



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you like to meet people? Do you have a few hours to spare on a regular basis? Why not volunteer with us at Sheboygan County Museum? We are looking for volunteers to help with all sorts of programs and events. Love working with children? Help with our Education Programs! Want to be involved in planning the goings-on at the museum? Join a committee; we have lots. Budget, endowment, financial development, marketing. We would love to have your input. Only available in the mornings? We would love to see your smiling face at the front desk greeting our visitors. If you or someone you know might be interested, let's talk. We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Liza Rosenthal at (920)-458-1103 ext. 7111 or email us at [museum@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:museum@sheboygancounty.com).

## BECOME A BUSY BEE!



Join us Tuesday June 20th from 9:00am-3:00pm!

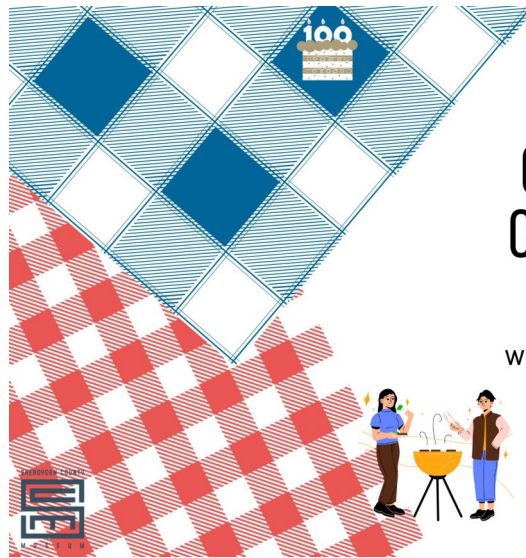
It takes a lot of preparation for us to have a successful Education Program. Help us with that preparation by volunteering. On this day you will help prepare all the hands-on material that is utilized by the students for the upcoming school year.

If interested please reach out to our Education Supply Manager, Nathan Chisholm

(920)458-1103 ext. 7105 or

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**Watch for more Busy Bee days in July & August**



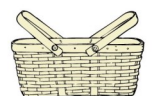
*You're Invited!*

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PICNIC

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH

4:30-7:00 PM

TAYLOR PARK



Come celebrate our 100th year with us! This picnic gives us a chance to thank our amazing **members** and **volunteers**. We hope to see you all there. Please RSVP to the museum by June 5th. (920)458-1103

# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Good Day,

We are heading into summer at the museum and things are starting to heat up. We are midway through our centennial year and excitedly looking to the second half of this special year. We have several events scheduled this summer to celebrate, beginning with our Centennial Celebration Picnic on June 7th. This event is to give thanks to those who support our mission through their generosity of volunteerism and financial support. This fun event is mimicking the early days of the Society, by having a good ol' fashioned Sheboygan style brat fry in Taylor Park hosted by staff and the Board of Directors. We here cannot wait to give our thanks to all of you. Watch for more information on other upcoming events this summer like our free Community Days and our "Prange's: Then and Now" program.

We have completed our National Trust for Historic Preservation "Telling the Full Story" grant. We will be adding a wealth of information of our local LGBTQ+ community on our redesigned webpage in the near future and Tamara and I are in the final stages of developing a new exhibit telling the story of our Hmong community since arrival in Sheboygan. Both of these projects were funded by the grant and will be completed by mid-summer.

Finally, as all good things must end, I want to share a message about our longest tenured staff member, Dale Robson. I first met Dale in Spring 2010 as a new volunteer in our Full Day Education Programs. From my first meeting, I knew I was going to like Dale. His devotion to education and kind ways with our young students taught me the meaning of educating our youth. Although I never achieved a classroom, I learned so many great skills for use in our education programs. I also learned the highs and lows about caring for horses. That alone takes a special person. Dale's experience and caring way will be missed by all of us who have called him a colleague. Now, if I could only get one more of Dale's call to muster in our Civil War program.

— Travis Gross, Executive Director

## EDUCATION UPDATE

The educational programs for the 2022-23 have been completed with the end of the school year calendar. During the course of the school year, seventeen different public schools were in attendance at the four Educational Programs representing seven school districts from across Sheboygan County. There were also eleven different private schools from Sheboygan County that attended our Educational Programs from grades 2 through 5. We had 110 different classes and a total of 2275 students in attendance for the 2022-23 school year.

While the school year has come to end, we are already moving forward preparing for next year. We hope to have a Middle School Program on the Industrial Revolution piloted for the 2023-24 school year. Special thanks to Board member and SASD administrator Jim Renzelmann and teachers Mary Meyers-Wenninger (Urban) and Emma Robeson (Horace Mann) for their participation as consultants for this new endeavor.

SCM continues its involvement with National History Day. The NHD contest will be coming up in June. It will be the first time the national contest will be in person in three years due to the pandemic. There are about 60 students from the state of Wisconsin participating in this global event. For more info on this great educational opportunity, go to [nhd.org](http://nhd.org).

I'd like to personally thank Dale Robson for his many years of service to the Educational Program at the SCM. He has been a great mentor to me over the past several months and will be greatly missed.

Also, special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped throughout the year working with the kids in our four programs. Without you these programs would not be possible. You are greatly appreciated. Enjoy your summer and hope to see many of you back in the fall.

# No Clowning Around



Our 2023 Museum Madness Tournament winner knocked off past champs on the way to a resounding win! Congratulations to Mel Hummitzsch's *Toilet Seat Guitar* for taking home the 2023 crown!

Don't forget -- all the 2023 Museum Madness competitors are on exhibit at the Museum (along with 84 of their BFFs) through October 22 as part of our Centennial Exhibit *100 Years/ 100 Objects: A Century of Collecting*. Set aside a little time to come celebrate with us and learn a little more about the stories behind some of the Museum's oldest, newest, and in cases like the guitar, most creative, objects in the collection!

## COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

Our May 2023 Collection Spotlight continues our celebration of the Historical Society's Centennial year with a beautiful floral display. It also represents the growth of the collection beginning in the 1950s, including an early example of "modern" collecting undertaken by the Society, with the addition of a historically contemporary piece and the expansion beyond pioneer era artifacts.

Donated in 1956 by Mrs. Charlotte M. Kohler, this floral cocktail dress with matching shoes was worn by the First Lady of Wisconsin to a Governor's Conference. Mrs. Kohler served as First Lady of Wisconsin from 1951 through 1957 following the election of her husband, Walter J. Kohler Jr., to the governorship in November 1950. As First Lady, Kohler became an admired volunteer with the American Red Cross and spearheaded the establishment of a fund to support Christmas gifts for patients of Mendota State Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, Charlotte McAleer Kohler (1912-1995) spent her early years on the East Coast. Following her marriage to Walter Kohler in 1948, she settled in Sheboygan County. The donation of her cocktail dress to the Historical Society represented one of the first instances of contemporary collecting for the organization, a practice of adding items to the collection of the recent past. It also was an early addition of modern women's fashion pieces as opposed to the clothing of the "pioneer woman." Kohler donated a number of formal dresses from her time as First Lady to Wisconsin historical organizations, including giving the Wisconsin Historical Society the dress she wore to

the inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower.



Kohler's dress, along with 99 other objects, are on display at the Museum through October 22 as part of our Centennial exhibit, *100 Years/ 100 Objects: A Century of Collecting*. Stop by to learn more about how the Museum's collection changed and grew over the decades, including more examples of contemporary collecting and representations of the changing times.

# WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM!

We are excited to announce that we have another new board member, Laura Bickford. Laura is a Curator at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center where she oversees the Art Preserve and related exhibitions at the Arts Center. Previously, she was the William S. Arnett Curator at the Souls Grown Deep Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia. Bickford has had a lifelong love of all things handmade, embellished, encrusted, fried, miniature and oversized which has led to her professional pursuit of the vernacular, the extraordinary every day, and objects created on the margins of culture.

Bickford has a dual-masters in Modern Art History, Theory, and Criticism and Arts Administration and Policy from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She also has a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Folklore from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

We are so excited to have her as part of our board. She will make a great addition.

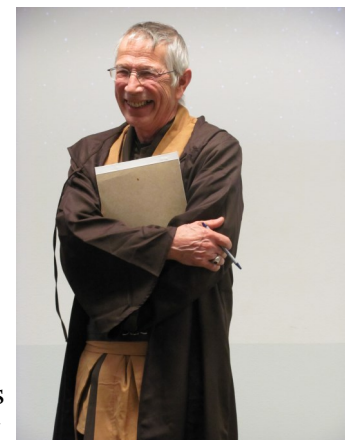


We are pleased to welcome Elaina Nelson to the staff for the remainder of the IMLS *Inspire!* grant. You may recall Elaina worked with us and the inventory project as an intern last summer, a huge advantage to help hit the ground running for the remaining hours of the project. Elaina is a graduate student at UW-Milwaukee getting a dual MA in Public History and Library Information Studies. She is originally from Wyoming, but has called Sheboygan home since 2014. When she isn't studying, she enjoys spending time with her family and creating wearable art.

We are so excited to have Elaina back and on staff here at the museum!

# WE'LL MISS YOU!

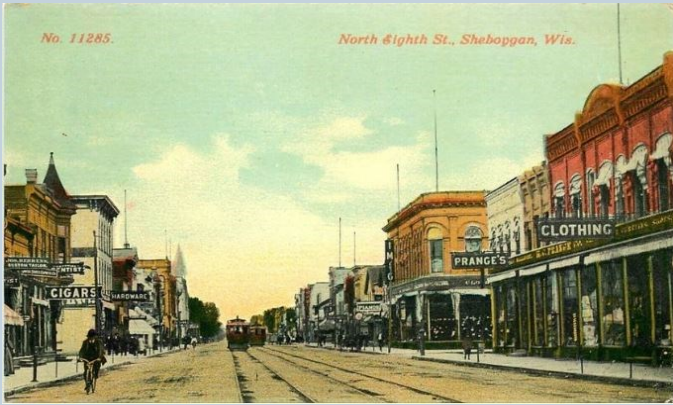
Dale came to the Society and Museum as a volunteer in 1993, following his wife Louise who became an employee a year prior. He volunteered when needed those early years which eventually led to him being hired in April 1995 as custodian. At that time, the museum did not include our main building so custodial duties were a bit easier. For the next decade he kept the museum clean and also assisted with programs and other projects. In 2010, he was hired as the Education Program Liaison and Facilitator using his 30+ years as a high school English teacher to enhance and grow the education programs. His responsibilities shifted to keeping the museum's connection with area educators strong by providing them information on our programs, both what they are and what to prepare before bringing students to the program. He also became the museum's in-house editor of all things written. A few years after assuming his new role, he stepped away from the custodial duties, mentioning that when he started as custodian there were only two toilets and sinks in two bathrooms, but now (2013) there are 10 toilets, nine sinks and four urinals on top of the normal cleaning. Dale has experienced a lot of growth at the museum in his time, always remaining committed to our mission and education of our area students. Thank you, Dale! You will be missed by your co-workers, volunteers and our area students. (Even if they call you Darryl.)



# JUNE & JULY PROGRAMS

## PRANGE'S THEN & NOW | SATURDAY JULY 29, 12:00-3:00 PM

Gather to remember the power of Prange's "then" and the power of small businesses "now" to meet human needs, from clothing to connection. Stations and stage outside of the Weinhold Log Cabin. Snacks and recipes available.



**12:00–3:00 Stations open:** Local small businesses, SCM, Prange's

**1:00–2:00 Open Mic:** Share your story about "Why do you go?": Stories on Prange's then and community connection points now"

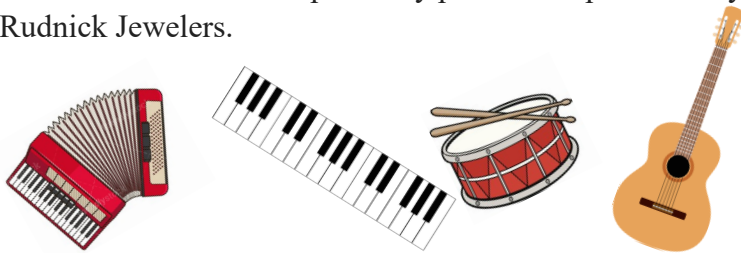
**2:00–3:00 Badger Talk:** "Renascent Marketplaces: Understanding the Importance of Markets" by Alfonso Morales featuring the roles of different local market places in Wisconsin over time.

## COMMUNITY DAYS

Free Monthly Saturdays to celebrate history through hands-on experience. We invite everyone from the community to visit and bring a friend for this special Centennial offering.

### SATURDAY JUNE 10 | LOCAL HISTORY EXPO

Historical societies and museums from Sheboygan County **host mini sites** in SCM's galleries to share their story and how you fit into it. Interactive map activity provided. Sponsored by Rudnick Jewelers.



### SATURDAY JULY 8 | MUSIC-MAKING AT THE MUSEUM

Get a closer look at some of SCM collection's instruments and music **on exhibit**, play your way through an "instrument petting zoo," and create-your-own miniature **stumpf fiddle**.

Save the Date

## THE SHEBOYGAN JUBILEE

COCKTAILS. DINNER. POP-UP EXHIBIT. LIVE & SILENT AUCTION. MUSIC

November 4th, 2023  
Nourish Farms  
5:00pm-10:00pm

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MUSEUM'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Save the date for the Sheboygan Jubilee! We are excited to share the news of the first ever Sheboygan County Museum Jubilee. This event is a celebration of our Centennial year and will include cocktails, dinner, and music as well as a silent and live auction. All funds raised will support our Full Day Education Programs and community programs, as well as long term and temporary exhibit displays. If you would like to be added to our invitation mailing list, please contact Liza Rosenthal, Operations Manager, at (920)-458-1103 ext. 7111.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## Museum Hours

- Monday– Friday, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

## Admission

- Members – Free
- Adult (18 – 61) – \$9
- Seniors (62+), Active Military – \$7
- Youth (6-17) \$5
- Child (5-) Free

**Memberships** and other financial contributions support our mission, “to collect, preserve, and educate about the history of Sheboygan County.” Memberships support preservation, educational programs, maintenance, exhibits, events, and other necessary expenses.

*Check out the SCHSM website and Facebook for Pop-Up Events throughout the year!*

**Centennial Celebration Picnic**, June 7, 4:30pm-7:00pm

**Community Saturday**, Local History Fair, Free Admission, June 10, 10:00am-3:00pm

**Busy Bee Volunteer Day**, June 20, 9:00am-3:00pm

**Closed**, July 4th, All Day

**Community Day**, Music Making at the Museum, Free Admission, July 8, 10:00am-3:00pm

**Prange’s Then and Now**, July 29, 12:00pm-3:00pm

**National Night Out**, August 1, 4:30pm-7:30pm, Veterans Park

**Object Exposure**, The Bloody Secret, August 17, 9:30am-10:30am

## MUSEUM STAFF

Travis Gross, Executive Director; Matthew Bayens; Nathan Chisholm; Heather Hanlon; Tamara Lange; Elaina Nelson; Dale Robson; Liza Rosenthal; Tom Wiegand; Rick Wojnarowicz