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# RECOLLECTIONS

*Monticello Area Historical Society News*

Year 2016, No. 02

## Dolley Madison and history come alive at MAHS annual meeting

### MAHS

#### Board of Directors

President - Mary Davis  
 Vice-Pres. - Hans Sulzer  
 Secretary - May Burgy  
 Treas. - Karen Brugger  
 Member - John Casey  
 Member - Teresa Dunlap  
 Member - Sue Rieder

#### Collection Manager

#### Collection Archivist

Karen Gempeler

#### Coordinators

Docents - Kay & Bill Dickson  
 Programs - Paul Rieder  
 Membership - Carol Schultz  
 Newsletter - Tere Dunlap

Monticello— From her first tepid impression of James Madison to her heroic saving of the George Washington portrait, Dolley Madison was always a personality to be reckoned with in government officials' circles.



Jessica Michna as Dolley Madison

Though her low-cut bodices may have shaken some visitors to the President's House, Madison himself approved of her style, so she said.

Mrs. Madison became quite the hostess at national and international gatherings during the early-1800s, and shared her hostess tips with those attending the MAHS annual dinner meeting May 26 at Zwingli UCC Fellowship Hall in Monticello.

Portraying Dolley Madison, "The Lady Who Saved Washington," Jessica Michna, both entertained and educated the audience throughout her performance. Dolley is just one of Michna's repertoire of characters, which include other First Ladies, historical women and fictional characters. Her company First Impressions is in Racine.

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## Museum

### open

Saturdays  
 thru October  
 from 10 am - 2 pm

#### Our docent coordinators

Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all volunteers. Call them at 938-4315.

## What You Need to Know

### Fund Raising Effort

Monticello Garage Sale  
 in September

It's time to gather your donation items for us!

Deliver your donations the week of Sept. 5, or let us know you need storage space for them.

### New Monticello Historical Society Facebook Page

MAHSWIS  
 (Monticello Area Historical Society - Wisconsin)

MAHSWIS covers the society's news, community participation and museum updates.

### Museum's Facebook

Monticello Area Historical Society,  
 Monticello WI - Museum

The Museum's page continues to hold all the historical photos and documents for browsing and research.

### Recognition and Thank You's

Board members Michael Wayland and Don Schneider fulfilled their terms and did not seek re-election. Their contributions to the board and to the Society have been greatly appreciated.

Donna Ferguson stepped down as Director of Programs, after many years of scheduling fine, quality programming and speakers for our membership meetings. Paul Rieder has volunteered to fill the position.

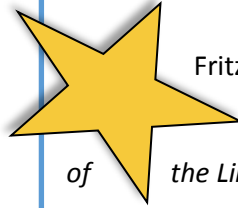
Jules Cappelle has been graciously sponsoring our website since its inception. MAHS is indebted to his contribution, which opens Monticello history to the world.

MAHS Volunteers recorded 407 hours of labor during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which included hosting 410 visitors to the museum. We suspect many more hours went undocumented. Recorded volunteer hours are reported to the state board.

### Welcome new lifetime members

Beth Burgy and Dean Ferguson

### Recent donations to MAHS



Fritz Kopp, Monroe, wrote a song about the Milwaukee Road "Limburger Special" and donated a copy. (Ed. note: A photo of the Limburger Special was published in our last issue.)

Roger Babler brought in old Homecoming advertising posters.

Barb Smith donated a "Carroll and Bontly" advertising plate. Total Look now occupies that building.

#### Monetary:

In honor of May Burgy's birthday:(2) donations

Janet Hauri memorial

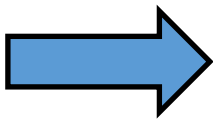
Lillian Hefty memorial

Don and Karen Roe donation

Karen Brugger donated the flowers for tub in front of building and planted them.

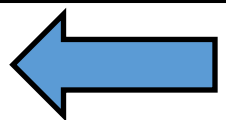
### No July Meeting

Be sure to join us again in August.



**OCT. 21-22**

**GLACIER CANYON CONFERENCE CENTER  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**



### 2016 ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

#### Save The Date | Registration opens July 5th

Watch for the conference brochure in your mailbox and on the website in early July 2016. Choose from a schedule of 30 sessions and 12 in-depth workshops, plus enjoy ample opportunities for networking and socializing. The conference schedule is designed to offer a wide variety of topics relevant to museum professionals, volunteers, students, preservation advocacy groups, and historic preservation commission members and staff.

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

Wisconsin Historical Society

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Monticello Area Historical Society is the acquisition, documentation, preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to the history and culture of the Monticello area. This collection will be located in our museum, the former Woelffer Drug Store on Main Street in Monticello, Wisconsin.

#### VISION STATEMENT

The Monticello Area Historical Society strives to promote an interest in the uniqueness of the Monticello area by collecting and displaying artifacts that tell our community history. We further endeavor to enrich the community by connecting them to the past and saving the present to enhance the future.

Annual meeting, cont.

The 2016 MAHS annual meeting included the treasurer's report and secretary report, both of which passed by unanimous vote.

The 2015 rummage sale brought in \$870. The society completed two museum property projects: installing the back patio and retaining wall and repairing the south building wall, at a total cost of about \$8,200.

A humidifier was purchased to remove some of the dampness in the museum basement and arrangements were made to install it.

Liability insurance has been purchased to cover board members.

New and returning members elected to the Executive Board were John Casey, Teresa Dunlap and Sue Rieder.

The annual meeting dinner was prepared by Gempeler's Supermarket and MAHS President Mary Davis.



Generous portions of marble cake and ice cream top off the 2016 MAHS dinner.

## Over 100 served ...



MAHS Secretary Karen Brugger and President Mary Davis (far right), build root beer floats for young visitors to the Woelffer Drug Store Museum May 21, during Monticello's Spring Fling Festival. Monticello Area Historical Society sold

the floats and popcorn at yesteryear prices of 25 cents to encourage festival goers to stop in and tour the museum, which is celebrating its 15th year. Ruth Knight Sybers donated the building on N. Main Street to the society in 2001.

## July 4th Parade... 1895



### TO BECOME A MAHS MEMBER

Mail this form and payment to the museum address or give them to our membership chairperson.

Membership year: May—April

**Individual dues - \$20/yr**

**Family dues - \$30/yr**

▶  CASH     CHECK PAYABLE TO MAHS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

## THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, **EXCEPT** JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, IN THE NORTH ROOM OF ZWINGLI CHURCH ANNEX IN MONTICELLO, WIS.

### MAHS Museum

P.O. Box 463  
204 N. Main St.  
Monticello, WI 53570  
Phone: (608) 938-4216  
Email: mahs@tds.net

### Hours of Operation

The museum will be open  
May 7 until October 31, 2016  
but can be open by appointment for anyone or a  
group wishing to stop by.

For special group or individual tours,  
call the museum at (608) 938-4216 or send your request to  
mahs@tds.net.

Are you planning a class reunion? Do you have former classmates who would be interested in joining MAHS?

Admission to the museum is free and a quarterly newsletter from your home town is included.

A guided tour of the museum on your reunion date can be arranged.

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