



# Hawks Inn Newsletter

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Rope Bed



Murphy Bed

After a decade of being in disuse and disrepair, it was decided to commit some donated funds to repair the broken plaster and refresh the third floor of the Stagecoach Inn. The emphasis is on ***Beds & Bedding in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century***, including a rope bed left undressed to show the roping pattern, a rare late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> century Murphy Bed and a walnut Sleigh Bed with hand carved diamond decorations on the head and footboards. This bed, along with several other items in the Inn's collection are listed in the Wisconsin Decorative Arts database of documented Wisconsin made items

<https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/wda/>

The beds are dressed with corn husk mattresses supported on a platform of ropes stretched between the bed rails. A "feather tick" is placed on top of the mattress. This is a soft feather filled pad covered in a tightly woven cloth referred to as "ticking." Hand woven linen sheets and a quilt for the Inn's collection complete the fully dressed bed. One of the sets of sheets has a date of 1840 embroidered on them - a feature rarely seen on more everyday items.

Another feature on the third floor is an alcove with a writing desk, so travelers could post a letter from the post office located in the Tap Room on the first floor of the Inn. Nelson Hawks was also the postmaster.

All of these updating tasks, including the publishing of this newsletter are performed by a group of dedicated enthusiasts who volunteer their time and effort to preserve our local history and make it available to the community.

Also, don't miss the 19<sup>th</sup> century Wag-on-the Wall clock located just inside the Inn's front entrance.



Sleigh Bed



Ron Christman, Curator

# Saturday, August 5

## Hawks Inn - 426 Wells St. - Delafield

### ***Antiques Yard Sale***

#### ***10 am to 4 pm***

The front yard of the Inn will be filled with Antique and Vintage Collectibles from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, including some items from Hawks Inn.



To all the volunteers who made our Rhubarb Fest so successful: the 22 desserts prepared, the benches painted, the gardens planted, weeded and watered. We also are so grateful for the ongoing help to keep the History Center and the Inn so welcoming to visitors.

### **Coming New Art Exhibit**

Opening in the History Center, September 30<sup>th</sup>,  
***American Art 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Exhibit:***  
***Hudson River School through Modernism.***  
Open Wednesdays 9-12 and Saturdays 1-4.

### **2023 Event Schedule**

**September 2** .....  
Closing of Willie G. Davidson Exhibit  
**September 30** .....  
Opening of new art exhibit in the History Center  
**December 2** .....  
Christmas at the Inn - 1850s Family Event 1-4 pm.

### ***Ice Cream Social***

#### ***1 to 4 p.m.***



Wholly Cow ice cream & Delafield  
Brewhaus root beer

Live music by Lake Country Bluegrass  
Pickers

Homemade cherry pies, from our own  
Northstar cherry trees, while they last

Willie G. Davison Art Exhibit

For more information about these events,  
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<https://hawksinn.org/upcoming-events/>

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educational and cultural opportunities we offer for all.

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