



MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

May 2012

From Warren Granke, President

Old Falls Village Days June 1-3

June is coming and so is Old Falls Village Days. June 1, 2 and 3 will be filled with activity at Old Falls Village. We need many volunteers. If you can help, please let us know.

This year we will be featuring antique Harley-Davidson motorcycles and the Davidson family. We will highlight the Miller-Davidson house on our campus. There will be traditional displays throughout the weekend. A new addition will be the children's area.

We are planning to have an entry in the Memorial Day Parade in Menomonee Falls. Again, we need volunteers. If you can help, call me at (414) 305-3714.

Don't forget! We will host the Civil War Encampment the weekend of July 20-22. More details will be coming. See you at Old Falls Village Days!

Next Quarterly Meeting: July 30

Our trip to the Wisconsin Auto Museum was a great time. They had lots of beautiful and rare cars to look at. They are also in the process of restoring an old steam engine which was very large and neat to see. We will be hosting our next Quarterly meeting on Monday, July 30 at Old Falls Village. Warren Granke and his son Erick will discuss antique toys. We hope to see you all there!

With Thanks To Our Volunteers

We would like to give a shout out to all the wonderful helpers who have devoted their time to make the Miller-Davidson house and OFV look spectacular for the 2012 event season. We especially want to thank the Village for the wonderful work in the barn and also The Legacy Church and Grace Lutheran Church for all the volunteer help they gave us. We could not have done it without you. *Thank you!*

Looking Back at Menomonee Falls Past

- 1902 Menomonee Falls-Hubertus-Holy Hill Telephone Company
- 1902 Citizens State Bank opens
- 1908 Farmers and Merchants Bank opens
- 1910 Census: 931 residents
- 1911 Menomonee Falls Blacksmith shop torn down
- 1912 Twelve cars registered in Menomonee Falls
- 1914 "Touring car" service offered by Ray German
- 1919 High school destroyed by fire
- 1919 "Jitney" car trips to Milwaukee 5 times a day, 7 on Sundays
- 1927 Milwaukee Electric Co. purchases Jitney line

Currier & Ives Silver Tea



In the last newsletter, the request for C&I tins was sent out to all members.

In addition to selling our plates of cookies, we will also be using the C&I tins for the sale. The price of these adjusted accordingly, per size of each tin.

Keep an eye out this summer for tins!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2012

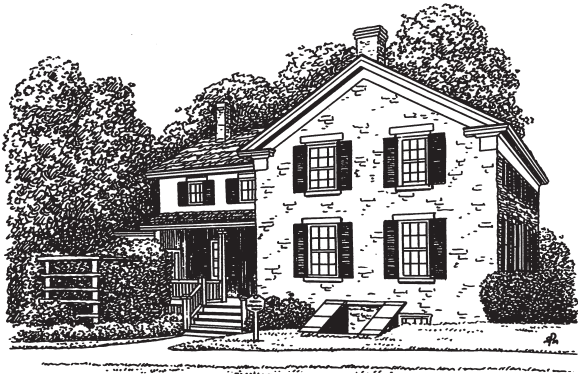
- JUNE 1-3
Old Falls Village Days
- JULY 21-22
Civil War Encampment
- JULY 30
Quarterly Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 14-16
Artist Ride
- OCTOBER (DATE TBA)
Quarterly Meeting
- OCTOBER 26-27
Halloween Family Fun Night
- DECEMBER 2
Silver Tea

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Caretakers

Becca & John Kuester

Meet Your President: Warren Granke

Warren Granke (aka *Pastor*) has been a part of the Historical Society for 7 years. Warren grew up in the LaCrosse area and was a graduate of Onalaska Luther High School in 1963. While in high school, he felt the ministry was his career path to follow. Warren attended college in Mankato, Minnesota and graduated with a masters Degree in Theology.

As a boy, Warren began collecting toys and still does today. He also gained an appreciation for farm tractors through his Dad's line of work, especially International Harvester. Today with his son and grandson's help, Warren continues his search for International Harvester toys and memorabilia, as well as unique full-size farm tractors.

Warren was called to Menomonee Falls in 1988 as the Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. He has become a great asset to the community through his involvement not only with the church, but other organizations including Community Memorial Hospital, the Rotary Club and the Food Pantry.

When asked about OFV, Warren said he loves our beautiful campus. He believes the Miller-Davidson House is a tremendous asset to OFV. He also feels that we have some of the best artifacts from the past that you will find anywhere. In the future, Warren would like to see OFV become a tourist destination in our community because we have so much to offer the public.