



# Seymour History Bulletin

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## Newsletter

The ***Seymour History Bulletin*** is the official publication of the Seymour Community Historical Society. The purpose of the periodical is to keep interested parties informed about the activities of the society and events promoted by the organization. This edition highlights our "Music in the Park" program and includes detailed information about the new museum. **Please consider contributing to our building project.**

Look for the newsletter in your mailbox three to four times a year. We plan to include a variety of topics with an emphasis on local history. If you have something appropriate to offer, please contact either Bill Collar (833-6064) or Marge Coonen (833-2656).

## A Message from the President

**Bill Collar**

It was a busy summer for the Seymour Community Historical Society. We had over 1,200 visitors to the museum this summer. Our records indicate we had people from all over Wisconsin and from as far away as Madison, Kenosha, Superior, and Rhinelander. Eleven states were represented including IL, MN, MI, ID, MO, NB, OK, IA, FL, and CA.

Music in the Park was a big hit with a total attendance of 3,607 for 15 concerts. John and Lynn Koenigs did an outstanding job lining up the talent. The Burger Fest was the best ever, as 675 guests toured the museum. The memorial for Rita Gosse is nearing completion. The fountain is in, pavers have been laid, and landscaping is finished. All that is needed are a few final details.

Thank you to Holly Collar, Pat Seidl, Lucille Miller, and La Mont Kraft for providing the special temporary exhibits this summer. We concluded the summer season with a Nature's



*Lynn and John Koenigs have been great friends of the society.*

Edge photography exhibit accompanied by a glass of wine, cheese, nuts, and chocolates. Kraft, a longtime Seymour resident, travels throughout Wisconsin exhibiting his work in art fairs. Eighty-six people participated in the event. To view the photography online go to his Web site: [www.naturesedgebykraft.com](http://www.naturesedgebykraft.com)



*Annette Krahn and Donna Lubinski admire the photos.*

## SCHS Board Members

The Seymour Community Historical Society has a maximum of 12 board members, each elected for a three-year term. The present board includes:

Bill Collar - president, Lois Dalke - vice president, Janice Eick - secretary, Marge Coonen - treasurer, Dan Beilfuss, June Boettcher, Bob Coonen, Mike Keyzers, T.J. Landwehr, Lucille Miller, Roberta Mory, and Dan Brice/Curt Jefson.

Each Bulletin will include a brief sketch of several board members. This edition features Janice Eick and Lucille Miller.

Both Janice and Lucille have been active in the historical society for 15 years.



*Dan Beilfuss headed up the 50-50 raffle with help from the "Elders" and Eric Chmelka.*

## Flower Display and Memorial Garden

Many people have commented about the beautiful flowers around the museum and the gazebo. Pat Seidl maintains the perennials. Over the years, the Seidl, Eick, Prelipp, Karweick, and Smith families have donated the flowers. The grounds on the west side of the museum have been renovated with the help of Bob Coonen, Roy Porter, Pat Seidl, and Bill Collar. The family of Rita Gosse donated funds for the pavers, flowers and fountain. The area is continually being improved to provide an esthetically pleasing display.

The annuals in the front of the museum are courtesy of Kailhofer's Greenhouse. Every spring Barry prepares and

plants the box in the front, and provides additional flowers to enhance the area around the sidewalk. Jim McMaster and the HOTH have added a lot of color with barrels of flowers at the gazebo and around the Charlie statue. Thank you to everyone who pitches in to help provide and care for the flowers around the museum and in Nagel Park.



*Roy Porter urges Bob Coonen, who is sitting down on the job, to get back to work. Notice the memorial fountain for Rita Gosse in the background.*

**Because of printing and mailing costs, future issues will be limited to people who are dues paying members. See Page 6.**

## Meet the Board Members

### Janice Eick

Originally from Minot, North Dakota, Janice married Roger Eick in 1959 and has been a Seymour resident ever since. They have two sons and four granddaughters. She enjoys helping out in the office and answering the phone at Northeastern Wisconsin roofing.

#### **Your favorite exhibit in the museum?**

Janice: The funeral room. It is a unique collection of items that reflect funeral customs in years gone by. The room is sponsored by Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home.

#### **Greatest reward being on the museum board?**

Janice: I enjoy doing the window display and helping plan the other exhibits. The Christmas display is always fun.

#### **Your favorite historical site in Wisconsin?**

Janice: House on the Rock has a variety of collections and is always fun to visit.

#### **The United States?**

Janice: The Terry Redlin Gallery in South Dakota is very impressive. The Amish county in PA is great to visit.

#### **The World?**

Janice: I've been to many museums throughout the world. The castles in Germany are outstanding. We enjoyed all of the European countries and China.

#### **Hobbies?**

Janice: Right now I would have to say decorating at the museum.

#### **What exciting things have you done lately?**

Janice: The hot air balloon ride was outstanding. I thoroughly enjoyed the scenery and serenity.

### Lucille Miller

Many people know Lucille from the 30 years she worked at the First National Bank (Chase Bank). She and her husband, Robert Mac Miller raised two daughters and she has one granddaughter. Lucille is a 60-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She helped organize the Black Creek-Seymour Business and Professional Women and later joined the Valley chapter.

Active with the Methodist Church, Red Hat Society, and Homemakers, Lucille's first love is flower gardening.

#### **Your favorite exhibit in the museum?**

Lucille: The General Store. I can remember the old Cash and Carry Store, Phinney Graham's Store and the theater.

#### **Greatest reward being on the museum board?**

Lucille: I am old enough to relate to a lot of local history.



*The Funeral Room*



*The General Store Exhibit*

I attended Blue star School, a one room, eight grade school on Ballard Road, the same school my father attended. I worked on the election board in the old city hall on Main St. when tallying was done by pencil on a large sheet of paper.

#### **Your favorite historical site in Wisconsin?**

Lucille: Pabst Mansion, Milwaukee, Dodge House, Outagamie Co. Museum and numerous others.

#### **The United States?**

Lucille: Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, VA, Jamestown, New York Cloisters, St. Patrick's and St. John's Cathedrals

#### **The World?**

Lucille: Quebec and Montreal, Canada, Old Fort William, Canada, Butchart Gardens, Victoria, Canada

#### **Hobbies?**

Lucille: Flower gardening, scrap booking, and playing cards

#### **Your favorite books or authors?**

Lucille: Dr. Phil Series, health books, gardening and cookbooks

#### **Favorite Movies?**

Lucille: *The Great Gatsby*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Paint Your Wagon*, *South Pacific* and *Gone With the Wind*.

#### **Other Activities?**

Lucille: Family genealogy, unusual flowers, and collecting china teacups, Rose Point Crystal, cat plates and teapots. My largest collection is Bing & Grondal plates. I have a large collection including plates from 1909, 1911, 1920, and 1964.

I became interested in Bing and Grondahl plates from Alma and Elvira Groendahl. Their parents came from Denmark and Switzerland. The family is well remembered for their brother, Dr. Ray Groendahl, the Seymour baby doctor, who delivered most of the children in the Seymour area.

## Music in the Park – A History

By Marge Coonen

Here we are back in to fall. Another season of "Music in the Park" is over. The weather was great, 19 groups performed and attendance for the summer was at 3,607 people.

Let's take a look back and remember how it all began. In the late 1990's, Rita Goose had this dream about a gazebo in Nagel Park. She felt strongly it would be good for the community. It was just a dream. But, what a dream! She talked about it to the Museum Board and with their approval, she began writing letters to people looking for support. Donations came in and memorial bricks, were sold. Families and organizations would purchase a brick and have their names imprinted on it. Overall, 475 bricks were sold.

It was in "Encore", a booklet published to celebrate Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial in 1998, that the plans for the gazebo were made public. Proceeds from the booklet, which reviewed Seymour history to 1998, were also donated to the fund. During Seymour's Sesquicentennial Celebration on Saturday, September 5, 1998 the ground breaking ceremony took place at Nagel Park.

The building began with Schuh Construction pouring the concrete floor. Gary Schaumberg constructed the gazebo along with Northeastern Wisconsin Roofing. Randy Schneider did the electrical work. Pat Nagel donated the Gingerbread decorations. Roger Rohloff was in charge of laying the memorial bricks around the gazebo. Roy Porter, Bob Wilken



*The gazebo, surrounded by flowers, makes a great entertainment venue.*

and Bob Coonen constructed a walkway to the street out of pavers. In 2000, the gazebo was ready for a summer of Wednesday night concerts. However, where do we get the money to pay the bands because our funds were limited? All we really could afford was \$50.00. What band would accept that? In our discussions, someone suggested that we ask the bands to do their rehearsing in the gazebo and we would pay them. It would be a win-win situation: Music for us, good advertising for them.

Rita talked to ten businesses in Seymour and asked if they would like to be a sponsor for the concerts. The fee was \$100 for an entire summer of advertising on Wednesday nights. Another win-win situation.

Janice Eick volunteered to make the popcorn in the old theatre popcorn machine. Lois Dalke and Marge Coonen operated the concession stand out of the side porch of the museum. The Seymour Girl Scouts sold popcorn and pop by carrying it in totes to the audience. At one time, we even sold ice cream.

On Monday, May 15, 2000, the Gazebo was dedicated with the Allouez Village Band performing the first concert. Approximately 200 people attended. The weather was excellent. Soda, donated by Mel Kuske, and popcorn were free.

We had six concerts that first summer. We were thrilled when we had 50 people attending. What was started was a marvelous fundraiser for the museum, and in the beginning; we did not even know it. It did not even feel like work. We were all just having fun bringing Music to Nagel Park.

The spring of 2001, brought the horrible news that our walk of memorial bricks did not stand up during the winter. The snow was freezing and then melting, and then

refreezing, that had played havoc with the bricks. Rather than lay the bricks in the ground again, it was decided to make a memorial wall with the work done by Glen Linsmeyer. After the bricks were removed, Pat



*Even the kids enjoyed the music.*

Seidl planted day lilies to add greenery to the site.

The next year, Luann James took over from Rita to line up the bands for their summer practices. The crowds were growing - attendance was up to at least 75 people. Don's Market listed our concert every week in the store ad. In the beginning, we would actually do a head count at each concert to keep track of the attendance. In 2004, Lynn and John Koenigs, who had been playing for us each summer with their KNX Band, took over lining up the bands. John thought it would be a good idea that we would give away a door prize at each concert. Rita asked merchants for door prizes. We gave out free raffle tickets, (goodbye head count,) and used the raffle ticket numbers to determine the attendance. We would give away a can of beans, an ice cream cone, or a car wash to the lucky winner.

Depot St. was under repair in 2004. That summer the concerts were moved to the Lake Park and if we had rain we moved inside to Wally's Bowling Alley. The concertgoers felt that the Lake Park was Seymour "Hidden Treasure." With all the trees, one felt like they were sitting in a great cathedral, listening to music.

In 2005, we returned to Nagel Park and began the 50/50 Raffle, with the proceeds going to the building's new addition. At that time, the concession stand was moved to a picnic table by the gazebo. Lynn Koenigs became a member of the concession crew. Popcorn was 25 cents and soda was 50 cents a can.



*Mike Keyzers directed the Seymour High School Band for 35 Years.*

As more businesses volunteered prizes, we moved up from a can of beans to four cans; to Christmas wreaths, strawberries and vegetables from area gardens. Everyone had a marvelous time. In 2006, the total attendance for the summer was 2,428 people. Last year, 2007, we had 2,694 as the total attendance. We purchased a rolling cooler, added more sponsors, and provided a greater variety of music. Tom Nelson, Ollie Lerum, and others added appropriate humor to the evenings.

This year, Lynn and John Koenigs lined up the bands. People were calling them to see if they could participate in the concerts. Some nights, we had two bands instead of one. Nineteen groups in all entertained. Gary Melchert donated a cooler, so the concession stand became a self-service stop, and with the help of the "Elders" selling to those in cars, we had another successful year. Dan Beilfuss, along with Eric Chmelka sold 50/50 raffle tickets

Mike Keyzers and John Koenig, with the help of the "Elders", gave out the door prizes. Total attendance for the summer of 2008 was 3,607, averaging about 241 people per concert. The free corn roast in August was very popular. The weather all summer was excellent and just one concert had to be moved to Wally's because of rain

Thanks to Rita, for a wonderful dream that she would not let rest until it became the Wednesday Night Social event for our community.

# Did we see you at Music in the Park?



## Support our Sponsors

Our sponsors make Music in the Park possible. Show your appreciation for their support by doing business with them. We also appreciate the raffle prizes donated throughout the summer.

- American Family Ins.
- Baylake Bank
- Chase Bank
- Cheezy Jim's Pizza
- Community 1st – Nichols
- Coonen Inc.
- Ken Bakula - NY Life
- Cousin Ralph Freund
- Countryside Photo
- HOTH
- Don's Quality Market
- Edward Jones Invest.
- First National Bank
- Huettl Bus, Inc.
- Lakeside Foods
- Lubinski, Reed, & Klass
- M & I Bank
- Marcks Trucking & Ex.
- Pierre Law Office
- Trueman Haase Ins.

### Prize Donations

- Condon Oil Co.
- Cheezy Jim's Pizza
- McDonald's
- Doxbee's
- Dairy Queen
- HOTH
- Subway
- Garrow Oil and Propane
- Lakeside Foods
- Trackside Gas & Store
- Muehl Library

## Society Web Site

The Seymour Community Historical Society is now on the Internet. Our address is ([www.seymourhistory.org](http://www.seymourhistory.org)). The purpose of the site is to communicate with our members and to promote our mission to increase the awareness of society activities. It is a work in progress and will eventually include many historical references, pictures, a newsletter, and a virtual tour of the museum.

Presently, much of the site is devoted to explaining about the new museum plans and opportunities to contribute toward the fund drive. It also provides people with the opportunity to renew their membership or sign up for volunteer activities. The society needs help with a variety of projects. You can join our list of volunteers by calling (920) 833-6064, or completing the volunteer form on the web site. Opportunities to help include, but are not limited to the following:

- Helping plan and build exhibits.
- Serve as a museum guide during visiting hours.
- Assist in digitizing pictures, labeling, and placing them on the web site.
- Plan, plant, and care for the museum flowers.
- Assist in putting up Christmas trees for the "Memory Forest" display.
- Help dismantle and store the Christmas display.
- Assist in selling popcorn and soda during the summer "Music in the Park" series.
- Wash windows and prepare the museum for opening in May.
- Take pictures of tombstones and establish a chronological listing on the web site.
- Assist in doing carpenter work by building display cabinets, shelving, etc.
- Do a variety of painting such as windowsills, doors, and external trim, etc.

- Prepare graphics that explain museum displays.
- Design interactive electronic displays suitable for elementary students.
- Serve on the Board of Directors.

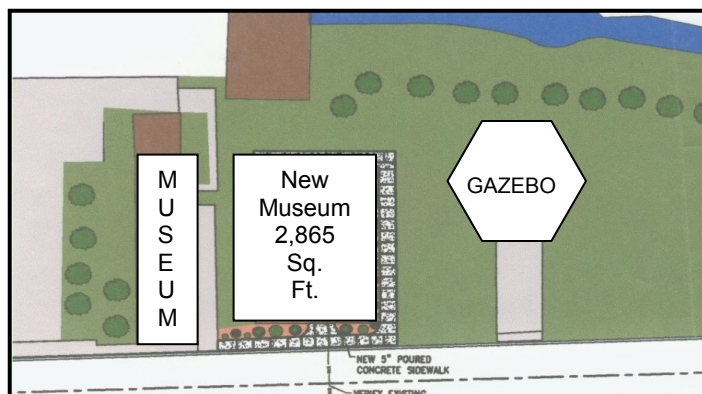
## New Museum

Detailed information about the plans for the new museum can be accessed on the Web site ([www.seymourhistory.org](http://www.seymourhistory.org)). If you don't use the Internet, and would like more facts, call the SCHS president, Bill Collar – 833-6064, and an informational packet will be sent to you.

The new building is a 1.1 million dollar project. An operating fund will also be established. Pledges have been received for about \$650,000. A fund drive has been launched to raise the additional funds in one year. Any donations over \$500.00 will be recognized on a plaque in the vestibule, with larger contributions earning naming rights to various parts of the building and displays. The location of the building is between the present museum and the gazebo on Depot St. Since the project is privately funded, the society needs your assistance.



### Depot St. Location



## Why a New Museum?

- ✓ The present building is crowded and lacks storage space.
- ✓ Because of building code requirements, it is not economically advisable to add on to the present building.
- ✓ The upstairs is inaccessible to many people.
- ✓ Office space is needed for the historical society and the Home of the Hamburger.
- ✓ Modern exhibits feature technology and interactive displays not possible with the present building.
- ✓ An educational center will accommodate school groups, 4-H, scouts, etc.
- ✓ In order to host temporary traveling displays, a secure building is required.
- ✓ Meeting space will be available.
- ✓ It will be constructed with concern for the environment and efficiency of operation.
- ✓ It will present the history of the hamburger in a manner that will encourage tourism.

## New Museum Plans and Contributions

Many of you know that plans have been in place for some time to put an addition on the museum. Rita Gosse was instrumental in obtaining information and estimates to determine what could be done to solve the problems of limited storage and exhibition space in addition to the need for an elevator. After additional investigation and an architectural engineer's analysis of the present building, it was determined that the most prudent course of action is to construct a new facility.

### Kuehne Family Support

This was made possible through the support of Seymour native Carl Kuehne and his family. Kuehne, a long time major sponsor of Burger Fest, decided to contribute his expertise and financial support toward a new facility. This was done with the understanding the new building would be constructed in a manner that promoted education and included a room to be used as an educational center/meeting room. In many ways it will be a community center.

### Building Committee Formed

Bill Collar, who succeeded Rita Gosse as president, was advised to organize a planning committee representing a cross section of the community to recommend future direction for the museum project. John Cumicek, Tom Duffey, Dr. Don Hoff, Perry Pierre, Debbie Peterson, Elizabeth Timmins, Harold Pingel, Ken Rottier, Carl Kuehne, Jim Campbell and Collar met with Pudge Schuh of Schuh Construction to determine the scope of the project.

### Funding

With guidance from members of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, the committee generated the present plan. Through the generosity of the John and Mary Green family, the Seymour Flying Club, the Home of the Hamburger, numerous society fundraisers, and private donations, the building fund approached \$200,000.00.

Recently, through the efforts of John Cumicek and Vernon Lubinski, the Harold and Agnes Krahn Estate contributed \$100,000.00. Numerous donations between \$100.00 and \$5,000.00 put the total over \$300,000.00. The generous pledge from the Carl Kuehne family places the building fund total in the area of \$650,000.00

### Future Goals

To construct and furnish the building as designed, a total of 1.1 million is needed. This includes a number of in kind contributions and the inclusion of interactive exhibits that appeal to all age groups. The plan is to raise \$450,000.00 for the building within the next year. Additional support is essential to build an endowment fund to operate the facility.

If you, your group or organization, would like to view a multi-media presentation explaining the museum plans, give Bill Collar a call at (920 833-6064). Complete details about sponsorships and naming rights are explained in detail.

### Receive Your Newsletter Via E-mail

The Seymour History bulletin is now available on the Internet. To get on the mailing list, go to the SCHS Web site, ([www.seymourhistory.org](http://www.seymourhistory.org)) and sign up. In the future you will receive a full color edition online.

## Membership

A sincere "thank you" to all members and businesses that support the Seymour Community Historical Society. The SCHS is a 501 (C-3) tax-exempt organization. Our members are all volunteers who are committed to promoting a better understanding of its role. Projects include advocacy for historical preservation, educational outreach, publication of a newsletter, operation of a museum, and serving as a historical resource for the community.

Our present main project is the construction and furnishing of a new museum. Because of the generosity of a number of people we are well on our way to making the new museum a reality. Since we need people and resources to operate a first class museum and educational center, the society is constantly looking for new members. Please consider a lifetime membership, It is reasonably priced and simplifies our record keeping.

## Benefits of Membership

- All mailings including the *Seymour History Bulletin*
- A personal guided tour of the museum
- Invitations to artistic exhibits and special displays
- Access to archives for research
- The satisfaction of supporting your local historical society
- Your membership is tax deductible

## Lifetime Business Memberships

(\$100.00)

American Family Insurance	Ken Bakula - NY Life
Baylake Bank	Heinke, Dr. Marilyn
Chase Bank	Home of the Hamburger
Cheezy Jim's Pizza	Huettl Bus, Inc.
Community 1st – Nichols	Lakeside Foods
Coonen Inc.	Lubinski, Reed, & Klass
Countryside Photographers	M & I Bank
Don's Quality Market	Marcks Trucking & Excavating
Edward Jones Investments	Pierre Law Office
First National Bank	Truymen-Haase Ins.
Kailhofer's Greenhouse	

## Lifetime Family Memberships

(\$50.00)

Blohm, Leland and Betty	Kielar, Shirley
Brinkman, Dennis and Nancy	Klass, Pat and Mary
Brown, Don and Mary	Kneisler, Ralph and Arlene
Collar, Bill and Holly	Koenigs, John and Lynn
Coonen, Bob and Marge	Kraft, LaMont and Sandy
Dalke, Lois	Krueger, Otto
Diermeier, Tim	Kuehne, Carl and Mary Ellen
Ebert, Duane	Kuehne, Doloris
Eick, Roger and Janice	Lerum, Adeline and Ollie
Feurig, Don and Frieda	Lom, Joe and Mary
Freund, Ralph	Maass, Dave and Mary
Ginocchio, Frances	Maass, Warren and Gloria
Gosse, Emil	Mahlik, Jill and John
Heinke, Dr. Marilyn	McLester III, Lee G.
Kailhofer, Letty	Melchert, Adela
	Melchert, Gary and Mary Lou

We do our best to keep accurate records. If for some reason you are not listed, or if an error has been made, please contact either, Bill Collar – 833-6064 or Marge Coonen – 833-2656. We appreciate the support of all members.

**Lifetime Family Memberships Cont.**

(\$50.00)

Melchert, Ralph	Seidl, Marilyn
Piper, Janice	Swett, Keith and Jean
Puls, Roy	Thiel, Bill and Lori
Reed, Don and Dorothy	Timmins, Elizabeth
Roloff, Jean	Zahn, Bill and Joyce

**One-Year Individual Memberships**

(\$5.00)

Boettcher, June	Miller, Lucille
Clausen, Deloris	Mory, Roberta
Duffy, Ellen Piehl	Nelson, Tom
Du Four, Diane	Raether, June
Freemore, Marion	Sprangers, Carol
Hein, Joann	Ziebell, Majorie
Koepfel, Alice	

**Sustaining Family Memberships**

(one-year plus a gift \$25.00)

Cumicek, John and Adrienne	Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home
Gosse, Bob and Mary	Osborn Roofing Co. Inc.
Ebert, Clayton and Audrey	Shuler, Willard and Susan
Lubinski, Dick and Donna	Wilken, Bob and Judy

**Pledges and Donations to the Building Fund**

(\$500.00 or more)

Carl Kuehne Family	Bill and Holly Collar
Harold and Agnes Krahn Estate	Lois Dalke
John and Mary Green Estate	Bob and Marge Coonen
Seymour Flying Club	Northeastern Roofing
Home of the Hamburger	Harold and Doloris Pingel
Roy Puls	Randy and Deb Peterson
Don and Dorothy Reed	Countryside Photography
Jean Roloff	Frances Ginocchio
Letty Kailhoffer	Ralph and Arlene Kneisler
Tom and Ann Duffey	

**One-Year Family Memberships**

(\$10.00)

Amerson, Pat and Lori	Lubinski, Vernon and Evelyn
Beilfuss, Dan and Ruth	Sherman, Scott and Cindy
Jeske, Arlene and Robert	Tubbs, Bill and Gloria
Keyzers, Mike and Sue	Wilken, Bob and Judy
Feurig, Don and Frieda	Wussow, Doris
Larkin, Stan and Mary	

**Would you like to donate to the building fund?**

Use the enclosed pledge form, the Web site, or call a SCHS Board Member for more details.

**Forgot to renew your membership? You can do it now. Use the form below.**

**Seymour Community Historical Society Membership Form**

June 1, 2008 to June 1, 2009 - -----Mail to: PO Box 237, Seymour, WI 54165

Use the enclosed envelope

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership - annual dues:** Check your class of membership.

_____ Lifetime (\$50.00) Individual or family	_____ Family 1 Yr. (\$10.00) Immediate family	_____ Lifetime Business (\$100.00) Your business will be listed as a member
_____ Sustaining (\$25.00) Includes indiv. or family and a gift	_____ Individual 1 Yr. (\$5.00) One person	_____ Business 1 Yr. (\$20.00) Your business will be listed as a member

**Thank you for your support of the Seymour Community Historical Society**

**Membership in the Seymour Community Historical Society is a great Christmas present.**



## 12 Days of Christmas at the Museum



It's a song we all know,  
About gifts - 12 days in a row.  
Displays and baked goods too,  
Created with care just for you.

Stop and see Janice's new creation,  
It's an artistic sensation.  
Many birds in trees and things,  
Pipers piping and golden rings.



Pumpkin, apple, and berry pies,  
Many bargains and real buys.  
Bakery made with care,  
And other items you can wear.

Fresh baked bread is oh, so tasty,  
Cookies, candy, and Mom's pastry.  
On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we will meet,  
It's a taste explosion on Depot Street.



## Christmas Open House at the Museum

On Saturday, December 6, the historical society will host the museum open house and bake sale. This year's theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Creative displays, based on the words of the song, illustrate the twelve days of Christmas. The door will open at 9:00 and the sale will continue throughout the day. In addition to a wide variety of baked goods, unique jewelry created by Joan Conratt will be available. Numerous other items, suitable for Christmas gifts, will be on display and offered for purchase. A visit to the museum is a great way to kick off St. Nicholas Day and help spread the Christmas spirit. For those who cannot attend, but would like to support our sale, returning the "No Bake Sale" envelope is greatly appreciated. All proceeds go toward the building fund. **SCHS PO Box 237, Seymour, WI 54165**

## Memory Tree Forest

Every Christmas Season a drive down Depot Street helps foster the holiday spirit and brings back memories of loved ones. This year, as in the past, the historical society will sponsor the "Memory Tree Forest." Last year 35 trees were lighted and decorated to honor someone special. Letters have been mailed to past participants. Anyone else who wishes to participate should contact Janice Eick at PO Box 36, Seymour, WI, 54165. A minimum donation of \$25.00, payable to the Seymour Community Museum should be included with your letter. Janice will need your name, address, phone number and the message you would like next to the memorial tree.

You are asked to have the trees decorated by December 1, if possible. All proceeds from the project go to the new museum building fund. A special thank you to Dr. Don Hoff, who grows, harvests, and donates the trees.



## Thanksgiving



The Thanksgiving Season is a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings in life. The staff at the historical society extends a sincere thank you for your support this year. Many people contribute time and resources to help our organization succeed in our mission to preserve area history and act as an educational resource for the area. Have a great Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from your friends on the Board of Directors.