. The lake area statistics may have been updated since the map was drawn. An accompanying legend lists the information.

It can be downloaded from our website, but we ask that a donation be made. We pay a monthly fee to maintain the amount of space needed for the archives. Other things to be found there are the extensive diaries of Nelson Crocker Hawks in his handwriting, Margaret Zerwekh's postcard collection, an 1876 township map, area historic images, and much more.

2023 Event Schedule

April 28	Annual Meeting with light refreshments- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Opening of Willie G. Davidson Art Exhibit
April 29	Public opening of Davidson Art Exhibit
June 3	Rhubarb Fest - Rhubarb Desserts and Music - 1 - 4 p.m.
August 5	Ice Cream Social - Root Beer Floats and Music = 1 - 4 p.m.
December 3	Christmas at the Inn - An 1850s Family Event 1 - 4 p.m.

In Memory of Shirley Seltzer

by Mary Daniel

Shirley Seltzer's passion for genealogy led her and her husband Norman to be active in Civil War reenactments and they both volunteered at Hawks Inn beginning in 1973.

An accomplished watercolorist, seamstress and research specialist were talents she shared as a volunteer. Shirley's organizational imprint will live forever here in our archives to help us teach and preserve the history of Hawks Inn and Delafield. Her period correct dresses helped your step back in time to 1846-1863.

Shirley's guidance during the building of the History Center in 1997 made it the perfect place to have an event, present a program, sit on the porch to look at the Inn and its gardens and rescue a kitten, Nellie.

Shirley Seltzer

September 29, 1931—December 17, 2022



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Willie G. Davidson Exhibit

We are welcoming Willie G.'s art to the History Center for the second time since 2021.

The exhibit opens to the public on April 29th from 1 to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 to noon. Call 262-646-4794 to arrange other showings.