



Sheboygan County Historical Research Center

Sheboygan County's Doorway to the Past

September 2010 – Annual Report

The Year in Review

The Research Center opened its doors to the public in 1983 with the goal of creating a central location for information- written documentation and photographic images- about Sheboygan County. In the ensuing years the organization has collected and preserved more than one million documents and over 500,000 images. The collection is used primarily to educate the public and serve the community. Along with our sister organization, the Sheboygan County Historical Society, repository of Sheboygan County artifacts, we both subscribe to this simple mission- **Collect, Preserve and Educate.**

September 2009

Second Saturdays- Journeys Into Local History -Season Seven- opens with *Windmills of Little Chute and The Netherlands.*


Robin Dekker, Executive Director of the Little Chute Windmill Project, recently returned from a trip to the Netherlands, where she visited Verbij Windmill Design & Construction and checked on the progress of the Little Chute Windmill construction. "It was amazing to see and touch the first pieces of our windmill that have been built," said Dekker. "To think these parts will be in our windmill in downtown Little Chute next spring-2010- is really exciting."

SCHRC held its annual meeting at The Bull where nearly 100 volunteers were honored for their service.



Artist's rendering of the Little Chute Windmill Project with the Van Asten Visitors and Interpretive Center, scheduled to open in 2011. The windmill is an authentic 1850s design from the province of North Brabant in the Netherlands.

October 2009

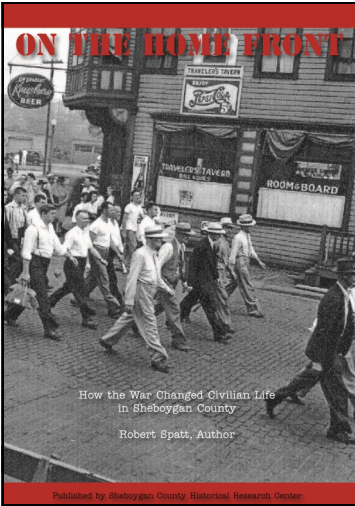
SCHRC launched its own  site in order to keep in touch with its over 800 members. This social networking site announces activities, advertises new collections and discusses great new historical projects and contacts. Sign-up today and stay connected to SCHRC's activities.

The estate of educator, Barrett Scherff, made a generous donation to SCHRC for partial support of Second Saturdays speakers' series and History on the Move slide series.

November 2009

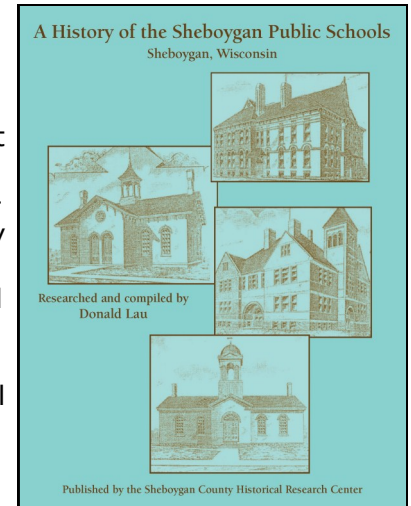
Finding and Researching Your Bit of the Old Sod- Irish Research in Sheboygan County was the topic of the November genealogy class. Twenty-five researchers, ranging from novice to expert, were introduced to local Irish resources, research in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, a bit of Irish history for background, use of Griffith's Valuation, Tithe Lists along with just a bit of blarney.





December 2009

SCHRC published two new books this year. The first was *The Home Front: How WWII Changed Civilian Life in Sheboygan County* by Bob Spatt. It was a chronological account of daily life for Sheboygan County residents and how it changed dramatically during World War II. The story is told by way of the actual headlines, story excerpts, photographs, editorials and advertisements published in Sheboygan County newspapers at that time -- the Sheboygan Press, Plymouth Review, Sheboygan County News and Random Lake Times. All items selected in the book were published between December 8, 1941 and August 23, 1945.



The second was *A History of the Sheboygan Public Schools* which documents the Sheboygan school system from its very beginning about 1836 to the present. Project manager, Don Lau, discovered items of great interest, like a long-discontinued list of rules of conduct for female teachers. Female teachers in 1915 were prohibited from marrying and even keeping company with men. They had a curfew from 8pm to 6am and could not loiter in ice cream stores. They were not even allowed to travel out of the city unless they had the permission of the Chairman of the Board - imagine that!

January 2010

SCHRC worked with three cemetery associations and four churches to copy and preserve valuable records. Working copies were made for each group along with one research copy for the Research Center.

February 2010

Dr. Patty Loew presented *The Way of the Warrior* showcasing her grandfather, Ed DeNominie, who was one of 12,000 Native Americans who volunteered for WWI. He, like many Native Americans at the time, was not a citizen. They had no protections under the U.S. Constitution, yet they felt a need to defend their own people, and their own communities. It was a memorable Second Saturdays program.

March 2010

Get In The Habit, Support the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center was the slogan for the 2010 Annual Fundraising Campaign.



Despite a tough economy the Research Center raised more than \$25,000 to help support daily operational costs. The theme's focus photo shows a group of School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) enjoying their annual day of fun at Boy Scout Camp Rokilio in rural Manitowoc County. These sisters, many of them just young girls, taught in all of the Catholic schools in the city of Sheboygan. This image was taken circa 1962. Camp

Rokilio, which sits on 213 beautiful acres of hilly terrain, is located seven miles east of Kiel, Wisconsin. Sheboygan Press photo.

Field Trip to the Register of Deeds Office-- Two classes of students ventured to the Sheboygan County Register of Deeds office in Sheboygan for tours and instruction on how to use this valuable resource for genealogical research. Register of Deeds, Ellen Schleicher, discussed the vital records and numerous indices stored at the office, along with the proper way to conduct land research.

April 2010

Researchers from across the country visited. A couple from Wisconsin searched for their Goggins family from the town of Russell. The Irish Goggins family lived just east of St. Ann, but before 1890 moved to the Chilton area. Even though the family moved out of the county, SCHRC was able to help them find grave sites at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Chilton. Another researcher from California was researching the Laarman family from town of Holland. She spent three days here and delayed her return home because she found such a wealth of info. A third couple from Washington State researched the O'Rourke family from the town of Mitchell and shared never before seen images with SCHRC.



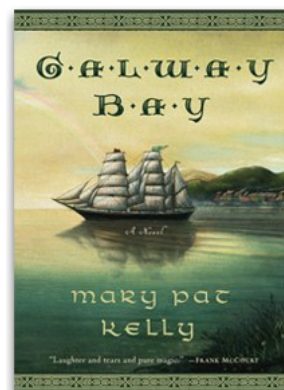
Lance Herdegen, author, educator and civil war re-enactor

May 2010

The Sheboygan County area historical community sponsored the second Local History Expo in May. The event highlighted special guests and local history with each organization having a display of their accomplishments and current projects. Rick Bernstein of the Wisconsin Historical Society commented, "This event was by far the best history fair I have ever attended." Special guests included Ellsworth Brown, the Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society, John Broihahn, Wisconsin State Archeologist, Lance Herdegen, Civil War author and historian, Jerry Apps. Two-hundred sixty people attended the event.

June 2010

Irish-American author, Mary Pat Kelly, talked about her latest novel, *Galway Bay*, at St. Patrick's Church in Adell. Hosted by the local Chapter of Celtic Women International, The Research Center and Friends of St. Patrick, Kelly told of her family's epic journey which captured both the tragedy and triumph of the Irish-American experience. The family joined two million other Irish refugees—victims saving themselves—in the emigration from Ireland. Seventy-five people from all over Wisconsin attended the presentation.



July 2010

The first Cedar Grove History and Heritage Night took place with more than 100 people in attendance. The event was sponsored by the Research Center and the Cedar Grove Public Library. Donna Caljouw, SCHRC volunteer and Mary Risseuw, SCHRC Director of Development were the facilitators. Four long-time residents, Rose Duenk, Annette TeRonde, Marvin Soerens and Robert Smies talked about a variety of topics including schools and education, the Great Depression, WWII, Amsterdam Cemetery and just growing up in the last century. Dave Claerbaut was the videographer for the event. Displays and scrapbooks were created and the video was played on cable Channel 20.

August 2010

SCHRC was awarded a \$700 mini-grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to be used for the purchase of archival materials. These archival materials include acid free file folders, sheet protectors and archival boxes used for storage.

The Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce donated a collection of hundreds of photos and slides to SCHRC. These images span three decades and much of the county. They were images used for promotional purposes and visitors' brochures.



Firehouse Pizza, located at the corner of Maple and Broadway Streets is seen in the image above. This image is part of the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce collection.



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SCHRC Research Statistics

Six paid personnel and 86 volunteers staffed the SCHRC during fiscal year 2009-2010. Volunteers totaled more than **12,000 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 **1197 members** for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. 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 **3500 people visited** the Center to do research, purchase books and tour the historic Millhouse. Researchers came **from 32 states, Canada, England, the Netherlands, Mexico and Germany.**

Friends of the Center donated items for **250+ different archival collections.** Our librarian cataloged 163 items including 65 genealogies.

The research staff answered **325 written queries** from across the globe. The SCHRC website received on average 100 hits per day. Staff answered upwards of **5200 e-mail questions.**

Special Thanks to

Sheboygan Falls Mutual Insurance Company for sharing parking spaces.

Joseph Schmitt and Sons Construction for fixing anything that needs fixing.

Zimmermann Printing for printing local history projects at a non-profit rate.

David Weinhold and Eastern Shores Library System for transporting German language materials to Max Kade Institute in Madison.

Sheboygan Falls Library, Lakeview Library of Random Lake, Mead Library, Cedar Grove Library and Plymouth Library for being great partners in history.

D & D Carpentry for removing our fence.

Plymouth Historical Society for hosting our Irish Christmas Tea.

Sheboygan Falls Library for hosting our large genealogy classes.

Plymouth Review, Falls News, The Sounder and the Sheboygan Press for running our press releases.

Bob Harker and everyone at Sheboygan County Historical Museum for being supportive and fun role models and partners in this history adventure.

The Board of Directors, volunteers and staff of SCHRC sincerely thanks all of its donors. Every donation is valued and adds to the best local history collection in the state. You are preserving local history at its best.

Thank You

Sheboygan County Historical Research Center
Recommended Budget 2010-2011

	Budgeted 2009-2010	Actual 2009-2010	Budgeted 2010-2011
Revenues			
Direct Funding:			
Annual Campaign	\$20,000.00	\$25,020.00	\$25,000.00
Foundations/Grants	\$50,000.00	\$8,470.00	\$35,000.00
Memberships	\$20,000.00	\$46,980.00	\$35,000.00
Supporting Orgs.- SCHS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
General Donations	\$30,000.00	\$48,077.00	\$30,000.00
Memorials and Bequests	\$90,000.00	\$88,866.00	\$25,000.00
Project Support	\$0.00	\$8,045.00	\$10,000.00
Business Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	\$213,500.00	\$228,958.00	\$12.00
Special Events:			
Local History Expo	\$1,500.00	\$770.00	\$2,200.00
AADAS Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
Fundraiser Wine Tasting Who Do You	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Fundraiser Think History on the	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Fundraiser Move	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Fundraiser Oktoberfest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Legacy Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,500.00	\$770.00	\$49,950.00
Mill House:			
Store Sales	\$20,000.00	\$11,830.00	\$15,000.00
Photo Sales	\$500.00	\$1,319.00	\$1,500.00
Misc. Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage In:	\$250.00	\$346.00	\$350.00
	\$20,750.00	\$13,495.00	\$16,850.00
Services:			
Copier Usage	\$1,000.00	\$2,003.00	\$2,000.00
Query Service	\$1,500.00	\$2,235.00	\$2,000.00
German Translation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Register of Deeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Cem. Photos	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$2,500.00	\$4,238.00	\$4,850.00
Outreach:			
Genealogy Classes	\$1,000.00	\$2,677.00	\$2,500.00
Speaker's Bureau	\$350.00	\$180.00	\$350.00
Second Saturdays	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
History on the Move	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Irish Programming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	\$2,550.00	\$4,057.00	\$4,350.00
Miscellaneous			
Postage	\$250.00	\$345.55	\$250.00
IRS Refund	\$14,600.52	14600.52	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	48.06	\$250.00
Total Receipts	\$241,050.00	\$251,566.06	\$76,262.00

Expenditures

Operations:

Wages	\$135,000.00	\$112,768.00	\$135,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$9,200.00	\$8,715.00	\$9,200.00
Employee Benefits	\$15,000.00	\$11,559.00	\$15,000.00
Workmen's Comp Ins.	\$600.00	\$462.00	\$600.00
Errors and Ommissions Ins.	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
Staff Education	\$300.00	\$285.00	\$0.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$600.00	\$606.28	\$625.00
Equipment Rental- Copier	\$3,500.00	\$2,218.00	\$2,196.00
Equipment Maint.- Copiers			\$2,478.00
Postage and Delivery	\$4,200.00	\$5,871.00	\$5,000.00
Professional Fees- Auditors	\$4,100.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,500.00
Professional Fees- Website	\$3,500.00	\$295.00	\$7,500.00
State of WI- Regis Fee	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Internet Expense- High Speed	\$720.00	\$726.00	\$360.00
Computer Repairs	\$325.00	\$80.00	\$325.00
Equipment Repairs- DW, RP	\$0.00	\$2,251.88	\$500.00
Office/Archival Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$4,989.00	\$5,000.00
Office Equip- Computers	\$3,000.00	\$2,205.00	\$3,000.00
Federal Tax Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges- Checks, etc.	\$100.00	\$547.00	\$250.00

Building:

Lawn Care	\$300.00	\$101.00	\$300.00
Snow Plowing	\$2,000.00	\$700.00	\$1,500.00
Liability/Fire Insurance	\$2,300.00	\$2,950.00	\$3,000.00
Building Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$3,212.41	\$5,000.00
Housekeeping	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Tele- phone	\$900.00	\$1,085.00	\$1,000.00
Gas	\$1,800.00	\$1,404.00	\$1,800.00
Water and Electric	\$2,200.00	\$2,623.00	\$2,200.00

Special Events:

Local History Expo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
AADAS Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
Fund- raiser Wine Tasting	\$0.00	\$0.00	250.00
Fund- raiser Who Do You Think	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fund- raiser History on the Move	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fund- raiser Oktoberfest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Legacy Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

Mill House:

Book Publishing	\$8,500.00	\$7,846.00	\$8,500.00
Book Purchases			
Photo Department	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

Development:

Tours	\$0.00	\$405.00	\$0.00
Display/Promotion	\$200.00	\$76.00	\$200.00
Quarterly/Annual Meeting	\$1,500.00	\$1,151.00	\$400.00
Board Education	\$0.00	\$424.00	\$500.00
News- letter			
Annual Report			
Annual Campaign			

Outreach:

Genealogy Classes	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Speaker's Bureau	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Second Saturdays	\$0.00	\$2,484.00	\$0.00
History on the Move	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Irish Programming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	\$2,550.00	\$2,484.00	\$4,200.00

Miscellaneous:

IRS			
Penalty	\$380.00	\$0.00	
WI UI Penalty	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Late			
Fees	\$194.00	\$0.00	

Total Expenses	\$216,899.00	\$185,723.57	\$254,239.00
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