

CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

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Important Dates

- Holiday Dinner, 12/4/2016
- Membership Renewal Due, 12/15/2016
- Annual Meeting, 1/14/2017

Housebarn Restoration Progress Continues

The 2016 season of Housebarn workdays have resulted in progress in several areas. The Arends log building donated by Gilbert Arends in 1987 was moved out of the 1896 barn and onto hayracks for dry storage. Plans are in the work for a fundraising campaign to turn the historic building into a resource center on the CSI property.



The northwest corner of the addition foundation has been excavated, appropriate drainage installed to stabilize the area and prepare it for 2017 stone masonry. The span is the last 22 foot stretch of the stone work on the north side. The other 80 feet were excavated and worked on in multiple workshops and work days from 1996-1998.

Timber-framing workshops including timber replacements, mortise drilling, tenon making, measuring, hewing, chiseling and placing have resulted in the structure on the main barn ready for the next step of having the windows and doors measured and secured.

Siding was specified for the project and milling has begun to achieve the measurements of the 1896 outside layer on the Housebarn. The wood is white pine and will cover the Housebarn. The last siding applied was in 1999 on the east side of the building.



Stump Puller Renovation

Centreville Settlement received a donation of a Stump Puller in 2008 from John and Diane Schuchardt of Elkhorn. The Schuchardt's have generations of family farm ties to the Sheboygan area. John and Diane visited in August to see the erected tool. In October they donated a four piece set of chains and hook to complete the working parts of the large scale farm implement. Pictured at right is the stump puller with hook attached. Continued on next page...



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All the pieces came from the August Hildebrand and the Lester Schuchardt Farms in the town of Sheboygan. The longest chain is 10'5", weighs 125 lbs. and has links 1" thick. The medium chain is 5'5", weighs 37 lbs. and has links 7/8" thick. The shortest chain is 4', weighs 30 lbs. and has links 7/8" thick. Many hours of rebuilding and reconditioning went into the "antique" to prepare it for recommissioning.

The stump puller was a mainstay in the mid 1800's to help clear the land for farming. The machine was powered by harness horses which walk in a circle to turn a 10 foot screw attached to chains with torque power and leverage out of the ground.

In 2017, a possible workshop is being planned which tells the story of farming through the ages related to "clearing the land". The stump puller will be demonstrated along with using the saws from the Housebarn. People will be able to experience the two-man saw, more correctly called the two person saw, adz, and broad axe. The "Sawyer Day" will feature hands on experiences for those who want to achieve "Lumber Jack" or "Lumber Jill" status.

Historic Garden Update

The Historic Garden is bigger and more robust than ever under the spades and hands of Barb and Niles Klaves, Master Gardeners. Niles and Barb sought out authentic knowledge with research on 1870-1880's pioneer gardens. The heirloom seeds are true to the German vegetables of the 1870's. The beets, tomatoes, kale, basil and cabbage produced many a meal and beyond for Housebarn volunteers.

Barb raises German willow and brought whips for weaving through the verticals to achieve a varmint proof fence. We were using a post hole digger (aim, penetrate the ground and open the handles to remove the soil)...when Richard Lutze and Nathan Chisholm recalled that an old circular post hole digger resided in the Housebarn. Glenn Lutze confirmed the same style was used to dig holes when



he was a boy. The holes were reamed out with speed and the cedar posts were set and the weaving commenced.

Barb Klaves and Greg Zahn brought the materials...cedar posts and German willow. German willow has also been planted at the Housebarn property for future weaving. In the picture at left, Kathy Pearce learns fence weaving.

Zinnias and marigolds were also planted which help drive pests away from the crops. Continued on the next page...

Also there was a small demonstration plot planted of wheat, barley and oats. The “combining” was done by hand with the aid of scissors. We are grateful for Barb and Niles’ ability to tend the garden and monitor the plants in a natural way. Niles capitalized on the opportunity to plant heirloom garlic cloves on October 22nd workday.



In addition to the vegetables, the hybrid raspberries were replaced with ever-bearing heirloom red raspberries in honor of departed Charter Member Dorothy Anderson, who for years made her famous baked beans for the farm style lunches at the Housebarn.

With regards to orchard news, the heirloom apple and pear trees that Verne Wernecke planted in 2010 are now bearing fruit...several bushels of apples and pears were harvested, destined for Housebarn Cider for workday meals and annual meeting. Persons interested in making a donation have opportunities to “earn” cider. Contact Chris Kuehnel for further information.

The grapes (two varieties), donated by John Loisinecki in 2008, are vigorous and strong. Niles and Nathan Chisholm are going to put the abundant fruit into fermentation for wine and creating specialty jellies.



Further, wild hops were planted near the three 20 foot cedar posts on the north side of the garden and they climbed the poles and produced the fruiting bodies of the “hop”. Many farms had hops to add bitterness to homemade German beer –which was usually made from barley. Charlie Simmons has brewed up his famous “Housebarn Beer” in the past. If you would like hops, contact Kathy Pearce.

Volunteering and Feasting at Workdays in 2016

The August 27th and October 22nd workdays were a big success. Two new volunteers, Sandy Lorenz and Chris Hembel (pictured at right) helped with the historic garden material gathering and installing the woven fence. Some of the work projects completed on the workdays included: excavating and footings for the north wall of addition, check and fix lighting in livestock area and basement, take detail photos and make detail drawings and material listings, study window trim, PLUS so much more. Continued on next page...



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Both workdays provided potluck feasts at the Lutze Housebarn. In August, volunteers brought roasted potatoes, beets, garlic, and rutabaga, summer and winter squash, yummy Hmong salad, Chili and crackers, homemade sourdough bread, cheesy potatoes hot dish and zucchini chocolate chip cupcakes. It is worth coming to workday just to eat!

The October 22nd workday was also a feast for the senses and tastebuds. Sarah Lutze put together a meal to rival any Michelin Star restaurant. Housebarn cider toasted the meal. Roasted root vegetables, sliced heirloom tomatoes, homemade rye, sourdough and fennel breads, sausage stuffed peppers, tomato bruschetta on toast points, gala apples, and Ruth Lutze's zucchini chocolate chip cupcakes were enjoyed by all. Such home homemade goodness fuels the mantra that if you work hard, you eat well.



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Centreville Settlement Inc.
Old Fashioned Holiday Dinner

Sunday, December 4th
 Kessler's Old World Inn
 Social hour 4pm, Dinner 5pm

Old time music and sing along
 Toasting with Lutze Housebarn Cider
 Brief historic program, Cash bar with German Beers

\$19.50/person (before Nov 21) or \$25 after

Checks payable to:
 Centreville Settlement, Box 247
 Cleveland, WI 53015

Reserve/pay Online at: www.centrevillesettlement.org
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Centreville Settlement formed in 1982 to preserve
 the rural heritage of the greater Centreville area.
 Historic workshops and continued restoration efforts are planned for a dynamic 2017.

2017 Centreville Settlement, Inc. Membership Form

Please send in by December 15, 2016

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$5000

Please select how you are able to help

<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Artifact inventory and recording
<input type="checkbox"/> Timber and carpentry
<input type="checkbox"/> Interior restoration and decorating
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone masonry or other _____

Names: _____

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

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, slated for Saturday January 14, 2017, is to be held at Lakeshore Technical College. Registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. with meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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.

Call for 2017 Membership

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.

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 the “no email” portion of form.

2016 Memberships expire on December 31st.

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RENEW TODAY!!