

Special Exhibit Tackles Immigration and Citizenship

Four Mount Horeb Area Naturalized Citizens Featured

“The Newest Americans: New Citizens Reflect on What America Means to Them” is a timely exhibit exploring citizenship and immigration that opened on Wednesday, November 6 in the Driftless Historium Special Exhibits Gallery.

This limited run exhibition features 33 portraits and interviews of immigrants from 23 countries of origin, including four from the Mount Horeb area. It was inspired by America’s legacy as a nation of immigrants and the power, evolution and future of the American Dream.

Across the country, immigration is a notoriously loaded and often divisive topic. Against this backdrop, California-based photographer Sam Comen and interviewer Michael Estrin set out to capture the experiences of new Americans in the moments following naturalization ceremonies in February and March 2017. Their work resulted in the develop-

ment of this traveling exhibit, created in partnership with the California Museum and museum services firm Exhibit Envoy.

The exhibit includes photographs accompanied by text panels presented in English and Spanish, sharing the subjects’ views on why they chose to become American citizens and what the American dream means to them.

In addition, exhibit guests will have the opportunity to test their own American moxy by taking a sample civics test. This test is an important part of the application process to become a U.S. citizen, in which an immigration official quizzes prospective citizens with a variety of questions about history, geography and government. (There are 100 possible questions; applicants are asked up to ten questions and must be able to answer at least six correctly.)

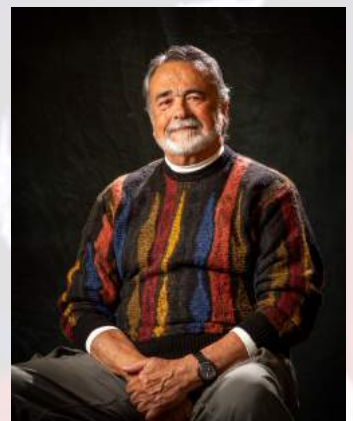
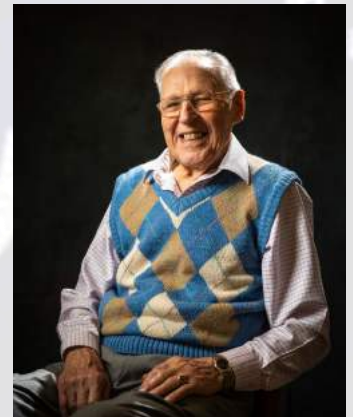
Recognizing immigration’s foundational influence on

and continued presence in southwestern Dane County, the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society decided it was important to develop a local extension of the exhibit. Outreach resulted in four foreign-born partners, now proud citizens and integral members of the Mount Horeb community: [See right, top to bottom] Walter Naujeck (Germany); Orla Mester (Ireland), George Stauffer (Switzerland) and Rowan Childs (Great Britain).

Exhibit goers will see beautiful oversized prints of these portraits (the work of photographer **Ron Lutz**, who donated his services for this project) and will learn about their personal paths to citizenship.

This installation is part of MHAHS’s 2019 theme, “Immigrants of Wisconsin: Yesterday and Today” and was made possible by the **Mount Horeb Community Foundation**.

For more information, call 608-437-6486.



NEWEST AMERICANS

New Citizens Reflect on What America Means to Them

Viewable daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through January 5, 2020.
Admission applies; FREE to MHAHS Members.

Join us for an exhibit reception on Friday, December 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with special guests, the four featured Mount Horeb area “Newest Americans.” This event is free and open to the public.

SPOTLIGHT on COLLECTIONS



We were lucky to secure the services of Kaitlynn Gipson, UW-Madison Graduate Student (pictured above), who worked with the Society's Donald Family Collection during summer 2019. Kaitlynn (below) presented an overview of her work to the Friends of Donald Park at their August 2019 Board meeting.



***FUN FACT:** Kaitlynn recently discovered that she has an AncestryDNA link to Vona DeCrow Donald!

*“They Feel Like Family” **

Kaitlynn Gipson & the Donald Family Papers

In May 2019, I started a summer internship here with the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. I am a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a part of the Information School. I hope to have a future working in archives. I began my internship by diving into the Society's extensive Donald Family Collection.

Prominent Donald Family members include John S. Donald, his wife Vona DeCrow Donald, and their daughter Delma Donald Woodburn. John S. Donald was a farmer, politician, UW instructor and loving family man. The Donald Family's ancestors have donated many important records and other materials that represent life in Mount Horeb. The legacy of the Donald Family also extends to Donald Family Park, located on their original farmland off Highway 92. The namesake park has over 700 acres of beautiful hiking and equestrian trails.

I focused my time on organizing letters written by friends and family to different members of the Donald Family. My project involved not only preserving the letters in the collection, but analyzing each letter for major historical themes, recurring patterns and notable events. The primary goal of this project was to make the letters more accessible for researchers and community members. During my internship, I was able to help preserve and analyze over 400 letters. I believe that this project has led to a deeper understanding of many different topics such as family life, farming, and politics, via firsthand historical documents. It has also brought a more in depth and personal look into the lives of the Donald Family. My summer internship ended in August, but I continue to work on the Donald Family letters as a volunteer. I am also undertaking a research project on the Donald Family matriarch Vona DeCrow Donald. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society and learning about the Donald Family.

By Kaitlynn Gipson

CHECK IT OUT

The Driftless Historium is currently spotlighting the local Mount Horeb American Legion Frank E Malone Post 113 via a special exhibit now showing in the Community Education Room, “A Century of Service, 1919-2019.” This exhibit is viewable for free through December 20 daily, Monday to Friday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

And remember, at the Driftless Historium, American Veterans, Active Duty and Reserve Military persons ALWAYS tour FREE!



Looking Ahead: 2020 VISION MHAHS Seeks Input and Collaboration

A Look at Living Rooms through Time

Slated to debut in late spring, a now-under-development exhibit will explore the evolution of Mount Horeb area living rooms over time, and how our neighbors, past and present, have used and interacted within these important domestic spaces.

Living spaces are the stage setting for a significant portion of our lives, from personal downtime, to family movie nights, to the annual mad-scramble of birthday and holiday presents—a phenomenon that is perhaps even more significant because it is taken so much for granted.

The exhibit will feature three parlor/living room vignettes, featuring a plethora of artifacts from the MHAHS collection; furniture, fixtures, technological wonders (Stereoscope! Vacuum! Radio! Television!) and knick-knacks from the homes of southwestern Dane County residents, as well as local photographs and vintage advertisements. The recreated room displays will be arranged chronologically and designed to immerse visitors in the past with attention to period-appropriate detail.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We want your photographs, historic and contemporary, that document your (or your ancestors', or neighbors') living rooms (or parlor, or front room). The photos can show activity and occupants, or be more "still life." WE WANT TO SEE THEM!

Besides using your photos as reference and study documents, original photos (and/or scans or print copies) will be filed in the Society's archives (with your permission) as a record of life in southwestern Dane County.

Right, from top to bottom: Lyle Johnson collection 4x6.06630 and 4x6.06378; Blue Mounds residence 8x10.00203. Below, L to R: Son Bud, Fred, Hazel and Daughter Anita at Fred's 1965 retirement as church organist.



Hanneman Oral History Project: Two Lives that Touched So Many

MHAHS is partnering with the family of Fred Hanneman and Hazel Miller Hanneman to compile an oral history resource of these prominent and much-admired Mount Horeb residents.

Fred (1890-1980) was a longtime high school band teacher, church organist, composer, President and Secretary of the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce, Village President and co-manager of Cave of the Mounds.

Hazel (1891-1992) attended the Art Institute of Chicago, became a renowned China painter [MHAHS holds an extensive sampling of her work] and gave art lessons in a variety of mediums.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Contact us with your Fred and Hazel memories and stories, and spread the word about this project. And, remember, don't disregard your anecdotes as too trivial, mundane or unimportant; life is made up of the little things!

Can you help, or do you know someone who can?

Are you interested in submitting original photographs, copies or scans? Did you know Fred and Hazel? Just want to learn more? Call us at (608) 437-6486 or email mthorebhistory@mhtc.net.



FODP's Donna Thomas (right) delivers archaeology material recovered from Donald Park (Oct 2018). These historical remnants will be catalogued and stored for future reference and study.



Detail from Carl Arneson donation.

2018 Collections Donors

To the right (page 5) is a list of those who donated objects or archival material to MHAHS during 2018.

I wish I could tell you about every single 2018 donation; instead, I'll mention a few highlights from the year: Friends of Donald Park Board member Donna Thomas delivered archaeological material recovered at Donald Park. (Via a State accreditation process, MHAHS cares for and makes accessible the Donald Park archaeological collection, though ownership is still retained by the Dane County Park system.) Peter Stanaitis and Jan Pollard donated a unique collection of documents and photographs related to local author and poet, Betty Sebens-thall. Steve Penne donated a sphygmomanometer in a personalized case that belonged to Dr. M. T. Morrison, a physician who practiced in Mount Horeb in the 1940s and 1950s. Artist Larry Welo kindly gave 28 etchings of area rural scenes to the Society's growing art collection. Finally, one of my favorite times was sitting with Carl Arneson and his daughter Susan, who brought a collection of family photos, objects and documents to add to our collections; it truly was a pleasure to spend a morning with Carl, listening to family stories and enjoying his wonderful sense of humor.

If you don't see your name on this list and feel it should be, please let us know; but I also ask that you be patient with us. The process, from initial contact and discussions at our once-monthly Collections Committee meeting, through the cataloging process, to finding a long-term home on the shelves for each item, is a lengthy, diligent process that we take very seriously. Any omission is certainly not deliberate and would be swiftly corrected in our records and noted in a future newsletter. (Cont. on page 5)

Quilt Event Shares Layers of Local History

On Thursday, October 10, the Driftless Historium partnered with Hands All Around Quilt Club for a fascinating look at (literally!) the fabric of local history. A 10am installment hosted Club members, with a 7pm edition open to the general public and eagerly attended by 24.

Volunteer Curators Marietta Gribb and Mary Spaay spearheaded the effort, selecting quilts from the extensive MHAHS collection—the majority curated by Marietta herself over her 3+ decades with MHAHS—and researching the stories and anecdotes of their Mount Horeb area makers and owners.

During the event, billed as a "Quilt Turn-Down," bed

covers ranging in age from the 19th century to the 1990s were stacked on a makeshift bed in the Historium Community Room. Then, as each quilt was "turned down" and displayed by volunteer handlers, Marietta and Mary shared their unique and sometimes touching histories. Who made it? When? Where? For what reason? Construction, fabrics and patterns were also discussed.

A particularly riveting moment: A quilt commemorating the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial, featuring quilt blocks decorated with fabric crayons by the second grade students of Laura Wittwer Norslien (1921-1999), was held up by Gloria Davies and Lee Underwood. Marietta then shared how she stumbled upon a particularly (CONT.)

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

(Cont. from page 5) We rely so very much on donations from community members and their families, both near and far, to help us preserve the area's history; we sincerely thank everyone who has donated to the MHAHS collection.

..... *Curator Johanna Buysse*

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 Tim White



Mt Horeb physician Dr. Morrison's sphygmomanometer (blood pressure meter) and name plate detail.



interesting square—a rocket ship by young artist Gil Gribb, her son! [See photos, right.]

The audience was captivated as the quilt stack was rotated through, and each story was an impactful example of the meaning and story power that an artifact can hold—a great reminder that the preservation work of museums and historical societies is vital and important to keeping our history and heritage alive for generations to come!



2018 GIFTS

Memorials & Honorariums

Michael Armbrust
in memory of Winifred Losenegger

Eleanor Arneson
in memory of Winifred Losenegger
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Delma Baker
in honor of Brian Bigler
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in memory of Mary Waltz

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in memory of Tony Zalucha

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in memory of Mary Waltz

Louise Sutter
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in memory of Tony Zalucha

Peter Waltz in memory of Mary Waltz

Pete & Jen Wendt
in honor of Nancy & Dr. Tom Hunt

Ron Wirth
in memory of Susan Baker Docken
in memory of Elmer C. Baker
in memory of Kristi R. Hipenbecker
in memory of Robert "Bob" Hugo
in memory of Robert C. Gerber
in memory of L. Tony Zalucha
in memory of Dennis Sutter
in memory of Lois H. Martinson
in memory of Valeria "Lally" Greve
in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Schoville
in memory of Sylvester Sutter

CORRECTIONS: The following were listed in the July 2019 issue "2018 Dues-Paying Members List," with spelling errors: Carol Quall, Kevin and Marcia Cornell. Tom and Nancy Hunt (Household level) were erroneously absent from this same list.

Please inform us promptly of any omissions or corrections.
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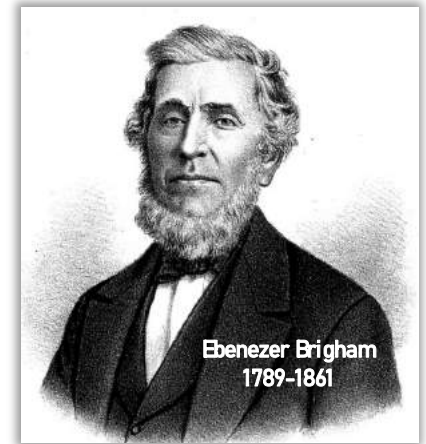
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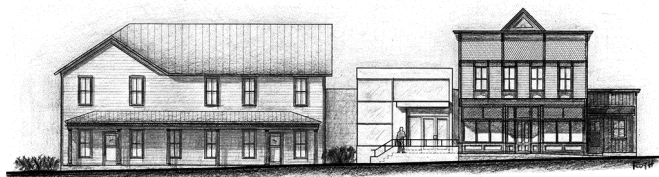
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Marietta Gribb for collections/preservation supplies
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Dr. Tom & Nancy Hunt in support of exhibit project
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Board members, in support of "Driftless Reader" event
Joy Martinson donated Malone School history book copies
Donna Read in support of children's programming
Dr. Ann Eglash & Mitch Rosefelt donated a laptop
Dave Schmidt donated picture rail supplies
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Mound City Bank fulfilled building project pledge
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Nov 6- Jan 5

"Newest Americans: New Citizens
Reflect on What America Means to
Them"

Community Room

Oct 10- Dec 20

"American Legion
Frank E Malone Post 113:
A Century of Service,
1919-2019"

Dec 29- Jan 19

Paintings by Johnathan Rooney

EVENTS

Dec 6, 13, 20

(4:00-8:00p.m.)
Festive Friday Eves
Downtown Shopping Event

Dec 6 (5:00-7:00p.m.)

"Newest Americans" Exhibit Reception,
w/Special Guests: Featured
Mt Horeb Area Naturalized Citizens

Dec 19 (10:00a.m.-4:00a.m.)

Driftless Historium Third Thursday
(Extended Hours, Admission Waived
for Dane County Residents)

Scandihoovian Winter Festival

Jan 31 (10:00a.m.-8:00p.m.)

Extended Hours, Free Cider Stop

Feb 01 (3:00-4:00p.m.)

Cupcake Walk

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unless otherwise noted. See Facebook or website
for further information, or call (608) 437-6486.



Iris Togstad, Layli Yaganagi and Ella Togstad (L to R)
show off their handiwork at Oct 5's
Troll House Craft Station, a Mount Horeb
Fall Festival special event at the Driftless Historium.