

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY **2003 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**



Main Street Commons, 1263 Main Street, Green Bay

The two-story masonry structure was originally built for the Bohemian Baking Company, and was more recently home to the Saranac Glove Factory and Clyde's Jewelers. Exterior renovation included cleaning and repair of the masonry and restoration of the original window openings, while interior work included restoration of original hardwood and terrazzo floors and pressed metal ceilings. Main Street Commons is now a building with multi-tenant upscale office and retail space that has suddenly become a focal point of Main Street.



The National Bank Building, 107 North Broadway, De Pere

Two years after it was established, the National Bank of De Pere moved into its new two-story Greek Revival building in May 1904. The lower floor was divided into banking and directors' rooms, while the upper floor was used as offices. The bank prospered until 1932, when the discovery of misappropriations forced the bank to close its doors. The State Bank of De Pere then occupied the building, followed by several other more recent businesses, each making remodelings over the years. When Marc Brummel purchased the building in 2002, he proceeded to restore the first story windows back to their original design. Inside, they removed added partitions and restored the newly exposed walls and wood floors. Plans are to finish the exterior windows, create basement level offices, and upgrade the second floor apartments.



Kirchman Residence, 615 North Michigan Street, De Pere

When Paula Kirchman purchased the 1893 Victorian home house in 2000, the monochrome paint scheme was in poor condition and architectural features were either deteriorated or, as in the case of the front porch railing, removed altogether. Paula constructed a new porch railing and had the house repainted in a period color scheme reminiscent of a house she had admired Charleston, S.C. On the inside, wallpaper was striped prior to painting the walls, pocket doors were repaired, door and window trim was refinished, and once the layers of linoleum were taken up, the hardwood floors were restored. The house is once again the jewel of the neighborhood.



Dan and Mary Kay Milquet, De Pere

Dan and Mary Kay have been researching their family genealogy since the early 1980s. They have been so dedicated to area research that their "date night" is usually taken on Wednesday evenings, when the later hours of the UWGB Area Research Center and the Brown County Local History Library allows them to research together as a couple. After countless hours of paging through ledgers, newspapers, and birth/death/marriage records, they thought that there had to be a better way to search through the materials. As volunteers, they decided to scan and assemble into binders images from the White Pillars photo and ledger collection, the St. Norbert College Archives photo collection, and the Loy Collection from the Neville Public Museum. They are currently scanning and organizing images of the De Pere newspapers.



Tom and Elaine McIntosh, Green Bay

Their interest in history had early beginnings when, as children, Elaine wrote poetry about life on the South Dakota prairie and Tom rode trains on the Burlington Route from small town Iowa to big city Chicago. In 1968, they both became part of UWGB's first four year school faculty, Elaine in Human Biology and Nutritional Science, and Tom in Environmental Sciences. Retirement (Elaine in 1990, Tom in 1994) finally provided the time to engage in a list of activities. Elaine has written two books and lectured on historical aspects of nutrition. Tom has volunteered with the National Railroad Museum, the Mayor's Beautification Committee, the BCHS-Historic Preservation Committee, and the Botanical Garden, and has helped in the preservation efforts for the Baird Creek Parkway, the Green Bay & Western yards, and the Green Bay city transit garage. Both have a policy of donating family heirlooms to museums for public display.