



DOOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1926 - 2022 September & October Newsletter

96 YEARS PRESERVING DOOR COUNTY HISTORY

Our Mission: The Door County Historical Society strives to collect, maintain and share the history and heritage of Door County through preservation, education and programming.

Our Vision: We envision a Door County Historical Society that is committed to keeping history alive for future generations through collection, preservation and sharing of the heritage of Door County.

President's Message by Jay Zahn

Things don't always go as planned. Why is that no surprise when we consider the past few years! I planned a normal year but a heart operation meant plans change. Complications meant 68 days in the hospital. I thank you for your prayers and well wishes. With rehab I am on the way to a full recovery.

Our Executive Director Bailey Koepsel has taken a new position with Door County Economic Development. She served in the position for almost 4 years. We wish her well in her new position. Interviews are scheduled for a new director and applications are available on employment websites. If you know someone who might have an interest, encourage them to apply.

Our Eagle Bluff Lighthouse manager has taken a leave of absence. Her committee has stepped up to fill the hours but could use additional help both as a paid worker or volunteer. Contact Ann Sheridan at 808-631-3861 if interested.

The Historic Village Committee has taken over operation of the Village and also could use additional help in the coming months. Contact Mark Stephenson at 920-743-5117 if you can help out.

Our Monday dinner programs continue. This month we will be at the Belgian Heritage Center in Namur and our own members Bill and Cheryl Chaudoir will present the history of the Belgian Settlement.

Many things are happening with our organization. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events! **Jay**

PROGRAM NOTES:

September 26—The Belgian Settlement Story—The Belgian Heritage Center, located at 1255 County DK in southern Door County in the former St. Mary of the Snows church, is celebrating its 12th anniversary this summer. Hear a brief history of the Belgian Settlement and why the Namur Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Landmark by the US Dept. of Interior. Learn how the Belgian Heritage Center has grown, displaying exhibits and offering events to celebrate the history of the Belgian settlements. The program will be presented by Bill and Cheryl Chaudoir. Dinner will feature Marchant's special homemade Belgian Trippe which is a pork and cooked cabbage sausage, and Belgian Pie.

October 17 — "Ghost Ports and Shipwrecks in Door County's Clay Banks Township: A Wisconsin Maritime Study" by Dr. Richard Boyd, Russel Leitz, and Douglas Weimer. There are more than a few surprises to be found as we peek into the woods, water, and historical records on a 'book tour' that takes us to some of the earliest boom towns and shipwrecks that have disappeared from sight (unless you know where to look!). Doug Weimer is a retired production manager and fire chief and has lived in Clay Banks for more than 62 years. With his wife, Sharon, he lives on a portion of the property that was once known as Mt. Lookout. Doug is one of the authors of this book, and worked on it for more than ten years as more hidden information came to light. As an avid hunter and fisherman, he explored the lake bottom, shore, streams and the lands where these logging communities once existed. Through those activities he was able to contribute firsthand knowledge of some of the hidden remains of structures and shipwrecks, and he became the 'boots on the ground' as the book project progressed. He remains very involved in the local community serving on many town committees and is the sexton for the Clay Banks Town Cemetery.

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September & October Program Reservations
DEADLINES: September 20th & October 11th
NO REFUNDS

MEMBER NAME (S) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

September 26: The Belgian Settlement Story in NE Wisconsin by Bill and Cheryl Chaudoir

Members Attending _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

GUEST NAMES _____ Guests Attending _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

September Total = \$ _____

October 17: Ghost Ports and Shipwrecks in Clay Banks by Douglas Weimer

Members Attending _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

GUEST NAMES _____ Guests Attending _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

October Total = \$ _____

Program Subtotal = \$ _____

RETURN FORM WITH CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO:
DOOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 71, STURGEON BAY, WI 54235-0071

DATE & TIME: Monday, September 26th at 6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:00 pm, and the program begins around 7:00 pm.

MENU: Belgian Trippe, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Belgian Pies, Coffee, Water

LOCATION: The Belgian Heritage Center, 1255 Cty Rd DK, Brussels (Old St Mary of the Snows in Namur)

PROGRAM: The Belgian Settlement Story in NE Wisconsin by Bill and Cheryl Chaudoir

DEADLINE: September 20th

DATE & TIME: Monday, October 17th at 6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:00 pm, and the program begins around 7:00 pm.

MENU: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Water

LOCATION: Door Country Event Venue at Schmitz Insurance, 7153 Hwy 42-57, (Co O & Hwy 42/57)

PROGRAM: Ghost Ports and Shipwrecks in Clay Banks by Douglas Weimer

DEADLINE: October 11th

Membership, Donation, and Volunteer Interest Form

I am committed to keep history alive for future generations through the collection, preservation and sharing of Door County heritage.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please send my newsletter by email only

Membership Levels (Circle One)

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| Individual
(1 adult) | \$35 |
| Couple
(2 adults) | \$50 |
| Family
(2 adults & 2 kids under 17) | \$75 |
| Corporate/Organization
(\$50 sponsorship, 4 passes to Eagle Bluff & Heritage Village) | \$100 |
| Sustaining
(2 adults & \$50 program sponsor) | \$100 |
| Nonprofit Organization | \$35 |
| Individual Life Membership | \$600 (\$300 is placed in the Endowment Fund, \$300 for operations. Also includes 4 guest passes/year.) |
| <u>Donation—Annual Fund</u> | \$ _____ |
| <u>Donation—Program Sponsor</u> | \$ _____ |
| <u>Donation—Cultural Resource</u> | \$ _____ |

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Upcoming Programs

Program/Event Title	Presenter	Program Date & Time	Location
The Belgian Settlement Story	Bill & Cheryl Chaudoir	September 26th @ 6 pm	Belgian Heritage Center 1255 County Road DK • Brussels
Ghost Ports and Shipwrecks in Clay Banks	Douglas Weimer	October 17th @ 6 pm	Door Country Event Venue at Schmitz Insurance 7153 Hwy 42-57 • Sturgeon Bay
A Wisconsin Farm	Corey Geiger	November 28th at 6 pm Annual Meeting 5:30 pm	Prince of Peace 1756 Michigan St • Sturgeon Bay

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our events possible! Events can't happen without a dedicated group of volunteers, and we are thankful for each and every one!