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MILWAUKEE: CITY OF FESTIVALS

...is the title of the program to be presented by **Ben Barbera** on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ben Hunt Room of the Hales Corners Library. Ben Barbera is Curator of Collections at the Milwaukee County Historical Society. While most people are aware of the festivals held at Henry Maier Festival Park, Ben will focus on the origins of the city's passion for festivals which goes back to the mid-19th century—from the earliest Sangerfests and Turnfests to the major festivals of today, including the Wisconsin State Fair and Summerfest. Our fabulous ice cream social will follow the presentation. Join us for this free community event!



BRATS AND DOGS A GREAT FUND RAISER

Our June 24th Brat Stand fundraiser was successful, with 145 brats and 42 hot dogs sold. Thanks to all of you who helped out and to those who bought our tasty treats. Special thanks to **Jim Bain**, our Head Honcho, his committee of **Katy Galewski** and **Mary Javorek**, and our volunteers: **Mary Bennett, Dan Besson, Fr. Jerry Hudziak, Celine Kashishian, Randy and Sandy Sannes, Chris Schachtlie, Al and Ruth Strekow**.

Special thanks to Katy Galewski for taking these photographs.



Top left: Senecal Hale, Al Strekow, and William Hale

Top right: Jim Bain and Randy Sannes

Bottom left: Dan Besson, Ruth Strekow, and Sandy Sannes

Bottom right: Mary Javorek and Celine Kashishian

COLLECTION PROTECTION

“Basics of Collections Care on a Budget” was the topic of the June 27th meeting of representatives of Wisconsin’s local historical societies. The program was hosted by the Port Washington Historical Society. HCHS attendees were **Randy and Sandy Sannes** and **Al and Ruth Strekow**. Independ-

ent consultant **Dr. Danielle Benden** related her experiences at the University of Wisconsin’s historical archives and provided tips on protecting collections by using fabrics, papers, and plastics that prevent deterioration. The meeting also featured tours of the Port Exploreum museum and the 1860 lighthouse property.

4TH OF JULY OPENINGS ARE BIG ATTRACTIONS

The Ben Hunt Cabin and the Summer Kitchen were both open on the 4th. The Cabin had 114 visitors—a lot more than usual. **Celine Kashishian, Katy Galewski,** and **William Kochis** hosted.

The Summer Kitchen had more than 50 visitors—a record! This can probably be attributed to the foot traffic in the area, with people coming and going to the bed races and the Holz car show. **Mary Javorek** and **Kathy O'Brien** were the guides. The HCHS Board had decided to have the Summer Kitchen open only on the 4th of July, and this seems to have been a wise decision.

CABIN SIGN ON WHEELS

For years, the sign noting Cabin openings had been posted on the fence on the bridge. **Dave O'Brien** designed it to do no damage to the bridge and be easily transportable. However, the Village recently informed us that signs on the right-of-way have always been illegal, and that this law will now be strictly enforced. So, we chose a new site on 116th St., near the Cabin.

Dave built a new free-standing sign and set it up and took it down in June and July. It looks great, but has two problems: it really isn't visible from Janesville Rd., and it is too heavy. He will be building a lighter one.

Thank you, Dave, for all your engineering efforts!



TRAYS IN TWOS

The ashtrays shown above recently were donated to HCHS by an unknown smoker. Both were advertising give-aways from local businesses that are long gone: Gordon's Texaco Service and Welch's Hardware Store. Thank you to our donor, whoever you are!

WATER, WATER ALMOST EVERYWHERE

That torrential rain on July 12th paid our Society rooms a visit, resulting in standing water across half of both rooms. Fortunately, due to a similar occurrence a few years ago, we keep most items off the floor, so only two empty cardboard boxes were soaked

and thrown out. The rooms have since been mopped up and dried out thanks to the Library staff and their plumbing experts.

INTERESTING LOCAL PROGRAMMING, PAST AND FUTURE

Hometown Habitats was a slide show sponsored by **The Wild Ones**, showing how yards could be made friendly for bees and butterflies. The Wild Ones also gave a tour of Luther Parker Cemetery on July 22nd, led by **Randy Powers**. This cemetery has been in the news because some people want it mowed, destroying this prairie remnant.

Don't forget: *Hales Corners Night Out* is Tuesday, August 1st, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Hales Corners Park, 5765 S. New Berlin Road.

Here's another one you can still make it to: On August 12th **Ron Winkler** of the **Bay View Historical Society** will lead a walk in Seminary Woods. It's about two miles long and costs \$5.00 for Bay View Historical Society members and \$7.00 for others. You can reach Ron at rawinkler@sbcglobal.net.

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