

# The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

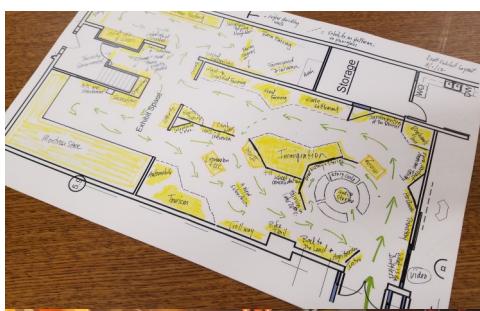


Are you inspired by the Historium and its beautiful inaugural special exhibit, *Creators, Collectors and Communities: Making Ethnic Identity Through Objects?*

We have opportunities that will allow YOU to help guarantee that the permanent exhibit will be just as inspirational and educational.

The exhibit team of researchers, writers, carpenters, graphic artists and painters is working diligently to complete the Historium's permanent exhibit. This longterm installation retains the much-loved Montrose Store vignette, but expands the story of Southwestern Dane County beyond the old exhibit in both subject matter and means of presentation.

## MHAHS Announces 33 Opportunities to Sponsor Historium's Defining Permanent Exhibit



This exhibit begins with the creation of the unique Driftless topography and continues through the current era of tourism and community supported agriculture—yes, that's thousands of years of local history brought to life!

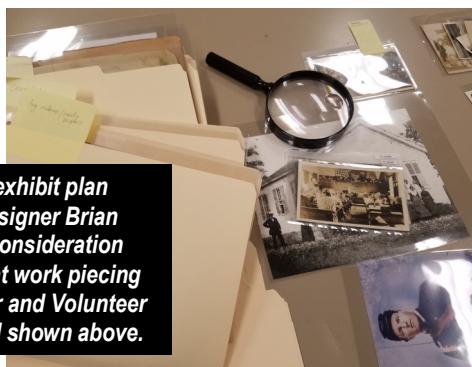
Hundreds of artifacts, including Debbie the Doll (who reportedly belonged to the first Yankee girl born in this region), a canister that held a day's water rations for an entire family on board an immigrant ship, a tool chest used in rebuilding Chicago after the fire of 1871 and a hand carved wooden tombstone that marked the final resting place of a 19<sup>th</sup> century lightning strike victim, will fill the exhibit with real human experiences. These experiences are made more compelling through the use of carefully selected technology and interactive components. Hear audio stories of citizens past and present in the story circle; type in a message on the telegraph and hear it interpreted in Morse code via a sounding board; and turn the crank on one of one of the area's first telephones.

Intensive planning and preliminary construction began in the winter of 2016-2017 and will continue until the exhibit's spring 2018 opening.

You can reserve naming rights to one of the three remaining historical vignettes: (1) the farmyard and rural community camaraderie, (2) cheese factories and the advent of the Dairy State, or (3) the railroad and telegraph station. A donation of \$20,000.00 will entitle you to a 3x5 engraved plaque on the vignette, and prominent listing on a special exhibit sponsor plaque.

Alternately, for a donation of \$5,000 you can be recognized on this plaque as one of only 30 such exhibit sponsors.

To join this forward-thinking group of 33 special MHAHS supporters, call Director Destinee Udelhoven at [608-437-6486](tel:608-437-6486) or email [mthorebhistory@mhtc.net](mailto:mthorebhistory@mhtc.net).



Above, top down: Farmyard vignette; evolving exhibit plan sketch; Carpenter Dana Duppler and Exhibit Designer Brian Bigler discuss historic details; artifacts under consideration for display. Right: MHAHS Historians are hard at work piecing together the story of SW Dane County; Duppler and Volunteer Carpenter David Schmidt work on the farmyard shown above.