



# Time Lines

AUGUST 2024

## PLANK ROAD RENDEZVOUS

August 29 & 30, 10:00 am–5:00 pm, September 1, 10:00 am–2:00 pm: FREE FAMILY FUN!

Bring to life a time period of great exchange in the county: The Fur Trade Era.

Visit all weekend and see

- Camper Reenactors (buckskinners): Experience demonstrations of atlatl, knife throw, and black powder guns, as well as the work and play of Fur Trade economy
- Pioneer Games: Compete with friends using toys from the era
- Scavenger Hunt: Search for animals around the camp as you meet buckskinners

Visit Saturday and Sunday for

- Hair-story: Learn hairdos from the 1700s, make DIY lip balm, and try period-specific grooming objects from SCM's education collection with 100% U Salon owner Willy Millard.



## WELCOME STAFF MEMBER

Please help us give a warm welcome to our newest staff member Charlie Strysick. Charlie has taken the important role of SCM's Custodian and we are thrilled to have him. Before coming to SCM, Charlie worked at Acuity as their Maintenance and Custodial Specialist. If you see Charlie around, please give him a warm hello and thank him for keeping the museum clean, neat, and orderly.



## MUSEUM STAFF

Brett Lobello *Executive Director* ; Matthew Bayens; Heather Hanlon; Tamara Lange; Liza Rosenthal; Charlie Strysick; Rick Wojnarowicz



## DIRECTORS NOTE

At the Sheboygan County Museum, people are what drive our mission. A hearty thank you is appropriate for all the Museum's volunteers, whether they provide an hour sporadically or hundreds of hours a year. We can't achieve our mission without your efforts.

Back in March, I saw the dedication and skill of the Museum's education volunteers. They came early, stayed late, and did an excellent job helping make a difference for the school groups that visit almost daily in the spring. Those volunteers provide some of the most memorable interactions with the students. My daughter, who visited with her class in May, still talks about "the Tom and the two Jerrys."

Holiday Memories has a whole subset of volunteers who help us create the magic of the season, using their specific skills to help prepare and install the vignettes, host and welcome visitors, and staff the programs. I look forward to meeting many of these volunteers when I experience my first Holiday Memories this winter.

The opportunities to volunteer are endless. Eleven students from Sheboygan South High School cleaned the Museum Campus during their Day of Service in March. The Lakeshore Garden Club planted the potted plants on the Taylor House, Log Cabin, and Cheese Factory porches. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who answer questions and orient visitors on the weekends. Businesses encourage their employees to volunteer; those volunteers and others assist with preparing education program supplies during the summer. Even the Museum's Board of Directors, who chart the direction of the organization, are volunteers.

Our volunteers provide an invaluable service and are the backbone of the Museum. They believe in the organization, it's mission, the stories we share, and the service we provide to the community. They are also our best ambassadors and share the Museum's mission within their own spheres of influence. They provide one of the most important things a person can give - their time. I would like to say thank you again to all of our volunteers for sharing your time with us. It is a wise investment.

If you are interested in helping make an impact on the community, please contact Liza Rosenthal to discuss volunteer opportunities. If you're already volunteering in a fulfilling and useful role, consider recommending it to a friend.

— Brett Lobello, Executive Director, Sheboygan County Museum



## BUY-A-BILL

Help support museum operations by participating in our Buy-A-Bill initiative. Your donation directly supports museum operations over the course of the fiscal year, January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. You might ask what do you mean by operations expenses? Operational expenses range from utilities, display, storage, and preservation, programming, and so much more. Operational expenses are critical to fulfilling our mission to *collect, preserve and educate about the history of Sheboygan County*. You can donate today by giving us a call at (920)458-1103 ext. 7111, email us at [liza.rosenthal@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:liza.rosenthal@sheboygancounty.com), or visit our website [sheboyganmuseum.org](http://sheboyganmuseum.org) to donate online. Your support is truly appreciated. The museum couldn't achieve our mission without you.





# WELCOME TO THE BOARD

Please help us welcome Richard Balge to the Board of Directors. Rich is now SCM's new Board Treasurer. Rich recently retired from BankFirst after serving the banking industry for 44 years. Rich and his wife Amy have been Kohler residents for over 30+ years after moving away from their hometown of Milwaukee. They have two children and four grandchildren. Rich enjoys spending time up north at his cabin in Mercer, WI, trapshooting, golfing, reading, practicing piano, and outdoor sports. Community service is also a large part of Rich's life. In addition to serving as treasurer at SCM, he is the treasurer of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, a board member of the Lakeshore Community Foundation, and Vice President of the Sheboygan Falls Conservation Club. Rich is excited to now be part of the Museum and its board.

In addition to welcoming Rich we would also like to thank Frank Caracara for his service to the Museum. After long-time Treasurer Ken Ristow left the board, Frank filled that role. He chaired the Budget Committee and helped guide us through that transition. Thank you Frank.



# COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

Late summer always brings a favorite for young and old alike – the Sheboygan County Fair. This annual event has been a Sheboygan County staple for countless generations, celebrating the agricultural, domestic and community connections that have been part of area heritage for so many years. In fact, as indicated by our featured Collection Spotlight, the fair is one of the earliest organized celebrations of Sheboygan County's agricultural and rural heritage!

Despite this pin indicating the Centennial of the Sheboygan County Fair in 1952, the first fair was actually held in 1851.

Organized by the newly established Sheboygan County Agricultural Society, the first fair featured numerous agricultural displays in downtown Sheboygan Falls. For the following 45 years, the fair moved from Sheboygan Falls to Plymouth to Sheboygan, occasionally with competing fairs in the various communities. Following the formation of the Sheboygan County Fair Association and a new Sheboygan County Agricultural Association in 1896 and 1897 respectively, the annual event established a permanent home in Plymouth.



One hundred years after that first fair, the 1952 Sheboygan County Fair continued as a celebration of agriculture and community. Unfortunately, the Centennial Fair was plagued by both bad weather and a bit of bad luck. Outbreaks of anthrax and cholera meant that both cattle and swine exhibitions had to be significantly scaled back. Rainy weather loomed most of the weekend, including forcing the organizers to cut short the Centennial Showcase Program on Saturday evening. Yet the Centennial Fair was deemed an overall success - limited livestock exhibitions still occurred, the midway brought thrills to those who

braved the weather, and the grandstand programming was warmly received. In fact, despite adding countless temporary seats and threats of rain for the Saturday evening program, it was thought nearly 1000 people were turned away at the grandstand ticket office. Interestingly, the Fair will run for the exact same time frame this year, 2024!

Today's Sheboygan County Fair continues many of the traditions of those earliest agricultural fairs with animal exhibitions, agricultural education, celebrations of domestic production, and more. With the additions over the last 172 years of entertainment, midway rides, and a variety of delicious foods, there is no doubt there will soon enough be a Bicentennial Pin celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Sheboygan County Fair.







## EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Educational Program staff and volunteers are beginning the process of preparing for another school year. Our first Busy Bee Day has been completed and depending on the needs of the programs, an additional two days are being scheduled for August and September.

School programs will begin in October. We have quite a few days open in the fall yet and are at 50% capacity already for the spring semester for the 2024-25 school year. As always we are looking for volunteers to help with the Educational Programs. Please consider donating some of your time for these awesome student experiences. Choose a specific program (or two), or join us on specific days of the week. It is really up to you and based on your schedule.

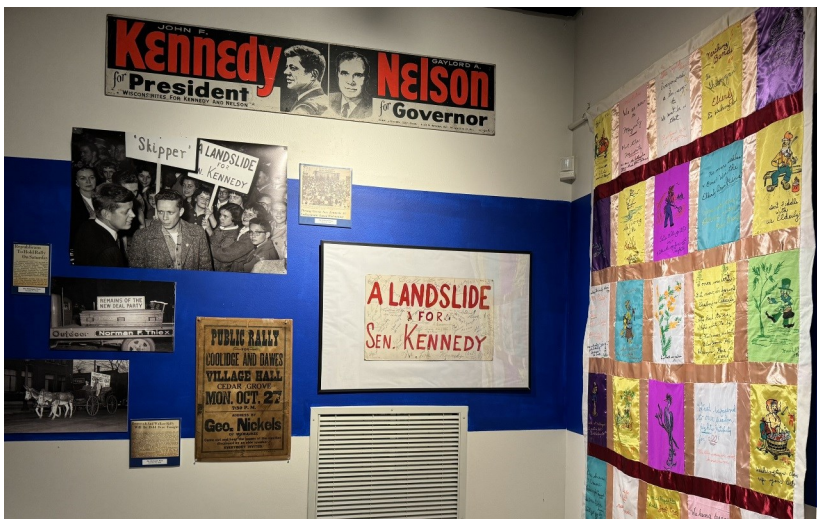
## CELEBRATING 100 WITH THE SHEBOYGAN JAYCEES

Visit the Museum over the next few months to celebrate the Sheboygan Jaycees as the group marks 100 years of service and leadership in the Sheboygan County community. Well known for Sheboygan's Brat Days celebration and the Dominion of Terror, the organization provides vital leadership and civic opportunities, along with countless projects supporting the community. Come find out more about the second Jaycee group to be founded in Wisconsin!



## OF, BY, FOR THE PEOPLE

*Of, By, For the People* is not your modern politics scene. Rather, it approaches politics through one of the most phenomenal aspects of American democracy that has been key since day one—the fact that **people** and **participation** are at the center of this form of government. Through this people focused lens, visitors can clearly see how the definition of people expanded, the process of participation changed, and ultimately how the government grew to meet the ever changing needs of the people and our communities. This exhibit highlights the unifying concepts of service and participation by ordinary people, at a local level, that is at the heart of American Democracy.





# VOLLRATH BOWL LANTERN PARADE

**Vollrath Bowl: August 12, 19, 26**

Learn about this community tradition that took place from 1935–2011 in a hands-on/feet-on way. Participants can enjoy Food Truck Mondays at Vollrath Park and stop by the SCM tent to make a lantern. Let your light shine bright at the culminating parade on August 26.

August 12, 19, 26, 5:00–7:00 pm: Lantern making

August 26, 8:00 pm: Parade through Vollrath Park



# PROGRAMS AUGUST–OCTOBER

## FAMILY MOTTO YARD SIGNS

**SCM: September 21, 10:30 am–12:30 pm**

Families create a family motto and playfully make yard signs and buttons to reflect your values. For inspiration explore SCM's temporary exhibit *Of, By, For the People* full of yard signs, buttons, stickers and more.



## OBJECT EXPOSURE

**SCM: Members-only**

A community leader chooses one object out of SCM's collection as a way to talk about history, make contemporary connections, and engage YOU in conversation. Be surprised at the object reveal and build community with fellow members!

**September 26, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

“A Round About Way of Looking” History enthusiast and figure skating coach Maddi Spletter questions the relationship between shape and time in one of SCM's farming implements.

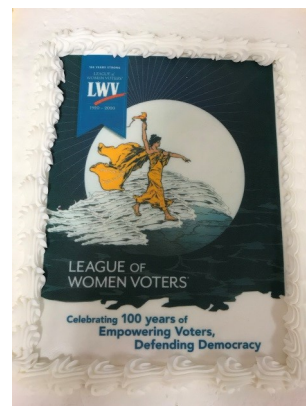
RSVP appreciated but not required to [heather.heather.hanlon@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:heather.heather.hanlon@sheboygancounty.com).



## OF, BY, FOR THE PEOPLE FEST

**SCM: October 19, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Connect with people who have served our community with stations hosted by poll workers, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, school board representatives, village presidents, county supervisors, a Supreme Court case plaintiff, National Convention delegates from both sides and more. Children can vote for SCM's Holiday Memories Coloring Page with a homemade voter ID.



# SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MUSEUM

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### MUSEUM HOURS FEBRUARY 1 THRU OCTOBER 31

Monday — Friday,

10a.m. to 5p.m.

Saturday, 10a.m. to 3p.m.

Closed New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.

#### 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.

**May 18 — October 26:** *Of, By, For The People* Exhibit by the Sheboygan County Museum

**August 12, 19, 26:** Lantern Making, Vollrath Park, 5:00pm — 7:00pm

**August 26:** Lantern Parade, Vollrath Park, 8:00pm

**August 29, 30:** Plank Road Rendezvous, SCM, 10:00am — 5:00pm

**September 1:** Plank Road Rendezvous, SCM, 10:00am — 2:00pm

**September 21:** Family Motto Yard Signs, SCM, 10:30am — 12:30pm

**September 26:** Object Exposure with Maddi Spletter, SCM, 5:30 pm — 6:30pm, Members only program

**October 19:** *Of, By, For the People* Fest, SCM, 10:00am — 2:00pm

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