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Local Spotlight

By Mary Hursh



Susie Brandes paints the lakes

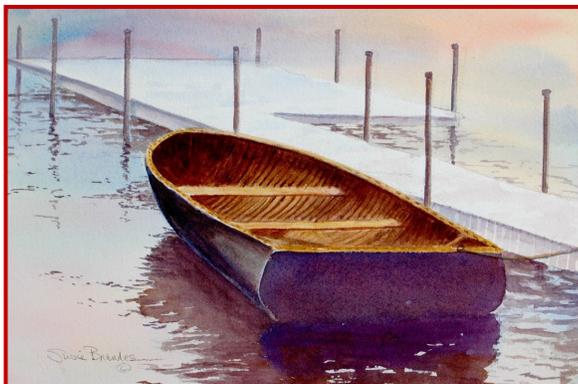
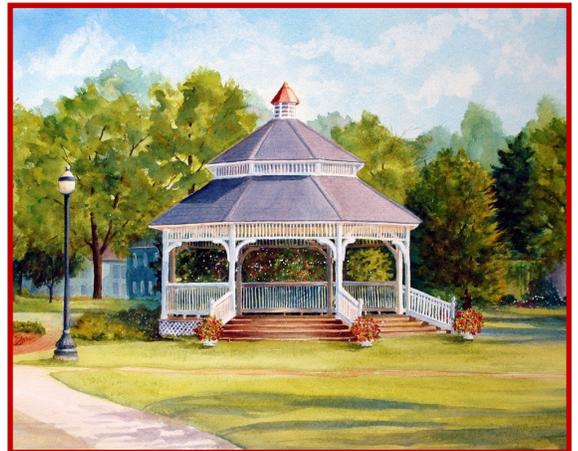
The Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum will welcome local artist Susie Brandes as the guest speaker following the annual members' meeting on June 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Susie and her husband David are long-time residents of Lake Wawasee.

Susie will share pictures of her art work as she explains how her work has changed over time, what inspires her work, and the experiences that have shaped her art. She will also share stories behind some of her cottage pictures.

Susie was the second artist to paint for the Artist Series, a five-year project of the Wawasee Property Owners Association to raise money for the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails project. All proceeds from the sale of the original and the signed and numbered prints went to the trails project. She joined artists Douglas David, Andrea Bojrab, and Larry Rudolech in raising funds for this community-oriented project. Her painting, "Connections," featured the land between the lakes.

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Susie took her first art class in 1987. She has studied with many artists as well as at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN.

Although Susie works in many mediums, watercolor is her favorite. "I like the process, the challenge, and the unpredictability of the medium." Susie's work is on display at the Water Lilly Gallery, 901 N. Huntington St. in Syracuse.

Foo & Faye's

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Visitors to the museum are in for a treat this month! We are featuring a story and a display of items from Foo and Faye's, a long-time Cantonese restaurant here in Syracuse.

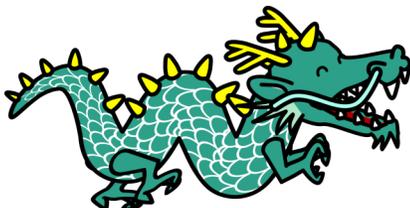
Foo and Faye Wong, natives of China, met in Seattle. They married in 1945. Their first restaurant was the Pagoda Inn located where the old fish hatchery was on Lake Wawasee. In 1954 they built the restaurant known state-wide as Foo and Faye's. It was located at 122 W. Main, the current location of Duffy's Tavern.

The couple operated the restaurant for over twenty years. They specialized in Cantonese, known as Yue cuisine or Guangdong cuisine from the Guangdong Province in China. Steaming, stir frying, or roasting were the preferred methods of cooking due to the convenience and speed of finishing the dish. The Wongs enhanced the flavor of their dishes through spring onion, sugar, salt, soy, rice wine, cornstarch, vinegar, and scallion oil. Dishes were often served with white rice. The restaurant was closed Monday and opened Tuesday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 12:00 p.m. until 10:p.m.

Part of the fame of the restaurant came from the egg rolls which were handmade and over two inches in diameter! The Wongs sold their business in the 70s.

In 1987, the Wongs returned to host fabulous buffets at the South Shore Golf Club from 5:30-9:30 on Sunday nights for eighteen Sundays. Adults paid \$8.50 and children paid \$4.25. Featured items were egg drop soup, won ton soup, pork fried rice, egg rolls, pork-foo young (omelets with vegetables and meats), sweet sour pork, chicken subgum (meat or seafood mixed with vegetables and noodles rice and water chestnuts), chicken almandine (chicken fried in apple juice or wine), beef chow mien (stir-fried bean sprouts on crunchy noodles, beef and broccoli, pepper).

Faye Wong died Feb 26, 2002 . Foo Wong lived in a home behind Duffys until he died on August 4, 2001 at 89.

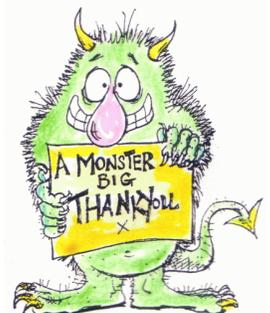


Donations



Another great season for donations to the museum!

- Joan Stoelting—Byland Jewelers box, Faye Wong letter, Jack Stoelting matchbook, 1987 photo of doctor's office, Sesquicentennial cancellation post card, miscellaneous photos, shell doll, local business calendars, local pharmacy labels
- Art & Ann Garceau—Copy of The Ohio Oil Company's "Motor Traveler, August 1933" pamphlet
- Robert Laughlin—Loretta McAllester's Army uniform
- Vance Lopp—Piece of aluminum siding from Wawasee lake house
- Various museum friends—Items for the "Spring Fever Community Garage Sale"
- Joanne Stoelting—Wooden shoe forms from 1942 and 1952



Kids Corner

Summer Fun 4 Kids By Jamie Clemons



The museum offers a variety of activities for the kids throughout June and July.

Tuesday afternoons at 1pm, the Youth History Club will meet. This season's topics are:

- June 5—History of music instruments with Archaeologist Cathy of the IDNR, followed by Atlatl Training
- June 12—Recycling and the importance of lake health with Pam Schumm (WACF)
- June 19—The Art of Paper Making
- June 26—Music of Wawasee
- July 3—History of Photography
- July 10—Winding Up: Crank items
- July 17—Picture Scavenger Hunt

Each session will last approximately an hour. Please note that the atlatl training, paper making, and photography may take a bit longer due to the more hands-on nature of the classes.

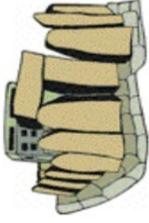
Contact the museum for more information on these topics. 574-457-3599.



Kids Corner

Archaeology is a scientific study.

Can you make lots of words using only the letters in the sentence above? Write the words on the lines below. If you need to, turn over the page, and write on the back.



Handwriting practice lines for the word-building activity.

Criss Cross

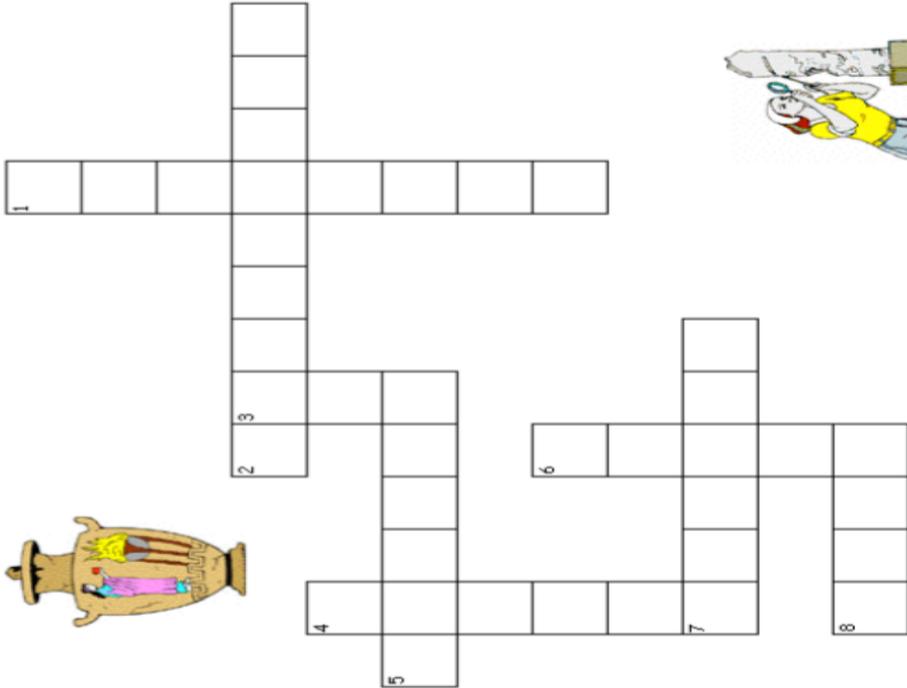
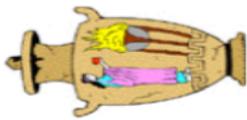
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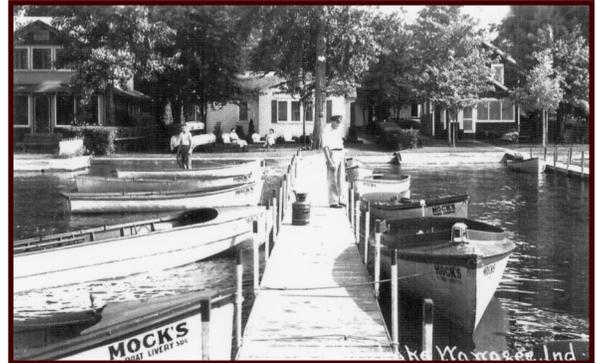
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Visiting Exhibits By Mary Hursh

Our new display cabinets have come in handy to spotlight our winter and early spring exhibits.

Mock's Marina is highlighted in one case, and the Indiana University Biological Station (1896) is highlighted in another. Occupying one of our horizontal cases is a display of menus, chop sticks, pictures, and matchbook covers from the famous Foo and Faye's. The race track at Hunnicutt Park is documented in another case near the center of the museum.

Mock's Marina, located near Waco, provided gas and service and a lot of snacks for boaters who lived on Lake Wawasee and those who put their boats in at the public launch. The marina opened in 1920 as Mock's Boat Livery. It closed in 1990. Our exhibit includes signage, oil cans, ropes, and other memorabilia from those early times.



Indiana University Biological Station was established in Vawter Park by Indiana University professor Dr. Carl Eigenmann in 1895 where the current Sudlow/Slocum cottages now stand. Dr. Eigenmann studied the migratory habits of the fishes in Lake Wawasee. Students first worked out of a boathouse owned by John T. Vawter. After a year, a second building was constructed for lab work and dormitory use.

Hunnicutt Park was located close to Macy's Slip near Lake Wawasee. The Midget Racing Association held races there from 1949 to 1955. The event was organized by Harold Nicolai. Racers gathered every Sunday in the summer to race over 70 mph around a 1/8 mile track.



Upcoming exhibits for the summer include the Flotilla and the Sargent Hotel and the Falcon. At the end of the summer, we will highlight the Smith-Walbridge Camp! Come visit soon!

*Kerosene Lamp from the Falcon...
Icon was a passenger boat on Lake Wawasee
in the 1920s and 1930s.*



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Mark the Calendar!

May 8, 2018

- Cemetery Presentation: 1 pm at the Library
- Underground Railroad Presentation: 6 pm at the museum

June 2, 2018

- Annual Members Meeting & Artist's Talk: 10:30 am at the museum

Upcoming Summer Feature Displays By Jamie Clemons

As always, the museum strives to have an overall theme for the entire summer. This summer, we will have two themes!

The first main feature will be about the area ski clubs that used to rule the lakes of Syracuse and Wawasee.

The second theme will feature a "What IS it?" display.

Little-known items from John Heckaman's collection will be featured throughout the museum. A fun time to come in and guess what the items are and learn about what they were used for.



If you have any information or items that would contribute to our display, please consider sharing them with us.