

Belgian Heritage Center



Telling the story of the Belgian Settlement in Wisconsin and working to preserve unique elements of Belgian culture.

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August 2018

2018 Events

- August 19 - Namur Kermis
- September 15 - Hunters' Raffle & Wild Game Meal
- October 6 - Great Fire (Peshtigo) Remembrance
- October 7 - Great Fire (Peshtigo) Remembrance and Author's Talk

Bucket Raffle

Don't miss our BHC Kermis Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction this year!

It's bigger and better than ever with over 75 items already in the booklet and many more to come.

Bucket Raffle booklets and tickets are available now and can be bought the day of the Kermis. Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5. Highlights of the bucket raffle include many large themed baskets, multiple cash prizes, sporting tickets, winery tours, and amazing handcrafted items done by local artisans, just to name a few. Silent Auction items include a pair of handmade patio chairs, Packer items, and much more! There is something for everyone, and we're still accepting donations for both the bucket raffle and silent auction.

Contact any of the board members or reach out to us at supportBHC@belgianheritagecenter.org or via Facebook for more information. We hope to see you there!

Join us for our Kermis

August 19

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

We are bringing back the popular antique farm implement display with a live demonstration.

Area Crafters will once again join the festival. Available products for sale include: Home grown garden produce, homemade jams, jelly, and maple syrup, home sewn products and home decor items. Also available will be a mixed media of stones, glass, metal products and jewelry.

A children's area will provide games and face painting.

The Peninsula Belgian American Club will be selling T-shirts and other products. And The Bay Area Genealogical Society will have an informational booth to answer any questions.

Music will be provided by the Mad Cats from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Of course, there will be delicious food including Belgian trippe, jut, booyah and hamburgers. Desserts will be traditional Belgian pies, tortes and homemade ice cream churned with the power drive on a tractor.

New Audio Visual Video System Installed at the Center

Two new 82 inch Samsung monitors now grace each side of the front walls at the center. These monitors, along with our new audio system with two large JBL speakers and both wired and wireless microphones, are the centerpieces a system that will add tremendous versatility to the BHC programming.

We will be able to use the system to show history videos such as our current "Our Stories" project, as well as other speaker programs. We can also offer the system to those using the BHC for weddings and other events. We envision this being valuable for the many tour groups who have been visiting the center for a basic orientation to the area's Belgian heritage.

The system was made possible through grants from:

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Picnic Table Donations A Huge Success

Many thanks to all of the generous donors who contributed the twenty-seven, lightweight, collapsible picnic tables for the Belgian Heritage Center. You can check out the tables at the Kermis and future outdoor events to see the plaques acknowledging the donors who made this purchase possible.

Waffle Breakfast Brings Crowd

The waffle breakfast in June brought in a record number of people to enjoy the traditional breakfast of waffles, potatoes, eggs and Belgian trippe links.

Volunteers came on the Saturday before the event to set up and perform the massive job of making over 1,000 waffles. With several irons and a solid core of cooks, they had all ready for breakfast on Sunday morning.

The record breaking crowd challenged the kitchen crew and the guys working to get the trippe off the grill, but the experienced group was able to keep the line moving, if not a little slower than usual.

The final tally showed over 500 breakfasts were purchased with many compliments given to the chefs.



David Jinkins of Copenhagen, Denmark (formerly of Sturgeon Bay)

Hunter's Raffle

NEW EVENT ALERT!

For the first time, the Belgian Heritage Center will be hosting a Hunter's Raffle & Wild Game Meal. Join us on September 15, 2018 at the Belgian Heritage Center for a celebration of Fall. We have a wonderful pair of guest speakers.

Ed Thiry, owner of Thumb Knuckle Brewery will speak about his craft, as well as the history of Belgian beers.

Father Edward Looney will talk about Saint Hubert, patron saint of hunters, as well as the Saints of Belgium.

We'll be serving up delicious homemade food, including wild game and local craft beers.

The main event will be the Hunter's Raffle, with tickets being available for sale starting in early August and the drawing taking place during the event - no need to be present to win. Major prizes include: Mossberg Patriot scoped rifle in 270 Cal., Henry Golden Boy rifle, Savage 550 O/U 20-gauge shotgun, Browning Buck Mark pistol, CVA Hunter .243 rifle, Barnett crossbow package with optic, Vortex binoculars, and Smokey Ridge taxidermy gift certificates!

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook for updated information on this new event as its available.

Walloon Language Project

If you live or have lived in a part of eastern Wisconsin where the Walloon/Belgian language is spoken, we would love to hear from you!



You are invited to participate in an anonymous survey about your experience with and attitudes toward this unique heritage language. The purpose of this survey is to obtain a quantitative description of community attitudes toward Belgian (or Wisconsin Walloon) to inform ongoing materials development and promotion efforts. The survey should not take much more than 5 minutes.

You can access the survey immediately by scanning the QR code above. To take the survey online, visit www.BelgianHeritageCenter.org. It can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wisconsinwalloon/>.

Volunteers Needed

The events at the Belgian Heritage Center have become very popular with our community and beyond. It is due to a steady list of people who are willing to volunteer that make all of the events possible. If you already volunteer - THANK YOU! If you have any interest in becoming a volunteer, in any capacity, please contact one of our co-presidents, Joe Alexander or Monica Thiry. You may also talk to anyone on the Belgian Heritage Center board. We have a great need for volunteers at the Kermis. This would be an excellent opportunity to get more familiar with what we do, have fun and meet some wonderful people!



New Mugs!

Find these new mugs for sale at the Belgian Heritage Center!

Bodart Family Picture Collection

Does anyone have any information on these old picture postcards? They were found with a collection of the Bodart family. One was addressed to Mary Bodart. Let us know if you have any information on who they are or why they were gathered.



Belgian Heritage Center Hours

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

May 4 thru October 28

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are also open throughout the year by appointment only

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Great Fire Remembrance and Author's Talk

On Saturday, October 6th and Sunday, October 7th, Barb (Englebert) Chisholm will reprise her portrayal of her Great Grandmother, Emmerence (Gaspard) Englebert, who survived the Great Fire in October 1871. This massive forest fire which raged in and around Peshtigo, as well as in Southern Door County, greatly affected the Belgian settlement area. She will also tell the general story of the fire and how it influenced the area rebuilding lives after one of the worst natural disasters in United States history.



will speak about her new book, *The Lace Maker's Secret*, Belgian woman who survived cholera, famine, and the bestselling author who has written several books. She will be available after her presentation to meet and it is a terrific book - highly entertaining and informative about Belgian history! *The Lace Maker's Secret* and other books in the series will be available for purchase.

Following Barb's presentation on Sunday, Kathleen Ernst a Chloe Ellefson murder mystery, inspired by a courageous most devastating forest fire in American History. Ernst is a including fiction, non-fiction and books for young readers. readers and sign books. We have seen an advance copy

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On Sunday, there will be a booyah lunch available for purchase following the morning presentations.

Schedule for Great Fire Remembrance

Saturday, October 6

Barb Chisholm speaks at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 7

Barb Chisholm speaks at 10:00 a.m.

Kathleen Ernst speaks at 11:15 a.m.

Barb Chisholm will repeat her presentation at 1:30 p.m.

Booyah lunch will follow the morning speakers

Author "Meet and Greet" and book signing with Kathleen Ernst during lunch and into afternoon

Walloon Classes

We are very pleased to announce that Walloon language classes have begun at the center. They take place on the first Thursday of each month 6:30 p.m. and are taught by Margaret Rueckl. We recommend you bring note paper and, if possible, something to record audio such as a smart phone. The recording will enable you to hear the words as you practice at home. The classes are open to anyone interested. For more information call Tim Jeanquart at 920-495-7365.



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