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ABOUT IT!**

Chief Wawasee's bust is back in residence at the museum. We would like to thank Dr. Edington for taking it in, and the Eli Lilly Fund for providing the funds for the cleaning.

## Curator's Corner by Jamie Clemons



Hello! My name is Jamie Clemons, and I'm so excited to introduce myself as the new museum director. A little bit about myself...

First of all, I grew up in South Mississippi, so if you come in and I talk a little funny, you'll know why. My family and I have lived in the area for the past 14 years. My husband,

Mike, teaches 4th grade in Elkhart. Linda attends Goshen High School, and Preston attends Goshen Middle School.

I earned my BA in Anthropology from IUSB in 2013. While attending IUSB, I had opportunities to participate in a 6-week field school at Collier's Lodge through the Kankakee Valley Historical

Society. I was also a part of the first community archaeology project at the Havilah Beardsley House through the Ruthmere Foundation in Elkhart. After these exciting digs, I continued working with the Ruthmere Foundation to catalogue artifacts recovered from the dig, as well as later putting together a traveling exhibit featuring the Havilah Beardsley House. I specialize in Native American and Historic ceramics, various textile articles, and have a high interest in musical instruments of all shapes, sizes, and ages.

It is my desire to continue current programming, in addition to implementing new programming in the future, as well as developing a complete catalogue of all of the artifacts within the museum's holding. I am truly excited to learn more about the area and its history.

So, come in, visit, and chat with me at the museum!

## Collection Curiosities

Did you know that we have three beautifully mounted taxidermy owls on permanent display at the SWHM? According to federal law, taxidermy mounts of protected nongame birds such as owls can only be legally possessed by scientific and educational institutions (like SWHM) or those that have a Special Purpose Possession Dead permit. Personal possession of

nongame birds is prohibited and heavily fined. Here at the SWHM, we treasure these taxidermy birds of prey for their scientific and educational value. We believe that an up-close-and-personal look at our owls can inspire in patrons a sense of wonder about animal diversity in the natural world. Viewing life-like

models of these animals would not elicit the same response – it is the genuineness of the specimens that arouses admiration and respect for life in us. What a wonderful, rare gift the museum has to share!



## Recent Donations

Two metal plaques labeled "HS" - believed to be doorplates from the Brooklyn Street



school (R. & J. Downhour); Tongs from Stucky Furniture, Toothpick holder from Aunt Verna's Place, various Syracuse brochures, programs, and pictures (J. Stoelting); Syracuse High School bracelet and keys (N. Shields); school primers (R. Impey); set of records of the 1949 basketball sectional game between Syracuse and Warsaw (C. Dietrick Jr.); three original paintings— Oakwood, Eli Lilly Cottage, and Crusin' 'Cuse (D. Sheline); Wawasee girl's basketball team souvenir bandana 2006-7 (L. Reinholt); and Combined Atlases of Kosc. Co., 1879-1914 (S.

## NEW CASES

Our four new cases have arrived and are looking great! We've moved a portion of our Native American artifacts into the cases and will be reorganizing some of our collection this summer and fall to make the best use of this new space.



***Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.***

***- Robert Kennedy***

## Museum Member Annual Meeting

We'd like to invite all members to come to our annual "Museum Member Annual Meeting"! **The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th, at 10 am in Celebration Hall at the Syracuse Community Center.**

The agenda will include highlights of the past year's events, an overview of financials, membership, and improvements, as well as an open forum for your comments, questions, and suggestions.

Coffee and doughnut refreshments will be provided. Consider bringing along non-member friends to introduce them to our organization and invite them to join!

# Youth History Club

Invite your favorite young boy or girl to join us for our 3rd summer of Youth History Club meetings! Children ages 7 to 12 are invited to attend our weekly, one-hour meetings which cover a wide variety of local history topics with engaging hands-on activities.

This year's club will meet Thursdays in June and July from 11 to 12 noon unless otherwise noted. Parents and adults are welcome to stay for the fun!

June 11th: Museum Scavenger Hunt

June 18th: Fish Stories

June 25th: Native American Archaeology with IDNR

July 2nd: Historical Painting with Creative Fish Gallery

July 9th: How Things Work: Engines

July 16th: Hibschman Dairy Tour (10:30 am—12:30 pm)

July 23rd: Marl Mining on the Lakes

July 30th: "In the Loupe" Historical Picture Seek-N-Find

Cost: \$25 for all 8 sessions. Individual sessions are \$3 each with the exception of July 2nd, \$15. Register by calling or stopping by the SWHM.

# Wawasee Then and Now

Join **SWHM** for an informative presentation by **Ann Vanderford Garceau**

**Saturday, July 25th, 2015**

**10 am**

**Syracuse Community Center's Kiwanis Room**

*Wawasee Then and Now* will explore our area's history by comparing a series of early twentieth century photographs with recent photographs from the same locations. What has been lost? What remains for us to enjoy and preserve? A 1915 description of Lake Wawasee's shoreline by Syracusan George Miles (Indiana State Fisheries and Game Commissioner 1910-1914) will serve as the base historical narrative of Ann's presentation. In his words, "to pass from (the) basin (of Syracuse Lake) to (Lake Wawasee) through The Channel is like taking a trip through fairyland." Below is a "sneak-peak" of one pair of photos that will be part of the presentation—you'll have to attend to get the full scoop on this and other lakeside locations!

**THEN**



Second Vawter Park Hotel circa 1915

**NOW**



South Shore Condominiums Today

**We are what  
we pretend  
to be, so we  
must be  
careful what  
we pretend  
to be.**

**- Kurt**

**Vonnegut**

**Mother Night**



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## Visiting Exhibits

### Nature Photography By Karen Griffith

SWHM will be hosting a display of nature photos taken around Wawasee by Karen Griffith this summer. The exhibit will arrive in mid-June and includes Karen's stunning photographs of animal life and scenery from Morrison Island and other local areas. Stop in and see Karen's amazing

work!

### In Our Hometown: Margaret Mead

SHWM has been hosting a display by teens Patrice and Catherine Serianni this spring on the famous anthropologist Margaret Mead and her connection to the town of Syracuse. While a freshman in college at DePauw University, Mead became life-long friends with Syracuse native Katherine Rothensberger. As an adult, she frequently visited Katherine and her home on Lake

Papakeechee. During Margaret's visits to Syracuse, Katherine hosted social teas in her honor. Mead is also thought to have done some of her writing here during her visits. Patrice and Catherine have done a terrific job of un-earthing this interesting information about one of the most famous anthropologists of all time. This visiting exhibit will go home in June, so hurry in to see it!

