

CENTREVILLE SETTLEMENT, INC.

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President Richard Lutze's Ramblings...

Since taking the reins of this historic organization in January 2017, I have steered our volunteers through another safe and productive year. Since our last newsletter in November we buttoned up the Housebarn for the winter. We celebrated Christmas at Kessler's Old World Inn, delighted with a "local foods" holiday dinner arranged by Greg Zahn with Ryan Kautzer providing ethnic accordion music. Many thanks to our volunteer members who make all these events successfully happen.

2018 is going to be as busy and exciting. Plan the following days on your calendar now, and come out to help make history!

Our workday schedule for 2018 is simplified and expanded to workdays being the second and fourth Saturday of every month from March 24 until November 17. In addition, the Housebarn project will be open to volunteers on the third Wednesday starting at 5:30 pm on April 18 through October. We have siding, masonry, gardening, harvesting, landscaping, exhibit making, researching, organizing and many more volunteer opportunities.

A Sourdough Bread Making workshop (see enclosed brochure) is scheduled on Saturday, May 5, held in conjunction with the Bread Baking Bee. This year features loaves of fresh country style sourdough bread for sale as a fund raiser-see order form on the workshop registration form and reserve your loaves in advance. You can also bring your own dough for baking, see educational agricultural exhibits, enjoy a wood fired pizza lunch, and listen to live historic polka and Gypsy Swing music.

- Brat Fry fundraiser at the Piggly Wiggly-Plymouth- Sunday, May 6th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- German Heritage event scheduled on Saturday, August 18 at the Lutze Housebarn (watch Facebook or our website for details)
- "Traditional" German style Christmas dinner -Sunday, December 9th

I look forward to seeing you this summer and look forward to another year of working with and for the great volunteers of Centreville Settlement Inc.

Centreville Settlement, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of the architectural and cultural heritage of the German farming community in the Centerville area.

Restoration Progress and 2018 Plans

“We made progress in 2017 on the northwest corner foundation with the participation of over 25 volunteers through the year.” Related Chris Kuehnelt, Restoration Director. See picture below.

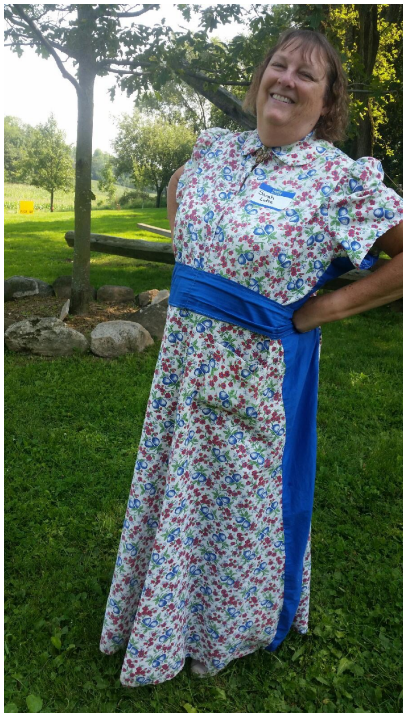
Here are the plans for the 2018 Lutze Housebarn Goals for reconstruction, restoration, and preservation:

- Finish stone foundation for north side and northwest corner of addition
- Replacement of north center floor joint timber in addition
- Installation of vertical timber removed 1940 from south side of 2nd floor chicken area (removal of center window)
- Trim work exterior and interior for windows and doors as able
- Jacking of center sill beams/walls to bring building level
- Re-creation of wooden rain gutters north and south sides
- Repair of 2nd floor south door in addition



What Really Happens at Night at the Housebarn?

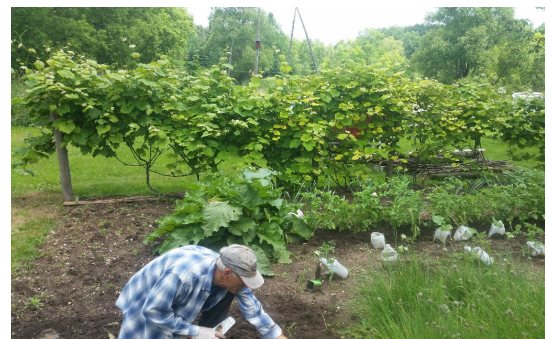
Yes, just what you have been waiting for!! Another Lutze Housebarn thriller video! This one covers nightlife, seldom before seen by the public. Check it out by [clicking this link](#) for e-newsletter recipients. If you do not subscribe electronically, type the following link in your web browser. <https://youtu.be/Tk4YSPIf0R4>



Ready to Tour the Housebarn?

Visit the Lutze Housebarn to tour a structure, built in 1849, and stands as one of the last of its kind in the United States. As you tour around and through this unique four story building, you will learn about its construction and also hear stories of how the Lutze's and other early German settlers made their living in early America. The price of the custom led tour is \$5 on workdays (see back page). Tours can also be arranged by calling Sarah Lutze (pictured at left) at 920-693-3454.

After your Housebarn tour, take a stroll around the Historic Garden. Perhaps you will find Niles and Barb Klaves diligently working away on this ever-progressing treasure. Pictured at right is Niles surrounded by green during the summer of 2017.



Local History and Historic Preservation Conference Set for October 26-27, 2018

Chris Kuehnel attended the first/preliminary planning meeting for the October 26-27, 2018 Local History and Historic Preservation Annual Conference, which will be at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Would you like to help plan for the event, make a display or attend? Contact Chris Kuehnel at 920-693-3141.

Says Chris, "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 *History Relevant* to *Textiles 101* to *Restoring Historic Windows*. The webinars are presented every two weeks until spring on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. They can be watched live on your computer, and will also be fully recorded and watched anytime".

To view a list of webinars, e-newsletter recipients can [click this link](#). If you do not subscribe electronically, type the following link in your web browser. <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4036>



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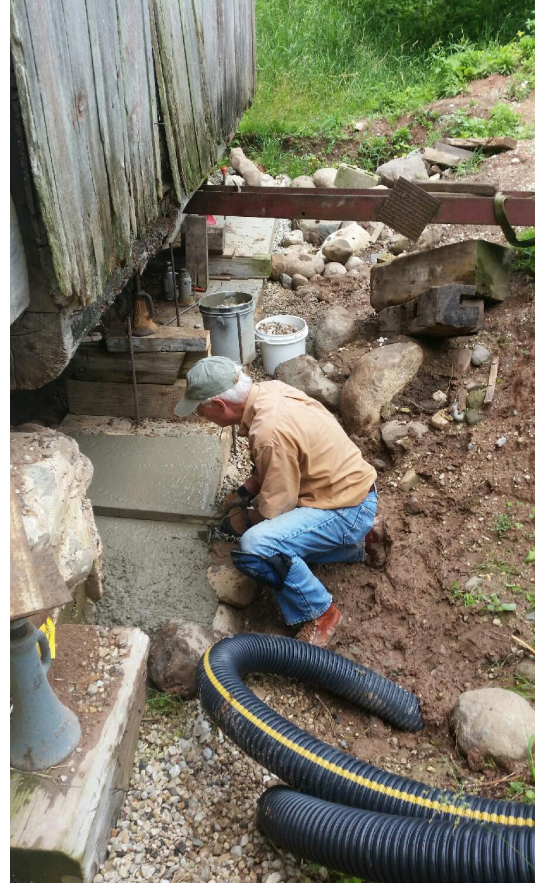


Pictured at left:

Choosing the right rock for the stone masonry is a satisfying challenge.

Pictured at right:

Dick Bemis helps out with the masonry during summer of 2017.





Niles Klaves reveals the expanded historic garden in April 2017; an heirloom rhubarb was the first perennial up in the garden. The plant had massive stems which made their way into desserts served at the potluck farm-style dinners held on Saturday workdays.



Over the years, replacement timbers were collected and recycled into the timber framed Housebarn. There are no nails in the timbers, they are held together with pins (tenons) and square holes (mortises). Many buildings were able to be moved or reconfigured as farms expanded and adapted to new trends in livestock and cropping.

Clay Infill for Germanic Style Timber Buildings

Flashback Article Written by Chris Kuehnel in 2008

Chris Kuehnel, Housebarn Restoration Director spent two days working with a world renown clay infill expert from Germany last summer and invested time in Virginia attending a Timber Framers Guild Conference in Virginia relating to German style structures.

We have always referred to the clay work between the timbers, including the wood staves as "fachwerk". The literal translation from German is "framework". However, it carries a dual meaning to include the compartments formed by the frames of a building that are "in-filled" and made waterproof and then left exposed to the exterior. The resulting color and texture pattern is an integral part of "fachwerk" construction.

The construction style developed in Europe because building a solid log structure was very difficult and expensive, the forest were used up. By 1676, feudal and governmental decree eliminated log structures, both to make best use of remaining resources and to reduce the threat of community fire. German cultural interests placed high value on the artistic style of the exterior. They also appreciated quality workmanship with appropriate materials.

Fachwerk was the primary method of home and barn sized building construction from 1550 to 1900's. Larger buildings used stone with timber trusses. After 1900, the less expensive brick, wooden stud and metal construction became popular. In the US, immigrants found log buildings to be very fast to construct but were considered temporary until time and money could be found to build more permanent structures. The ready availability of high quality timber combined with skilled carpenters emigrating from Europe, caused timber buildings to become the standard from 1680 - 1890 in the northern US. Termites in the South encouraged brick and stone. Clay infill was used, most simply, because there was no good alternative technique to keep weather out and heat in.

Wood for siding was expensive and required siding nails. (The Lutze Housebarn was built without nails). Clay or low fired bricks were cheap and did not require any particular talent or equipment to make, install or maintain. It also reduced fire hazard and added tremendous strength to the buildings as well as being almost rodent proof. As clay is exposed to air and protected from rain, dries to a very low 5% moisture. This low level, wicks moisture from adjacent wood thus eliminating insects and fungus. It has an indefinite life span.

Clay and straw infill would be packed around oak or ash hand hewn roughly square or triangular cross sections or in a "waddle and daub" technique. Waddle and daub is an age old skill of infilling around woven wood panels, typically a more rigid vertical stave and thinner flexible horizontal members between the verticals. Thin bent staves arched across a ceiling and in-filled with a high straw mixture was/is common in Europe. Another infill is sun dried or low fired bricks set in place with earthen mortar, lime mix or Portland cement. The lower level of the Lutze Housebarn and in the large room on the second floor barn has good examples of this technique. Come out to experience the wonders of this national historic project.

2018 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: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

City, State, Zip: _____

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

Phone: _____ Circle: H/W/C

P. O. Box 247

Email: _____ No Email: _____

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.

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Bread Baking Bee Fund Raiser at the Margret Klessig Bake Oven Saturday, May 5th

Location: 9577 South Union Road Cleveland, WI 53015 (2 miles south of Housebarn)

Learn to make Sourdough...Bread Making Workshop (fee based see insert)

Members & Volunteers (no charge) & Public (\$10 per person), Wood Fired Pizza Lunch (11 am-12:30 pm)

Bread Baking Bee - Historic Bread Baking and Fund Raiser 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Lutze Genealogy exhibit by Glenn & Ruth Lutze, "Name that Antique Tool" display, local farmer CSA & grain vendors with fresh ground flour and more!

Live Music-Ryan Kautzer Accordion & Gypsy Swing 11:00 am -2:30 pm.



Order your **Sourdough Country Style Bread** by April 30, 2018 to be certain you secure your delicious loaf(s) by sending in a check with the information below.

Name: _____ Phone/text : _____

Email: _____

Number of loaves: _____ x \$10/loaf = _____ Other: (donation) _____ Total: _____

Please pick up loaves between 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm on Saturday, May 5th.

Questions? Call Greg Zahn at 920 973-5852

Make check payable and send to:

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

Attn: Bread Baking Bee

P.O. Box 247 Cleveland, WI 53015

Copy this form as needed. For office use: Date order received: _____

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

P.O. Box 247

Cleveland, WI 53015

*** May 5th - 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 1-3:30pm.

Saturday Work Days:

- 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month beginning 3/24/2018 and ending 11/17/2018
- 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Potluck Meal at 12:30 pm

Wednesday Housebarn Work Days:

- 3rd Wednesday of every month beginning 4/18/2018 and ending 10/17/2018
- 5:30 pm - dusk

[Click here](#) or check CSI website for work day calendar.

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.