

CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

A not for profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the preservation of the farming heritage in the Centerville area.

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Letter from the President

Centreville Settlement was established in 1982 as Saxon Heritages historic preservation group by Janet Lutze, Richard Lutze, Kathy Sixel, Dorothy Anderson and Richard Wiegand. It was incorporated in 1986 as *Centreville Settlement, Inc.* Membership and funding started in 1987. The first preservation project identified was the Lutze Housebarn. The Housebarn was identified as one of the 10 most endangered buildings in Wisconsin in 1982, and was accepted on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The Housebarn is probably 70% restored at this point. Janet Lutze served as President for the first 25 years. Kathy Pearce, the main organizer, publicist and current secretary, joined in 1987. Chris Kuehnel, the master builder and volunteer trainer, joined in 1990. Several other key personnel have been added over time. Janet and Chris have been awarded for their preservation efforts by the Manitowoc County Historical Society.

Centreville Settlement has raised over \$100,000, received more than 1,000 donated artifacts, has had more than 250 different volunteers at workdays, and has logged over 10,000 volunteer hours just for the Housebarn project alone. Hundreds of events have been sponsored, including historic tours, old-fashioned Christmas dinners, barn dances, archeological digs, movie nights, bake oven days, stone masonry and timber frame workshops, an historic garden, and two recent open houses attended by more than 700 people. Hundreds of newsletters have been published as well as brochures and other documents. Most artifacts on site have been catalogued. An oral history group was formed by Kathy Sixel and Richard Wiegand in 2000, met 10 times each year, attracted up to 60 participants per meeting, and ran until 2015 when the videographer retired. The group produced over 200 DVDs of oral history.

Please check us out on our website or at one of our workdays; we invite you to become a member and / or become a contributor. Welcome!

Dr. Richard Otto Wiegand

Centreville Settlement is a not for profit, tax exempt organization, dedicated to the preservation of the Saxon German architecture and culture of the farming community in Centerville Township, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.



The Lutze Housebarn, one of the organization's projects, is located just northwest of Cleveland, WI.

The Lutze Housebarn is open on workdays and by special appointment. Call 920-693-3454.

How to get there: Map Quest: 13630 S. Union Road, Newton, WI. Take I-43 to exit 137, go left/west to S. Union Rd. and turn right. Go to just after 3rd farm on left.

Richard Otto Wiegand Wins Award

Each year the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to their communities, their chosen career fields, and the citizens of the state and the nation. CALS has three awards: the Honorary Recognition Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. Richard received an Honorary Award with a cash prize.

This is the bio. that was published with the announcement. **Richard "Otto" Wiegand** was born on a dairy farm in Cleveland in Manitowoc County, which he later operated in the 1980s. He attained four degrees over time, three of them in dairy science from UW-Madison. Wiegand worked in industry doing dairy employee placement and dairy expansion business planning for eight years before spending time teaching agriculture courses at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay as an adjunct instructor. Wiegand has been working for UW-Extension as an agriculture agent in Spooner for the past 12 years. His career has taken him around the world, starting in the Peace Corps in Kenya and Paraguay, conducting graduate studies in Ethiopia, consulting at the African Development Bank in Ivory Coast, and doing various international agricultural work, mostly with Farmer-to-Farmer projects funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Wiegand has been to 75 countries and worked in 20 of them. He has a wide range of expertise – from hands-on dairy farming and cropping systems to farm business planning and conservation. Avid passions for geography, history, political science, genealogy and photography add meaning to his travel and development work.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Board & member meeting @ Lutze Housebarn, 12 noon
November 30	Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors must be in.
December 4	Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner
December 1	Renew Memberships
January 14	Annual Meeting and elections. LTC at 8:30am

Mid Lakes Tresheree and Antique Tractor Show at Pinecrest Village

*September 10 & 11.
9am-4pm. Admission
\$7-\$10*

Presented in conjunction with Mid Lakes Rustic Iron. There were hands on activities and tours of over 25 historic buildings. Steam engines, farm tractors, horse/mule demos, live field demonstrations, hit & miss engines, garden tractors & other antique displays Food, drink & music.

Centreville Settlement was on hand to demonstrate traditional building techniques and tools.

We hope to participate again in 2017 and will need volunteers to help with the display, please call Greg at 920-973-5872



2016 Remaining Workday Schedule

October 22
November 5
November 19

Workdays begin at 9:30 am till 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome during that day. Wear work shoes. There are goggles, gloves and hard hats available, but bring your own if you have them. Even if you don't want to work, we would love to see you. Farm pot luck lunch at noon.



Next Issue:

**Heritage Garden Update
Stump Puller News
Building and Construction Update**

Hops

Hops plants were frequently planted on immigrant farms and were once an important Wisconsin cash crop. They grow on tall stakes or poles and typically grow to 20 feet high! This is the third year for the hops at the Lutze Housebarn and plans are to use it in beer brewing.

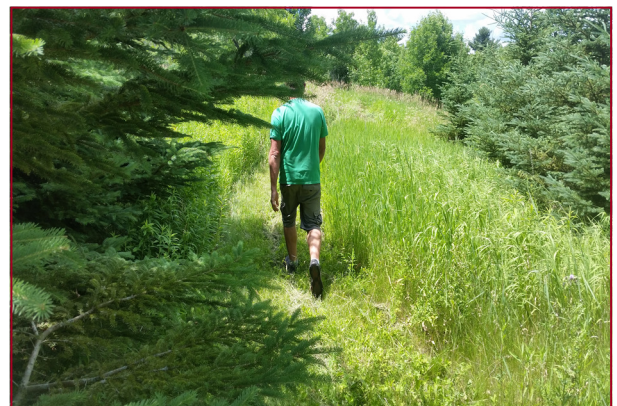
- ◆ What do you get when a chicken lays an egg on top of a barn?
(An eggroll!)
- ◆ How do chickens bake a cake?
(From scratch!)
- ◆ What does an evil hen lay?
(Deviled eggs!)



Hiking Trail at Lutze Housebarn Property

When Edith Lutze sold some of her land to her son, Richard, it was on the condition that the Lutze Housebarn be donated to Centreville Settlement, Inc along with 6.34 acres of land. Initially it was in the CRP program which is a government subsidy to keep some land out of crop production. The condition is that you can not do anything to the property. It must be allowed to return to nature. Since then it has...with abundance. There are a variety of trees, CS planted some pine trees after the CRP was discontinued; there are wild raspberries, strawberries, all sorts of native plants and wildlife galore.

The trail for Centreville Settlement idea was created by former CSI President Lee Koeppen & Chris Kuehnelt in 2010. This summer Chris had an initial path made. That was followed up by Greg Zahn using a walk behind brush-hog. The trail premiered during the Open House. Visitors trekked the 6 acre property on winding trails to be treated to farmland vistas. Greg Zahn leading the way, shown in photo.





Tours



Raffle



Quilts



Encampment



Entertainment



Entertainment



Heritage Garden & Fence Making



Weavers & Spinners

Open House July 23, 2016

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My, How the Lutze Family has Grown



We Completed Structural Elements of the East End of the Lutze Housebarn

Open House 2016 Highlights

- **Parking** was at the Orth Farm down the road and people were transported to the event via hay wagon. Richard Lutze, the driver of the wagon reported round 12 trips and over 35.9 miles.
- **Entertainment:** Old time music was provided for the Open House. Kicking off the day were the Waltz-meisters of Sheboygan Falls with Jeff Behrens, accordion, and Terry Knier on guitar with waltzes, polkas and old time German tunes.

Next Beth Hoegger, Bill Mullis and Randy LaBeau provided old time music from the civil war era including many of the old favorites that were popular when the housebarn built and lived in by the new immigrant family.

The closing hour of the event was filled with the sound of music from the hammered dulcimer of Laurine Gajewski and Roger Kass of the Cedarburg on the guitar. Many visitors enjoyed the fellowship and melodies while listen to the music in the German Beer Garden.

- **Tours** of the Lutze Housebarn were conducted by Sarah Lutze, Cindy Kraemer and Lynessa Tlachac. People signed up and tours were given about every hour totaling 10 tours. Sarah gave the background of the organization, the Housebarn project, and highlights of the construction of the first and second floors. Cindy & Lynessa gave tours of the second and third floor and pointed out artifacts and uses of each room.
- **Encampment:** An early settler “encampment” was hosted by Jerry & Jean Konz and Bob & Barb Fenske. They recreated life for early pioneers who made their way westward during the early years of American expansion. The focus was on the pre-civil war time period, approx. 1840s. The encampment depicts life how it would have been lived on the trails while pioneer and immigrant families moved to their new homes in the wild and untamed territories. The group demonstrated the cooking and baking techniques needed when using an open fire and made some delicious cookies. They also brought period correct firearms that settlers would have carried with them to hunt game and protect their families. They also highlighted an interesting past-time game of hatchet throwing.
- **Beer Garden:** The beer garden was run by Frank Kessler who volunteered his time and bartending license. Traditional bottled German beers were highlighted along with keg beer from Plymouth Brewing Company. Ivon Steffen also volunteered. Fred speaks German which added authenticity to the German Bier Garten.
- **Food:** Brats and hot dogs were donated by the Chisholm family. Desserts were donated by volunteers and members of Centreville Settlement. There were also hamburgers and baked beans. It was a yummy feast.
- **Children's Activities:** There was a table set up with pioneer toys and games that children could play with; loaned from the Sheboygan County Historical Society. (SCHS)
- **Tables, Chairs and Tents:** There were 6 tents covering displays provided by the SCHS, Todd Matzdorf and Richard Lutze. Chairs and tables were provided by Fred Kessler.
- **Information Table** was manned by Ruth & Glenn Lutze which displayed vintage photos, CSI information, many Housebarn and family genealogy records and albums, a huge genealogy chart from Gottlieb down through 4 generations to Glenn Lutze, and a host of other materials.
- **Raffle:** Raffle items included a basket from Kathy Sixel, Cheese Boards from Saxon Creamery, a basket of passes, books and other items from Pinecrest Historic Village, a basket with passes, a Sheboygan County history book, honey, maple syrup, hat and t-shirt from Sheboygan County Historical Society, a basket of home grown and home made products from Kathy Pearce, and a basket of children’s toys. Raffle winners were called every hour.
- **Heritage Garden:** Barb and Niles Knaves were on hand to explain the design and plants in the heritage garden. They also demonstrated the willow woven fencing they will be installing to keep the critters out. Grapes, hops and an assortment of heritage seed plants are thriving.
- **Weavers & Spinners:** There were 4 spinners creating yarn from different types of wool and alpaca. There was also a weaver with a display of many of her weavings. It was interesting to watch the yarn being made and then the finished woven products. Mary Ann McGann, Carrie Flores, Sue, and Bonnie were the demonstrators.
- **Display on 2nd Floor:** Glenn and Ruth Lutze had a quilt rack in a bedroom on the 2nd floor that included: 1. Grandmother’s Flower Garden quilt hand sewn by Annie Marie Specht for her wedding to William Schaus (Manitowoc) about 1900.



Open House cont.

2. Bear Claw design quilt hand sewn by Helene Wehrman Lutze (Mrs. Alfred Lutze). Alfred was the son of Gustav, and the grandson of Gottlieb & Fredericka, for her son Emil's marriage to Adeline Luebke.

Both quilts are registered in the Wisconsin Quilt History Project.

3. Towel hand-woven by Matthias Specht (Kossuth) in the late 1800's.

- ***The Quilt Project*** : Volunteers were Denise Drill and Diane Sixel. There was a quilt on a quilting frame plus several on a quilt rack. People could ask questions, tie a knot, and talk about their experiences as quilters. On display was the 5th generation quilt, Garden Bouquet, stitched by Paulina Lutze Vogel who grew up in the Housebarn. She lived with her son and daughter-in-law Louis and Alice Zill Vogel. I'm certain Alice and daughter Florence Vogel Sixel helped complete this project. The most interesting material was from 1920. It had a black background with pink flowers and leaves. The material pattern was from the era after Queen Victoria's mourning (1872). The quilt was completed in the 1930's.

Sponsors: Orthland Farms, Bonde's Quik Mart, Trivent Financial, Keith Grube, Kessler Old World Guest House, Pinecrest Historic Village, Sheboygan County Historical Museum, Saxon Creamery, and the Executive Gardening Institute.

What are Workdays Like??? Here's what happened Aug 27th...

Chris prepared a list of work projects to be completed that day which included:

- Excavating for footings below the north wall of the west addition.
- Fix livestock area (our 2016 shop) lighting.
- Check if basement lighting still working
- Study window trim, take detail photos, if possible make detail drawings and materials list, do millwork contour drawings
- Use Penetreat as needed on exposed wood.
- Set up a worktable/jig for hand beveling the backsides of siding
- Take inventory of masonry materials, decide/place new order.
- Cut softwood wedges for stone masonry to replace missing ones.
- Start stone masonry or concrete work, form and pour a footing with drainage under the northwest end of the Housebarn.



We had a surprise visit by John and Diane Schuchardt. They donated to CSI "our" stump puller many years ago from the August Hildebrand and Lester Schuchardt Farms in Town Sheboygan. They were pleased to see our progress with restoring it, and brought news that John still has the very heavy chains and hooks that were used with it originally, we hope to receive them in the next few weeks.



And then.... What a Feast! The August 27 workday at the Lutze Housebarn was a grand pot luck. Volunteers brought roasted potatoes, beets, garlic and rutabaga, summer and winter squash, yummy Hmong salad, chili, crackers, homemade sour dough bread, cheesy potatoes hot dish, and chocolate chip zucchini cupcakes. It's worth coming to workday just to eat!

Yardwork

Cutting grass and grounds/weed management is an un-ending project at the Lutze Housebarn. CSI has an older lawn mower which seems to be needing frequent repairs so a lawn service cuts the grass twice a month. Nathan and his family, and others volunteers help as well. A big Thank You to Sharon Lutze who has donated toward the hired lawn service for several years. Sharon is Richard & Janet's sister. The acreage around the Housebarn looked great for the Open House. :-). Idea for a donation.... A new or newer mid-size garden tractor with a mower deck. Let us know if you can help?

Volunteer Opportunities

Nominating Committee– in October, call current Board members for election and encouraged continued commitment to the Board. In November, present nominations to Board so nominees can be posted 1 month before election in January. Obtain credentials of proposed new Board members.

Housebarn Preservation Assistant to Chris K.– be available to work with Chris on workdays and at any other times that Chris would like to work (by mutual arrangement) Can be a paid position.

Farm Style Lunch Coordinator– arrange lunches for each work day. Line up volunteers to bring main course, dessert, and any other yummy foods. Set up lunches, and tidy up. If unable to attend workday, assign responsibilities to another volunteer. Everyone does help you with clean up. The lunches are the best part of the work day. You, too, can be awarded a “5 Star Kitchen” award as was given to Edith Lutze.

Exhibit Organizer: Organizing and arranging volunteers for exhibits at other community events.

Environmental Maintenance: Help volunteers return tools and items to proper place, keep things organized, tidy, line up volunteers for general housekeeping inside and out at Housebarn.

Quality Assurance Coordinator: Develop and administer evaluation tools for every aspect of the organization and then help to facilitate change as necessary.

Newsletter Editor: Edit & Publish CS newsletter on a regular basis, elicit articles, layout, e-mail & mail publications.

Outhouse Manager: Arrange periodic waste management treatment and keep outhouse tidy, yes it can be fun!

Domestic Service Manager: Keep Housebarn organized and tidy. Facility volunteers for general housekeeping inside and out at the Housebarn. Return items to proper storage spaces each work day.

Volunteer Coordinator: Invite and greet new volunteers, educate about the organization and safety. Line up volunteers for all projects and workdays. Offer encouragement and positive reinforcement for work. Make it fun. Evaluate experiences.

Videographer for Greater Centerville Historians: Attend GCH meetings and video and audio record the proceedings, do edits as required and create DVD.

Board Members to be Considered at January Meeting

Travis Gross is the Executive Director of the Sheboygan County Historical Museum. He also sits on the board for Heritage School in Sheboygan.

Nathan Chisholm began his work with Centerville Settlement as the archivist which he continues to do. He works at the Sheboygan County Historical Museum as education program inventory manager/program facilitator; and is CS's membership chair.

Giving Opportunities

• Project Director Compensation for the Summer	\$1000
• Project Assistant Compensation for the Summer	\$500
• One Edition of Newsletter	\$125
• State of the Art Out House Maintenance for 1 year	\$150
• Mowing grass for 1 year	\$400
• Seeds and plants for Heritage Garden per season	\$75
• Prepare and Serve a Meal to Volunteers at At Workday	Priceless

Calling All Volunteers, Past and Present, We Want Your Feedback.

- We want to know what you liked best about volunteering at the Lutze Housebarn and for Centerville Settlement. _____
- Why did you volunteer? _____
- Was your experience what you expected? How so? How not?

- What could have been done differently to make your experience better for you and others?

You can “cut & mail” to Centerville Settlement, Inc, Box 247, Cleveland, WI 53015
Or E-mail them to Nathan at nathanchizam@frontier.com or call 920-946-8897.

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**Join us for our Traditional Old Fashioned Holiday Dinner**

Sunday December 4, 2016 at Kessler's Old World Inn, 4:00 to 5:00pm Social Time with cash bar
5:00pm - 7:00pm followed by a Holiday brief historic program. Estimated cost \$19.50 per person.

Music, fellowship, group singing, and toasting with Housebarn cider.

How to Follow Centreville Settlement events

See our **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/centreville-settlement-inc/275050048044>

CSI **web site**: <http://centrevillesettlement.com>

Google on-line calendar: <http://centrevillesettlement.com/events.htm#GoogleCalendar>

**Show your support of Centreville Settlement by joining
or renewing your membership now.**

Centreville Settlement Invites Volunteers & Visitors to Join in the Fun while further supporting us by becoming a Member!

Name _____ Phone # _____

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Preferred method of receiving newsletters: _____ Standard mail _____ e-mail

Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$40) _____ Contributing (\$125) _____

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Please complete and mail with check to: **Centreville Settlement, Inc., Box 247, Cleveland, WI 53015**
Membership expires December 31 of each year. New memberships received after Oct 1 will be presumed for the following year, and include the remainder of the current year, thank you!