



APRIL 2017



VISIT MILWAUKEE AT MID-CENTURY

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th in the Hunt Room of the Hales Corners Library. Our program is *Through the Lens of a Master, the Photographs of Lyle Oberwise*, and will be presented by **Steve Schaffer**, Assistant Archivist at the Milwaukee County Historical Society.



Steve will show a series of color slides from the 1940s and 1950s that were used in the publication *Milwaukee at Mid-Century*. This presentation has the feel of a family slide show, and audience participation is welcome. Steve will also tell how this set of slides was nearly lost.

Sadly, we are discontinuing the traditional potluck supper before our April program, as participation has dropped over the past two years. However, we will still offer refreshments after the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

April 5th is also our Annual Meeting at which we elect officers and directors. Customarily, officers have served for two years, although our bylaws state the term is one year. Directors serve for three years. Each can be re-elected indefinitely. The Board recommends amending the officers' term to two years, so we will be voting on that.

The slate is as follows:
President - **Al Strekow**; Vice President - **Vacant**; Recording Secretary - **Sandy Sannes**; Co-Treasurers - **Michael Jedrzejewski** and **Jim Bain**; Corresponding Secretary - **Mary Bennett**. There is one Directorship open and **Randy Sannes** will fill that position, with a term expiring in 2020.

HUNT CABIN HAPPENINGS

Even with professional help, the mouse nibbling problem persists. Consequently, some of their favorite displays will be put under glass. The most notable of these is the moccasin display. The Society is very much indebted to **Celine Kashishian** for the donation of a display case which has been moved into the Cabin.

The **Badger Woodcarvers**, who meet twice a year at the Cabin to work on their carvings and talk about Ben Hunt, will be visiting the Cabin in April, the night before our meeting, and again in October.

The Cabin Open Houses resume the first Saturdays of May through November, and on the 4th of July.

MORE SPACE!

With the cessation of the Hales Corners cable station, the former studio room in the Hales Corners Library is now available for our Society to use in other ways. The Society is especially thankful for the work of **Roger Brinkmeier** who maintained that channel for so many years, which helped to advertise our events to the local public.

Roger was further tasked with disposing of the equipment, lighting, and furnishings in that room over the past few

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months. This is certainly most welcome, as we didn't even have room to properly sort the many cartons of materials donated by the Village.

Note that we currently are able to accept only paper documents (photos, illustrations, maps, etc.), relating to Village history plus actual objects related to W. Ben Hunt.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JUNE 24th FUNDRAISER!

Is there anything more fun in summer than the smell and taste of grilled brats, hot dogs, and all the fixings -- especially when they raise funds for the Historical Society? Society members will be grilling and serving at the Hales Corners Pick 'n Save on Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please make a point to stop by and satisfy your craving for summertime fare. **Seneca** and **William Hale** will be there, too; they say they'll offer their support in the "wurst" way.

HALES CORNERS ON DISPLAY IN WEST BEND

Visit the **Museum of Wisconsin Art** (MOWA) in West Bend, and you may be surprised to discover a painting of the

TIPPY CANOE AND BEN HUNT 2

The **Heritage Scout Museum** in Wauwatosa has donated a canoe built from orange crates. Based upon Ben's design that appeared in *Boys' Life* magazine in 1951, it was built by **Arnie Schilling** of Boy Scout Troop 47. As we already have a canoe (with sail) on display in the Cabin, we will temporarily store this more traditional canoe in our new space. Special thanks go out to **Wally Wolak** for helping us to acquire this canoe for our collection.



Randy Sannes and Chris Schachtlie deliver our latest acquisition, an Orange Crate Canoe built according to Ben Hunt's instructions.

Dreyfuss Hotel on Forest Home Avenue in Hales Corners. Entitled *Hales Corners Horse Market Midwinter*, the painting depicts a snowy scene with horses pulling sleds past the old hotel in 1911. Our Society happens to have a small copy of this painting in our office.



The artist, **Richard Lorenz** (1855-1915), today is considered one of the foremost painters of Western genre after

Frederic Remington. His first trips out West in 1887-88 inspired a number of Western scenes for which he is now nationally known.

Lorenz was born in Germany, studied sculpture and drawing there, and emigrated to Milwaukee in 1886. He originally worked on Panorama paintings in Milwaukee and Chicago. In 1901, he was one of the founding members of the Society of Milwaukee Artists, later known as the Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors.

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