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President's Letter

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the membership of the Waukegan Historical Society. As the newly elected President, I look forward to building upon the many successes that have occurred over the past two years under the leadership of Sara Griffin. During that period, I have served as a board member, chaired the museum committee, and assisted with the Tour of Homes and the redesign of the newsletter.

I am a relatively recent transplant to Waukegan, having moved here in April 2000 from the northwest side of Chicago. I was immediately impressed with the many historic homes in Waukegan when I started my house search, and was even more impressed with their affordability, given my knowledge of Chicago area housing prices. Having settled into a comfortable 1920s American foursquare on Douglas Avenue, the area reminded me a great deal of the neighborhood in which I grew up.

I continue to work in Chicago, commuting daily on the Metra. Since 1999, I have been employed by the Society of Architectural Historians as comptroller. In addition, I serve as manager of programs for the Charnley-Persky House Museum, the 1892 National Historic Landmark designed by Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright in which the Society maintains its headquarters. My background is in historic preservation, having earned my master's degree in that field from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

I currently serve as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, for the City of Waukegan, and am also active with the history committee at the Genesee Theatre. I have always held a strong belief in the value of community involvement, and it has had the added benefit of introducing me to many individuals whom I now count as good friends.

Our first event under my tenure is the Tour of Homes on June 27th for which you will be receiving a separate mailing shortly. I have personally visited the sites included on this year's tour, and am confident it will be another successful event. I hope you will all plan on attending.

I look forward to working with the membership and board, our museum supervisor Brian Hora, the Waukegan Park District, and the city of Waukegan in advancing the mission of the Society. Please feel free to contact me at anytime about ideas you may have for future programs and events that will make the Society more beneficial for you and the community.

Bill Tyre, President



The Director's Dais

Hello Once Again!

New and exciting things are happening here at the Haines Museum! From our new carpeting, dining room furniture & ever changing exhibits to our fun and educational programs, the Waukegan Historical Society and the Waukegan Park District will be in full gear to make this summer one of the best ever! Don't forget to go on the 'Tour Of Homes' on June 27th. As always, if you are interested in becoming more involved with the Historical Society give us a call or simply stop on by!

Brian Hora
Museum Supervisor

TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday, June 27th, 2004
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Mark your calendars and join the Waukegan Historical Society for our annual **Tour of Homes!** Featuring interior tours of three private residences, the First Presbyterian Church & the Haines Museum! Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$7.00 or on the day of the tour at any tour site for \$8.00. More detailed information is being mailed to all members in early June.

Advance Ticket Sales and Information:

Waukegan Historical Society
1917 N. Sheridan Rd.
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 336-1859

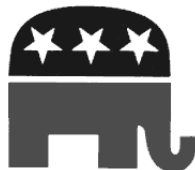
Victorian House Antiques
650 Grand Ave.
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 599-0325

New Exhibits!

Evolution of the Republican Party



2004 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Republican Party and we here at Haines Museum have put together a small exhibit celebrating the "Grand Old Party"!



Education in Waukegan

In this newest exhibit, we have put together objects and images within our collection that display how learning has changed in Waukegan through the years. Come see how schools both past and present continue to shape our children.



Calling All Members!



Hank Bogdala: Las Vegas Style Show!

Local performer of *Vaudeville, Broadway Showtunes, & Old-Time Favorites*, Hank Bogdala, is available for hire at:

*Senior Centers *Nursing Homes *Fund Raisers
*Conventions *Meetings *Seminars *Parties

For more information, call: 847-244-5746 or fax: 847-672-0911

Stories Sought

Area author is seeking anecdotes and unusual stories for his book about the Chicago and North Western Railroad north commuter line.

Contact Ed Koven at:

eKoven@aol.com, 847-432-4826 or
3450 Summit Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035

Recent Donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Object</u>
Richard Bairstow.....	Photo, Pamphlets, Brochures, Newspapers
Jean Bomkamp.....	Waukegan Gun Club Photo
Chaplaincy Service Bookstore.....	5 High School Annuals
Elaine Dahl.....	Pfanstiehl Photos Agreement Papers - Business Cards, Calendar
Walter Griffin Estate.....	3 Wall Mounted Oil Lamps, Old Bottles
Ed Link.....	Samuel Fisher Miller Genealogy Geographical Supplement to 1905-6 City Directory; "Journal of Joseph Lamb" To California in 1850.
Jim Maguire.....	"What is a Republican" "Illinois In the 1970's" "How To Be a Republican or a Democrat These Days" by Robert Coulson
John Melcher.....	Newspaper Clippings about Jack Benny
Beverly Millard.....	"Immigration and Naturalization Service" by Dixon and Galan
Caroline O'Grady.....	1971 Membership Book For Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mark Papparigian and John Gallo	3 Pages of Photos Inside Lakehurst Stores
Mary Ann Raiden.....	Gold Dust Washing Powder; 2 Framed Floral Prints
Richard Ribando.....	Written History of The News Sun
Phil Smith.....	Jenkinson Family History
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Styx.....	1914 Globe Department Store Calendar; Walter Larsen Wallpaper Sample Advertising; 1 Page Booklet Pressed Flowers
James Tuohy.....	3 Election Cards; 1 Election Pamphlet
Tracy Walls.....	"History of Navy"
Sean Wiedel.....	"The Barns of Lake County"

We thank each and everyone of you who thought enough of us to donate these wonderful objects!

The Barns of Lake County



The Land Conservancy of Lake County is pleased to announce the publication of ***The Barns of Lake County*** by Nancy Schumm-Burgess. The book documents many of the remaining historic Lake County barns in over 200 photographs with family anecdotes and local history information. Burgess has been documenting the barns in Lake County since beginning a 1997 photo project for the Village of Long Grove. The book is the culmination of that documentation. All proceeds benefit the Land Conservancy of Lake County, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation working to protect remaining farmland and open space in Lake County. Book cost is \$39.95 plus \$5 shipping (\$4 shipping for each additional book) and can be ordered by mailing a check or money order to the Land Conservancy of Lake County, P.O. Box 293, Lake Villa, IL 60046. An order form can also be printed from the Land Conservancy's website at landconservancyoflakecounty.org.



Summertime Fun

Waukegan's sesquicentennial isn't too far away (2009) and many changes have been proposed for our lakefront by then. Let's return to our semicentennial (1909) and see how the people enjoyed that summer along the lake and throughout the city.

Summer was kicked off with a Memorial Day program given by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) at the Armory. Other local groups were active in providing entertainment, such as the picnic the Danish Brotherhood gave at Electric Park. Events of the Finnish societies were to be enhanced by the ferris wheel built by E. Hanne. It had a 40 foot rise and was located on the Sunderlin pasture on Belvidere Street, near Jackson.

Industry still dominated the area along the lake. Thomas Brass and Iron, Western Coal and Dock, and Ludington Salt Co. were right on the water. Alshuler, Blatchford, Chicago Recording Scale and Cyclone Fence, along with many others, were within a few blocks. Even these were changing. Gourley Co. was removing soft coal sheds. West Coast Roofing was trying to buy lots on the lake shore to build a new factory. Randolph Manning got out of the business when he sold his interest in the tannery to the Wilders.

Even with all the business activity going on, the lakefront was still a major recreational area. For the third year the ship Pere Marquette 18 was running daily excursion service between Chicago and Waukegan. There must have been a lot of passengers. One hundred souvenir cards were mailed daily at the lakefront. Local sensibilities were bruised when one card called Lake Front Park "2 by 4". One day the big boat and its crew of 100 brought many members of the theatre crowd to town where they were entertained by Joe Howard and Mabel Barrison.

Public officials recognized the importance of the lake front. Besides their desire for a new city hall, the City Council discussed opening more streets to the lake. In fact there was an announcement that Gillett Avenue was to be opened to the lake and a drive was to be made along the beach. That was modified almost immediately by acknowledging that there might be difficulties in getting access for the Gillett extension.

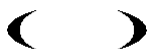
One highlight of the summer was the three day Waukegan Day celebration in July. The opening of the new city park (at the location of today's Bowen Park) was a major cause of the celebration. Ruth Norman of north Sheridan Road was queen of the carnival. The Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railroad said they would build a branch to the new park. B.J. Loftus of Grayslake did his part by exhibiting a six legged calf. But the area didn't become a park, and was later sold to Hull House. There were, however, calls for the creation of a park district.

What would a summer be without a circus? Sells-Floto was in town with a parade and performances at Browning and Marion (today's South Genesee) Streets on August 6. And if one circus is good, two must be great. So, only four days later, Gollmar Bros. Circus was in town.

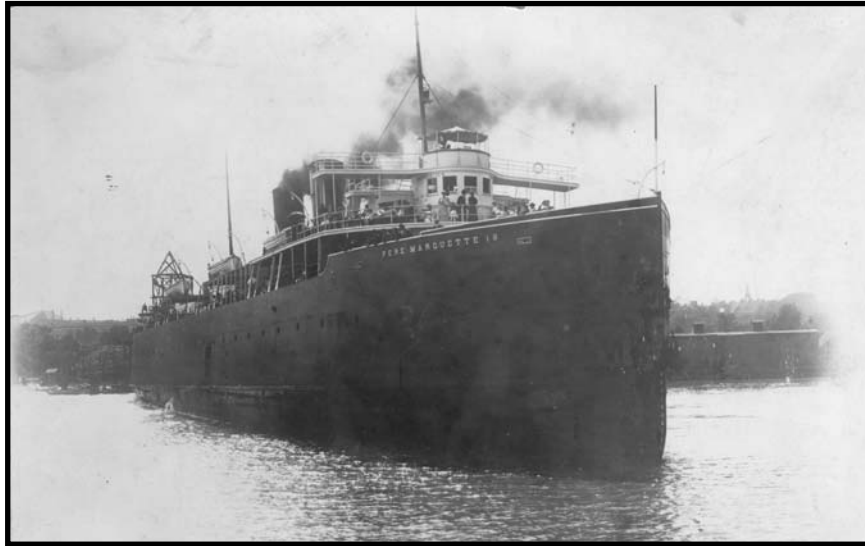
All these activities had to end sometime, and they did with a Labor Day parade called the "largest ever seen in the city".

While all this fun happened almost a century ago, maybe it wasn't too different from what we see today, or hope to see, along with other changes going on in town.

By Ed Link



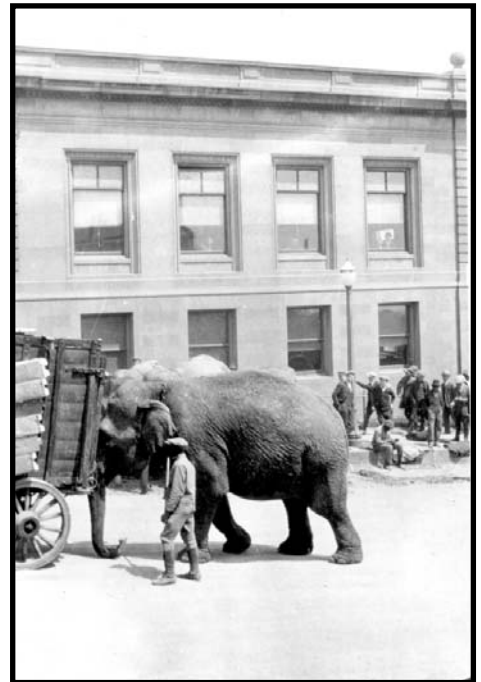
Historical Photographs



Pere Marquette 18



**Buck's Park (Today's Bowen)
c.1910**



**An elephant pushing a wagon on
Washington Street in front of the
Carnegie Library.**



IMPORTANT UPCOMING WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<p>June 1st <i>WHS Board Meeting 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>July 3rd <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>	<p>August 3rd <i>WHS Board Meeting 7:00pm</i></p>
<p>June 5th <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>	<p>July 4th Heritage Fest <i>Museum Open 12:00pm - 4:00pm</i></p>	<p>August 7th <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>
<p>June 12th <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>	<p>July 6th <i>WHS Board Meeting 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>August 14th <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>
<p>June 27th Tour of Homes <i>1:00pm - 5:00pm</i></p>	<p>July 10th <i>Museum Work Day 9:00am - 12:00pm</i></p>	

OTHER EVENTS IN WAUKEGAN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA!

<p>Through - July 25th <i>Lake County Discovery Museum Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era</i></p>	<p>July 3rd Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country <i>Annual Open House & Patriotic Celebration. 9:00 - 4:00pm 847-566-7743</i></p>	<p>August 17th Waukegan Park District <i>End of Summer Family Festival Community Recreation Center Free! 1:00pm 847-360-4711</i></p>
<p>June 13th Grayslake Historical Society <i>Museum Open House 1:30-3:30 847-223-7663</i></p>	<p>July 6th Warren Township Historical Society <i>Meeting & Speaker, Jill Marting on quilting. 7:00pm Mother Rudd House 847-263-9540</i></p>	
<p>June 24th Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country <i>Meeting and Speaker, Mayor Marilyn Sindles. Fremont Public Library 2:00pm 847-566-7743</i></p>	<p>July 11th McHenry County Historical Society <i>Annual Heritage Fair 10:00 - 4:00pm 815-923-2267</i></p>	
	<p>July 22 Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country <i>Meeting & Show and Tell Fremont Public Library 2:00pm 847-566-7743</i></p>	



**WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

In addition to learning more about the long and fascinating history of Waukegan, membership in the historical society comes with many additional benefits. Use the membership application below. Consider becoming a member, or giving a gift membership to a friend. It also makes a great welcome gift to a new neighbor.

Benefits of membership:

- * \$2.00 discount on any ticket to the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, Waukegan Concert Chorus, Bowen Park Theatre, or Bowen Park Opera;
- * 10% off any entree at Kong's Restaurant, 40 N. Genesee Street;
- * 10% off any entree at Madison Avenue, 34 N. Sheridan Road;
- * 10% off any sandwich at the Uptown Cafe, 300 N. County Street;
- * 10% off Society gift items including the Jack Benny CD and the book *Images of America: Waukegan, Illinois* when purchased at the museum.

(Membership card needed to obtain discounts; restaurant discounts at the discretion of management, call to confirm.)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SOCIETY
AND HAINES MUSEUM**

The Society is a volunteer organization, and we are always seeking new volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. We have many different opportunities available to match your interest. No previous experience is necessary; we will gladly train you. Listed below is a summary of the positions available.

- * **Museum Docent** - serves as a guide for visitors to the museum;
- * **Program Aide** - assists with the educational programs;
- * **Exhibition Assistant** - aids in the planning and implementation of displays and exhibits;
- * **Collections Assistant** - helps with the historical collections, including cataloging and conserving objects;
- * **Administrative Aide** - assists with clerical activities;
- * **Researcher** - investigates subjects for upcoming exhibits and responds to requests from scholars and residents;
- * **Maintenance Assistant** - assists in the upkeep of the museum facility.

(Use the form below or call Brian Hora at 847-336-1859 to volunteer or to get further information)

Membership Application

Name(s) _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip + 4 _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Senior (age 60+).....	\$7.00
Student.....	\$7.00
Individual.....	\$15.00
Family.....	\$25.00
Patron, Organization.....	\$50.00
Life, Individual.....	\$100.00
Life, Couple.....	\$150.00
Corporate.....	\$500.00
Please Accept My Additional Gift.....	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to the **Waukegan Historical Society**

Volunteer Application

Name(s) _____
 Address _____

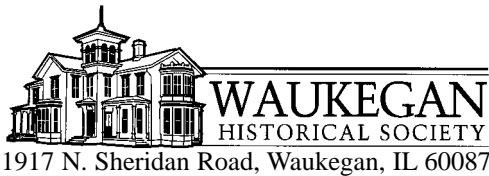
 City _____
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(Check as many as you are interested in!)

- Museum Docent**
- Program Aide**
- Exhibition Assistant**
- Collections Assistant**
- Administrative Aide**
- Researcher**
- Maintenance Assistant**

Mail To: Waukegan Historical Society
 1917 N. Sheridan Road
 Waukegan, IL. 60087





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Haines House Museum

1917 N. Sheridan Road
 Waukegan, IL. 60087

Telephone.....847-336-1859
 Email.....haines@waukeganparks.org
 Museum Supervisor.....Brian Hora

Open for public tours:

1st & 2nd weeks of each month Tues - Sat.....1:00pm - 3:00pm
 3rd & 4th weeks of each month Mon - Fri.....1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Group Tours by Appointment

J. L. Raymond Memorial Library

Lilac Cottage
 1911 N. Sheridan Road
 Waukegan, IL. 60087

Telephone.....847-360-4772
 Librarian.....Beverly Millard

Library Hours:

Wednesday through Friday.....10:00am - 2:30pm
 Call for Seasonal Weekend Hours.

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