



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer days are here again! I hope you are enjoying summer and will be able to attend some of the great events offered in our community. Check out what LVHS has to offer in our calendar of events.

Spring was very busy with some great programs that were kicked off by our Reflections of Deep Lake Resort area program by Jack Krupka at Reflections Restaurant. We had a great turn out of about 80 people who were entertained by a very interesting program and even, serenaded by Jack on his accordion. In April, Rich Coles presented the history of the Lake Villa Baseball League. We had a large crowd of former players and coaches that enjoyed the program held at the Lehmann Mansion. Bob Sobon shared his bottle collection with us in May. It was very interesting to learn about the different ways that bottles were made and how to determine their age, and what processes were used to make them. In June, members enjoyed sharing stories of their Fathers in the "Dear Old Dad" night.

The LVHS hosted the April Lake County Historical Society Alliance meeting at the Lehmann Mansion. It was very informative about collecting and documenting artifacts. There were about 50 people in attendance. After the meeting, many of our guests toured the new displays at the LVHS gallery.

Congratulations to the Lake County Forest Preserve, for the opening of their new Dunn Museum. It is quite impressive. We will be visiting during our August outing.

Mark your calendars for our 3rd Saturday Markets! Our inaugural Market in June was great fun with a nice variety of items to browse.

Thank you to Deb Hudson for her years of service on the LVHS Board. Welcome to our new member of the Board of Directors, and co-editor of the newsletters, Peggy Bogenschutz.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Lori Heitman, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rich and Ann Coles, Lake Villa; Sharon Losacco, Lindenhurst and Amanda Gunn, Lindenhurst, Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATIONS

to member **Joanne Osmond** who was elected President of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) at the joint annual conference in Chicago.

And to **Paul Kaplan** on his recent retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to Lake Villa District Library.

MUSEUM HOURS

Thursdays 1:30-4:30pm
or by appointment by e-mailing
lvhs@lake-villa.org

COMING EVENTS

Membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month except January and July. Business meetings convene at 6:30pm at 223 Lake Avenue followed by a program at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted. LVHS Board meetings are held on the Monday preceding membership meetings.

July 18: FREE tours of Lehmann Mansion starting at 6 pm. Stay for Boy Band Night at Music in the Park at 7:00 p.m.

July 21: 3rd Saturday Market, 9 am – 3 pm

August 1: FREE tours of Lehmann Mansion starting at 6 pm. Stay for American English at Music in the Park at 7:00 pm

August 18: 3rd Saturday Market, 9 am – 3 pm

August 21: 10:30am Meet at the new Bess Bower Dunn Museum located at 1899 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville for a tour of the museum. This is a chance to see the objects on display from the Lake Villa Historical Society!! Lunch to follow.

September 15: 3rd Saturday Market

September 18: Membership Meeting Ty Rohrer of the Waukegan Historical Society will be presenting the “Expedition of Marquette and Joliet, 1673”

October 16: Membership Meeting. Tour Peacock Camp at 6:30 then join in fun around the campfire, complete with s’mores!



June – September
Lake Villa Train Station

Parking Lot

Vendors

Arts & Crafts

And other Treasures

For more information lakevillahistory.com

 Lake Villa Historical Society

Would you like to sell your products, art, crafts, treasures?

Lake Villa Historical Society is accepting applications for space in the 3rd Saturday Market. Applications are available at Lake Villa and Lindenhurst Village Halls or at www.lakevillahistory.com For more information e-mail lvhs@lake-villa.org.



Lake's Region Historical Society is hosting this special event in Antioch to help celebrate Illinois' bicentennial. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity while it is in our area.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER**Peggy Bogenschutz**

Peggy shows objects to honor her Dad and Grandpa at Lake Villa Historical Society's "Dear Old Dad" meeting in June.

Peggy is a life long Illinois resident born and raised in Decatur. She received a B.S. in Ed from Illinois State in the exciting days of panty raids, streaking and protest rallies. She participated in 2 of those 3, meeting her future husband, Dave, during one of them. Peggy did her student teaching for SEDOL and was lucky to have classrooms in two historic buildings in Libertyville, Bush School and Dobe Farm with its beautiful mansion, gatehouse and secret garden. She and Dave returned to Lake County and soon moved to Lake Villa to become the directors of Peacock Camp, the most magical place imaginable. For 22 years they raised their sons, Matt and Drew on the grounds, made lifelong friendships and learned much about the history of the influential families in Lake Villa history. Peggy was an Early Childhood teacher for SEDOL, then Millburn. In addition to volunteering for the LVHS, she is the story time lady for Brainstorm in Lindenhurst and also Millburn's Early Childhood students. She enjoys traveling to visit family, spoiling granddaughter Myra, attending aqua fitness at the Y and vacationing, especially in the Florida Keys.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC

Do you know what this item is? The answer will be in the next issue of Vintage Views. Or if you just can't wait to find out, stop in for a visit at LVHS.

HISTORY ON THE TABLE

With summer comes rhubarb and strawberries. Enjoy these recipes found in the Treasured Recipes printed by the Lake Villa Memorial Auxiliary To Post 4308. Date Unknown. *Every time a jar is opened for my family's repast, I shall serve, quite as an extra memories of the summer past.*

RHUBARB RELISH**Shirley Rentsch**

5 c. rhubarb, cut in 1" pieces
 7/8 c. vinegar
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 4 c. white sugar
 1/2 tsp. cloves
 Put all ingredients in a preserving kettle(?). Bring to a boil, then simmer until of the consistency of marmalade. Pour into jelly glasses and add a layer of wax.

STRAWBERRY MARMADLADE**Mrs. Marie Mann**

1 1/2 qt. fully ripe strawberries
 1 pkg. Certo fruit pectin
 1 medium orange
 1 medium lemon
 1/16tsp. soda
 5 1/2 c. sugar
 3/4 c. water
 Remove skins in quarters from fruit, slice rind very fine. Place in saucepan, add water and soda, bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Chop peeled orange and lemon, add to undrained cooked rind. Cover, simmer 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Combine berries with cooked mixture. Measure 4 cups into pan, add fruit pectin and mix. Place saucepan over high heat. Boil 1 minute. Immediately stir in sugar. Bring to a full boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and bottle.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

With summer come memories of carnivals and street parties.....

The Lake Villa Fire Department purchased its first fire truck, a Pirsch, in 1933. It carried 300 gallons of water and pumped 250 gallons a minute. The truck was stored in Morty Cannon's garage (later known as the Effinger Hardware and currently home of The Sewing Source, Inc.) on Grand Avenue. A street party and carnival were held in August of 1933. With the profits from the first carnival, a siren was purchased.



Photo Courtesy of Bill & Carol Effinger

Fred Hamlin, the first Fire Chief assumed responsibility for answering the phone for fire calls and sounding the siren, which was located on the water tower near his home. This procedure was used to summon volunteers to fire calls until 1976 when the Fire Department became part of the 911 system.



LVHS member Elaine Teltz recalls working with fireman husband Fred Teltz during Lake Villa Days in the 50's and 60's. She would cook at the hamburger stand, sell tickets for kids' rides and work at the Bingo tent. Nearly all the prizes won playing Bingo came from Effinger's Hardware. Elaine wore a

swimsuit, similar to this one on display at LVHS, while participating in the Women's Water Fights until women were required to wear fireman's gear and boots.



Photo Courtesy of Tom & Sharon Barnstable

Alyce Brownlee has wonderful memories of Lake Villa Days stating: *One of my most vivid memories of Lake Villa Days is manning the Hamburger Stand with Millard and Betty Schneider along with Herman Wolff as the "chief hamburger flipper."* An annex served Valerie Sheehan's sloppy joes and had a freezer with ice cream delights. *Prior to the carnival we gathered in the basement of the firehouse to face many 100 lb bags of onions needing to be peeled and chopped by hand. Many methods were tried to keep from tearing eyes – one being holding a match in your teeth to accomplish the task. We made batches of what we called "goop" (onions, mustard and pickle relish). A spot of this and a little ketchup was a hamburger with everything. We mixed this in large roasting pans and then placed in plastic containers in the frig for use at the stand. At the end of the evening we were treated to a freshly made hamburger patty from across the street at Dalgaard's where Butch, Millard and Windsor were making all the fresh patties. Some years later, Harry Pavel who ran the drive-in out on Hwy 59, purchased a magical piece of equipment that actually chopped all those bags of onions once they were peeled. We were all volunteers who were proud of our association with the Lake Villa Fire Department. Those were the days!*

The tradition of raising funds to purchase equipment for the fire department continues to this day.

THANK YOU LVFD!!

DONATIONS

Thank you to all of the people and organizations who have made recent donations to the Lake Villa Historical Society.

- Jerry Coia
- Nannette Thorson
- Ainsley Wonderling
- Lois Wagner Hartman
- Village of Lake Villa
- Lindenhurst Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce

Come visit us to learn more about these new acquisitions that are helping keep our history alive.

RESEARCH IN PROGRES



Residents of Crooked Lake Oaks research their neighborhood.

If you have questions about our village's history, resources are as close as your Lake Villa Historical Society. Not all questions can be easily answered, but people are always happy to help as much as they can. Recently requests have come on a wide variety of topics including the Lake Villa Hotel, Gene Tunney ties to Lake Villa and old plats. What raises your curiosity?

CUB SCOUTS VISIT

Twenty members, helpers and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 174 visited in June. Board members Peggy Bogenschutz and Sue Cribb shared the history and timeline of Lake Villa with the group's "Pioneer" theme for day camp. We hope to see more children and families visit us at 223 Lake Avenue. . . .



Following a scavenger hunt to find tidbits of history, the scouts presented them to their peers. Team topics were lakes, school, trains and the Lehmanns.



On a tour of the museum, one scout saw the pump organ and asked if it still works. Why, yes it does, with fancy footwork by Sue Cribb.

LAKE VILLA DAYS 2018

Lehmann Park, Lake Villa

FREE ADMISSION

August 2nd & 3rd 6pm – 12August 4th 3pm - 12August 5th 11am – 6

Come on out to have some fun while supporting our local firefighters.

Ed Kofoed, Treasurer of the Lake Villa Fire Association states that funds earned from the 2017 Lake Villa Days were used for firefighter education, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets donated to Lake Villa Township families and scholarship/donations to local schools.



Photo courtesy of Jay Cribb

Lake Villa Days Parade and fun at the fire station in the early 1950s.

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