

Fitchburg Historical Society



HISTORY IS YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

January 1999

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Fitchburg Historical Society will be held on Sunday, February 14 at 2 P.M. in the Swan Creek room of the Fitchburg Community Center. Our agenda will include the election of four members for the Board of Directors. We will also need to finalize some details on the reprinted history book and share some thoughts on preparing a pamphlet to explain our organization. We are planning to show the video from the August dedication of St. Mary Cemetery. Please mark you calendar now. This will be the only notification you will receive for this meeting. As always, guests are welcome.

COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY

On November 6th the SHSW Council of Local History's annual meeting was hosted by the Poynette Area Historical Society. They used the occasion to showcase their recently opened historical archives and museum. Representatives from historical societies around the state attended. The two seminars presented were very informative. One stressed how to pick a theme for a permanent display and how to put it all together. The other was a demonstration using mounting material, making display cubes, encapsulating artifacts or documents in mylar and other related subjects. There was also a forum type discussion about how to involve the local community in the Society. When the PAHS moved from its small back room location in the village hall to a more visible and accessible location their membership increased greatly. People from the village and the area, including the high school woodworking and art classes, helped

in refurbishing their new facility. Perhaps when we have a more visible space to call home we will be able to increase our membership significantly.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Fitchburg Historical Society has joined the newly formed Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce. We hope to be a source of historical information to the business community and they will be able to assist us in our various projects. The Chamber office is located at 5930 Seminole Centre Court.

VIDEOS

We are still looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to tape some of the videos FACT has made about our programs. Connie or LuAnn would be happy to demonstrate the process and the volunteer would be able to work at his/her own convenience. We would very much like to have copies of our meetings in our own archives. Right now FACT videos have to stay in FACT files. Step right up and volunteer. Take your mind off winter cold and snow.

CENTURY FARMS

A final note on the century farm project of the Wisconsin State Fair. It was such an overwhelming success this past sesquicentennial year they are going to make it an annual event. As local farms and homes pass the 100 or 150 year mark of continuous family ownership they will become eligible for the award. Application blanks can be obtained from State Fair Park in West Allis or from the FHS.

ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 1999

It is now time to renew your annual membership dues



FITCHBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gleaned from the Fitchburg Town Clerk's record book. April, 1870: "The project of building a town House was brought up and after a thorough airing it was moved and carried to postpone all further action upon it until some future day."

