

CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

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- Bread Bee, 5/6/2017
- CSI Trades Workshop, 8/19/2017

Message from the President ~ Richard Lutze

2017 is the start of a new era for Centreville Settlement Incorporated (CSI). I am your new president and am looking forward to working with you and for you. I am honored to be the president of an organization with the ongoing goals:

- The restoration of the 165 year old Lutze Housebarn
- The rebuilding of the Arends Log House
- Continuing educational opportunities to share old time skills, encourage historical engagement, and learning
- The oral histories of the area's culture of the last 165 years, preserved digitally through the work of our members and friends at the Greater Centerville Historians

After the election I came home and looked in my dog eared Thesaurus, that my mother and father-in-law gave me for my college graduation, and looked up *preside* (since president wasn't in there). Here's the scoop:

Preside: v. *To occupy the place of authority.*

President is a title. Nothing more. Nothing less. The only power I have is the power that is given to me by the people that I will work with.

Preside. rel. *Conduct, direct, manage, oversee, supervise.*

These words are what I intend to do. I plan to keep CSI productive and fun. We're all volunteers and when we work towards the same goal together as a group, it will be.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and we'll see you at the CSI functions.

During a Hot Summer Weekend 22 Years Ago...

The Summer of 1995 was a hot summer. On this particular weekend, stone masonry began on the 80+ foot long north side of the Housebarn and the base wall was removed. Over 100 persons visited over the weekend which featured a stone boat pulled by workhorses for moving massive boulders and big rocks for the wall. Kathy Pearce and Cindy Kraemer are pictured at right as they examine the base timber after it was removed.



Spotlight on New Members of the Board of Directors

Nathan Chisholm. Nathan graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 2014 with a BA in History. He currently works at teaching Sheboygan County students about local history at the Sheboygan County Historical Museum. Nathan organized the well attended Open Houses in 2015 and 2016. He is currently the Membership Chairperson, responsible for maintaining the contact and membership rosters. Keeping it all in the family, **Julie Chisholm**, loyal volunteer (and Mother of Nathan) is welcomed to the board. Julie hails from Plymouth and brings a wealth of proven organizational skills. Nathan is pictured at right with Kathy Sixel after a famous potluck meal.



Travis Gross. Travis is a Sheboygan native who graduated from North High School. He earned a B.S. in History/Geography with an emphasis on the American Environment Movement. In 2013, Travis became the Executive Director at the Sheboygan County Historical Museum. His hobbies include playing banjo, camping, hiking and furthering his knowledge of history. He looks forward to working with the reconstruction team on site at the Lutze Housebarn. Travis is pictured at left, working on a half-timbered wall.

Meet the CSI Advisory Board

Alan Pape. Alan is an author of log cabin rebuilding, historical consultant, and artist hailing from Greenbush, WI. Alan helped to get the Lutze Housebarn designated as a National Historic Site in 1984. On March 2, Alan wrote, “I am the ‘Artist-in-Residence’ at our local museum here in Fountain Hills, AZ. Currently building a series of five new exhibitions regarding local history. I enjoy hanging out at museums. Especially this one as we are neighbors to the Yavapai Indians. Always been interested in Indians and wanted to meet them and learn about their personal histories.”

Nick Backhaus. Nick is an authentic Wisconsin German. He currently resides in Green Bay, and is employed at Heritage Hill State Historical Park where he serves as the Restoration/Maintenance Manager. Nick has worked for non-profits his entire career. His interests include History, artisan trades, and restoring vintage and classic vehicles. Nick is the lone male in a family that includes his wife and two daughters. Nick is pictured at right - a solid selfie.



James Kennedy Hayward. For over three decades, James has been involved with restoring history. He is the owner of Third Cut Restoration Services and previously worked at Heritage Hill State Park for 14 years. He received his BA in History from UW Green Bay and first came to a workday in 1997 at the Housebarn.

Charlie Simonds. Charlie is a retired architect from Mequon. Charlie has measured, chiseled, and mortised many of the replacement timbers at the Lutze Housebarn over the years. He gardens, grows his own hops, and has delighted members on hot workdays with his own “Housebarn Brew” beers.

Snowy Christmas Dinner

The Centreville Settlement Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner held in early December heralded several inches of snow and welcomed nearly 50 people into the Kessler's Old World Hotel in Cleveland. Bev Rawlings provided harp background music and helped lead the singalong with Kathy Pearce. Chris Kuehnelt offered samples of the Lutze Housebarn Cider and Jack Woodland shared Housebarn Wine. Greg Zahn and Kathy Sixel made arrangements for the event including tours of the German Style Guest House.

The traditional event was highlighted with several donations from John and Diane Schuchardt's old time collection. Items included a boot from the 1800's, flax breaker, a metal chain pot-scrubber, flail (used to beat grain off the stalk), a wooden winnowing tray (used to separate the grain from the chaff), a hay harpoon, a well bailer (way to draw water from a well instead of a bucket). John held up the items while many guessed what the unusual articles of the past were. John and Diane Schuchardt are pictured at right holding some unique and antique tools.



Fellowship abounded with a dinner of roast pork with the trimmings, roast vegetables, whole grain rice and a special German holiday dessert called Hummel Futter. The next Christmas event will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at a historic location yet to be determined.



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Accomplishments for CSI in 2016

- * Housebarn carpentry work areas completely organized
- * Siding purchases and planning begun
- * Audit performed on financial records
- * Membership database up to date
- * Open House in July with multiple experience stations
- * Historic Garden expanded by Master Gardeners
- * Arends Log House placed on purchased storage wagons
- * Stump puller all put back together, hooks and chains received from John Schuchardt
- * Increased traffic on Facebook
- * Creation of CSI Cloud Drive for document sharing

Further improvements found on www.centrevillesettlement.com *



Pictured at left are guests attending 2016 Open House.

Pictured at right is one of the large chains John Schuchardt donated for the stump puller.



On the Horizon for 2017

* Preparation and installation of siding, May - August * May 6 - Sourdough bread making workshop * Member and Volunteer engagement - wood fired pizza lunch * Bread Baking Bee fund raiser * Establish and document processes and protocols for communication * Old Time Trades Workshop and Pioneer Living Skills * Volunteer Appreciation * Stone Masonry * Display of old time farm tools *

Restoration Director's Comments - Off the Chisel Block by Chris Kuehnel

" We are looking forward to getting back on track with the timber work and working on the northwest corner of the Housebarn for the 2017 workdays. Stone masonry skill days will re-stack and mortar the moisture ravaged wall. The siding project will get in full tilt, Richard Lutze and Nathan Chisholm have been on the forefront planing the back of the siding to achieve the correct bevel to match the original clapboard siding."

Pictured at right are **Three Guys with Tools.**

Richard Lutze with a sledgehammer, Chris Kuehnel with a commander, and Charlie Simonds with a cant hook. The Stump Puller is on a wagon in the background. The stump puller is from the 1800's and was restored and re-erected in 2016.



Old Time Trades Workshop - Come One, Come All - August 19th at the Housebarn

Learn lumberjack or lumberjill skills for a day! Come and learn how to use a cant hook on logs, peeling logs using slicks and draw knives, ax throwing, using a boring machine, making mortises, chiseling, using a broad axe, hewing a log, and more! Get your hands on some live action - Be Ready!!



Historic Garden Update

Barb and Niles Klaves, Master Gardeners, have continued to expand the historic garden. Small patches of Heirloom grains were grown in 2016 and will be reseeded in 2017. The woven German willow fence will continue to be added onto. In the background of the photograph, the grapevines and hop poles are shown.

The Historic Garden is to be featured in the Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern Wisconsin! After July 15, during the workdays, any of the extra heirloom produce will be for sale to the general public between 11 am - 1 pm. Check website or Facebook for produce availability.

History of the Greater Centerville Historians (2000 - present)

Richard Otto Wiegand and Kathleen Sixel

The first meeting of the Greater Centerville Historians, took place on November 6, 2000 at the 1848 Red Arrow School hosted by Kathy Pearce in Hika, in the Village of Cleveland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Kathy Sixel and Richard Wiegand were the initial organizers, thereafter, Sixel took the reins. Three of the people present, Sixel, Wiegand, and Anderson, were among the co-founders of *Centreville Settlement, Inc.*, a local historical preservation group, in 1982. Centreville Settlement served as the umbrella group and non-profit for the Greater Centerville Historians which operated independently.

A videographer, Jerry O'Neil, and another local historian, Charlie Bauer, both from Newton Township, joined in 2004. They were both instrumental in ensuring the technical aspects were successful. Charlie also contributed volunteer time as a member of Centreville Settlement.

During the first meeting others were in attendance in addition to the three personal listed above: Kathy, Walter, and Florence Kress, Marie Pippert, Dorothy Anderson, Diana Kolb, and Val Jean Marco. Kathy Wagner, Charmaine Kneever, and William Rutherford Jr. were unable to attend. The proceedings lasted about two hours and were video and audio-taped. Participants discussed various aspects of Hika history including the Red Arrow School, Hika Bay Tavern, the brewery, dam, inn, general store, two churches, studio, print shop, and famous personalities such as Jane Rain and Hugo Schurrer.

The focus of the Greater Centerville Historians was to cover the history of the Town of Centerville, originally spelled Centreville, Cleveland, and the surrounding area. Topics covered included the history of local businesses, farms, churches, homes, landmarks, cemeteries, events, families, famous persons, historical periods, local government and many other items. This model of collecting history was very successful for the local community. Wiegand wrote a letter to the Wisconsin State Historical Society in 2004 promoting the model.

Meetings were free of charge and were usually held the first Monday evening of the month at Lakeshore Technical College (LTC). There were also village walks and rides, cemetery walks, and video-taping of important buildings. Attendance initially started around 10-20 and grew to over 85 persons at peak.

During the oral history presentations and meetings, attendees were asked to raise their hands and speak in turn. Costs of video materials were covered by the organizers and through fund-raising activities. Further funding also came from donations and memorials. Monthly expenses included paying the videographer (who made DVD's for LTC), Kathy Sixel, materials, and presenter(s). The remainder of the funds were used for postage, printing, and special DVD's which LTC produced for the LTC library.

O'Neil video-taped the meetings and in 2015 transferred all video work to DVD's and then retired. Three DVD's of all sessions were made. One copy remains with O'Neil, one with Sixel, and one is located at the Manitowoc Historical Society. A list of the meetings has been compiled and is kept by Centreville Settlement (connect through www.centrevillesettlement.com).

Recently, a videographer came forward at the last Greater Centerville Historians meeting. Kathy Sixel sent out postcards to all past attendees - requesting that an organizer step forward, that Charlie Bauer would continue, and she also would continue to assist as needed. If interested, please call Kathy Sixel at 920 693-8525. The Greater Centerville Historians thank LTC and Cleveland Fire Department for the use of their outstanding facilities, equipment, and accommodations.

Kathy Pearce Receives Bob Fay Lifetime Achievement Award

Centreville Settlement Member, Kathy Pearce was awarded the Bob Fay Lifetime Achievement Award at the Manitowoc Historical Society Annual Dinner in February 2017. She was honored for her 30+ years with the organization, citing her leadership role and dynamic event planning over the years. Functions included Old Time Movie Night, 150th Celebration Wagon Train Barn Dance, Beard Growing Contest, Stone Masonry Workshop, Stone Barn Foundation Tour, and much more. Further, Kathy is instrumental in writing newsletters, press releases, and coordinating years of farm style lunches. She started the historic garden in 2008, and has served for many years as the secretary of Centreville Settlement.



Previous Centreville Settlement winners of the annual county historical awards include: Janet Lutze for her tireless effort in obtaining the National Historic Site Designation for the Lutze Housebarn, Kathy Sixel for the Preservation of Centerville history, Christopher Kuehnelt for the restoration process and work on the Lutze Housebarn, and Edith Lutze for her continuous efforts to showcase history, educate, and engage others in old time skill building.

All of these members of CSI have donated thousands of hours of time to make history come alive. Opportunities abound to make a difference in the community with Centreville Settlement. 2017 will be another year of progress with building, education, and plans for reassembly of the Arends Log House deconstructed in 1987.

Pictured Above, Kathy Pearce displays wood she split by hand.

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Greater Centerville Historian Board

Kathy Sixel, Charlie Bauer

Calling all CSI Members and Volunteers - Mark May 6th on the calendar



- Bread Making Workshop (fee based - see insert)
- Member & Volunteer Fellowship Wood Fired Pizza Lunch (11:00 am - 12:30 pm),
Members and Housebarn Volunteers - no charge, Nonmembers - \$5.00
- Bring your own raised bread ready for baking, help create the pizzas, be part of the camaraderie and fun
- Master Baker Chris Kuehnelt will be managing the hearth as head baker and wielding an 8' long peel
- Location: 9577 South Union Road Cleveland, WI 53015 (2 miles south of Housebarn)
- Lutze Genealogy exhibit by Glenn and Ruth Lutze, "Name that Antique Tool" display by John Schuchardt, and local food vendors with fresh ground flour and more!

Order your Sourdough Country Style Bread by May 1, 2017 to secure your delicious loaf(s) by sending in a check with the information below. Limited loaf(s), not ordered in advance, will be \$12.50 on May 6th.

Bread Order Form

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

of Loaves: _____ x \$10/loaf: _____ Other (donation): _____ **Total:** _____



Please pick up between 12-3:30 pm on Saturday, May 6th. Call Kathy Sixel at 920 693-8525 with questions.

Make checks payable to Centreville Settlement and send to address found below, Attn: Bread Bee.

2017 Centreville Settlement, Inc Membership Form

_____ Individual	\$30
_____ Family	\$40
_____ Contributing	\$125
_____ Supporting	\$1000
_____ Corporate	\$2500
_____ Benefactor	\$5000

Please select how you want to help

_____	Special Events
_____	Artifact cataloging
_____	Timber and Carpentry
_____	Interior restoration and decorating
_____	Stone masonry or other _____

Names: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Circle: H/W/C

Email: _____ No Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

P. O. Box 247

Cleveland, WI 53015

In light of rising costs, please consider having your newsletter emailed. If you do not have email, please check 'No Email'. Please access the website, www.centrevillesettlement.com and Facebook for current information.

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

P.O. Box 247

Cleveland, WI 53015

*** May 6th - Bread Making Event**

A sourdough Bread Making Workshop will be led by Kathy Pearce in the morning at the Housebarn. **Pre-Registration is required for the fee-based class, call 920-946-1036.**

A nearby historic 1850's outdoor bake oven will come to life for the 12th Annual CSI Bake Oven Event. A wood fired pizza lunch for members and volunteers will begin at 11:00 am followed by bread baking. This will be a fund raiser and the sourdough bread is available for a donation of \$10 per loaf (ordered in advance) between 12-3:30pm.

2017 Work Days

March 25th	April 8th, 22nd
May 6th*, 20th	June 3rd, 17th
July 1st, 15th, 29th	August 12th, 19th*, 26th
September 9th, 23rd	October 7th, 21st
November 4th, 18th	

*** August 19th - Old Time Trades Workshop**

Work days are on Saturdays and start at 9:30 am and run until 4:30 pm, with a potluck meal at 12:30 pm.

Lutze Housebarn Directions: 13630 South Union Road, Newton, WI 53063. Take I-43 to exit 137, go west to South Union Road and turn right (north). Go to the driveway after the 3rd farm on left before the Centreville Settlement sign.