



From Warren Granke, President Show Season Is Coming

Spring and summer have arrived early in Wisconsin. One wonders what might come during the next couple of months. We know that our show season will be here soon.

Old Falls Village Days takes place June 1, 2, 3. *In Touch With History* will fill Friday and *Remembering The Past—Harley-Davidson* will fill Saturday and Sunday. We are developing the plan for all three days and it should be a great show. We will need a lot of volunteers!

The *Civil War Encampment* will take place the weekend of July 21-22. Again, we will need a lot of volunteers. Let's make this a wonderful summer for our community at Old Falls Village.

April Quarterly Meeting Wisconsin Auto Museum Tour

Our April Quarterly meeting is planned for Saturday, April 28. We will begin with lunch at 11:30 at the Public House. After lunch and a short meeting we will travel to Hartford to tour the Wisconsin Auto Museum. We will return to Old Falls Village at approximately 4 pm. This event is FREE to members, \$8 for non-members.

Please contact Katrina by April 21 at (414) 702-5572 if you will be joining us so we can make travel arrangements.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2012

JUNE 1-3
Old Falls Village Days

JULY 21-22
Civil War Encampment

JULY (DATE TBA)
Quarterly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14-16
Artist Ride

OCTOBER (DATE TBA)
Quarterly Meeting

OCTOBER 26-27
Halloween Family Fun Night

DECEMBER 2
Silver Tea

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Just 100 Years Ago ...

The Presidential Election of 1912

Just 100 years ago, there was a presidential election in 1912 as there is in 2012. The U.S Presidential election of 1912 was bitterly contested. It was a rare four way contest. The candidates were Woodrow Wilson (Democratic Party), Theodore Roosevelt (Progressive, "Bull Moose" Party), William Howard Taft (Republican Party) and Eugene V. Debs (Socialist Party).



Woodrow Wilson

Roosevelt and Taft were good friends. However, as leaders of the Republican Parties two wings, Roosevelt of the Progressives and Taft of the

Conservatives, a rift grew between them. Roosevelt at first declined to run for re-election of a third term. His first term began with the assassination of William McKinley.

While campaigning in Milwaukee on October 14, 1912, a saloon keeper named John Schrank shot Roosevelt while greeting the public in front

of the Gilpatrick Hotel at Kilbourn and N. 3rd St. The bullet was slowed by his glass case and the manuscript in his jacket pocket. Roosevelt gave his one hour speech that evening and then was rushed to the hospital.

John Schrank's motive to the authorities was "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot". Schrank was deemed insane and was committed to a mental hospital where he died in 1943.

The 1912 election was the first 48 state election. Wilson was the first democratic candidate to ever carry the state of Massachusetts. This election was the only election in which a third party candidate received more popular votes than one of the major party candidates.

With the death of vice president James S. Sherman one week before the election, Taft was left without a running mate. Also having a republican party divided, Wilson was able to capture the presidency on November 5. He was the second of only two Democrats to be elected president between 1860 and 1932.

Taken from www.history.com and www.wikipedia.org

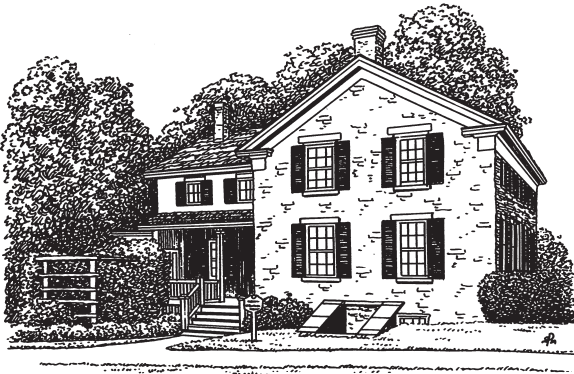


Our thoughts are with the family of Dick Kasper at the loss of his wife Jo-Ann Kasper. They are long time members and Dick has done woodcarving for OFV days.

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Silver Tea Notes: Currier & Ives Tins

In eight more months, it will be time again for the Silver Tea. This year's theme is *A Currier and Ives Christmas*. Information on Menomonee Falls from our initial settlement through the 1890's will be on display.

NOTE: If anyone has any Currier and Ives tins, that are in really good condition, that you would be willing to donate for the Silver Tea this year, it would be greatly appreciated. The reason for the tins will be explained in the next newsletter.

Get your costumes ready! Call Jill Schmidt at (262) 255-3728.

Looking Back at Menomonee Falls' Past

Mih-no-min-ee Indians (wild rice) made this area their home.

- 1842 Menomonee Falls Post Office established
- 1848 St. James Catholic Church built
- 1866 Frederick Nehs builds two-story sawmill
- 1869 Schmidt Brothers Furniture and Undertaking business established (Schmidt & Sons Funeral Home)
- 1880's Beet sugar is the major industry in Menomonee Falls
- 1889 *The Menomonee Falls News* published
- 1890 Lime Kilns built
- 1892 Menomonee Falls incorporated as a Village
- 1892 Lime Kilns closed
- 1894 Menomonee Falls Fire Department formed