

# CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

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## Important Dates

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## Record Breaking Event at Lutze Housebarn!



**Tour guide Sarah leads guests through the Housebarn.**

Over 500 interested people attended an open house at the Lutze Housebarn on June 27, 2015. Nathan Chisholm, Archivist and Membership Chairperson, organized the day long event which included tours, weaving and spinning demonstrations, and displays of the restoration progress. Sarah, Matt, and Amber Lutze were on the front line for tours through the Housebarn.

Chris Kuehnel anchored the stump puller station while Richard Lutze engaged children with simple toys of the era. President Richard Wiegand welcomed visitors while Kathy Sixel and other volunteers managed the registration. Niles and Barb Klaves shared the historic garden story and Kathy Pearce assisted with parking and old time music. Nathan's family served hearty German style food on a picture perfect day. Continue the excitement by joining Centreville Settlement to be on the forefront of history!

## Heritage Garden Flourishes

Niles and Barb Klaves, residents of the Centerville area, are Master Gardeners working on the historic garden. Together, they have been gardening for over 30 years. After taking an interest in helping at the Housebarn, they visited Old World Wisconsin and met with Marcia Carmichael, the director of the gardens there. (Continued on Page 2)



## Life Size Narren Visit Housebarn!

Board members of Centerville Settlement (CSI) were surprised by the appearance of Narren. Arrangements of their visit were made by Kathy Sixel, a charter member of the Greater Centerville Historians. Rosa, Hattie, Louis, and Tittle (pictured above) are members of the Narren of New Ulm in Minnesota.

The Narren are often referred to as "The relatives everybody has, but no one wants to claim" and consist of 28 characters, 3 cats, a cow, and a goat. Inspiration for the group came from the centuries old German custom of masking during the season between Epiphany and Lent. They are easily recognized by their hand carved wooden masks, colorful costumes, and jingling bells. The Narren have appeared at various events throughout MN, WI, SD and Germany, providing fun and good humor for people of all ages.

The Greater Centerville Historians meet the second Monday of the months May through November. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Sixel at 920-693-8525.

Continued from Page 1 ~ Over the last winter, Niles researched the plants and seeds that were used by the German immigrants of the late 1800's. A book he referenced was Putting Down Roots by Ms. Carmichael. He took great care in ordering heirloom and vintage varieties of vegetable and flower seeds and plants.



Following the 1870's German garden from Old World Wisconsin, Niles planted the garden in the straight row style used by German settlers at that time.

Other recent additions doing well in the garden are the Mortgage Lifter heirloom tomato and the rhubarb received from Pearce Farms in Walworth County. Mortgage Lifter is from the 1930's and is a robust, prolific tomato which helped many families keep their properties during the hard times of the era. The rhubarb genetics date back over 100+ years.

Needless to say, the German Heritage Garden has been successful. The potatoes, kale, rutabaga, beets, and cabbage did the best in 2015. Work is being done to expand the garden to a size of 15' x



30'. A fence will be the next phase that will bring the garden closer to the 1870's style. The fence will be made of willow and will help with pest control. Barb and Niles are commended for their attention to detail in selecting heirloom varieties as well as their work to gain authentic knowledge for the historic garden expansion.

## Artifact Collection Initial Report

Numbers with a decimal are part of a group of items from same donation and numbers with letters are individual parts of a single item.



92 - Jar, Battery

94.4 - Wall, Pocket

94.5 - Roller, Hair

94.6 - Container, Pin

119 - Feeder, Chicken

129 - Strop

131.1 - Lamp, Bicycle

131.2 - Lamp, Carbide

131.3 - Lamp, Carbide

131.4 - Brooder, Poultry

132 - Shears, Sheep

131.1A - Doorknob

138 - Passport (1840 - German)

139 - Bible

144 - Bookends

145.1 - Almanac

146 - Stuffer, Sausage

151 - Tapestry

## Archivist Shares Progress

Nathan Chisholm is the Centreville Settlement, Inc. Archivist. The archiving project continues at the Lutze Housebarn, as a result of Nathan's efforts of securing a grant from West Foundation in October 2014.

The clothing and textiles have been documented and properly prepared for permanent storage in the collection. Over the coming winter, Centreville Settlement needs to temporarily house these fragile items from the damp and cold conditions of the Housebarn until a permanent housing solution can be found. **If anyone has a dry, conditioned space they would be willing to lend out through the winter, please contact Kathy Sixel at 920-693-8525.**

Since the last update, the Lutze Housebarn hosted an Open House event on June 27th. In the weeks leading up to the event, the Housebarn underwent a top-to-bottom cleaning and reorganization. Nathan was able to go through the part of the collection that is currently on display and archive all the artifacts in that display.



The reorganization has allowed us to display some new objects that have been added to the collection recently, such as a period peg bed (1880-1890), a beautiful set of Victorian Eastlake parlor furniture, and a spinning wheel. Recently accepted items include a small logging bobsled and treadle powered Singer sewing machine.

Over 200 accessions have been cataloged; the actual number of objects is much greater as some accessions have multiple objects. See the column at left for a listing of items archived in the recent months. If you want to help with archiving, please contact Nathan at 920-946-8897.



## Centreville Settlement, Inc. Accomplishments in 2015

\* Grant awarded for archival work from West Foundation for \$5000 \* Nathan Chisholm continued archival work begun in October 2014 \* 17 hands on workdays \* West End 1870's structure reorganized \* New interpretation of bedrooms on 2nd floor \* Historic fork and shovel display set up in chicken area \* Historic garden expanded in size and diversity of heirloom crops \* Census taken of evergreen trees, 125 trees survived from 1999 planting on the acreage north of the Housebarn \* Stump puller getting closer to completion, begun in 2010 \* Gilbert Arends log home, stored since 1987 in the 1896 barn, now on flat racks for future use as visitor center \*



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## **A Call for Membership 2016**

**Thank you** to our loyal membership over the past 25+ years. Now is the time to renew your commitment towards the preservation of the rural Saxon culture by sending in the information below, along with your check.

Your attendance at the Open House helped drive the success and exposure of progress with the Lutze Housebarn. To continue communications, please join fellow supporters by filling out the form below.

Due to increasing newsletter expenses, the next newsletter will be sent electronically in .PDF format to paid members. For 2016 members without electronic mailing, please mark "no email" in the Email portion of form.

2015 Memberships expire on December 31st, so become active and make history all year round by renewing today!

## **New Treasurer Selected**

The Board of Directors of Centreville Settlement, Inc. selected Greg Zahn, CSI member, as the new Treasurer for the organization in July 2015. He assumes the role from Janet Lutze, who previously served for several years.

Hailed from Washington DC, Greg purchased the Voss property on Union Road and is developing the land into a sustainable homestead by planting fruit and nut trees. His new farm name is Circle Union Farm.

Greg is involved with the Grow It Forward Community Garden in Manitowoc, Nourish Farm to School programs in Sheboygan, and the Lakeshore Local Food Network.

Email Greg at [greg@circleunionfarm.com](mailto:greg@circleunionfarm.com)

## **2016 Centreville Settlement, Inc. Membership Form**

### **Please send in by December 15, 2015**

___ Individual	\$25
___ Family	\$40
___ Contributing	\$125
___ Supporting	\$1000
___ Benefactor	\$5000

### **Please select how you are able to help**

___ Special Events committee
___ Artifact inventory and recording
___ Timber and carpentry
___ Interior restoration and decorating
___ Stone masonry or other _____

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle H/W/C

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Make Checks Payable to:**

**Centreville Settlement, Inc.**

**P. O. Box 247**

**Cleveland WI 53015**

**Annual Meeting** slated for Saturday January 23, 2016 to be held at Lakeshore Technical College with registration and refreshments at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Discussion topics can be summarized in the statement by CSI President Richard Wiegand. He states, “We look forward to 2016 to finish the siding on the Housebarn and pursue new sources of funding to eventually build a visitors center, storage facility, and library on the premises”.

## Centreville Settlement, Inc. Mission

**Statement:** Centreville Settlement is a not for profit (501c3), tax exempt organization, dedicated to the preservation of the Saxon German architecture and culture of the farming community in Centerville Township.

**2016 Work Days** at Lutze Housebarn. Work days start at 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with potluck meal at 12:30 p.m. Wear old clothes, work boots, plus bring gloves, hat, and your toolbox!

March 26th	April 9th, 23rd
<p>1. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>2. <i>Curculionidae</i> (10)</p> <p>3. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>4. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>5. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>6. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>7. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>8. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>9. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>10. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p>	<p>1. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>2. <i>Curculionidae</i> (10)</p> <p>3. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>4. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>5. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>6. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>7. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>8. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>9. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p> <p>10. <i>Chrysomelidae</i> (10)</p>

May 7th, 21st	June 4th, 18th
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July 2nd (4th of July weekend), 16th, 30th

August 13th, 27th                      Sept. 10th, 25th

October 8th, 22nd	Nov. 5th, 19th
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**Directions:** 13630 S. Union Road, Newton  
WI. Take I-43 to exit 137, go west to South  
Union Road and turn right. Go to just after the  
3rd farm on left.



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## 2015 Membership Expires

December 31st

RENEW TODAY!!