



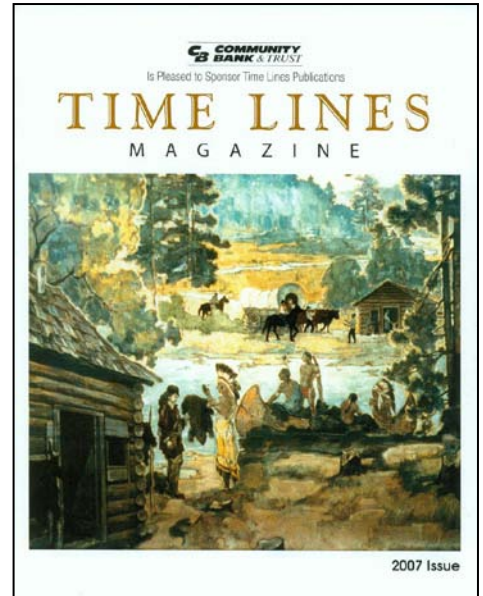
# Sheboygan County Historical Research Center

Sheboygan County's Window to the Past

## 2008 – Annual Report The Year in Review

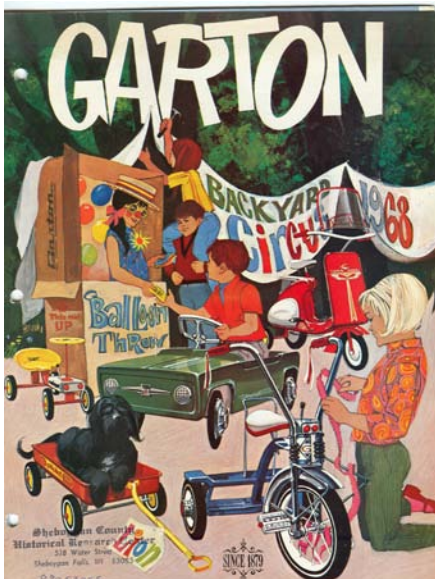
### September

The Sheboygan County Historical Society and Sheboygan County Historical Research Center published their yearly cooperative historical magazine, Time Lines. The issue included the stories: Skilled Town of Scott Cabinetmaker Donates, Table, a Mosaic Work, to Lincoln Family; A Tale of Two Cows, \$5 and a Long Walk in the Mid-1800s; The Mystery of Missing Historic Mural, Resolved; Sheboygan Man Has Ties to Dillinger Era; Can You Imagine Rivers Without Bridges in Sheboygan County?; and Irish Congregate in Parnell Cemetery.



### October

The volunteers were back after a summer of fun- History on the Move resumed its presentations in Oostburg and Plymouth. History topics include Churches of Sheboygan County, Sheboygan's Lakeshore, Sheboygan County's Native Americans and Stained Glass Windows.

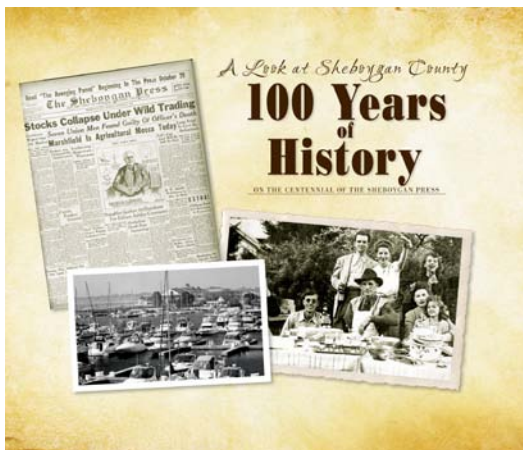
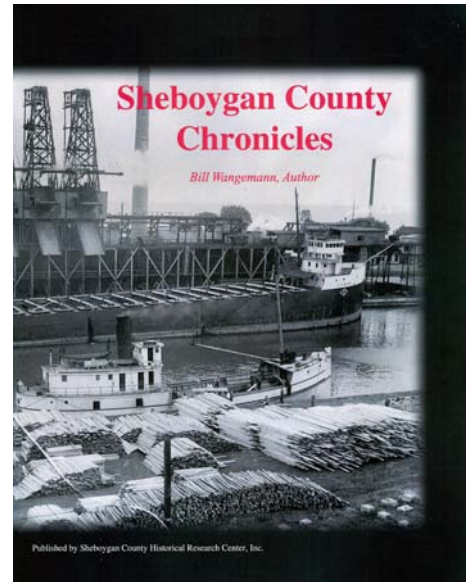


### November

Jane Dwyre Garton and Ann Huenink McIntyre presented the history of Garton Toy Company of Sheboygan for November's Second Saturdays program. Their family's company manufactured millions of toys and employed thousands of people. Garton was the largest juvenile vehicle plant in the world with miniature pedal cars being mass produced from rubber for wheels and steel for the bodies. Henry Jung of Jung Shoe and Robert Leverenz of Leverenz Shoe reminded us of the booming leather industry of Sheboygan with stories of employees, shoe styles and company picnics. Jung and Leverenz spoke of their dedication and commitment to local industry and their loyal, long-time employees. More than 150 former employees, friends and relatives attended.

## December

Sheboygan City Historian, Bill Wangemann published his third book called *Sheboygan County Chronicles*. Topics include Memories of Railroads, Electric Rail or the interurban, maritime stories- The Burning of the Niagara and The Mysterious Loss of the Pere Marquette 18, movies, TV and drive-in theater, Garton Toy and its fire, the stumpff fiddle and so much more. The Research Center also worked with the Sheboygan Press and Pediment Publishing to issue a second photo book, this one entitled, *A Look at Sheboygan County, 100 years of History on the Centennial of the Sheboygan Press, 1907-2007*.



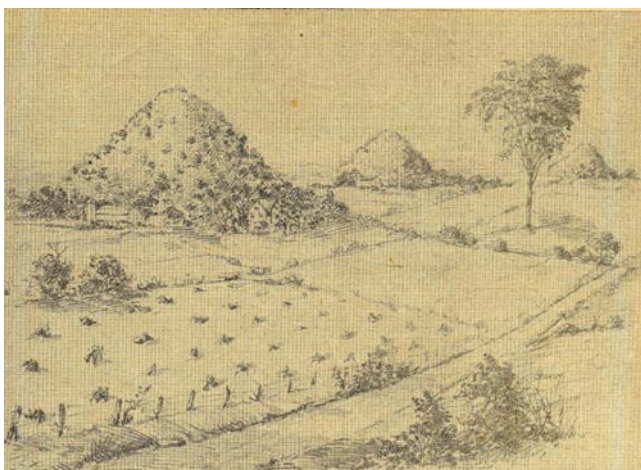
## January

The year's genealogy classes started with a visit to Sheboygan County's LDS Family History Center. Linda Smith, local genealogist and center director, taught participants about the wide range of resources her facility has to offer.

## February

Snow, snow and more snow kept some researchers away, but the volunteers managed to make their way through the drifts to process the huge amounts of information donated to the Research Center. The photo department made great progress with two able volunteers taking the lead; they are Ron Goelz (scanning and database entry) and Betsy Fuerst (labeling and presentation).

## March



Local writer and retired Sheboygan Press Editor, John Hill, took the Second Saturdays gang on a geographic tour through Sheboygan County. His tour ranged from the kames, eskers, drumlins and kettles of the town of Mitchell to the sand dunes of the town of Wilson. His presentation made the connections between the geography of the county and the myriad of ethnic settlers who chose this county to be their home- how it affected their daily lives and in return how they changed the geography by their presence.

Kames of the town of Mitchell- A. J. Baum

## April

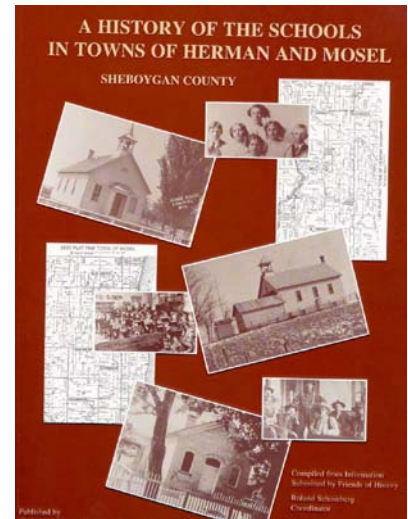
Ray Piper, SCHRC member and Russian porcelain collector, used the resources of the Research Center to prepare an informative presentation for the Plymouth Women's Civic Organization. Ray's presentation dealt with porcelain from the era of Nicholas and Alexandra. Part of his collection took center stage at the Oshkosh Public Museum as part of the exhibit *The Tsar and the President*. Priceless Russian relics from the Grand Palace and personal belongings of the royal family are also on display

## May

SCHRC was able to add a full-time development officer to the staff through a generous grant from the Charlotte and Walter Kohler Charitable Trust. Mary Risseeuw, former board member, volunteer and expert Dutch researcher was hired to develop funding sources and programs for the Research Center.

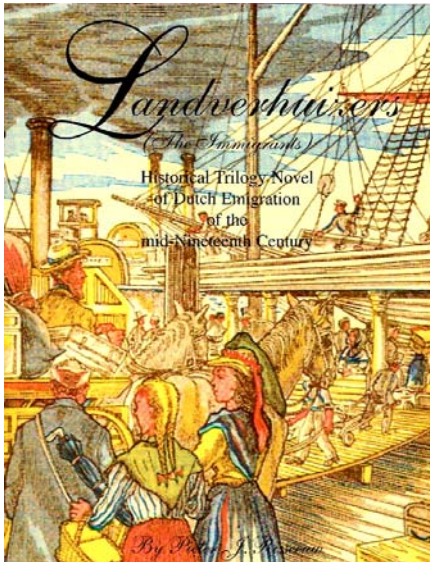
## June

A number of great photographic collections were processed over the summer; one collection involved more than 500 photographs of Sheboygan County fires, fire fighters, fire houses and fire fighting equipment. It starts at the beginning of the



## July

*A History of the Schools in Towns of Herman and Mosel*, first printed in 1995, was updated, reindexed and reprinted. This book, written by Roland Schomberg, was the first in SCHRC's school series. Thanks to Wayne Lau for his great work doing setup and indexing.



## August

Preparations were in full swing for The Dutch-American Experience in Wisconsin, 1850 to present. More than 600 people from across the United States and the Netherlands were expected to attend the event held in Sheboygan Falls. SCHRC received funding from the Netherlands-America Foundation of New York, Wisconsin Humanities Council and the Kohler Foundation for the event. The conference produced a new publication entitled, *Landverhuizers* or *The Immigrants*. *Landverhuizers* is a historical novel written in the 1950s by Pieter Risseeuw, but only recently translated into English. It documents the immigration experiences of the many Dutch settlers to Michigan and Iowa. Volunteers Charmaine and Jim Mohr helped prepare the manuscript for publishing.

### SCHRC Mission Statement:

*The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center serves the public by collecting and preserving the written documentation and images of Sheboygan County.*

## SCHRC Research Statistics

Five paid personnel and 100 volunteers staffed the SCHRC during fiscal year 2007-2008. Volunteers totaled more than **10,000 hours** of volunteer time in service to the Research Center. These hours do not reflect the hundreds of extra hours spent participating in outside activities, either at home or at public functions.

The Research Center membership numbered **1050 members** for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. More than 1100 newsletters were mailed six times per year, some as exchanges to other historical organizations, some to friends and the remainder to our loyal members.

During the past year more than **3200 people visited** the Center to do research, purchase books and tour the historic Millhouse. Researchers came **from 31 states, Canada, the Netherlands and Germany.**

Friends of the Center donated items for **175+ different archival collections.** Our librarian cataloged 13 church histories, 1 school collections, 27 genealogies and 4 biographies. Library donations numbered 139 items.

The research staff answered **162 written queries** from across the globe. The SCHRC website received on average 55 hits per day. Staff answered upwards of **5500 e-mail questions.**

## The Year Ahead

The year ahead promises to be very busy and very productive. This next year is geared to completing all of the unfinished projects. Before we start anything new, we are going to:

- Sort, number, scan, process and file all photos.
- Archive and back up all photo files.
- Burn new DVDs of all master digital files for books, etc.
- Read and reorganize all of the library shelves
- Read and reorganize all of the general files
- Read and reorganize all of the photo files
- Print new indexes for the obituaries and marriages.
- Print new finding aids for the archives.
- Print new finding aids for the general files.
- Finish the reprints of The History of Schools in the town of Wilson, Russell-Rhine, Lima and Mitchell.
- Finish the reprint of She Rode a Yellow Stallion.
- Finish alphabetizing and filing the thousands of Naturalization Papers, etc.
- Publish The History of Schools in the City of Sheboygan.
- Publish The Home Front- Sheboygan County During WWII.
- Publish an Arcadia photo book of the city of Sheboygan.
- Finish slide shows for churches, schools, political parties, Cascade and town of Mitchell

These things go along with all the other day to day things- new acquisitions and research. It will be great to start 2009-2010 with a clean slate.

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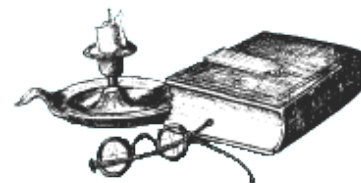
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## Outreach

Outreach is an important part of the Research Center's mission. Sharing the information that has been collected and preserved is accomplished through outreach programs.

Second Saturdays-Journeys Into Local History is a speakers' series that runs from September through May of each year. We are now beginning the seventh full year. This series has run about 60 two-hour programs.

History on the Move is a series of slide shows which brings history to various sites throughout the county. The program is beginning its fifth full year bringing the number of programs held to more than 40.

Genealogy programs run year round- January through December. This is the third full year for this series bringing number of programs to more than 40 also.

Keep in mind that SCHRC is open five days per week, fifty weeks per year, from 9-4. The outreach programs are in addition to the standard research week. Along with those listed above we run an active speakers' bureau and an Irish studies series each year bringing the total number of programs offered to the public to more than 35 per year.

**Sheboygan County Historical Research Center**  
**Recommended Budget 2008-2009**

	Budgeted 2007-2008	Actual 2007-2008	Budgeted 2008-2009
<b>Revenues</b>			
Direct Funding:			
Foundations/Grants	20000.00	22500.00	50000.00
Corporate	1000.00	0.00	10000.00
Memberships	25000.00	24530.00	34000.00
Supporting Orgs.	3500.00	4250.00	4250.00
General	26000.00	69245.71	38000.00
Memorials	3500.00	10265.00	30250.00
Special Events:			
Annual Campaign	35000.00	2250.00	36000.00
Dutch Conference		8360.00	
Mill House Sales			
Store Sales	21500.00	8095.00	12500.00
Photo Sales	2750.00	475.00	600.00
Services:			
Copier Usage	1200.00	986.00	1100.00
Query Service	1200.00	795.00	600.00
Outreach:			
Classes/Workshops	1200.00	1100.00	825.00
Speaker's Bureau	250.00	675.00	675.00
Meeting Income	1250.00	1027.00	1800.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	479.37	360.00
includes: Refunds, Translations, Stock Dividends, Soda Fund and Interest Earned.			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>143850.00</b>	<b>155033.08</b>	<b>493210.00</b>

**Expenditures**

Operations:			
Wages	68000.00	84185.00	114000.00
Payroll Taxes	5200.00	6189.00	10200.00
Employee Benefits	8000.00	9335.00	18000.00
Workmen's Comp Ins.	500.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	8500.00	7343.00	5000.00
Office/Library			
Equipment	2000.00	1629.00	2196.00
Equipment			
Maintenance	5700.00	4398.00	2200.00
Staff Education	300.00	160.00	160.00
Postage	3500.00	3135.00	2400.00
Professional Fees	11600.00	7210.00	3000.00
Subscription Dues	250.00	230.00	230.00
Licenses and Permits	0.00	10.00	10.00

Building:				
	Utilities/Phone/Internet	4645.00	6044.23	8400.00
	Housekeeping	100.00	70.90	300.00
	Building Repairs	1200.00	2895.00	3000.00
	Insurance	3000.00	3619.00	3700.00
Development:				
	Mill House Purchases	12500.00	7646.00	8500.00
	Photo Department	500.00	720.00	600.00
	Display/Promotion	0.00	2702.00	2400.00
	Quarterly/Annual Meeting	1300.00	1323.00	1600.00
	Programming Expense	2000.00	2585.00	3600.00
Fundraising:				
	Printing	2500.00	1670.00	3600.00
Miscellaneous Expense		2000.00	14068.00	114.00
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