



# Hawks Inn Newsletter

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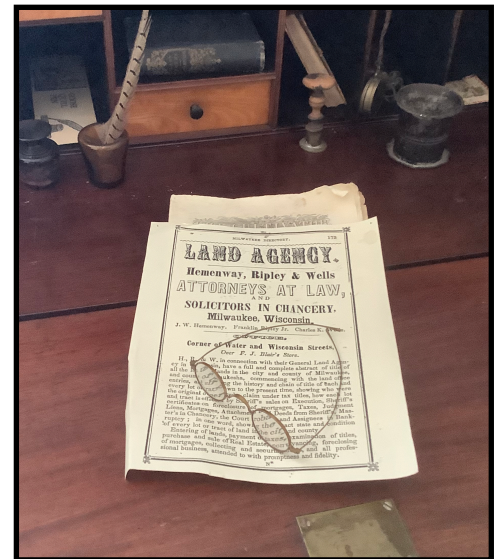
## Exciting Changes at the Stagecoach Inn

House museums, as Hawks Inn is, are not necessarily frozen in time. Just as Mrs. Hawks might have done in the 1850s, the furniture is rearranged, the ingrain carpets (reversible so the pattern appears on both sides) flipped, and different accessories are brought out of storage to refresh the rooms. With the help of the volunteers, our curator, Ron Christman, has taken on that task recently and the results are exciting to see.

At right is the **Ladies Parlor**. The furniture was rearranged and polished and a bright area rug replaced the carpet. A recently discovered and excellent oil painting by Permelia Hawks Sperry (daughter of Nelson and Hannah Hawks) has been copied and is now hanging in the parlor.



Above is **Nelson Hawks' office**, just off the dining room. It features a collection of Civil War artifacts and a grouping of Native American stone tools found in Waukesha County.



On Nelson's desk is a page from a Milwaukee directory referring to "Solicitors in Chancery" a British term referring to lawyers who dealt in real estate and property matters.



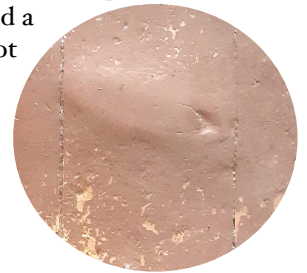


The **Sleigh Bedroom**, with an appropriate area rug, now features a full mosquito netting draped over the mahogany sleigh style bed.

The wardrobe is opened to display the Inn's fabulous collection of quilts. There are color photos and an identifying description of each quilt.

Next to this bedroom is now a "birthing room." Down the hall another bedroom has been opened to allow visitors a new vantage point to view the room and its adjoining children's room.

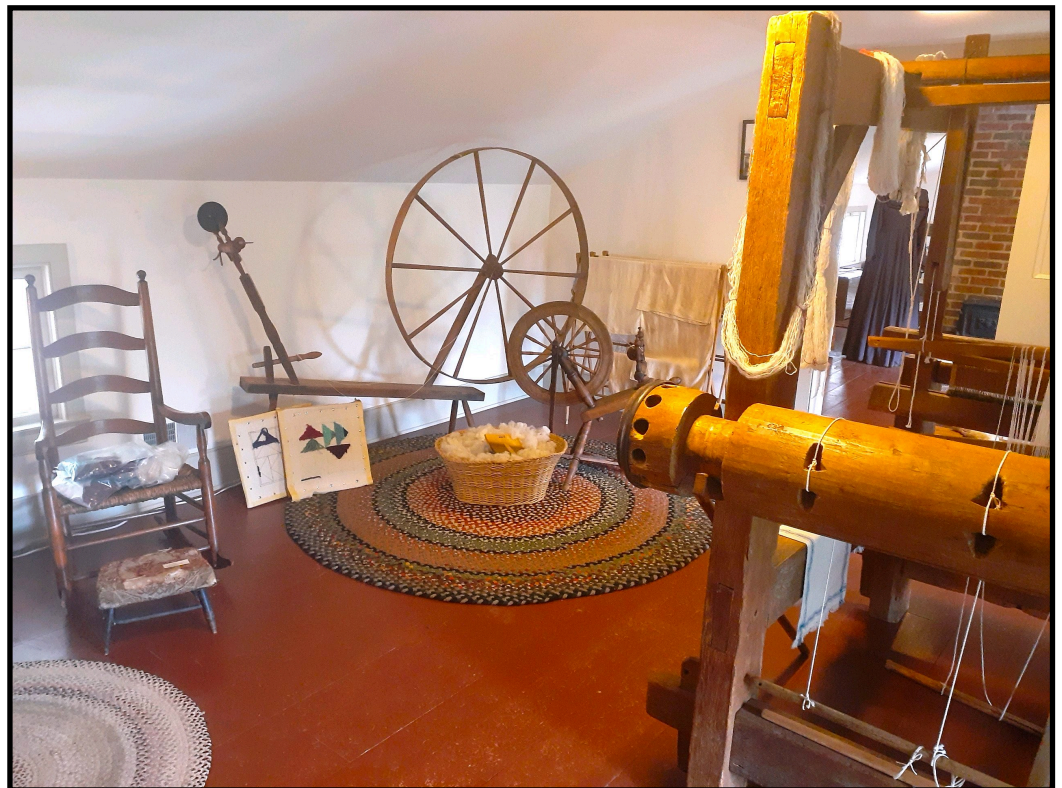
The removal of a carpet runner in the hall revealed a large raised knot in the floorboards showing what 176 years of everyday wear had done.



The **Weaving Room** has a new look. The Cream City Rug Hookers Guild will be adding a rug hooking loom to complete the exhibit. The Cream City group has often met in the History Center in the summer for several days of meeting and demonstrating their artistry with rug hooking.

The **Multi-Purpose Room** has been divided into four areas:

1. 19<sup>th</sup> century fashions
2. Hair combs and hair jewelry
3. The Inn's collection of Ingrain carpets
4. Three lighted dioramas, done in miniatures, showing life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## 2022 Event Schedule

<b>August 6</b> .....	Ice Cream Social (1 to 4 p.m.)
<b>August 13</b> .....	Celebration of the Arts (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
<b>August 20</b> .....	Film and lecture about Charles Dix and his art by his sister, Barbara Timmel (2 p.m.)
<b>September 3</b> .....	Dix Art Exhibit Closes
<b>September 27</b> .....	Grand opening of Regional Art in America (5 to 8 p.m.)
<b>October 29</b> .....	Inn Closes for Season
<b>December 3</b> .....	Christmas at the Inn (3 to 6 p.m.)