

Making History!

Centerville Settlement, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the cultural and architectural preservation of the farming heritage in the Centerville area.

Centerville Township and the surrounding area is a unique capsule of American German Immigrant Heritage. The nearby Village of Cleveland and surroundings in southern Manitowoc County WI remain home to many descendants of Saxon Germany. They continue to farm the land their ancestors settled and the architectural and cultural heritage remains.

Centerville Settlement goals include:

- Conserve, preserve, and restore the architecture of the area
- Provide educational programs and classes in the traditional arts, crafts and trades, the restoration of historical heritage as well as native and pioneer self-sufficiency
- Reaching out to all levels of academia
- Collaborate, promote, and organize local cultural and preservation groups
- Detail a cultural and architectural survey of the local historic and pre-historic community
- Promote an appreciation of sustainable land use and natural resources in the Centerville area.

A special project is working on a nationally designated building in Cleveland. It is an unusual combination of a house and barn all in one building; built exactly like it would have been in the German homeland, and it is called a Housebarn!

Lutze Housebarn

Built 1849, National Registry of Historic Buildings
Open to visitors on Work Days and by appointment. Contact Sarah 920 693-3454.

2013 Saturday "Workday" Schedule

(Every other week)

March 30	July 6	Sept. 28
April 13	July 20	Oct. 12
April 27	Aug 3	Oct. 26
May 11	Aug 17	Nov. 9
May 25 w/ Bake Oven Day		Nov. 16*
June 8	Aug. 31	*please call
June 22	Sept. 14	to confirm



Workdays begin around 9:30 am and last until about 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome during those times. All volunteers are invited to participate in lunch. Wear work shoes. Goggles, gloves, hard hats, and vintage tools are available, bring your own if you have them.

Directions: I-43 to Cleveland, WI, exit 137, then west to S. Union Road, turn north, we are on the west side of the road just past 3rd farm on left - watch for sign. Street address: 13630 South Union Road, Newton, Wisconsin.

Come, make history with Centerville Settlement and The Greater Centerville Historians!

What is Happening at the Lutze Housebarn? What Can I Do There?

- Use tools from yesteryear * Experience working on a team
- Get a physical workout * Connect with the outdoors & natural materials
- Learn “old” woodworking skills * Try out vintage gardening tools
- Experience a barn and house where animals and people lived together
- Discover geology and the tactile experience of masonry
- Understand the cataloging, recording and preserving of historical records and artifacts
- Historic Restoration
 - Timber Framing & Reconstruction
 - Hewing, carpentry, framing
 - Masonry-fieldstone and mortar
 - Gardening-vintage and heirloom
 - Interiors-lathe and plaster
 - Historical Documentation-recording, archiving, interpreting

As the building is restored, we invite you to participate in all aspects of the process with hands-on skills taught by our seasoned expert volunteers who donate thousands of hours of accumulated work each year. Or, just come and tour as others learn and do the work!

Centreville Settlement hosts other events throughout the year. Check for listings and details: www.centrevillesettlement.com. Annual memberships start at \$25 per year. Questions call: 920 693-8525 Kathy or 693-3141 for Christopher - Project Director.

Other activities, events, and related historical groups:

Barn dances	Bake Oven Demonstrations
Old Fashioned Summer Movie Nights	Soap Making Workshop
Silo Tour	Stone Foundation Tour
Farming through the Ages Tour	Hands on Workshops-Stone Masonry

The rich history of the area is being preserved....

The Greater Centerville Historians are a branch of Centreville Settlement, focused in preserving oral history. Their gatherings are the second Monday of each month at Lakeshore Technical College and are open to the public - all are welcome. The group age range is 8 to 96 years old.

“When an old person dies, a library burns to the ground” is the group’s motto and the reason why the oral history group formed. The “historians” are preserving the history of the Township of Centerville, Cleveland, and surrounding area. Through people orally sharing their memories of yesteryear, the rich history of the area is being preserved through video recordings during the group’s gatherings.

DVDs are archived in the library at Lakeshore Technical College and are available for the public to check out and enjoy. To be placed on the mailing list for the programs and more information contact Kathy Sixel at 920 693-8525 or via email at kdsixel@tds.net.