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Dear Members and Friends of NWCHS,
Happy 2013! I would like to recap our 2012 season.

The roses in the Heritage Garden are asleep and nestled in their burlap and the Master Gardeners have completed the first of two phases in the Memorial Garden. Our 3rd annual Valentine dinner raffle/fundraiser was a success and the Pie & Ice Cream Social, which had beautiful weather, was well attended.

In June we commemorated Major William Upham's raising the US Flag indicating his intent to rebuild his business and to encourage Marshfield to raise from the devastating fire's ashes. In December we had a 2 day Victorian Christmas event and in all these events our attendance was larger than last year!

Exhibits for 2012 included Indian baskets, Marshfield and area Baseball history, Political Memorabilia, and the Victorian Christmas Décor. We also opened a new Gift Shop just in time for the Christmas event. You can read Mary Anne Arendt's report on it inside.

Overall, as mentioned, attendance was up this year with General Tours, Student Tours, Special Arranged Tours, DairyFest, Garden Tours, 125th Fire Celebration and the Christmas event we saw approximately 2000 people come through the Mansion!

Just a reminder, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2013 now is the time! We need financial support for sustainability. Funding we have relied on in the past, including donations from foundations and grants, are down and/or we are no longer a benefactor. The financial challenges we are facing include continues operational expenses and maintenance of the Upham Mansion. Any questions or ideas regarding this matter please call me 715.387.1054. .

We are a volunteer organization and we need your help to preserve NWCHS and the Upham Mansion. Whether you like to work behind the scenes (fixing things, painting, cleaning, decorating for Christmas, etc...) or like to interact with people please consider being a tour guide... WE NEED YOU!

Shelby Weister



Next General Meeting: Monday, February 25th 7-9PM Special musical entertainment by Dot.

Meetings for members and friends of NWCHS are the last Mondays of the month from 7pm to 9pm. Each meeting features a short business meeting, a speaker and snacks. We look forward to seeing you! If you or if you know someone who would like to speak on a topic at a General Meeting please contact Kim at the Mansion

Please also note our 'wish list' on the back cover. All is greatly appreciated!



Victorian Christmas

The theme for the 2012 Christmas at Upham Mansion was "A Victorian Christmas". Each room showcased décor dating to the early 1900s including evergreen roping, toys, cornucopias and lace, antique glass ornaments and even deer antlers in

Christmas trees! Thank you to Chris, Dolly, Martha, Jen, Mary Anne, Pat Passo, Shirley Person, Karen Thompson and the students from the Alternative School for ALL your hard work!



The annual Christmas open house was held the 1st weekend in January. Trisis performed both days and wowed all those who saw and heard them! Thank you ladies (and Dave) for the beautiful music!



A big thank you to **John & Shirley Person** for loaning their collection of 300 **German, hand blown, hand painted glass ornaments** some of which dated

to the early 1900s. They also loaned a goose feather tree that John had made. We received a lot of good feedback from your collection!

Documents Preserved

In June NWCHS was awarded a mini-grant by the Wisconsin Historical Society & Wisconsin Council for Local History to go toward preserving archival material. One portion of the funds were used to protect five framed artifacts that are always on display and needed protection from acidic environments and unprotected from ultra-violet rays which, in time, cause documents to deteriorate. (See the *Columbian Exposition Lithograph on pg. 5 as an example of what bad conditions can do over time*)

Two photos of Governor Upham, his 1869 commission to 1st Lieutenant and his 1895 Governor's certificate; and the Emancipation Proclamation lithograph were all sent to **Off the Wall**. There Jodi Furman replaced all matting with acid free material, gave the 1869 commission a new frame and replaced the glass with UV blocking Plexiglas on each artifact.

These measures will enable each artifact to be on display yet protected from elements that would cause them to deteriorate.

A huge thank you to Jodi and his team at **Off the Wall** for doing outstanding work!

New on the Board of Directors

Vice President—Ken Woods

Secretary—Jan Thompson

After many years as Secretary, Martha Pomainville is hanging up her stenographer's recorder. Thank you, Martha, for all your hard work and dedication as Secretary!!! Martha is not going anywhere though, she will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

Recent Acquisitions:

From Joellen (Hagge) Bennet :

Photocopied booklet of *Genealogy of the Kelley Family Allied with Buckingham, Dudley, Howe, Hussey, Manning & Wheeler Families* Compiled 1906 by H.M. Wheeler

From Barney Kedowski

#1 *Awesome Paulson* story by Barney that will be published in *Gas Engine Magazine*. Barney's experience in researching and restoring a 1909 Lang & Scharmann HP 5, No. 1 Paulson Engine.



1869 1st Lieutenant commission before re-framing. The document was housed in a frame too small, in an acidic environment and unprotected from UV rays.



1869 Commission document after re-framing at **Off the Wall**.

The drawing is on
Wednesday the 6th at
noon.

Tickets will be sold until
Tuesday February 5th
at noon. At that time all
tickets and money must
be turned in.

Call 715.387.3322 for
more information.



NorthWood County Historical
Society Presents
**Upham Mansion's 4TH
Annual Valentine
Sweetheart Wine & Roses
Dinner For Two**

Saturday, February 9TH
212 West 3rd St.
5:00PM through 6:00PM



Twenty five dollar raffle ticket entry.
Prize winner receives private, formal, wine & roses
candlelight turn of the century dinner, provided by West
14th / Blue Heron Brew Pub, for two at the Upham Mansion
dining room. Violinist plays light classical music which adds
to the elegant experience.

**Help support Governor Upham Mansion Restoration and the
Historical Society's education & preservation of the history
of Marshfield and the local region.**

Winner notified on February 6TH
after the 10:00AM Public Drawing at
the Governor Upham Mansion.
Go to www.uphammansion.com for
information or call 715-387-3322 for
raffle tickets.



**Marshfield Cultural Fair—at the UW Marshfield/Wood County Campus
Saturday, February 23rd from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.**

If you have never attended the Cultural Fair you have been missing out on a great event! One of the main goals for this fair is to increase awareness and understanding of, and pride in, the cultural and ethnic diversity of the community. Come and experience ethnic performances, taste food from 9 different nations (including American!), and stop by the various exhibits on display throughout the building! Be sure to stop by the NWCHS exhibit for a spot of tea!

For more information visit the Marshfield Cultural Fair website at

<http://marshfieldculturalfair.com>



NWCHS President, Shelby Weister presenting Martha with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Volunteers Recognized:

Each year NWCHS awards individuals for dedication volunteering their time and the Upham Mansion Museum. This year Martha Pomainville and Karen Thompson received the award.

Martha has been a faithful volunteer for many years. She has come in to guide nearly every other Saturday, when others are not available, and over the years has helped with cleaning, decorating and yard work. Martha joined NWCHS in 2004 and has served faithfully on the Board of Directors as the Secretary from 2008-2012.

Karen has been volunteering on Wednesdays as a tour guide and working in the archives for over a year. She has been instrumental in typing data from paper catalog records dating back to the 1950s into an excel spreadsheet. This allows the information to be 'researchable'. Some of the data was straightforward, but some, due to how the information was recorded or changed over time, proved to be a challenge. Karen also has been a trouper in helping to get some of the backlog of archival matter cataloged and housed properly.

Both Martha and Karen have helped with student tours and have been integral in getting other people involved in projects and just being available.

Thank you sometimes does not seem to suffice in some situations—and when it comes to how these two women have given their time and talents, this is one of those occasions!



Karen working on the Accessions Audit, typing in data from deeds of gifts records dating back to the 1950s.

Found in the Archives

A WINTER TO BE REMEMBERED

The winter of 1935-36 will go down in history as the coldest in 25 years and one of the coldest on record. Oldtime residents of this area cannot recall a longer period of continuous cold weather and of blizzards and snowstorms. Day after day for nearly a month, the thermometer has sunk well below zero; if there was a respite from cold, there was wind and snow.

Farmers complain that the cold has penetrated barns. Cows have not been turned out in the yards for nearly a month. Feed and manure freeze, making the chores much more laborious than normally. It has been necessary for some farmers to blanket their horses because barns are not capable of keeping out the cold. Cows have suffered and milk production has gone down as a result. While hens are laying some eggs, production is away down; where there is production, eggs cannot be taken to market.

Adding to the cold has been the difficulty of keeping highways open. Many township roads are still closed and farmers are getting to the plowed roads only with difficulty. More frost bites have been suffered this year than for many years past; school children, especially those in the rural districts, have encountered much hardship.

The problem of keeping warm has worried many people. Some communities face coal shortage. Supplies are low everywhere, whether locally or at the lake docks. Coal is being shipped from the mines as fast as it can be brought to the surface. Cold weather



On the left is part of a news-clipping found in one of the document boxes. It talks of month long below 0 temps and being so cold in the barns farmers find the feed and manure freezing.

Above are two Temperance posters that were donated to NWCHS in 1987 by Marie Cramer—a relative of William Cramer who worked initially as a teamster in the Upham lumber yard and then as the Upham's chauffeur until he retired at 80 years of age. Mr. Cramer died in 1962 at the age of 98.

According to their provenance these posters were used by Mary Upham in the Band of Hope Hall.

New Gift Shop!

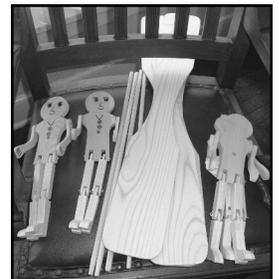
Submitted by Mary Anne Arendt
Gift Shop Manager



With the help from many people, our gift shop in the sun-room was opened on December 1, 2012, just in time for our Victorian Christmas Event. Christmas cards with pictures of the current Christmas displays were created and donated to the shop and several people donated crafts and Christmas items to be sold; others scurried around creating a cash box, and another loaned to us a display unit. Some decorated the sun-room to make it more appealing and others lent their support during the Event by explaining what materials were in the shop to people who came. Many of Margaret Peter-

son's glass and lace Christmas bulbs were sold. For just opening the shop, we were pleased with the sales.

We will be working to develop more ideas to enlarge our sales items. The wooden *Dancing Dances* will be painted in the future at a higher price than the plain ones that sell at \$5.00 each. We still will offer the \$5.00 ones. We would like to get some local craft people and artists to display their products. We will be researching the other museums to see what they sell. We have not forgotten the items for sale that we had already; they are included. Mainly, we will be experimenting to see what fits our situation. The gift shop is to educate, entertain, and help us with operating expenses. We are very excited to start the new year and roll up our sleeves to get a new start.



2013 Exhibit Schedule

This year the Governor Upham Mansion will be undergoing some transformation! The upstairs exhibits which have been up for many years will be changed so that some of the artifacts that have been on display for a long time can be 'rested' and the space can be refreshed with new material. In time we hope to have a medical room displaying a history the medical profession in Marshfield. In what is called the "Community Room" we hope to have exhibits that will change after a year or so. One of the first exhibits we hope to have up in the central room upstairs in February will be on the Blum Brothers.

There will be a few short term exhibits as well:

June-August – Wedding dresses

Sept-Oct – Treenware, Wooden Folk Art, Wood Carvings & Duck Decoys

Christmas Event December 7th & 8th:

"Children's Toyland" featuring toys throughout the years.

Hope you can come see how we progress!



The backside of an 1893 Columbian World's Exposition Poster was being used as a background for two temperance posters

Dark lines running parallel on the lithograph were caused by wooden panels that made up the backing for its frame—a good illustration of what a bad environment can do to an artifact.

The 28"x40" lithograph is also brittle and in poor condition. We are hoping to house it in a safe way until more conservation measures can be taken.

Office Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm
 Tour Hours:
 Wednesdays & Saturdays 1:30-4:00pm
 (Closed Holiday Weekends)
 Tel. 715-387-3322 Email: uphammansion@frontier.com
 Web: www.uphammansion.com

Upcoming Events:
Exhibits at Upham Mansion:
 Sept: Marshfield & Area Baseball
 Oct & Nov: Political Memorabilia
 Dec: Victorian Christmas
Victorian Christmas Event 1:30-4:00
Saturday Dec 1st & Sunday Dec 2nd
 Cookies and punch served
 Admission \$2 children 12 and under free.

The Mansion's Wish List:
 ⇒ **VOLUNTEERS!!!** If you would like to help we can use you!
 ⇒ **Items needed:**
 ⇒ 1st class Postage stamps
 ⇒ **Paper products**—paper towels, T.P., facial tissue
 ⇒ **Printer cartridges.** HP 60XL black and tri-color
 ⇒ **Financial Donations** The North Wood County Historical Society / Upham Mansion is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization; donations are tax deductible. Our tax ID is 39-6078622.

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