

Hawks Inn Newsletter

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Rhubarb Fest is Back

Easily becoming one of our most popular events, Rhubarb Fest will be held again on the first Saturday of June, with entertainment by the Milwaukee Contemporary Bluegrass group Chicken Wire Empire.



Saturday, June 3rd - 1 to 4 p.m.

Hawks Inn - 426 Wells St. Delafield

Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs for an entertaining afternoon

Rhubarb desserts for sale in the History Center

Provided by our partners:

Rhubarbeque sandwiches specially created by Revere's Rhubarb inspired drinks by I.d.

Fresh rhubarb for sale from BrynTeg Farm in Oconomowoc

Willie G. Davidson watercolor exhibit in the History Center (over xxx paintings by the iconic Willie G.)

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/



l to r.:Ron Christman, Aaron Coch, Arnold Parkinson, Jerry Nuernberger.

Delafield map framed for DPW

A large aerial map of Delafield, that had been stored for years at the Department of Public Works in Delafield, was brought to the History Center. Arnold Parkinson, with the help of Ron Christman, framed it. It will now hang in the DPW conference room. The map was created by the SE Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in 1970. The above photo was taken in the map gallery of the Delafield History Center's lower level behind the library.

We remember Hugh Evans

The oldest Friend of Hawks Inn has died at age 99. Hugh Evans often visited the History Center, continuing to drive out from his home in Greendale until well into his 90s,. He was a proud alumnus of Cushing School, growing up on the Evans farm which is now part of Lapham Peak State Park. The barn still stands just south of the entrance.

When the Hausmann Nature Center was being planned at the park, Hugh donated a bag of arrowheads that he and his dad had collected over years of plowing.

At age 41, Hugh joined the staff at the Milwaukee County Zoo, was the first supervisor of the Children's Petting Zoo (now the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm) and retired in 1986 as the assistant general curator.

Officers re-elected

At the Annual Meeting on April 28, the following were re-elected to the Hawks Inn Board: Mary Daniel, president; Mernie Williams, vice-president; Jean Yeomans, secretary; Kathy Sidders, treasurer; Gayle Maney, Jean Ericson and Tim Aicher, members at large.



Our library is a treasure

The Jim Babcock Library is a treasure trove of books for antique lovers. Jim bought books on a variety of topics to consult in his antiquing business over the years. There are audio visual items of interest for viewing, as well as past issues of the Waukesha County Historical Society's magazine.

The collection was donated in 2014 and has been located in the lower level of the Delafield History Center ever since. Jean Yeomans, a retired reference librarian and board member of the Hawks Inn Historical Society, has been cataloging the collection over the past seven years. A local Girl Scout troop helped in the initial cataloging sometime in the past

Over 1,700 books are in the collection which features Wisconsin and local history, architecture, Civil War, collectibles and furniture, to mention a few topics. The books are available to use by anyone whenever the History Center is open. The books cannot be checked out at this time. A library table is available for projects and there are plenty of chairs to sit in and peruse a book.

Inn maintenance is continuous

With any house, especially very old ones, maintenance is an ongoing process and we are keeping up with it.

Plaster repairs around the chimney on the second floor are complete and the third floor west side chimney plaster repair is also finished. The east side chimney repair will be completed soon, as we had discovered a leak in the roof which has since also been repaired.

Our summer project is to refresh the third floor, featuring beds and bedding, which will include animal hides and lap robes .

June 3......Rhubarb Fest 1 to 4 p.m.