



Hawks Inn *Newsletter*

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2016 Christmas at the Inn **Saturday and Sunday — December 3rd and 4th** **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



As we celebrate our 26th annual Christmas at the Inn, we hope that most of our visitors from years past will visit us again and invite neighbors and friends who may not know what a splendid way it is to start the holiday season.

We will once again be sharing tasty treats from the kitchen fireplace, demonstrating traditional crafts, providing tours of the 1846 Hawks family home which was decorated by the SumMerDel Garden Club as it might have been for the holidays in the mid 19th century.

At right, Father Christmas is checking his calendar so he'll be sure to be on hand to greet the children of all ages.

Free will donations are always welcome.



Program cover for the first Christmas at the Inn **1991**



Exterior Painting Completed

If you have driven by the buildings lately, you'll notice that they have been beautifully painted by Dublin Painting. Dublin has experience with the needs of historic buildings and we are very happy with their excellent work for us. There was still quite a bit of lead paint to be dealt with and much scraping to be done on the three stories of the Inn and two of the History Center.

Discovered during the painting were a number of areas that needed repair and replacement, so a carpenter was engaged to take care of those needs. We are grateful for the expertise of board member Bob Mertins in dealing with our building issues.

The total cost was \$40,000 and we hope to be set for such large maintenance projects for some years to come.

Second Annual Progressive Dinner

On a warm November evening, 50 members and guests enjoyed "Stone Fences" in the Tap Room, a pleasant walk across to Revere's for an Irish buffet dinner and back to the History Center for Great Harvest bread pudding.

As a special treat this year, the dessert was served on Blue Canton china. An 84 piece set of this antique china was donated to the Inn by the estate of Ruth Brehmer's late daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bill Kitazaki. A few of the matching service pieces were already owned by our museum where it is now stored.



The evening concluded with the announcement of the high bidders on the silent auction baskets which were so generously donated by Sidders Lake Country Landscaping, Jean Ericson, Delafield Hotel, Craig Berns Salon/Spa, Town Bank, Zin & Fishbones, SummerStage, Broadlands Golf, I.d. & Pat Pretz and Mernie Williams.

Unwelcome Visitors

In addition to her many other duties, Mary Daniel has been pressed into service as an exterminator after it was discovered that chipmunks had chewed through the floor and were storing seeds in the Inn's parlor and the buttery (next to the kitchen). Squirrels had also chewed two holes through the roof near the chimney.



At last count, 13 chipmunks and 5 squirrels have permanently left the building and the holes have been sealed. We owe appreciation to **Kettle Moraine Pest Control** for donating its professional expertise.

Books Available in Gift Shop

The History Center Gift Shop has a supply of *The Bark River Chronicles* and *Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham*. They would make wonderful Christmas gifts for anyone who has an appreciation of our area's abundant natural resources.

If you visit during Christmas at the Inn days, the shop also has a variety of other books and small gifts suitable for teachers or children's gift exchanges as well as offering holiday table arrangements.

The Gift Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. throughout the year and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 3 & 4 for the Open House.

Unique Recent Donations



The family of Dr. Barnes, a longtime Delafield physician has donated a doctor's saddlebag. The leather bag, which once hung across the horse's back behind the saddle, has two compartments filled with the original glass vials and metal tubes that still contain powders and pills. The paper labels are long

gone, so we can only imagine what maladies these remedied. The bag can be seen in the Inn.

Displayed in the Inn's buttery is a large set of Mulberry ironstone in the Calcutta pattern donated by Richard and Jane Wagner. It was produced in England in the mid 1800s.

Membership Year Ends

We are trying to keep our membership fees very reasonable so we appreciate any additional gifts you may make to help maintain the Inn. Last year, member fees covered only the cost of gas, electricity and telephone for the Inn and History Center. We depend heavily on rentals and other contributions to pay the insurance, sewer and water, alarm service and other expenses increasing the total to about \$1000.00 per month. If your label indicates a '17 expiration, you are already paid up for the year.

2017 Membership Renewal

Individual (\$15.00) Family (\$25) Business (\$50) Contributing (\$100)
 Patron (\$_____) Extra Donation \$ _____

All memberships are tax deductible. Hawks Inn Historical Society is a 501 (c)(3) organization

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