

VISIT CHAIR CITY ART CHAIRS

You can find Art Chairs on display now through mid-October at the following locations. Chairs will be for sale at the Sheboygan Jubilee and Sheboygan County Museum at the end of the year.

- •"Lines of Sight," by Sara Willadsen @ Honey & Ace Design
- •"A Window to the Past," by Xoe Fiss @ Sanderling Nature Center
- •"Armory Memories," by Danielle Lienau @ Mead Public Library
- •"Into the Forest..." by Kris Morse @ Plymouth Public Library
- •"Cooler Near the Lake," by Kris Olson @ Sheboygan City Hall
- •"Ellipsis," by A. Norton @ Above & Beyond Children's Museum











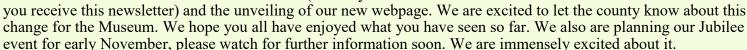
- \bullet "Worlds Collide," by Emma Kolar @ Sheboygan County Courthouse
- •"The Host: A Tribute to the Sheboygan Armory," by Antoinette Mattern @ Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library
- •"Sheboygan: The Gold Standard," by Neon Perspective @ Sheboygan County Museum
- •"Fall in Sheboygan," by Sandy Achterberg @ Sheboygan Visual Artists Art Gallery
- •"Sewn Together by Water," by Leovardo Aguilar @ Elkhart Lake Library
- •Hello Happiness Creativity Center Staff @ Hello Happiness Creativity Center .

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hi There,

We are heading into the "dog days of summer" and things are heating up at the Museum. We have some great things happening in the next few months and we still have our awesome anniversary exhibit on display. We are finding it hard to believe we are more than half way through the year. But I think that means we have been staying active.

Our rebranding is grinding along. We are planning to have an announcement about the new brand this month (if not by the time



Our programming is moving forward with two large events coming. We recently completed our Prange's Then and Now event, and had a great time remembering Prange's Department Store and meeting current businesses who are supplying us with their products. We have great events coming up, including the History Hill Music Fest and a new program, Historic Tavern Talk. You can find further information in this newsletter.

The development of our new Middle School Education Program is moving along. Our education staff is now in research and development for the program and we are on schedule to hold an in-class trial run during the fall semester of this coming school year. The education staff is also scheduling classes for 2023-2024, with several scheduled for September, October and November. You can join this great team as we do have a staff position open in our education programming. This is a part-time position for an educator looking to downsize their workload or a recently retired educator. The programs are fun and exciting and nothing beats the smiles on the student's faces as they leave. The position will also be involved in the development of the middle school program. It is always exciting to be a part of a new development.

We also are back on track with our Collections Project through the ILMS grant. We slowed a bit due to a staffing change, but are back at full speed with our new staff member and two of three summer interns working diligently on it. You can read more on the project in this edition.

I also want to make a shout-out to all those who have contributed to our \$100 for 100 Years campaign. Your additional support has made a huge difference for us; we can't thank you enough. We will be honoring this campaign throughout the year, so if you would like to contribute there is still time.

- Travis Gross

EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE!

While we do not hold any Educational Programs during the summer months when school is not in session, the staff is still busy making evaluations and updates within each program to better facilitate educational programming to the students of Sheboygan County. Some minor adjustments will take place for all of the elementary programs.

We are also excited to be piloting a new Middle School Program entitled "The Technology Revolution in Sheboygan County". Currently, several SASD 8th grade classes will pilot of this experience as we bring the program to the

students. There will be 3 sessions throughout the school year focusing on the history of technology and its influence on Sheboygan County, Past, Present and Future. Session 1 will focus on the historical context of technology and its progression through the first and second Industrial Revolutions. Session 2 will encompass the manufacturing and business industries relevant to Sheboygan County. Session 3 will allow students to participate in higher level thinking and questioning skills, as technology moves to the future.



The Ed Program staff are looking forward to all of the opportunities that lie ahead and are anticipating a great 2023-24 school year.

THANK YOU INTERNS!

This year's college interns, Aaron and Claudia helped with the IMLS Grant-funded cataloging project. They focused on the collection storage in the main building and made great progress. We will be sad to see them go at the end of the month.

Aaron Krebsbach

Aaron is a Graduate Student at the university of Wisconsin Milwaukee in the Public History Program focused on Museum Studies. He is an avid gamer, spending most of his free time playing video games. When he isn't home gaming with friends, he usually is out spending time with them out and about. He also enjoys play-



ing guitar and tactical laser tag, formerly playing competitively bus has had to take a step back to focus on his studies.



Claudia LaCosse

Claudia is a Sheboygan native who has always been interested in museums and history, so having her at the Museum just seemed natural. She is currently a World Cultures Humanities student at UW-Green Bay. In addition to being an intern here she is also and intern at S.S. Badger Carferry in Manitowoc where she works as a

driver. She gets to drive people's cars on and off the ship and really enjoys it.

Tate Tousey

Tate is entering his senior year at Lakeland University studying history. Tate has been a zealous student of history since he was five years old and read his first Magic Tree House book. He is especially interested in how abolition affected the political and economic reforms in Wisconsin. Tate wanted to intern at the museum because he wanted to learn more about our state and local history so he could share it with other county residents.

COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: PROTEST POSTERS

As time marches on, the Museum continues to collect a variety of objects representing the lives and experiences of Sheboygan County residents. When the organization started over 100 years ago, museums of all kinds tended to focus on collecting artifacts of the past and this Historical Society was no exception. That focus has definitely expanded, especially in recent years, as demonstrated by several items in our centennial exhibition, 100 Years/100 Objects: A Century of Collecting.



This Collection Spotlight highlights one such contemporary artifact - a handmade poster carried by a Sheboygan County resident during the *Protest for Progress and Unity* held in downtown Sheboygan in July 2020. Much will be written in the future about the year 2020 and many will include the protests that spread across the United States and the world in the Summer of 2020 following the murder of George Floyd. Following the first protest on May 26 in



Minneapolis, the movement quickly grew, with protests occurring in every state and over 2,000 cities across the country. Sheboygan's protest was among those occurring in over 15 Wisconsin communities.

Contemporary collecting is one of the ways to ensure that the everyday is documented for future generations, communicating in a tangible way the events and activities at a given point in time. It is also a way to ensure that easily lost ephemera is gathered in the best condition possible – an increasing challenge in today's world! The Museum will continue to collect both materials of today and yesterday to ensure a rich story of Sheboygan County can be told well into the future.

IMLS GRANT UPDATE!

It is hard to believe that just over two years ago, on July 22, 2021, the Museum officially received word that our application for an IMLS *Inspire!* Grant had been chosen as one of only 60 projects (out of 301) to receive funding that year. Two years later, amazing progress has been made with documenting the artifacts in the Historical Society's collection.

While Year 1 of the project focused on documenting objects in the exhibits, the last year has shifted to inventory work in collection storage areas. Much of the fall and winter were spent with a few major collections - furniture manufactured in Sheboygan County, the Prange's mechanical animation pieces, the Garton Toy Company collection, and several other locally significant artifacts - that are stored in the loft area of the main museum building. After a change of staffing in Spring, the project resumed in May in the storage area located off of the staff office.

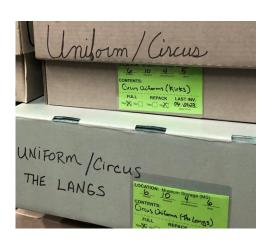
Once again, here are a few fun numbers to share from the last two years –

- •Objects that have been inventoried as part of the project 5,910
- •Volunteer hours contributed to the project 545
- •Intern hours contributed to the project by the end of this August 1800
- •Documentation photographs taken 10,000+

Of course numbers are just a snapshot in time and by the time this newsletter is printed, progress will have continued. The grant was designed to kickstart the process of completing a Collection Inventory, not complete the Inventory. Because of staffing changes earlier this year with the project, the Museum applied for an extension to the original two year grant period to ensure use of the originally allocated resources, but the work will continue on long beyond. The remaining months of the grant will be dedicated to continuing documentation in the Museum Storage area. Other areas will also remain to be inventoried, including objects in the Schuchardt Barn and the Wheeler Exhibit Restoration Center. While much progress has been made, there is still a great deal of work to do. The project will continue forward long after the initial grant expires as completing an initial Collection Inventory is a vital component of the Museum's work as stewards of Sheboygan County history.







We've taken advantage of the summer and claimed the usual Education Program space to spread out to work on the Inventory project. Having the space to keep a photography "studio," along with table space to unpack and assess box content has been invaluable in keeping the project moving forward.



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.

COMMUNITY DAYS AT SCM

Free monthly Saturdays in 2023 celebrate history through handson experience. SCM invites everyone from the community to visit and bring a friend for this special Centennial offering.

Saturday August 12, 10:00am—3:00pm Interact with the pilot version of the new middle school education program "The Technology Revolution in Sheboygan County" with a scavenger hunt, counterfactual response wall, and pop-up object display all about how industry has transformed the area and vice versa.

Saturday September 9, 12:00pm—6:00pm | Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the History Hill Music Fest with Michael Lee Ammons, Jim Ohlschmidt and Craig Panosh, and Classic Racket. Michael Lee brings his traditional Americana and early blues sound back to the Weinhold front porch; then Jim and Craig shine their blues-adjacent sound, and Classic Racket showcases duo renditions of classic rock songs, all against the fitting backdrop of the Weinhold Log Cabin. Enjoy pioneer games for the kids, tour the museum and historic buildings, and enjoy a sandwich and drink all on the wonderful museum campus.

HISTORIC TAVERN TALK

Thursday August 24, 7:00–9:00pm | \$10 per ticket

Hear the stories of the historic downtown gathering place now called Legend Larry's. Make connections and ask questions about how culture shifts in bars and between community organizations. Sample different award-winning wing sauce (included) with alcohol available for purchase.

Get tickets online at <u>sheboyganmu-seum.org/event/historic-tavern-tour/</u> or in-person at the museum







PLANK ROAD RENDEZVOUS

Free Admission | October 20th—21st | 10:00am—5:00pm

Pancake Breakfast | October 22nd | 10:00am—1:00pm

Join us on October 20—22, 2023 at the Sheboygan County Museum for a fun filled weekend of history. The weekend focuses on Wisconsin's Fur Trade Era, from about 1750 to 1840, and visitors can expect to speak with and observe historical reenactors representing the various inhabitants of the area prior to statehood.

Admission to the Museum is free the entire weekend so you and your family can not only enjoy the rendezvous outdoors, but also explore the museum and its four historic buildings. The weekend will culminate in a pancake breakfast on Sunday October 22nd from 10:00am — 1:00pm with proceeds going to support the Sheboygan County Museum!

Sponsored by: Fudgienuckles Sports Pub & Drewery

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS





OBJECT EXPOSURE: THE BLOODY SECRET

Thursday August 17, 9:30—10:30am | Members-only Program

Find mystery and intrigue with SCM Curator Tamara Lange in her object pick. Be surprised at the reveal and find connection in how materials permeate our culture today at SCM's newest member-exclusive program. Coffee and light bites served.

R.S.V.P.'s are not required but appreciated. Please contact Program Coordinator Heather Hanlon at (920) 458-1103 ext. 7112 or heather.hanlon@sheboygancounty.com.



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Museum Hours

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

Admission

- Members Free
- Adult (18-61)-\$10
- 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!

100 Years / 100 Objects: A Century of Collecting, thru October 22nd

Community Saturday, The Technology Revolution in Sheboygan County, Free Admission, August 12, 10:00am—3:00pm

Object Exposure, The Bloody Secret, Members-only Program, August 17, 9:30am—10:30am

Historic Tavern Talk, Ticketed Event (\$10), August 24th, 7:00pm—9:00pm

History Hill Music Fest, Community Saturday, Free Admission, Saturday September 9, 12:00pm—6:00pm

Object Exposure, SCM's Alderperson, Members-only Program, October 6, 9:30am—10:30am

Plank Road Rendezvous, Community Saturday, Free Admission, October 20—22nd

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