

CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

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Important Dates

- Holiday Dinner, 12/3/2017
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Julie and Tim Chisholm), then stone masonry construction commenced on successive workdays. Richard Lutze was the master mortar mixer, Chris Kuehnel, stone mason manager and Kathy Pearce helped teach with the hands on methods. Volunteers Amy Rankin and Tim Edelis came to several workdays to learn the skills for their own barn

Housebarn Stone Masonry Moves Ahead!

The 2017 season of the Housebarn workdays have resulted in progress in several areas...the stump puller renovation, shingling half of the Gilbert Arends outhouse and work on the northwest corner of the structure.

After the northwest corner was stabilized in 2016, a new foundation with rebar was poured in June (thanks to

human cement mixers

foundation repair. More than 10 volunteers learned the importance of a soft

mortar, how to mix mortar, selection of stones, safe lifting techniques for the bigger stones, and trowel work following a guideline. About ten folks participated and we placed about 3000# of material! One of the cornerstones of the Centreville Settlement's mission is to pass on old time skills through hands on teaching.

A major milestone was reached in October when we succeeded in finishing the foundation around the full perimeter of the main building! There remain only a few openings that we left for future interior sill timbers to be slid into place from the outside, and now those openings are secured with metal chicken wire, keeping out raccoons and other such critters. Check out a video of the stonework and other progress by searching for Lutze Housebarn on YouTube.com or go [directly to it here](#) . We'll soon have a short video available on the nightlife of the Lutze Housebarn, featuring those raccoons that can no longer get into the building! Thanks to all that assisted this season, and we look forward to more stonework when we restart in the spring, hope you join in!



Stone Mason Team: Amy, Chris, Tim, Richard, Molly, Lisa & Kathy on October 8th workday.



Kathy & Amy are manual mortar mixing on a 90 degree workday



Chris teaches young visitors about barn foundations

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Getting Real with Old Time Tools

The Old Times Skills Workshop held on August 19 at the Housebarn featured three experienced instructors: First and most famous: Author and Restoration Expert, Alan Pape who shared the history of the timber framed Lutze Housebarn. He has been an advisory for the organization since 1982. He demonstrated and taught use of a froe, The Lutzes original froe (found in a secret space in the Housebarn) was used. Many guests had an opportunity to use the 175+ years old tool.



Alan explains the historic significance of the hands on woodworking skills that the original Lutze immigrants possessed that helped them support their new life in America.

Chris Kuehnelt had the hand driven boring machines on exhibit outside of the housebarn, ready to show how to create a set of holes, which are then chiseled out to make a rectangular opening (mortise) for the part of the timber (called the tenon) to fit in. Former CSI member, Gilbert Arends (who would be 107 years old-passed away in 2005), shared the summers of his youth using boring machines.



A froe is used by Tim Chisholm to split the cedar 18" long log



Chris' tool display, a variety of axes for multiple purposes



Chris Kuehnelt explains how the boring machine makes a series of 2" holes to create a mortise for timber framing

Stripping logs of bark was necessary to increase the longevity of the wood because the bark provides both a home to insects and a place for moisture to collect, which can ultimately lead to rot. Kathy Pearce shared the art of peeling logs with draw knives. Logs are easiest to peel in the winter. Children and adults were students at each of the workshop learning stations.

Alan Pape demonstrates shaving cedar shakes into final shingle form.



Use of a draw knife to peel logs was taught by Kathy Pearce



August 19 Exhibit Encouraged Learning about the Early Days of our Country

This year's 'Einwanderer Tagen' (Immigrant/Pioneer event) organized by Nathan Chisholm was held in conjunction with the Old Time Trades Workshop. The overnight pioneer encampment demonstrated how settlers lived in temporary structures (tents), cooked and honed their skills. Visitors learned about candle making with bees wax, ax throwing and hide tanning. In addition there was a display of old time guns and hunting tools. Sarah Lutze entertained visitors with tours of the housebarn. Centreville Settlement members contributed to the bake sale and Nathan's extended family cooked and served for the event. A big thank you to all our members, volunteers and visitors who made the August 19 event possible. Without your continued support, events like these could not be possible.

Axe throwing was a popular contest in the pioneer days for both men and women...Axe throwing clubs are forming in Canada and recently an axe throwing center opened in Milwaukee.



Axe throwing requires practice.



Nathan dipping bees wax candles.



Typical old time encampment

Historic Garden Update

What are heirloom vegetables? They are old-time varieties, open pollinated (by insects usually) instead of crossing plants as in hybridization. The seeds are saved and sown in the following year and handed down through the generations. The seeds that Master Gardeners, Niles and Barb Klaves sew in the Lutze Housebarn historic garden are heirloom time seeds they have saved or purchased from Baker Creek Seed Company-that carries over 1200 heirloom seed varieties. Niles Klaves invests his time tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting and cleaning the garden to make it an exhibit and demonstration garden. He directed others on workdays in weeding and picking the produce.

The German garden has completed another growing season. Items planted this year were: late flat Dutch cabbage, Wilhelmsburg rutabaga, German pink tomatoes, calendula flowers, Bernarys giant zinnia flowers, Halbhoher Gruner Krauser kale, Baron Solemacher strawberry, German lunchbox tomatoes, Munchener Bier radish, Crosby beets, sungold select tomatoes, German butterball potatoes, and German red garlic. The garden had considerable loss due to animals eating plants this year.

Much of the produce was incorporated into the housebarn workdays farm style meals to be enjoyed by the calorie burning volunteer crews.

This year the Historic Garden was registered in the Eastern Wisconsin Fresh Farm Atlas, promoting the heirloom produce for sale on workdays after July 30th. Produce in excess of what was used for the workdays was sold....10# of potatoes, 15# of rutabagas, curly kale and tiny heirloom tomatoes.

Garden Education Continues

Kathy Pearce attended the Perennial Plant Conference in Colorado and learned about gardening in public spaces for education, enhancing the sense of place and producing local food. There were tours of the Denver Botanical Garden and Farm with Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) as well as tours of 12 public and private gardens. Seminars and workshops informed over 700 participants on topics including growing industrial hemp, new innovations and advances in plant production and selection of the perennial plant of the year.



Public garden space in downtown Denver



Various types of lettuce at the Farms at Chatfield in Denver

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Nogging—2004 CSI newsletter - blast from the past submitted by Janet Lutze

What is nogging? For volunteers who spend time at the Housebarn, nogging is a common term. However, for many other people, it's Greek. In fact, if you look up nogging on the web you will get Centreville Settlement as the first listed resource of information. All the others are merely definitions and the definitions all refer to brick or wood infill in the interstices of a structure.

Nogging is, indeed, infill between the wooden beams in a structure. But it can be wood, brick, clay, plaster or any material to provide insulation for the building. It may also be additional support.

In the Lutze Housebarn, between all the timbers in the barn part of the structure, there are wooden staves placed between the timbers. The timbers are notches to keep the staves in place. Then clay and straw are mixed together and packed tightly into all the spaces. The straw acts as a binder to hold the clay together. Rye was used in the Housebarn, probably because it was readily available and because it is like fiberglass to rodents eating it. The nogging may then have stucco applied over it when it is dry or several layers of painted on nogging as the final step.



Three Guys a Nogging!
Tim Chisholm, Nathan
Chisholm & Richard Lutze

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Greater Centerville Historian Board

Kathy Sixel, Charlie Bauer

Old Fashioned Holiday Dinner

Sunday, December 3rd
Kessler's Old World Inn
Social hour 4pm, Dinner 5pm

Old time music and sing along
Brief historic program, Cash bar

\$20.00/person (before Nov 21) or \$25 after
Checks payable to:

Centreville Settlement
Box 247
Cleveland, WI 53015

A great catered Holiday Meal is planned,
vegetarian option available.
Questions: Greg 920-973-5872



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 2018.

2018 Centreville Settlement, Inc. Membership Form

Please send in by December 15, 2017

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$45
<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 _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Circle H / W / C

Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

PO Box 247

Cleveland, WI 53015

Historic Workshop Attended by Chris Kuehnel & Opportunities for Members!

Chris Kuehnel attended the local historic preservation event in October. You can see the 2017 schedule and overview here: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/hp/LH-HP-Schedule-2017.pdf>

It was the first/preliminary planning meeting for the Oct 26-27 2018 Local History and Historic Preservation Annual Conference, which will be at the Osthoff, (save the date)! The goal of the meeting was to bring forth ideas for workshops or special events and tours at that meeting. Reps from about 15 historical groups were in attendance and many ideas came forward.

For 2018 they are looking for workshop presenters (competitive), there will likely be a tabletop display vendor type area, and they are looking for destinations for organized bus tour stops on Saturday afternoon, as well as places that might do 'open house' type events and just be listed, with people traveling in their own vehicles. How do you think we might best be involved?

With our recently renewed membership in the Wisconsin Historical Society there are awesome resources available to us, I was really impressed! One of the most impressive is a series of webinars coming up over the next 6 months on topics from 'making history relevant' to 'textiles 101' to 'restoring historic windows'. They will be presented most every two weeks until spring, on Wednesdays at 10:30am. They can be watched live on a PC anywhere, and will also be fully recorded and watchable anytime. Here is the list of webinars: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4036>. There may be opportunity to view a webinar after the annual meeting on January 13 at LTC, and perhaps sharing one each month over the winter, interested?.

Historic Based Knowledge offered on Historic House Museums

Vice President, Chris Kuehnel shared there is an excellent one day national caliber workshop coming up Fri June 8 2018 in Delafield WI. It is called Reinventing Historic House Museums. The American Association for State and Local History is coordinating the event. You can find details about the program here: <http://learn.aaslh.org/event/reinventing-the-historic-house-museum-3/>.

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Historic Minds...want to know

What is happening for 2018 for Centreville Settlement?

- Workdays will begin in March (watch FB or CSI website for details).
- Bylaw review by Janet Lutze and Chris Kuehnel

What are the results of the siding project?

- All of the boards received for siding were milled through a process involving several volunteers-Julie, Tim & Nathan Chisholm, Richard Lutze, Chris Kuehnel. The boards still needs to be hand planed on one side.

Nice Lawn!

We received compliments on the well maintained grounds at the Lutze Housebarn. For the past two years the grounds are being contract mowed. This choice was to dedicated all volunteer on restoration efforts directly. Donors have stepped forward to underwrite this annual expense-Sharon Lutze Polk of Missouri and Richard and Sarah Lutze. We thank them for their generosity.

CSI Member Creates History

Greg Zahn, CSI Treasurer, held a nationally recognized old time skills event at his property on English Lake in September, building a cordwood structure using whole pieces of logs incorporated into a mortared structure. Sometimes also referred to as stovewood or stackwall, cordwood construction has been around for hundreds of years.

Northern European pioneer settlers to America used cordwood in lieu of log construction because it was easier to for one man to construct. The insulation values tend to also be much better. Examples still exist around Wisconsin with many in Door County. There is a resurgence of cordwood construction among people interested in building an affordable house themselves using local materials. Logs are typically about 16 inches long. The wall requires no further interior or exterior finish or vapor barrier thus avoiding materials with toxic organic compound off gassing or other toxins such as arsenic often found in drywall.



Cordwood Workshop Building



Close Up of bottles embedded in the mortared wall to bring ambient light into the new structure



See the beauty of the embedded bottles

The workshop held on Sept 8 was facilitated by Richard Flatau, a nationally renowned cordwood expert from the Wausau area. The participants worked on the 12'x16' building for the weekend on land which is part of Greg's ancestral home. As an interesting twist, artifacts from his grandpa's barn which survived a fire were mortared into the outside construction on the building. Light is enhanced with the use of glass bottles. The method is time consuming but the project was finished by late October. Greg plans to use it as a workshop as the cordwood cottage is constructed.



Greg working on the building



Partially finished wall

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, slated for Saturday January 13, 2018, 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 2018 Membership & Current Email Addresses

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 current information, on the form on the previous page, along with your check.

Due to increasing newsletter expenses, the next newsletter will be sent electronically in PDF format to paid members. For 2017 members without electronic mailing at this time, please find a friend or relative who can supply an email address for your receipt of future communications and newsletters.

2017 Memberships expire on December 31st.



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