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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LOCOMOTIVE

by Jerry Abitz

On July 3, 1938, a British train propelled by a locomotive named *Mallard* set a world's speed record for a steam engine. That record (126 miles per hour) still stands today. On the 75th anniversary of this event, the National Railway Museum in York, England, decided to bring together the six remaining locomotives of this particular class (A4 Pacific) of engines that had been designed by Sir Nigel Gresley in the 1930s, of which 35 had been built for the London and Northeastern Railway. Advertised as the "Great Gathering," this event attracted large numbers of railroad fans to its museum.

These six locomotives were to be gathered on one site, but two of them were not located in Great Britain – one was in far-off Canada and the other right here in Green Bay at the National Railroad Museum. The *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, built in 1937, had been a permanent feature here since 1972 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower came to Green Bay for its dedication.



Top: The refurbished *Eisenhower* locomotive back home after a trip to York, England, for the "Great Gathering."
Bottom: Arrival of the *Eisenhower* in York, England. *Photos on this page courtesy of the National Railroad Museum.*

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Thus, negotiations were initiated to bring them all together. The Green Bay Museum was aware that their locomotive needed some restorative work. Time had taken its toll on this now retired locomotive. Since the York museum had a shop that specialized in this type of work, this would be a golden opportunity to have that done in the land of its birth. Knowing that the York museum would want to

have all of these locomotives looking their best, would have the custom paints that needed replication, and any parts that needed replacing would be more readily available in Great Britain than here in the U.S., Green Bay held out for having their locomotive restored in York in lieu of a fee to be present at this momentous occasion. The National Railway Museum in York agreed to these terms.

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EISENHOWER LOCOMOTIVE

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Then came the logistics of transporting the *Eisenhower* to York. On display in the Lenfestey Center in Green Bay, this building had been built around this locomotive so removing it was no simple feat. Not anticipating the need to move it, no door to the outside had been provided for the set of rails on which it rested. Yet, somehow, it was maneuvered to an adjacent set of rails where access to the outside world was available. The locomotive and its tender, the coal hauling car, were loaded onto a flatbed rail car and sent off to Halifax, Nova Scotia, via Chicago, for its trip across the Atlantic.

Upon its arrival in Great Britain, the crews at the York museum completely stripped the paint. Pitted in the previous paint removal process, 13 gallons of body filler were necessary to recreate a smooth surface. Primer, two undercoats and two coats of Deep Bronze Green gloss were applied to the side panels of both the locomotive and the tender; the remainder of the locomotive remained black. Emblems and trim were applied. These cosmetic changes brought it back to its pre-war look.

According to the executive director of the local museum, Jacqueline Frank, the number plate had somehow or other disappeared from this

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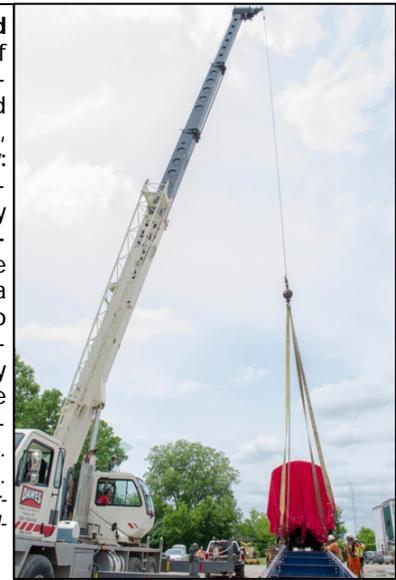
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locomotive while on display here in Green Bay. Eventually it turned up in England where it was recovered and reunited with the *Eisenhower*.

Interestingly enough, while it was being restored and displayed in England, an offer was made of USD \$1 million by an undisclosed buyer to have it remain in in the UK! Given its importance to the Green Bay museum, however, the offer was respectfully turned down.

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Photos at right and second row: Some of the logistics of transporting the tender and the locomotive to York, England. **Third row:** The *Eisenhower* locomotive, back on display here in Green Bay. **Bottom row:** Moving the tender sideways to a set of rails that lead to a doorway in the Lenfestey Center as they prepared to ship the locomotive and its tender off to England. (note the faded logo). Photos on this page courtesy of the National Railroad Museum.



SLEUTHING BROWN COUNTY'S HISTORICAL MARKERS: THE WOMEN OF WISCONSIN

by Melinda Roberts

In its September 1913 *Bulletin of Information No. 70: A Record of Landmarks in Wisconsin*, the State Historical Society referenced its urgent request 25 years prior “that historic sites ... be marked by local officials or societies.” The Society reported that, since 1898, “few seasons have passed that have not witnessed the unveiling of ... tablets upon interesting sites, or of monuments of other kinds in commemoration of events or persons prominently connected with the ... settlement of Wisconsin.”

The Society acknowledged “a large share” of the credit belonged to the Wisconsin State Federation of Women’s Clubs (many of whose leaders were members of the Wisconsin Historical Society), and reported it had “throughout gladly cooperated with the women in this excellent work.” And yet, after visiting nearly 3,500 Wisconsin historical markers and sites, this author has located only a few dozen tributes to females – *less than 1%* are dedicated exclusively to a Wisconsin woman!

Here follows a sampling of those few women whose accomplishments have been recognized:

- Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote the *Little House* books. She was born in a log cabin seven miles northwest of Pepin. A State marker records her “lasting contributions to children’s literature.” A Waukesha County Historical Society marker is at the birthplace of Caroline Quiner “Ma” Ingalls, Laura’s mother.

- Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel, is honored twice – with a State marker at the UW-Milwaukee library named for her, and a privately-funded marker at the Milwaukee elementary school she attended (now the Golda Meir Gifted and Talented School).

- A locally-sponsored marker in Jefferson County credits Anne Pickett with founding the first dairy co-op in Wisconsin “in her log house kitchen.”

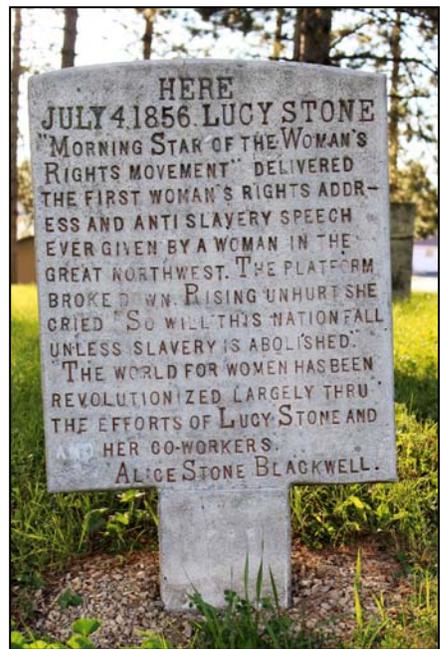
- State markers honor “world-renowned artist” Georgia O’Keefe, born 1887 “on the family farm” south of Sun Prairie, and Lorine Niedecker (1903-1970), whose poetry, ranked among the 20th century’s finest, “celebrated the sights and sounds” of her Black Hawk Island (Jefferson County) home.

- On a lonely stretch of Highway 80 in Juneau County, a barely-noticeable, weatherworn concrete tablet records the June 13, 1863, axe-handle murder of Mrs. [Emma] Salter, killed in front of her sleeping infant over keg of whiskey. The marker is placed at the gravesite of her murderers, Indian brothers Jo and Jim Dandy, killed in revenge shortly afterwards by her husband.

- Two markers in Viroqua (Vernon County) honor Lucy Stone, the “Morning Star of the Woman’s Rights movement,” at the site where she delivered,

on July 4, 1856, “the first woman’s rights address and anti-slavery speech ever given by a woman in the great northwest.” In the midst of her speech, “the platform broke down. Rising unhurt she cried, “So will this nation fall unless slavery is abolished.”

- State markers honor Mabel Wanda Raimey (1898-1986), the first African-American woman attorney in Wisconsin and the first to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1918); and the Mabel Tainter Memorial, an ornate Romanesque-style



Top: Lucy Stone Speech marker in Viroqua, Vernon County (2013). *Photo by Melinda Roberts.* **Bottom:** Daguerreotype of Lucy Stone, American suffragist. *Image obtained from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sm_lucy_stone_3d02055r.jpg.*

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BCHS BOARD UPDATES —

CLASS OF 2015-2016-2017



Barbara Beaver

Barb taught elementary school and supervised student teachers for 20 years. She transitioned into the corporate world for 11 years where she worked as a training and support specialist, a regional sales manager, a national accounts

manager and a national marketing seminar team manager for Apple Computer. After retiring, she moved to Door County and became a shepherdess of a flock of 360 Merino sheep! Barb also managed her step-daughter's CIP program as President of Beaver Management Corporation.

She is now living in De Pere, and enjoying volunteer work at Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay Schools, Artigras, Art Street, the ART-garage, Brown County Historical Society (Hazelwood Historic House docent and former board member), Civic Symphony of Green Bay (board member), Special Olympics, Newcomers and Neighbors (President) and LIR (Learning In Retirement).



Susan Frost

A graduate of both the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay and the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, for the past 30 years, Susan Frost has been the President of Frost Marketing Communications, Incorporated,

in De Pere. Frost Marketing is “the outsourced marketing communications resource for Shady Lane, Inc., a community-directed, not-for-profit senior services facility in Manitowoc.” Susan’s organization manages all communications and develops partnerships and programming that connects the facility with the community. Frost Marketing also has provided services to numerous local businesses and organizations. In addition, she has spent the last eight years as an Associate Lecturer at UWGB, helping to develop and deliver instruction in courses in the Humanities. Her résumé includes time spent researching, writing and publishing histories of the

Town of Ledgeview and Bellin Hospital, as well as service to local and state organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Evergreen Productions, and Wisconsin Public Television.



Max Pirman

Max was born and raised in Green Bay. He is a pre-service teacher completing the final steps to obtain his teaching license with which he will be certified to teach grades 6-12.

Max attended St. Norbert College and graduated with a History degree and a Broad Field Social Studies certification. His primary focus for his history degree was Asian history. Max played football for his four years at St. Norbert’s and also enjoys being outside, staying active, and coaching football, which he did for the first time in the fall of 2014 at Green Bay Southwest High School. Max’ father is a history teacher as well so, growing up, he got the love of the subject from him.



Jennifer Woldt

Jennifer graduated from UW—Oshkosh in 2004, with degrees in Special Education (grades K-12) and Elementary Education (grades K-8) with minors in History and German. In addition to her coursework, she

played on the women's basketball team for four years. In 2008, she earned her Master’s degree from Marian University in Fond du Lac, where she majored in Curriculum and Instruction, and At-Risk Learning.

From 2004 through 2008, she taught at Southwest High School as a Special Education teacher. Jennifer currently teaches a fourth-/fifth-grade combination class at Jefferson Elementary School.

Jennifer is involved with a variety of roles outside of classroom teaching — at the district level, she serves on the elementary Social Studies curriculum writing team; at Jefferson Elementary School, she also is a co-Internal Facilitator for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), co-leader for Universal Leadership Team (ULT), certified Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) teacher, and a member of the Phuture Phoenix college-bound team.

2015 ANNUAL MEETING

by Christine Dunbar

Brown County Historical Society members and guests assembled at the Rock Garden on Wednesday, Feb. 25, to celebrate a successful year. Board President Tori Rader welcomed new members and thanked departing board members for their service. Treasurer Dennis Wojahn gave a financial report, informing members of the start of a capital campaign to raise funds for Hazelwood House and *Voyageur* magazine.

The BCHS' Local History Award of Merit, presented by Mary Jane Herber and Secretary Anne Pennow, was awarded to Anne Beilke and Marianne Van Drisse for their longstanding service to historic organizations in the community.



Ann Beilke (right) receiving Local History Award of Merit from Mary Jane Herber.

Don Kraft presented the 2014 Historic Preservation Awards, as follows:

- Locktender's House - De Pere
- Titledown Tap Room - Broadway Street, Green Bay
- Fort Howard Guard House - Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Allouez
- Eisenhower Locomotive - National Railroad Museum, Green Bay

The featured speaker, Jacqueline Frank, executive director of the National Railroad Museum, presented "*Eisenhower: From Green Bay to England...and Back Again*," entertaining the audience with stories about the locomotive's history, restoration and adventures of its trip to England and participation in the United Kingdom's 75th celebration of world speed record.



Members and guests enjoying the program at the 2015 BCHS Awards dinner and annual meeting.



Dan Liedtke (right) and Jacqueline Frank (left) accepting the Historic Preservation Award for the *Eisenhower* Locomotive from Don Kraft (center).



Nick Backhaus (right) accepting the Historic Preservation Award for the Fort Howard Guardhouse at Heritage Hill from Don Kraft (left).



Brent Weycker (right) accepting the Historic Preservation Award for Titledown Tap Room from Don Kraft (left).



Tim Rose (left) and Robert Stark (center) receiving the Historic Preservation Award for Locktender's House from Don Kraft (right).

All photos from the 2015 BCHS Awards dinner and annual meeting were taken by Chuck Golueke.

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EISENHOWER LOCOMOTIVE

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Originally named the *Golden Shuttle*, this locomotive was renamed the *Dwight D. Eisenhower* to honor him as the Supreme Commander, Allied Forces in Europe, during World War II. Eisenhower's only connection to this engine was he had been invited to the renaming ceremony in February 1946 in Britain, although he declined the invitation. However, here in Wisconsin, the permanent display featuring this locomotive and its tender was linked to the two historic coaches used by Eisenhower and his staff as part of Eisenhower's Command Train in England during World War II. Locally, these two coaches were refurbished – the exterior of one has been covered with iron plate, replicating its wartime appearance with sliding panels that could be closed, thus covering the doorways and windows; the second coach appears in its pre-war colors.

For its efforts at preserving this locomotive, the Brown County Historical Society has awarded the National Railroad Museum its 2014 Historic Preservation Award for Historic Restoration.

Make a visit to this institution on South Broadway, across from the Cormier School. If you have never been there, the displays will impress you. Your children will be intrigued, and will insist on riding their rails. They also will want to investigate Thomas the Tank locomotive as well as the model railroad. You don't have to be a railroad fan to enjoy your visit!

The photos included in this article represent only a few... Check out the BCHS' facebook photo album "2014 Eisenhower Locomotive"



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Top row, left: Eisenhower's Command Train clad in iron for war-time conditions (1942-1945). **Top row, right:** The missing number plate was found in England and put back in its rightful place. **Bottom row, left:** Refurbished lounge on the Eisenhower Command Train from WW II. **Bottom row, right:** Refurbished logo on the tender. *Photos by Jerry Abitz.*

HISTORICAL MARKERS:

THE WOMEN OF WISCONSIN

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auditorium erected by grief-stricken parents to the memory of daughter Mabel Tainter, a lover of music and the arts, who died at 19.

Unfortunately, space limitations require this article end here. However, throughout all of March, in honor of Women's History Month, we will be posting regularly, on the Brown County Historical Society Facebook page, information on more markers honoring the Women of Wisconsin.

We leave you now with this question: What Wisconsin female's gender was kept hidden so she could accompany the soldiers of Company C, 8th Wisconsin to the Civil War? *Hint: Dozens of Wisconsin markers and monuments are erected in her honor. Check our Facebook page in March for the answer!* (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brown-County-Historical-Society-Hazelwood-Historic-House/128958580475412?>)



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EVENTS

Join us for one or all!

**BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND "HISTORY ON THE SPOT" PRESENT —**

2015 HISTORY OF BROWN COUNTY SCAVENGER HUNT! AND TOUR!!

This is an event for kids, their families and history lovers of all ages! The adventure begins May 1st! Visit our website (www.browncohistoricalsoc.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BCHS) for more information. Before May 1, purchase the Hunt booklet (\$5) and visit 13 Brown County historical sites. Use clues to answer history questions. Earn an official "History Hunter" certificate. Then join us August 23 for an awards party!



WELCOME SUMMER! WITH PETALS AND PORCELAIN... JUNE 5-7, 12:00-4:00P

Celebrate exquisite fresh flower arrangements by top local designers paired with Hazelwood's superb collection of china painted by Frederika Crane (1854-1930). Visit with artists painting on the grounds, enjoy a variety of demonstrations throughout the weekend, including the art of floral arranging and making herbal sachets. Talented musician Mary Eisenreich will entertain from 1:00-3:00p on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy refreshments, served on the back porch overlooking the Fox River.



One of F. Crane's hand-painted porcelain plate with flowers. Photo by Kathy Kauth.

Hand-dye a silk scarf with plant materials Saturday at 1:00p (\$5 additional fee; registration required).

Participating florists — Aster Park Floral, Echota Garden, Enchanted Florist, Mayflower, Petal Pusher, Schroeder's Flowers, and Twigs.

Admission \$7. No charge for BCHS members.

CALENDAR

MAY

May 1-August 23 —

History Scavenger Hunt — Plan to join us at the Wrap-up Party on August 23 (*see below and promo on this page*).

Thursday, May 14, 5:00-8:00p —

History Treasure Tour — FREE admission at participating Brown County museums and historic sites (*see page 8*)

Saturday, May 16, 10:00a and 2:00p —

Astor Neighborhood Walking Tour

JUNE

Friday though Sunday, June 5-7, 12:00-4:00p —

Petals and Porcelain

Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 and 11, 6:30p —

If Tombstones Could Talk - Fort Howard Cemetery

AUGUST

Wednesday and Thursday, August 5 and 6, 6:30p —

If Tombstones Could Talk - Allouez Catholic Cemetery

Saturday, August 8, 12:30-2:30p —

Flower Fairy Tea Party

Sunday, August 23, 1:00-3:00p —

History Scavenger Hunt Wrap-up Party

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday and Thursday, September 9 and 10, 6:30p —

and Saturday, September 12, 3:00p —

If Tombstones Could Talk - Woodlawn Cemetery

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 3, 1:00-3:00p —

The Women of Early Wisconsin:

Afternoon Tea and Presentation

DECEMBER

Friday though Sunday, December 4, 5, and 6, 1:00-3:00p —

Holiday Victorian Tea

December 12, 13 and 19, 20; Saturdays 12:00-4:00p and 5:00-8:00p, and Sundays 12:00-4:00p) —

A Dickens of a Christmas

**Events can be added, changed or cancelled without notice. To make sure you stay informed, make our website one of your Favorites — www.browncohistoricalsoc.org!*

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEIGHBORS —**Brown County Federation of History Museums***(The First Annual)*

**HISTORY
TREASURE TOUR
THURSDAY, MAY 14
5:00P-8:00P**

Explore Brown County's Hidden Treasures in one evening! Seven Brown County Museum Federation organizations open their doors with special behind-the-scenes tours, performances, and exclusive conversations with staff as part of this exclusive event. At this first annual History Treasure Tour, spend the evening discovering something new at an old favorite or explore new community treasures!

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HAZELWOOD HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUM
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by appointment throughout the year.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY & HAZELWOOD HISTORIC HOUSE

A new event, community members are invited to visit all or any of Brown County Federation of History Museums' partner organizations throughout the evening:

- Brown County Historical Society
(at Hazelwood Historic House),
- Green Bay - De Pere Antiquarian Society
(at the Green Bay Diocese Museum),
- Heritage Hill State Historical Park,
- National Railroad Museum,
- Neville Public Museum,
- Oneida Nation Museum, and
- University of Green Bay Archives
and Area Research Center

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Free Admission
Light refreshments served.

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