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Boats on the Water

How many kinds of boats patrol the water of lakes Syracuse and Wawasee? Well, it turns out that there are a lot! Canoes, kayaks, pontoons, race boats, sail boats, ski boats, tour boats...The list goes on and on!

This summer, the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum will display a Famous Craft 1954 Class B Stock Runabout built by Dr. Charles Hursh and Losse Rinker.



Bud Hursh working on finish

About the builders:

In 1954, Dr. Charles Hursh, a Goshen optometrist and resident of Syracuse Lake, ordered a 4-ply birch molded hull of a Class B Stock Runabout from a company in Nova Scotia. He and Losse Rinker, father of Jan and John Rinker, streamlined and lightened the nose on the hull by replacing the birch nose with an aluminum nose built by Jerry Herbison, founder of Sea Nymph Boat Company of Syracuse, IN.

The racers installed turnbuckles on the back of the transom to the after plane of the boat bottom to control the angle of the tack of the boat for various water and wind conditions. They also put on an adjustable side chine fin and rear chine spray rail to control the amount of banking the boat would have going through the various turns of the race course.



Restored motor

Charles powered the boat with a Mercury Mark 2-H. It had padded cylinders and a larger carburetor than earlier models.

About the Restorers:

The boat was restored by Steve Raskowski, a master woodworker. Bud Hursh restored the original hardware and applied a finish as close as possible to the original. He was able to find an original Mark 20-H motor. Patrick Appenzeller repaired the cowlings and starter housings.

The boat will be in residence from the end of June, after the Syracuse High School class reunion, until the end of September. This will include the time during the annual Flotilla and Flotilla display that we have at the museum. Come on in to take a look at this magnificent boat and a photographic history of its existence.



Bud Hursh

It was the end of August and the summer season was winding down. Boats were cruising around full of happy people skimming across the water enjoying the beautiful day.

~Lake Wawasee
Patrick Boylen

Curator's Corner Jamie Clemons

The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and the crops are being planted. How much do you love spring in northern Indiana? I'm so happy I moved here! You know what else happens in the spring? People start coming back to the lake for their summer vacations, and the museum visitation explodes!

This year for Indiana is extra special. In December, the Hoosier State celebrates its 200th birthday! That's right! It's Bicentennial time. Many organizations from around the state are holding events to celebrate this remarkable milestone, and Syracuse is no different.

While the next newsletter will feature more information on the Bicentennial, I would like you all to be aware of some important dates concerning the event. September 29 is the day that the state torch will be carried through Syracuse by a relay of volunteers. After the torch comes through, there will be a town picnic at Lakeside Park. On September 30, the town hosts the homecoming/Bicentennial parade. That night, Wawasee will play Warsaw for the homecoming game.

In addition to September's events, the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails is sponsoring a Next Indiana Campfire walk on June 9 from 6-9 p.m. Spots are limited, and you need to contact the following site to reserve your spot and find out more information: www.syracusewawaseecampfire.eventbrite.com



So, what does this have to do with the museum? The museum, in conjunction with the Syracuse Public Library is hosting a Local Authors Exhibit to run during the time of the Next Indiana Campfire walk. Most communities have an author or two, but Syracuse, for its size, has a surprising number of authors.

The following is a short list of some of our local authors:

- RB Conroy
- Jim Cox
- Ron Sharp
- Eli Lilly
- Ann Garceau
- Nancy Glon
- Patrick Boylen
- Churches and civic organizations (cookbooks)

If you're interested in local authors, stop by the museum and browse through the copies we have. If you're interested in borrowing the books, the Syracuse Public Library has them available. And, if you would like to purchase copies, we can direct you in that department.

Visiting Displays

April: This month saw displays featuring various items from Boy Scouts, a pictorial display of the Crow's Nest, and a wonderful collection of items featuring local businesses' advertising

May: The Crow's Nest and business advertising displays are still on as well as a display featuring local authors

June: Local authors, our annual Syracuse High School reunion display, and Bud Hursh's race boat will be featured

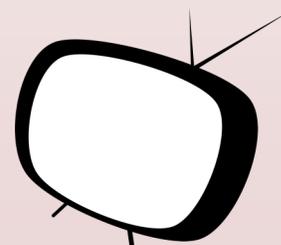
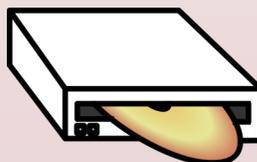
July: Bud Hursh's boat and the annual Flotilla display

August: Bud Hursh's boat display

Changing Our Image

If you have not been in the museum recently, stop on by for a visit. You will notice that over the winter, the museum has gone through some fairly significant changes in the way displays are positioned and the office got a much needed facelift. We are hoping that you will appreciate the more open feel the museum now has.

Also, during this spring, the museum purchased and installed a new television and DVD/VCR player. This equipment will allow the museum to show programs to patrons, and allow patrons to preview videos the museum has for sale. The DVD/VCR gives us the capability to transfer VHS tapes to DVD format in order to help preserve historic videos.



Summer Programming



2016 Youth History Club

Thursdays 11 a.m.—noon unless noted

Geared toward elementary and middle school children

Club Schedule

- June 9 : Farming Techniques Through the Ages
- June 16 : Native American Tools and Survival with IDNR
- June 23 : Museum Scavenger Hunt
- June 30 : Raptor Day (Predatory Birds)
- July 7 : Military Personnel of Syracuse
- July 14 : Syracuse Public Library and the Carnegie System (Field Trip to Library)
- July 21 : Boats on the Lake
- July 28 : Museum Picture Seek-N-Find

Cost: \$20 for all 8 sessions. Individual sessions are \$3.
Register by calling or stopping by the museum.
Scheduling subject to change.



"A dog with two eyes in front and two in back? Six legs and 30 toes?" asked Mike.

"Remember you are on Mars," said Mr. Magical.

~Mr. Magical and Harry and the Haunted House

Michael Lee Knight



Centennial Homes of Lake Wawasee

Presented by Ann Vanderford-Garceau

Does it sadden you to see the distinctive older homes on the lake torn down in favor of modern structures? The Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum can't stop progress, but they can endeavor to recognize homeowners who have honored these 100-year-old homes by preserving them for the enjoyment of future generations. Join us to hear homeowners from various neighborhoods share the history of their homes.

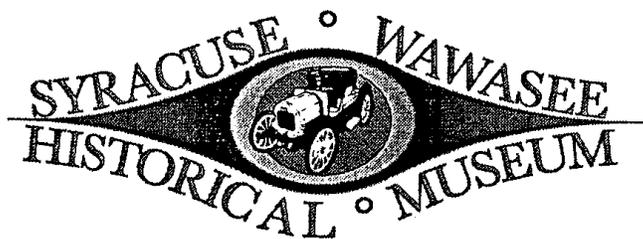
Saturday, July 23, 2016

10:30 AM



Nancy Blackwell Smith's home on Eli Lilly Road

Please share a membership form with a Friend!



Why have a membership to the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum?

Membership entitles you to first-hand information of Museum happenings, discounts on Museum programs, and the knowledge that you are helping the Museum carry out its mission of preserving local history.

To begin membership, please fill out this brief form:

Date:	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
E-Mail:	

Membership Type:	Price:	Total Enclosed:
Individual	\$20 Annually	
Family	\$30 Annually	
Corporate	\$100 Annually	
Lifetime	\$150 Per Person *	

* Lifetime Membership includes a free copy of Early Wawasee Days by Eli Lilly

Thank you for your support. Please make checks payable to "Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum" and mail with completed form to:

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Quotable Quotes

Plant seeds of truth, and let them blossom. Fill your life with the grays and the browns of reality, moisten these with your sweat and your tears, and they will bloom with color.

~*Dance on the Water*
Laura Lynn Leffers

(All of the quotes throughout this issue are from local authors' books. Enjoy!)

Once mother saw the condition I was in, she demanded to know what happened to me. I refused to tell her most of it, and to her dying day, she never knew. Her only remark was, "I warned you about those awful wars."

~*Black Hole of Wauwilerrmoos*
Dan Culler

Donation Wish List

There always seems to be something that we need at the museum. We accept everything from office supplies to monetary donations. Seldom do we turn down a contribution! The following is a short list of items that we need to help serve the community better:

- * Yearbooks: Please contact museum for a list of missing yearbooks.
- * Local Business memorabilia: Particularly needing memorabilia from the Chinese Gardens
- * Photos & Documents: Historical photos pre-1980. We can digitize and return photos and documents, if needed.

For a more complete list or to inquire about your item, please contact the museum.

Donations

This quarter has been a bumper time for donations to the museum! Thank you very much for all of your continued support in making our museum a history-rich experience for the public!

- ◊ Brenda Baumgartner—Senior Cords skirt, circa 1970.
- ◊ Dr. Joe Baumgartner—Sargents Hotel luggage cart panel.
- ◊ Arnold "Pete" Hall—1955 SHS class ring belonging to Arliss Hamman
- ◊ Diane Brady—Flotilla medallion, circa 1980s.
- ◊ Jacqueline A. Wonso—Hairstyling equipment belonging to Celia Smith Kuhn, circa 1910s-1920s.
- ◊ Jackie Hamilton—1951 SHS yearbook from Kathryn Knisley
- ◊ Alan Frank—WHS yearbooks: 1995-2008 (less 2005).
- ◊ Cynthia Curtis—Flag uniform, circa 1978; Yearbooks: 1977 Yellow Jacket and 1979-1981 Wawasee High School.
- ◊ Eric Gillen—Johnson's Hotel hand fan.
- ◊ Garry Ringler—1955 Syracuse High School yearbook.
- ◊ Jim Caskey—State Bank of Syracuse matchbooks.
- ◊ Elaine Bokhart—Yearbooks: 1978-1979 Yellow Jacket and 1985 Kaleidoscope.
- ◊ Richard Conroy—Complete collection of his authored books (6 in total)
- ◊ Avon Bushong—2 Wawasee Post Office stamps and Syracuse Post Office record books from 1890
- ◊ Steve Bolock—Morse code machine
- ◊ Jim Cox—Complete collection of his authored books (6 in total)
- ◊ Nancy L. Glon—Sleepy Owl menu and matchbook, circa 1968-1973; Complete collection of illustrated books (9 in total)
- ◊ Patrick Boylen—*Lake Wawasee* (4 copies)
- ◊ Ann Garceau—*The Hoosier Fisherman* by Milt Wysong, (courtesy of Debbie Smith); *When You Don't Clean Your Room* by Jami McDaniel Stichter (a Wawasee High School graduate)



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In October, the museum is planning its first annual photo contest! The theme will be "Historic Places of Syracuse" along with an "Open" category. Adult professional, adult amateur, and kids categories will be judged. Prizes will be awarded and photos will be put on special temporary display within the museum after the contest is finished. More information will be released as the summer develops.

Did You Know...?

During Youth History Club this year, we have a very special group of visitors coming. June 30 is "Raptor Day" and will feature the knowledgeable crew from Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation. Soarin' Hawk is an organization located in Fort Wayne and is devoted to educating the public on the raptors of the sky, rehabilitating injured raptors, and releasing those raptors that are ready to return to the wild. The purpose of educational programs is to provide an educational experience for participants, as well as financial support for the work they do at the Soarin' Hawk clinic.



Kestrel



Screech Owl

Soarin' Hawk will bring live raptors to the Syracuse Community Center for a formal educational program. The program will be a 45-60 minute sit-down presentation that will explore different raptors of Indiana and their role in our environment. The program here at the museum will feature approximately six raptors, including a screech owl and a kestrel.

To find out more about the Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation, visit www.soarinhawk.org. There, you will find more information about their flock, educational information, and volunteer information.

The program will cost \$3 per person, with a \$10 limit per family of 4 or more. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. The program will begin at 11 a.m. in the gym. We hope to see you there!

The moon hung large as if dedicating its entire light to the valley. Silvery moonbeams reflected off the stream. Gentle night noises filled the air.

~A Man Called Scar
Jim Cox