



*Rhineland Historical Society
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*Bill Vancos, President; June Thiel, Vice President; Barb Craig, Secretary; Ethel Craig, Treasurer.
Additional Board Members: Jim Hagen, James Hardy, Lynn Huebner and Sue Sharkey.*

Annual General Meeting: Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Rhineland Historical Society Museum on Tuesday, October 23 starting at 4:00 pm. At this meeting there will be an election of officers, following the nominating committee report. We hope you will attend this meeting and learn more about your Historical Society. Reminder that only members in good standing (dues paid) are eligible to vote.

State of the Society Report: The officers, Board Members and docents recognize the number one job of the Historical Society is to preserve the artifacts that have been entrusted to our care and to make them available for people to see and appreciate. To that end, a steady stream of guests visited the Museum this summer, and they seemed to truly enjoy seeing what we have to present and, in the process, learned more about the early days of Rhineland. Another service we offer, though perhaps lesser known, is answering questions about the area and more specific family members that may have lived here at one time. In addition to phone calls, Facebook contacts are becoming more common. Two examples this year were contacts by people from Sweden and Seattle Washington. Both families were planning trips to Rhineland and wanted to know more about their ancestors that lived here many years ago. Both were thrilled by what we were able to provide them. A special Thank You goes out to Cindy Goll, who has been volunteering to manage our Facebook account and also to Gloria Rahlf and the Rhineland Genealogy Society who have been extremely helpful in researching and sharing information. Cindy and Gloria were also excellent tour guides when the families visited Rhineland.

Our Loss – Heaven’s Gain: It is again with heavy hearts that we had to say good-bye to two very important volunteers. Deween Allen, Board Member and former Secretary, passed away May 22nd and Bernice Ross, former docent, passed away on August 31st. Both were passionate in their support for the Museum and will be greatly missed.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: Due to busy contractor’s schedules the painting or replacing of the exterior siding and interior work such as re-plastering some of the ceilings and walls on the upper floor and repairing areas of wall paper at the Museum has not been accomplished. Sherwin Williams has agreed to provide all the painting and plastering supplies at no cost, which will certainly help get the work completed within our budget. Finding a contractor to remove the chimney for a reasonable price along with further weatherization and yard work and beatification also remain on the To Do list. Rest assured, as frustrating as this has been, efforts will continue to find contractors that can complete this work.

Save the Dates: Saturday, October 27 – Halloween Open House (Noon – 4pm); Sunday, November 11 Robert Schubert Recital (4pm); Saturday, December 1, Holiday Open House (Noon – 4pm).

Thank You: A huge thank you to all the volunteers, docents and sign hosts for your help again this year.

MEMBERSHIPS, NEW OR RENEWALS: Your membership and financial support are important for the continued success of the Rhinelander Historical Society Museum. New memberships and donations are always welcome. For your convenience, we have included the form below.

This same form may be used for a new membership or to upgrade to a new category. Upgrades are created by cumulative cash donations. This helps the Historical Society with the on-going Museum expenses. Thank you for your support and generosity.

The Rhinelander Historical Society Inc. (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) was incorporated in 1991 so your donations will qualify as tax deductible for income tax purposes.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (NEW, RENEWAL, OR UPGRADE)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code; _____

Membership Fees:

	Annual Individual Membership.....\$10
Annual Business	Annual Family Membership.....\$25
Membership \$50	Life Individual Membership.....\$100
	Life Family Membership.....\$250
Annual Organization	Charter Membership.....\$500
Membership \$100	Donor Membership.....\$1,000
	Patron Membership.....\$5,000
	Founder Membership.....\$10,000

Bronze plaques recognize all cumulative cash donations at and above the Charter Membership level.

Please make checks Payable to RHINELANDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. and mail to 9 South Pelham Street, Rhinelander, WI. 54501. For those that we have not recorded receiving a donation in the past year, a preaddressed envelope is included for your convenience.

Thank you.

Planned Giving

We also ask that you please consider including the Rhinelander Historical Society in your estate planning. A transfer of cash, securities, or other property can be made by including language in your will or living trust leaving a portion of your estate to the Society, or by designating the Rhinelander Historical Society as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy. As stated above, the Rhinelander Historical Society is a 501(c.)3 Charitable Organization and contributions are tax-deductible for income, gift and estate taxes. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 39-1721684. We sincerely thank you for your consideration.