

# 1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc.

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## Annual Meeting Was Held On February 12, 2011

The membership of the 1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc. gathered for a potluck luncheon & their Annual Meeting on Feb 12, 2011.

Attendees were welcomed by Pres. Natalie Erpenbach. The Secretary’s Report of the January 5, 2010 Annual Meeting was read & approved.

The 2010 Financial Report was given by Treas. Snick Quicker.

- Noted generous donation from the Listeman Foundation.
- \$500 match grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society for archival materials.
- Major expenses included restoration & remodel costs, utilities, insurance costs, office & archival supplies
- The Museum’s net cash position decreased by approx. \$2,800 in 2010.

The President’s Report highlighted:

- Increased membership & participation in 2010.



- Museum was open for public, private & special tours from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

- Tours given to area school children (public & private) in May as part of Wisconsin Historic Preservation month.

- Printing new Museum brochure.

- Adding photos and/ DVDs for sale in gift shop

- Remodeling & restoring projects— “Dispatcher’s Office” /Office, Records Room & upstairs bathroom.

- Spring cleaning, ongoing roof/bldg repair

- The computerization of the Museum’s collection records & improving archival condition of documents & photos.

(Above— Rollie & Sue Krueger, Bonnie Koeberl, Tarra Birge, Snick & Christine (Kurz) Quicker enjoy Annual Meeting in Feb, 2011)

### Plans for 2011 include:

- Quarterly newsletter
- Making the Museum, its collection, & resources more accessible to the public.
- Starting an Oral History program
- Creating Family History packets.

Harvey Fischer & Sue Krueger, were unanimously re-elected to serve 3 year terms on the Board of Directors.

And finally, the Museum’s By-laws were amended to move the date of the annual meeting from the First Tuesday in January each year, to the Second Saturday in May, effective in 2012.

# WANTED:

## PERSONS INTERESTED IN:

- **HELPING WITH FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT**
- **HELPING WITH ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**
- **GENERAL CLEANING TIMES SCHEDULED—IN PREPARATION FOR OPENING MUSEUM FOR THE 2011 TOUR SEASON—**  
**9AM TO NOON**  
**THURS APRIL 21ST**  
**THURS APRIL 28TH**
- **SUMMER TOUR GUIDES ARE NEEDED EACH SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1-4 PM**

Opportunities are everywhere to get involved at the Jail Museum. The “WANTED” poster (left) features just a few of them. It’s just like the Ancestry.com commercial on TV ... “*you don’t have to know what you’re looking for... you just have to start looking!*”

As a museum member or volunteer, you can spend time browsing through the files and records, the rooms in the house or the displays in the Jail. You’ll



be surprised how much Clark County history we have in our own local Museum. If you’re interested in helping with these (or any other) projects, please call any of the following people, or come to a monthly meeting. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm at the Jail Museum. Hope to see you there!

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| Natalie E.     | 743-6234 |
| Shirley A.     | 743-6058 |
| Sue Krueger    | 743-2571 |
| Harvey Fischer | 743-2734 |



## Jail Museum Celebrates Historic Preservation

Did you know that the Month of May is designated as “*Historic Preservation and Archeology Month*” here in Wisconsin?

Each May, in conjunction with Wisconsin’s celebration of history, the 1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc. invites children from each of the schools in Clark County to tour the Museum.

Those students and their chaperones visit the Museum, free of charge, as our special guests. Many schools study Wisconsin history in certain grades (like

4th grade) and allow those students to take the tour each year. Whatever grade they are in... we’re happy to see them each year!

The kids have a good time, but we suspect the tour guides have an even better time! The children have great questions and keep us on our toes! What a great way to start the tour season each year!



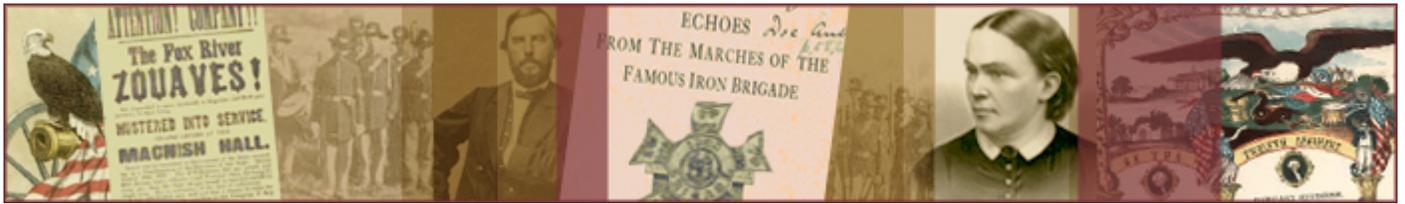
## Recent New Members

- Anna (Ann) Bates  
 Tarra Birge  
 Jerry and Marcia Gross  
 Gross Motors, Inc.  
 Tim A Voigt—Rural Ins  
 Robert and Betty Wilsmann

### (CCHS Life Members)

- Olga Bennett  
 Dorothy (Snyder) Breedlove  
 Elaine Free  
 Wayne Hendrickson  
 Joan Knack  
 David & Patricia Jankoski  
 Delores Justman  
 Hilda Lipsy  
 Ruby Meihack  
 Dallas Neville  
 Robert Scott  
 Betsy Severson  
 Arla Ann Thompson  
 Lorna Vasquez  
 James Vorland  
 Joan Wavrunek

*Welcome!*



## Civil War Sesquicentennial 1861 - 1865

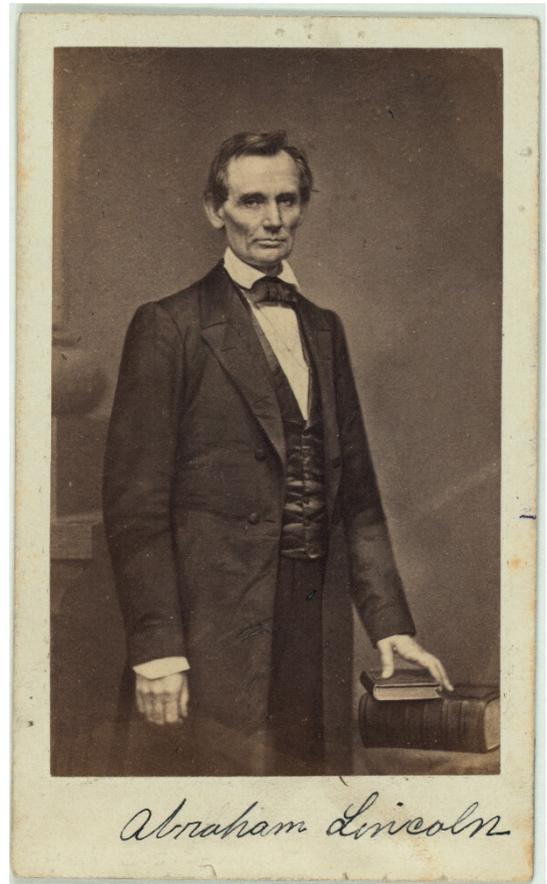


### April 15, 1861 - Wisconsin is called upon to send soldiers.

**WI Gov. Alexander W. Randall** (left) receives a telegram from Washington D.C. requesting one regiment of volunteers to serve the Union for three months in the Civil War. Within a week, enough recruits came forward to fill several regiments.

And so begins one of the bloodiest wars in American history.....

Governor Randall was in his second term of office when he received this telegram and set about the task of organizing troops, establishing training camps, and organizing supplies. Troops were mustered in at Camp Randall in Madison, Camp Scott in Milwaukee, Camp Hamilton in Fond du Lac, or Camp Harvey in Kenosha. After their three months were up, these initial troops re-enlisted for three years and, in July, 1861—six regiments left Wisconsin for the front lines. From that point on, Wisconsin's brave soldiers joined with other loyal Union supporters in suppressing the rebellion of the Southern States. **Clark County, Wisconsin**, it is said, "responded nobly" to **President Abraham Lincoln's** call for soldiers. In 1861 Clark County had approximately 120 families and a total population of about 800 persons. Records show that the county furnished about 30 men to **Company I of the 14th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry**. They mustered in on October 19, 1861 for a three year term, and left the state, for action in the field, in March, 1862. Besides Company I of the 14th WI, so many brave soldiers in this Civil War eventually called Clark County, Wisconsin their home. For the next several newsletters, we will follow these brave men as they serve their country, and follow accounts of the families they left behind, here in Wisconsin....waiting for their loved ones to come home.



Log onto the **Wisconsin State Historical Society's** website at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/civilwar/](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/civilwar/) to learn more about Wisconsin's role in the Civil War.

# Items Recently Donated to the Museum



**1907 “One Minute Washer” (Donated by Byrl Buddenhagen Family)**

This hand washer (used by past generations of the Buddenhagen family on their home farm in the Town of Pine Valley) was made in 1907 in Newton, Iowa by the One Minute Manufacturing Co. It was advertised as having a *“Lighting Speed Fly Wheel Under the Tub”*! This fancy washer had an agitator attached to the fly wheel, a convenient built-in Wash Board Stand, and still has it’s original cork plug! No record of what this washer would have cost, but it was pretty “high-tech” back in 1907.

When Byrl Buddenhagen was getting the old Washer (above) out of storage to bring in the Museum, he came across the domed Wooden Traveling Truck (below) that was used by his great-great grandfather (name not known). Byrl’s great-grandfather, William Buddenhagen was born in Kewaskum in



**Wooden Travel Trunk- (Donated by Byrl Buddenhagen Family)**

1858, and moved with his family, to Neillsville in 1904. The home farm was northeast of Neillsville in the Town of Pine Valley. The farm became home to William’s son Elmer, Elmer’s son Leland, and now Leland’s son Byrl Buddenhagen.

Travel trunks like this one, were the essential when traveling in the 1800’s and early 1900’s. The trunk has several compartments for jewelry, documents, shoes, as well as clothes. When families came to America from Europe, many times. all the family possessions were stored in the one trunk they brought with them from the old county.

**Al Capone Memorabilia and Photos of the Northern WI Hideout (from Robert Wilsmann, Sr)**



**Al Capone** (and other Chicago mobsters) spent quite a bit of time in Central and Northern WI. Several interesting photos, articles and books on the subject are now available at the Museum.



**Stenotype Machine (Donated by Alice Hinkelmann Family)**

Alice (Lautenbach) Hinkelmann worked in the courtroom of Judge Oscar W. Schoengarth as a court reporter for 9 years. This Stenotype machine was used by Alice to record the courtroom events during 1943 to 1952.



# Sculptor of Bernhard Listemann Portrait Busts ~ Identified!

For years, two portrait busts of Bernhard Listemann (below) have graced the Music Room and the Listemann Bedroom at the 1897 Clark County Jail Museum. These sculptures, made of plaster-of-paris and bronze patina-



painted to look like (metal) bronze, were items donated by the Kurt Listemann estate. It never dawned on us to research the sculptor of these busts to find out more about them, or her.

Then, in March 2011, Natalie Erpenbach was contacted (via a Clark County History Buff's web-site member!) by Nancy Weyant, a retired librarian. Ms. Weyant is a published biographer, and had been in the process of writing another book on an American Sculptor named Nancy Cox-McCormack. Her research revealed more than 70 works of art including sculptures of Clarence Darrow, Ezra Pound, Jane Addams, Benito Mussolini, Mahatma Gandhi and.... Bernhard Listemann!. The current location of many of these works of art was known, but others, were still unknown.

Based on Ms. Weyant's inquiry, Natalie Erpenbach sent pictures



of the portrait busts and artist's signature (photo above), via email. Ms. Weyant's response (received the very next day!) stated— *“As you probably suspect, you have made my morning! I have been working on this project for over a decade. It has been four years since I was able to move one of the sculptures from the “current location unknown” column to “known” ...”*. A list of the Cox-McCormack pieces are maintained at Smith College (in TN) and at the Smithsonian. Ms. Weyant will be updating both lists for this new information re: the location of the Listemann busts.

## Dates in WI History

**April 15, 1876** - The first telegraph line in northern WI was completed near Ashland.

**April 22, 1970** - The first Earth Day was celebrated. The event was organized by a 33-member committee in Philadelphia, PA. WI Senator Gaylord Nelson advocated the creation of Earth Day to help focus national attention on ecological issues.

**May 23, 1854** - On this date, the Milwaukee & Mississippi railroad reached Madison - connecting the city with Milwaukee. Thousands of people gathered for the ceremonial arrival of the train & picnic on the Capital grounds. (That trip from Milwaukee took 7 hours)

**May 23, 1903** - WI becomes the first state to adopt a direct primary election law. Prior to this law, candidates were selected by caucuses and conven-

tions, not directly by voters.

**May 29, 1848** - WI becomes the 30th state to enter the Union. The State was nicknamed the “Badger State” in reference to miners who lived in dugouts (like a badger) in the wintertime.

**June 12, 1899** - On this date, the worst tornado disaster in WI history levels the town of New Richmond. Over 300 buildings were destroyed, 117 people died and over 150 people were injured.

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY in Wisconsin



National History Day (NHD) a program that began in 1974 in Cleveland, OH was created by the faculty of the History Department at Case Western Reserve University. Their goal was to develop a program that would give teachers and students new ways to teach and learn History.

Over time, this program was adopted by schools across Ohio, and then the country. Today, NHD is an annual program, based in Washington DC, that allows over 500,000 students (grades 6-12) to compete a project in one of five categories. Using the annual NHD "Theme", students complete their projects (an Exhibit, Documentary, Website, Historical Paper or Performance) and are graded/judged at their local school level. Projects that meet local criteria can compete at their Regional competition in either the Junior or Senior division. This year, 73 Neillsville seventh graders completed 57 projects. Kathleen Gerhrke, their teacher and NHD coor-

dinator accompanied 9 students (below) to UW-Eau Claire on March 31, 2011 for regional competition. Projects with the highest scores are eligible to compete in Madison at State competition on May 7th.



(Regional competitors: Row 1 L to R: Jessica Enstad, Claire Neville, Krista Rueth, Molly Dolly, Rebecca Anason, Row 2: Cody King, Jacob Walter, Jacob Kunze, and Jason Kurth)



Claire Neville and Krista Rueth will compete in Performance at the WI State NHD competition.

**Congratulations!**

**NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2011**  
**DEBATE & DIPLOMACY IN HISTORY:**  
**SUCCESSES, FAILURES, CONSEQUENCES**

**VOTES FOR WOMEN**

Images above are from the Wisconsin Historical Society Collection.

# 1897 CLARK COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM, INC. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM



## Do you know someone who would like to receive this Newsletter?

Have them Return This Application Form to:

*1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc.  
PO Box 41 Neillsville, WI 54456*

Membership entitles you to:

- Vote at Annual and Special Meetings (as per By-Laws)
- One Free Museum Tour per Year
- Quarterly Member Newsletters
- Opportunities to Volunteer (if possible) at whatever level you are willing to provide

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|---|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Annual Membership     | \$ 5.00/year  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Annual Membership         | \$ 12.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Historian Membership      | \$ 2.00/year  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Professional Membership | \$ 10.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership            | \$ 50.00/year |

**Total Amount Paid:**

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YES \_\_\_\_ NO  
(Interested in Volunteer Options?)

1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc.  
215 E 5th Street  
PO Box 41  
Neillsville WI 54456

Return Service Requested

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Officers:

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<b>Vice Pres:</b> Shirley Anderson	<b>Secretary:</b> Kevin Struensee	<b>Treasurer:</b> Snick Quicker



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Upcoming Events

(All at the Jail Museum—215 E 5th St—Neillsville, WI 54456)

May 3, 2011	7:00 pm	May Monthly Meeting
Month of May		Wisconsin Historic Preservation Month
Month of May		Free Jail Museum Tours—Invitations sent to Clark County Schools
<b>Sun. May 29, 2011</b>		<b>Museum Open — for the Season (Open 1-4pm)</b>
<b>Mon. May 30, 2011</b>		<b>Museum Open — Memorial Day (1-4 pm)</b>
June 7, 2011	7:00 pm	June Monthly Meeting
July 5, 2011	7:00 pm	July Monthly Meeting

*The 1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc. is operated as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization*