



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EGG HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 MAKING OUR HISTORY COME ALIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

OUR LOGO

Our logo represents our historic connection with the fruits of the land and sea. From the naming of Egg Harbor by seafarers to logging, to orchards, agriculture and maple syrup we tend to the fruits of the land. At the same time throughout our history we have depended on the water initially to transport and then to recreate.



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In July of 1861, the Town of Egg Harbor was established. This July 30, the University of Wisconsin Marching Band will help celebrate its sesquicentennial as part of Carlsville Days.

The town is sponsoring the UW Marching Band's appearance in the annual 10 am parade, and entertainment at the town pavilion will include local

bands the Modern Day Drifters and the Bittorf Brothers. We are still in the planning stages and hope to have much more fun planned for the day.

Locally created floats are welcome. Just show up in front of Harbour Village Camping Resort on Highway 42 in Carlsville around 9 am. This year's parade route will start at Harbour Village and run the length

of Highway 42 south to Morning Sun Road. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall at 743-6141 or check our website at eggharborwi.com for updates.

We hope to see everyone there to help celebrate the town's 150th birthday!

OWNERS SEEKING HISTORIC REGISTRATION FOR HORSESHOE BAY BARN

Barb and Glenn Timmerman, owners of the Horseshoe Bay Farms property, plan to apply for listing of the farm on the National Registry of Historic Places. Glenn has retained Tim Heggland, a Wisconsin based expert on historic barn preservation, to compile the necessary documents, including a history of the farm enterprise. The research began in January and together with the application process is expected to take 6-8 months.

In the early 20th century the

Horseshoe Bay Farm was a large and diverse operation. The farm was well known for its dairy herd, and was at one time the largest employer in Door County; in part due to the fruit orchards it maintained.

The area was first commercialized by Andrew Anderson in 1870, prior to the formation of Horseshoe Bay Farms. Anderson built a pier at Monument Point (just south of Murphy Park) and began buying and selling cordwood, a thriving business in those days. A

sawmill, black smithy, coopers (barrel makers) shop, a school and a dozen houses followed. The village was initially called Horseshoe Bay and later Cooperstown.

The barn complex remains almost as it was when the farm was active except that the seven silos have been removed. We are fortunate to have most of the features of an early 20th century industrial farm in an historic site right in the middle of Egg Harbor.

AFFILIATIONS EXPAND OUR EFFORTS

As our association matures, we are discovering ways to expand our efforts with affiliations.

Affiliation with the Door County Community Foundation gives us a place to earn investment income on our endowment contributions which now total \$1,800. It also exposes us to potential donors who prefer to have their charitable funds managed by a foundation. The Community Foundation manages funds for dozens of donors who have set up funds for specific charitable causes throughout the area. By affiliating with the foundation we make others aware of our needs

and we may eventually be able to partner with donors interested in Egg Harbor History.

The Wisconsin State historical Society is the official Historical Society for the State of Wisconsin. Affiliation expands our access to its important archives and professional staff. The Society also offers grants and other programs to aid local Historical Societies. Finally, it sponsors conferences where we can collaborate with other community and State historical efforts.

One grant program that might become available is a grant for purchase of a software program called "Past Per-

fect" which automates many of the time consuming tasks associated with collecting and cataloging historical information.

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ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Our first and most important project has been to seek out those with knowledge of our early history and digitally record their observations. Under the direction of Sandra Dirks four oral histories have been recorded including the recollections of Dorothy Hoslett, Chuck Richards, Joe Charnetski and most recently Jim Demin.

If you have long established roots in Egg Harbor and are interested in video recording your recollections of the early days of Egg Harbor or know someone you think should be included, please contact Sandra Dirks at 868 - 1477 or send her an email: rsdirks@wildblue.net.

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OUR GOALS

- Communicate our heritage to those who enjoy Egg Harbor as residents or as visitors.
- Record the contributions our ancestors have made to our community.
- Identify and preserve historic places and buildings.
- Digitally record the recollections of those who have knowledge of the past.
- Preserve photographs and documents for future generations.
- Offer programs for the young so they come to respect their heritage.
- Bring the community together with an annual event that presents our heritage.
- Assist property owners with historic preservation efforts
- Conduct historic tours.
- Construct historic exhibits.
- Eventually construct a museum or historic park.

COMING SOON OUR OWN WEBSITE WITH PHOTOS, STORIES, UPDATES AND MUCH MORE: WWW.EGGHARBORWI.COM

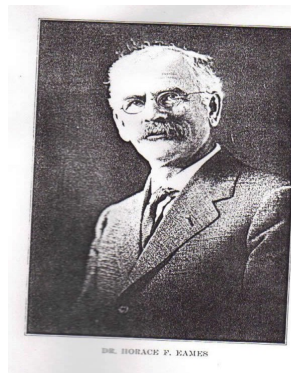
AMAZING FINDS-THE STORY OF MILDRED & SPENCER EAMES

One of the first things that appeared on the desk of the Egg Harbor Historical Society was a journal kept by Mildred Eames, the daughter in law of Horace Eames, Egg Harbor's only physician.

Apparently, for most of her life Mrs. Eames kept a journal describing the daily activities of herself and her husband Spencer. Journals for about a 20 year span have survived and have been donated to the society.

The journal describes the challenges of owning one of the area's largest cherry orchards while participating in a myriad of community organizations.

Most of us only knew Mildred and Spence in their reclusive later years but the Journal tells a different story of a time when Egg Harbor was filled with club events, meetings and regular visits to numerous restaurants.



OUR HISTORIC SHORELINE



Alpine circa 1930?

Since as early as the turn of the last century there have been homes and businesses along the Egg Harbor shore. Some are still owned by the

descendents of their original owners. Since early home owners often vacationed for the summer they knew our merchants, attended our churches and sometimes became involved in community affairs. Their stories are as much a part of Egg Harbor history as the stories of our year around residents. Likewise, many folks vacationed in shoreline cottages owned by our summer residents or in cottages owned by local folk who rented them out.

One reason why our seasonal visitors are so important to our history is that vacations are times for taking pictures. The first consumer Kodak cam-

era was placed on the market in 1888. By the time Egg Harbor was populated with summer vacationers, recording visual images of one's heritage was no longer confined to those who could hire portrait painters. Who knows? Perhaps there is a treasure trove of 20th century Egg Harbor history hidden in the home of a descendent of an early visitor to Egg Harbor. If you want to help record the history of our shoreline community, please contact us. We are anxious to hear from you.

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MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

The Egg Harbor Historical Society inaugural year has been very busy. We have been collecting memberships from individuals, families, and businesses. We offered a Founding Life-time Membership at \$100.00 through December 31st. We also offered a Charter membership at \$250.00 which entitles the member Founding Member status plus \$150.00 allocated to the Society's Endowment fund.

It was because of the efforts of Marcella Giesseman and Marietta Tanck that the Egg Harbor Historical Society was formed. Because of their efforts we have named these two women as "Honorary Founding Members".

We also have a Founding Member in memoriam. Jane Hamann has donated \$100.00 in memory of her mother Betty Krueger Schumacher who died in 2010.

Myles Dannhausen, President

Helen Curtis, Vice-President

Jim Petersen, Secretary

Charlene Mueller, Treasurer

Pam Krauel, at large

Contact any of us at:

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FOUNDING MEMBERS

- Paula & Bob Keller*
- Laurie Culp*
- Jerry McGinnis*
- Jay Przybylo*
- Trissa Crowley*
- Myles & Mary Dannhausen
- Sandra Dirks*
- Helen Curtis*
- Theresa Davis
- Judi Haen Dexheimer
- Donna Haen Jorns
- Herb & Char Mueller
- Decorator's Gallery*
- Peter Lemere*
- Marian LeMere
- John Guenther
- Glenn & Barb Timmerman
- Marietta Landwehr
- Tomas Ealy
- Steve Smith
- Jim & Linda Petersen
- Steve & Pam Krauel
- Giz & Linda Herbst
- Chris & Evie Hartwig
- Bob & Lynn Doneff
- Bill & Gloria Bilgen*
- Christine Dannhausen-Brun*
- Judy Ortiz
- David Enigl
- Jim & Jane Hamann
- Alpine Inc.
- Wallace Bittorf
- The Perfect Touch

* Charter Membership

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THE CUPOLA HOUSE WITH ITS OWN WATER TANK

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS CLOSER TO REALITY

Publication planned to coincide with summer festivities

What seemed like an impossible task at the beginning will soon be the first of a series of historical publications that will investigate the heritage of Egg Harbor.

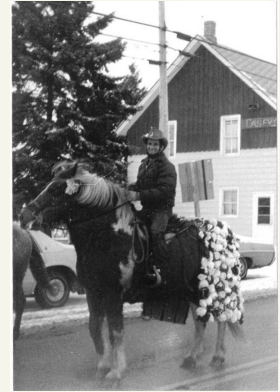
Our Family History Committee led by Char Mueller has collected more than 40 family histories along with informa-

tion on government and schools dating back to the late 1800s. Mary (Casey) Martin, an Egg Harbor native and well known writer and publisher has been retained to compile these recollections into what will become the first of a series of soft cover books that will explore our heritage.

In addition to those who have written extensively about their own families some volunteers have taken on the

task of searching the heritage of several family groups at a time. Endless hours have been spent searching County archives, church and school records and evening calling or writing those who now live elsewhere.

To complement the narratives, arrangements have been made to scan photographs and documents for use in our publications and to create a permanent archive on our website for all to view.



Honest Abe presides over a New Years Day parade



History buffs share stories at the 2010 picnic.

“ TASTE OF EGG HARBOR ” CELEBRATION PLANNED

“Histories of more than 75 families, organizations, churches” will be included in our first history book.

August 27th event at Horseshoe Bay Farms to celebrate Egg Harbor’s Heritage, Food and Music.

Imagine a day where Egg Harbor’s past comes alive with the kind of fun party we all will remember. This is our goal for our “Taste of Egg Harbor.”

Last year we had a small picnic at the Town Hall Pavilion. Attendance could have been better and it could have been a little warmer.

This year we plan a gala event to celebrate the sesquicentennial on the grounds of the Horseshoe Bay Barns on August 27, 2011.

We plan a celebration of all things dear to Egg Harbor folk including your food, music, skills, jokes and great stories from the past. Let’s make it the “story of us” in a day!

Plans are underway to make the cave on the Horseshoe Bay farm grounds accessible to the public for the event.

Tours of the Horseshoe Bay farm complex are also planned. At the turn of the century the Horseshoe Bay area was a thriving community centered around what was then a large industrial farm that included cattle breeding, orchards and milk production. Most of the wide ranging structures remain and tell a captivating story about an early Egg Harbor enterprise.

Plan for a day at Horseshoe Bay. Volunteers are needed to help organize. Contact: us: eggharborwithistory@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE PROGRESS

HISTORIC SITES AND TOURS

Led by Judy Haen Dexheimer and Donna Haen Jorns the Historic Sites committee is identifying and cataloging as many historic Egg Harbor buildings and sites as they can find. The information collected will be used to create self guided walking tours within the Village and driving tours throughout the Egg

Harbor countryside.

Among the discoveries which the committee found in the course of its efforts are the existence of a school house at the corner of G and 42 in the Village and a former cheese factory on Memorial Drive. To participate in this project Email:

jdexheimer@dcwis.com

FAMILY HISTORIES

A sub-committee of the Egg Harbor Historical Society is working on a book of family histories, pictures and recipes to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of Egg Harbor. We have over 75 families, organizations, churches etc. working on histories to include in

this book to be out in time for the celebration on July 30, 2011.

Anyone interested in helping with this project, please contact Char Mueller at 823-2062 or email cmueller6959@gmail.com.