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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Christine Dunbar

You are sure to notice this newsletter is shorter than usual. But, as you can see in the pages that follow, the Historical Society continues to offer a wide array of events and programs for and in collaboration with our community to connect people of all ages to our past, to each other and to our future.

This March issue typically shares information about our annual membership meeting, preservation awards, new board members and, often, the BCHS National History Day award for local history projects. Due to this year's late annual meeting on March 19 (don't forget to sign up!), that information is not available yet and will be reported in future newsletters.

This spring we begin in earnest to implement our Capital Campaign projects. We have upgraded our office technology and created a restoration plan for the exterior of Hazelwood.

Revitalizing the interior of Hazelwood includes much needed painting throughout the house and wallpapering the sitting room. Research is currently underway to determine the feasibility of adding a historic bathroom.

We look forward to updating the exhibit cases in Hazelwood's Community Room. Three exhibit cases currently share some BCHS history as well as telling the story of the Morgan L. Martin family. Hazelwood was home to the Morgan L. Martin family from 1838-1931. We are working on how to better share the family's impact on local, state and national history through updated and interactive exhibits.

Hazelwood meets the eligibility criteria for Preservation Tax Credits so we will apply for credits for replacing our roof, siding restoration, and upgrading our HVAC system. New signage for the front of Hazelwood also is on our priority list. It will be a busy year.

Your dedication and support of the capital campaign allows us to expand our efforts to preserve local history. Without you meeting, our goals would not be possible.

Christine Dunbar

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Hazelwood Historic House (circa 1910-1920) with north addition. Photo courtesy of the Neville Public Museum.

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MARCH

Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, 1:00-3:00p — Women of Early Green Bay: Afternoon Tea. Celebrate Women's History Month with a light luncheon of savory and sweet treats and a delicious cup of tea, all served with old-fashioned flair. You will meet Josephine Rutten, Sara Kimball Sale, Anna Schmit and Ella Neville, and listen to their fascinating stories about life in early Green Bay! **\$25/person.**

MAY

Saturday, May 16, 9:00a — Downtown Walking Tour. The Brown County Historical Society offers a unique opportunity to explore Green Bay's historic downtown architecture and the distinctive homes of the Astor Neighborhood. Expert guide Jay Krings will share the history and culture behind Green Bay's built environment. *This year's*

Walking Tour starts at Hazelwood Historic House. \$12/person.

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OUR MISSION — To preserve, present and share the heritage of Brown County history through preservation activities, exhibitions, educational programs and events.

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BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S "IF TOMBSTONES COULD TALK"

The 2020 season begins at Fort Howard Memorial Park.

This year's theme is "And Now You Know the Rest of the Story."

Visitors will meet characters representing a wide range of time periods and circumstances. Take a step back to their time and hear the rest of the story.

See dates in June, August and September
for BCHS' "IF TOMBSTONES COULD TALK"
CEMETERY WALK SERIES

*We are offering indoor Cemetery programs at both Fort Howard and Woodlawn in 2020 to accommodate those who have difficulty walking. Space is limited and reservations are required.

\$10/Adults; \$8/BCHS Members, \$5/Children (ages 5-17). BCHS Members must present Membership Card in order to receive member rate.

JUNE

Monday, June 1, 6:00p, Inside* — If Tombstones Could Talk: Fort Howard Cemetery Walk

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 and 3, 6:00p — If Tombstones Could Talk: Fort Howard Cemetery Walk.

Saturday, June 20, 9:00a and 11:00a — The Great Fire of 1880 Walking Tour. The Great Green Bay Fire of September 20, 1880, destroyed 100 buildings, more than any other fire in the city's entire history. Local firefighter and historian David Siegel will provide a guided walking tour of the footprint of the fire including the origin location, significant firefighting scenes, destroyed buildings sites and five existing buildings that were directly threatened by the flames, but survived. Siegel also will share first-hand witness accounts taken from a subsequent court case. **\$12/person.**

JULY

Saturday, July 25, 11:00a-2:00p — Faeries & Wizards Fest. Spend an enchanted afternoon at Hazelwood with your little faeries and wizards! The adventure begins with decorating a faerie crown or Wizard's hat and creating a magic wand. Help the Faerie Princess and Mystical Wizard produce a magical potion! Build a fairy house out of natural materials. Other activities include face painting, yard games, and much, much more! A light lunch of lemonade, sandwiches, fruit and desserts will be served on the back lawn. Bring your own picnic blanket! This event is geared towards children ages 4-8 and their parents, but everyone is welcome! *This is an outdoor event.* **\$7/person.**

Thursday-Sunday, July 30 through August 9, 12:00-5:00p — "We Stand on Their Shoulders:" A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting Rights. This exhibit explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights and highlights a

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CALENDAR

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few key leaders. The exhibit covers the ratification of the 19th Amendment, 1921 Wisconsin Equal Rights Act, 1924 Indian Citizenship Act and 1965 Voting Rights Act. The eight-panel display shares the important story of women's quest for political rights and recognition through quotes, photographs and a timeline of events. The exhibit is sponsored by the History Museum at the Castle in partnership with the Wisconsin Historical Society and 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition. *General admission applies.*

AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 1, 1:00-3:00p — Votes for Women: A Celebration of the 19th Amendment. A Hazelwood Summer Tea. Enjoy a light refreshments and desserts while listening to a program on how women in Wisconsin fought for the vote! Afterwards, head into Hazelwood to view the exhibit "We Stand on Their Shoulders": A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting Rights. The exhibit is sponsored by the History Museum at the Castle in partnership with the Wisconsin Historical Society and 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition. *\$25/person.*

Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 4 and 5, 6:00p, Outside* — If Tombstones Could Talk: Allouez Catholic Cemetery

Saturday, Aug. 15, 9:00a-4:00p — Brown County Historical Society Road Rally 2020 Fundraiser. Fill up your gas tanks, start your engines and join us for the Brown County Historical Society Road Rally 2020 Fundraiser! Assemble a team and explore back roads, city streets and unique locations in Brown County. As a team, compete to win by solving clues, playing games, taking selfies, completing challenges, enjoying scenery and discovering history! Your final destination is Ancestry Acres in Suamico. Meet us at the barn for food, drinks, music and prizes! *\$35/Adults; \$30/BCHS Members; \$15/Children (ages 5-15).*

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:00p, Inside* — If Tombstones Could Talk: Woodlawn Cemetery

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TBA — If These Homes Could Talk: Astor Neighborhood Walk. "If These Homes Could Talk" is an annual event in partnership with the Astor Neighborhood Association (ANA) and the Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) to document the social and architectural history of the Historical Astor Neighborhood.

OCTOBER

Fridays and Saturdays, October 9, 10, 16 and 17, 5:00-8:00p — Hazelwood: CLUE! Join us for a night of mystery and murder at Hazelwood. You and 11 other guests will travel to the past and assume the character of Morgan L Martin, his wife, Elizabeth, other family members or acquaintances in a night of mystery and intrigue. While the night may start out as innocent fun, tragedy strikes; now you must partake in a CLUE!™ inspired quest to solve the unfolding mystery. Do you have what it takes to go back in time and solve the mystery?? *\$20/person.*

Disclaimer: While the evening's adventures involve the names of people who actually lived, the events that unfold are created solely for the sake of an enjoyable experience.

DECEMBER

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, 1:00-3:00p — Hazelwood Holiday Tea. Join us for a delightful cup of tea along with appetizing sandwiches and delicious desserts. *Program and Hazelwood Historic House Tour included. \$25/person.*

Friday, December 11, 4:00-7:00p — Hazelwood Holiday. *General admission applies.*

Saturdays, December 12 and 19, 11:00a-7:00p — Hazelwood Holiday. *General admission applies.*

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**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 —



BELGIAN HERITAGE CENTER

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Check out all of the interesting events and activities happening at the Belgian Heritage Center. Did you know you could learn the Walloon language or how to find your Belgian roots?

The Belgian Heritage Center tells the story of the Belgian settlement in Wisconsin and works to preserve unique elements of Belgian culture such as foods, beverages, customs, architecture and the Walloon language.

The Center is located in the former St. Mary of the Snows church which was a cornerstone of the historic Belgian settlement. The building is located in the Namur Historic District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a National Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2020

April 26 — Bread & Booyah

June 28 — Waffle Breakfast

August 16 — Kermis

October 3, 4 — Great Fire (Peshtigo) Remembrance



OPEN MAY THROUGH OCTOBER
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11A - 4PM

For tours of the Namur National Historic District,
call 920-493-5969 or send an email to:
tourinfo@belgianheritagecenter.org.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

HOURS for
MARCH – JUNE 2020

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BCHS offices — 8:30a-4:00p, weekdays

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HAZELWOOD HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUM

See details for events on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

Tours, programs and teas scheduled at your convenience
by appointment throughout the year.

ADMISSION

Adult \$6.00 • Seniors (60+) \$5.00

Children (5-17) \$4.00 • Children under 5 are FREE.

AAA and Time Traveler discounts available.

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