



Museum

Stockton Heritage Museum Newsletter Fall-Winter 2020/2021

Musings

A Different Year Indeed!

This year has been different to say the least! The Museum Board was extremely disappointed to not open. We had great programs all in place and new displays. So, 2021 will be a great season.

Our Annual meeting this year will be a virtual meeting, November 17, at 7 pm. We will also include in this newsletter the items which are up for a vote.

The End of Year report this year will not be as extensive as in the past, due to the cancellation of our 2020 season and programs. We are hoping many of our programs can be moved to 2021. From learning about the Masonic Lodge History in Stockton, to continuing to learn about Stockton businesses we will continue to share the Stockton legacy.

We took the step to hire a designer for a Website for the Museum, thanks to a \$4,500 grant from the Freeport Community Partnership. We are hoping to be online by the end of the year. Lots of work by our board members to gather information and organization the info. **Tess Wackerlin** led this effort both in securing the grant, as well as managing the information to our designer, which on occasion was like herding cats!

We also are grateful to **Warren Dixon** for his continued leadership for our Veterans files, research on businesses, and organization of our obituary list.

Leslie Bonvillain has taken up the job of treasurer with ease and is our resident carpenter. He has adapted our peg board stands to free standing displays. And fixed numerous issues!

Terry Buske is a trooper at the Museum, working on our history timeline, framing pictures and maps, as well as doing research on the 70s display. She is also our resident expert on clothing and textiles.

Lori Ertmer is the queen of acquisitions. She is always on the lookout for an item which will add to our Stockton story. She has a lifetime of Stockton History!

Peg Drane besides keeping our minutes organized, comes up with new ideas for the Museum to try. We like the thinking outside the box to continue to tell our story. Peg also is our point person for contacting the Illinois Humanities for programs they provide.

Judy VenHuizen is our resident historian and reader of all papers and history stories which end up at the Museum.

Ann Coppernoll enjoys working with all the above folks and trying to keep up with all the changes taking place, both because of the pandemic, and in the Museum.

Thank you

We thank our many donors for the treasured family items they have given us.

We had the second story outside façade completed this summer by Bruce Marcure and crew, and it looks great.



Making Plans

We are hoping to provide an Art Show in 2021, to display paintings and pictures members of our community have shared with the Museum. Many of these artists are no longer with us, but their art talks to us through their visions of the railroad, churches, Apple Canyon State Park, and many other topics. Paintings by Artists Virgil Hager, Florence Hill, Dorothy Parkinson, Harvey Pierce, Ruth Chumbler, Howard Smith, and others will be displayed.

Museum Hours

We hope our regular hours will resume in May. We plan to be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If all goes well these hours will continue through October.

In the meantime, if you have a question or a donation, give us a call at **815-947-2220** or email us at **stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com**.



Window Displays

We were able to use our windows to display items we would have had on view in the Museum, as well as topics we would have had as programs; The 1970's, the Stockton Airport, the Suffragette movement, military members, and agriculture. We hope if you were in town, you had a chance to view the windows.

We had a few volunteers who soldiered through the summer and fall to help out at the Museum, to set up displays and file papers, arrange the clothing room, and the endless job of going through old newspapers to find those very interesting news items. We also had an army of volunteers in January and February who helped us organize, rearrange, and inspire our new floor plan and displays. Karen and Ernie Brose, Sharon Madden, Shirley Toepfer, Elaine Schlichting, Mary Brunner, Elaine Townsend, Sandy Heller, Carrie Haug (editors apologies if your name is not here. We appreciate all our volunteers).

We continued to receive donations of items to archive. We received a \$500 donation from the American Legion to support our website tab on veterans, as well as continued membership and donations. We of course, continue to search for grants which will support our efforts.



We also thank the train crew, Dick Bergman, Bill Lucke, Ed Marcure and Woody Wilson. Woodbine is complete and East Stockton is coming along. The Museum Board extends sincere sympathy to the family of Ed Keech, longtime volunteer and train master.

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Annual Meeting

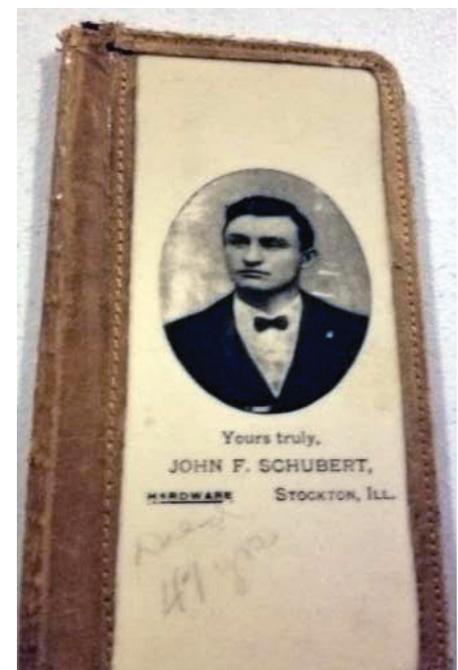
The Annual Meeting will take place on November 17, 2020 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held virtually, with board members zooming from the Museum. Depending on restrictions, if members would like to come to the Museum, you may do so.

We will briefly discuss the year and plans for 2021, review and approve the 2021 budget and recommend new board members.

We reluctantly accepted the resignations of Lori Ertmer and Tess Wack-erlin, so are in need to at least 2 new board members. If you are interested, please call Ann Coppernoll. Further info will be posted on Facebook.

Stockton Businesses

We are continuing our display of Businesses in Stockton over the years. The picture of John Schubert (shown below) is on a calendar advertising the Hardware Store. The store is still a hardware store and is one of only a handful of businesses which are still in the building where the hardware business started.





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We are grateful for donations from friends and donors that support our mission to:

- Collect and preserve the oral, written, and pictorial memoirs and data of the past, relating to Stockton and northwestern Illinois
- Assemble and display artifacts that provide a window into Stockton's past
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- Present programs that share the stories and rich history of Stockton and the area

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