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BENCH DONATED—Hans and Bobbie Bernet, shown with Executive Director, Donna Douglas, and Fritz Wenger, Jr. recently presented the National Historic Cheesemaking Center with an exquisitely detailed memorial bench on behalf of the entire Bernet families, to honor their deceased parents, Werner and Martha Bernet. The bench was designed and created by Fritz Wenger, Jr. (Another photo on page 4)

REMINDER DATES

The National Historic Cheesemaking Museum

is now closed for the season.

See you on May 4, 2023



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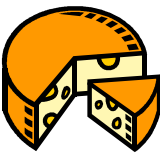
A group of 20 friends, unexpectedly, arrived early one morning to tour our museum and were greeted by "surprised" NHCC docents. For the last 17 years the group have met in various places in the Midwest. This year they selected Monroe, New Glarus, and Mt. Horeb for their get-aways. They were from Iowa, Missouri, and South Dakota that met many years ago through a non-profit organization called "Quotes." Quotes mission is to support and service programs to help the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as the elderly and disadvantaged persons in their communities. NHCC docents provided outstanding tours for the "unexpected" group!

Stirring the kettle,

With President Jim



We have shut down for the season! And what a year...Exec. Dir. Donna will have a year-end report in December issue. This issue is packed with seasonal activities: we are especially pleased with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin making a visit; with the heartfelt donation of a bench in memory of longtime volunteer and icon (Swiss Chick) Martha Bernet; visitors far and wide; and for our corps of volunteers who keep this memorable place alive and functioning!



Regards, Jim



Volunteer, Jackie Elmer, spends many hours at NHCC fulfilling our "Thank You" bags for our many visitors that tour the NHCC Museum. Jackie is not visible to our guests, as she works alone in our-lower level!



2022 Cheese Days visitor, Taryne Betak, "demonstrating" a one-legged milking stool

A satisfied visitor to NHCC

I would be honored to have ya'll use my photo in the next newsletter.

My boyfriend, Russ, was the one who discovered the Cheese Days mug in a thrift store in Keokuk, IA., where we are currently staying as traveling healthcare workers. Both being huge cheese fanatics, we 'Googled' Cheese Days and realized it was quite possibly the most wonderfully Midwestern festival of them all.

Upon discovering Monroe was but a few hours away, we knew attendance would be a necessity! Cheese Days ended up being a magnificent weekend and we 100% will be attending Cheese Days 2024.
-Taryne Betak

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IT IS A FITTING TRIBUTE to honor “Swiss Chick” Martha and Werner at the NHCC grounds. Martha volunteered and supported our organization for many years. Werner was a cheesemaker and later the couple owned and operated Bernets Cheese and Sausage Shop in Monroe. Hans and Bobbie Bernet are shown on the bench in a temporary location on the NHCC campus.



NHCC hosted the families of Rick Davis, who were in Monroe for Rick’s funeral and had some time to tour our facility. They were *fascinated* by the Imobersteg Farmstead century old factory, located on the NHCC campus, and requested that we take a group photo of the family. (Photo use permission granted by family)



Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Service Staff received a private tour of the NHCC museum hosted by NHCC Historian/Researcher, Paul Vassalotti, and cheesemaker Silvin Blum. Our “little gem,” the Imobersteg Farmstead century old cheese factory, created a glimpse into “an era that was that will never be again” for the DFW Creative Team. It was expressed by the group “it was truly a great experience for all of us!”

Silvin Blum, well known cheesemaker, and newly recruited NHCC docent, explains artifacts and the history of equipment used in the early days of cheesemaking to the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin staff. Notice the new “Timeline” in the background created by Paul Vassalotti who is standing on the right.





NHCC was honored to host the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin tour. They received a warm send-off from Executive Director Donna. We look forward to their visit again in the future.

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October 25, 2022

Paul Vassalotti, Historian and Fellow Volunteers at the
Monroe Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum
2108 – 6th Avenue
Monroe, WI 53566

Dear Paul:

Again, we'd like to extend a huge 'thank you' on behalf of the DFW Creative Team for the wonderful, private tour of the museum. This was truly a great experience for all of us, even for those of us who've been here a very long time!

As promised, we have reached out to some channels here at DFW to send you some new Master Cheesemaker directories, as well as other materials you can distribute at the museum. Please be on the lookout for those.

We look forward to visiting again in the future and will recommend to others to drop in on their next visit to Monroe. Thank you for making the museum experience exceptional!

Sincerely yours,

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OUR NHCC 2022 season has come to an end. Twelve volunteers showed up recently for Fall Clean-up day.

In just one hour they trimmed, raked leaves and prepared for closing.

Special thanks to each one for helping with the tasks.

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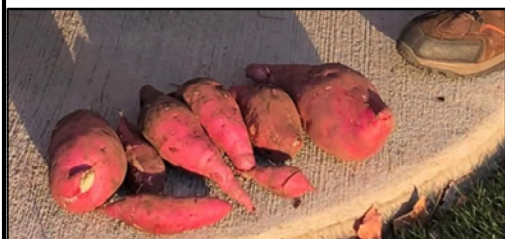


BONUS!

We enjoyed Fritz Kopp's gardening skills this summer with the beautiful flowers and vines he cultivated in the kettle on west side of the Center.

Master Gardener and volunteer, Lynn Lokken, advised Fritz to be on the lookout for some sweet potatoes when he was clearing the annuals from the kettle in the fall...and how!!

Two of the spuds were bigger than Fritz's boot!



Fritz gave two potatoes to assistant director, Deb Briggs, who was on hand for the "treasure hunt".



CHEESE DAYS was held in Monroe this year for the first time in 4 years! Photo upper right is Master Cheesemaker Gary Grossen making wheel of Swiss on the Monroe downtown square; right is Donna Douglas, Monroe mayor, (also NHCC Exec. Director) with Tess Zettle, Cheese Days ambassador; and below is Center's float in parade, featuring Henry Tschanz, NHCC vice president; and Jim Glessner, NHCC president, with a miniature rendition of the Imobersteg Cheese factory.





This is the list of twenty memory bricks that were recently installed in the walkway at the Center.

There was a prolonged delay in obtaining the bricks as a new vendor had to be found.

We were blessed with unseasonably warm weather so volunteer, John Marean and assistant director, Deb, were able to get all the bricks installed.



Bricks installed in Memory Walk

THE BOB ASCHEBROCK FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF BONNIE C CAMPBELL

RICH & PAT DAUGHENBAUGH

FIVE CORNERS CHEESE FACTORY

IN MEMORY OF ROGER GILLE

IN MEMORY OF WILBERT-LEONA KLASSEY

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JEFF MATTES CHEESEMAKER

JEFF & DIANE MATTES

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PINE RIVER CHEESE SPREAD

IN MEMORY OF ROY & DOROTHY ROTH

IN MEMORY OF RUTH SALZWEDEL

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STAUFFLAND

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IN MEMORY OF KEN & THORA ZEITLER

Jean Tullett acknowledges Life Membership

Hi Jim - I have received my Certificate of Lifetime Membership and I am most grateful to NHCC for this honor. It is an organization near and dear to my heart and I am just thrilled with the progress that has been made over the years to have a quality museum dedicated to the cheese makers.

I think next year will be 30 years since we moved the Depot to its present location and that will be how all this got started! Our success is largely due to people like you who came on board with your writing and editorial skills and kept the organization moving forward - writing grants, etc.

I look back to the other people who helped like John Bussman, Ernie Ammon, Nate Roth and many other dedicated workers. Once you join NHCC it gets in your blood and you can't let it go. If I hadn't moved to Vancouver, Washington, I would still be there helping wherever I could.

I do enjoy the Newsletter - especially the pictures and articles. Keep up the good work, Jim.

I'm gradually getting settled in my new home and I do enjoy being close to my family.

However Monroe will always be a special place for me.

Take care - Jean



The Cheese Center was all decked out in Autumn finery this year!



An American Country Music Songwriter, and Nashville Recording artist, Kayleigh Mathews, shown above, with Director Donna, created excitement for NHCC docent Ken Klassey and our staff, when she enthusiastically took a tour of the museum and the Imobersteg factory with Ken. She was accompanied by her manager, Kevin.



Halloween was far from “spooky” at NHCC when docent Ernie Gebhardt showed up for duty in his awesome clown costume. Adding to the fun, NHCC volunteer, Carol Rufenacht and Assistant Director, Deb Briggs, were dressed up in really pretty “Halloween” decorated attire too!





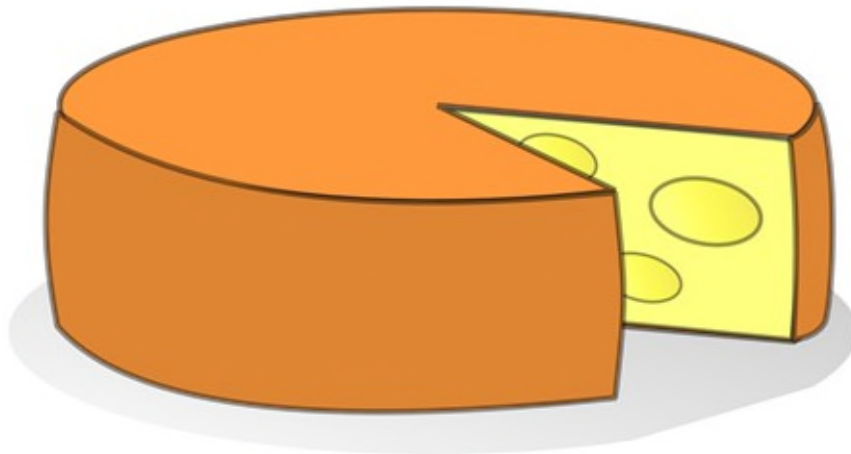
CHEESE

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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- BRAND
- BRICK
- BRIE
- CHEDDAR
- COTTAGE
- CREAM
- DAIRY
- DIPS
- FETA
- FOOD
- FRESH
- GOAT
- GOUDA
- GRILLED
- MELT
- MILK
- MOLD
- NACHOS
- NATURAL
- NUTTY
- ODOR
- PASTA
- PASTE
- PIECE
- ROBUST
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- SIDE
- SNACK
- SOFT
- SOUP
- SPREAD
- SWEET
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- TASTE
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER MEETING MINUTES

9/21/2022

Members present: Jim Glessner, Fritz Kopp, Henry Tschanz, Ken Klassey, Jim Huffman, Lynn Lokken, JoAnn Schwitz, Fayth Block, Deborah Briggs, Donna Douglas, Anita Huffman

Call to Order: President Jim called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

Secretary's Report: August minutes were published in the Sept./Oct. Newsletter.

Treasurer's Reports: Deborah and Fayth presented: "We are in the black". Motion to accept: Ken, 2nd Jim H., C.

Director's Report: Donna expressed thanks to all who helped cover at NHCC while she was involved with mayoral duties during Cheese Days. She reported attendance this year from 41 states so far.

Committee Reports:

Archives & Displays: Fritz: The timeline display Mary Ann Hanna and Paul Vassalotti have put together still needs some tweaking but is very impressive.

Building & Grounds: Fritz had nothing new to report.

Membership: Fritz had nothing new.

Sunshine: No report

Website: Deborah shared communication with Kacey. He has been doing some work, but not communicating. She would still like to explore other options & has contacted ComputerKnowHow.

Unfinished Business:

Bye-laws Update: Jim G. reported that Deborah, Donna, & Jo are on the committee.

Tree Care: Fritz received a quote of \$760 from Whitney Tree Service for trimming and cleanup. Motion to do work: Ken, 2nd Jim H., C.

NHCC Cheese Days Float: The float is still at the fairgrounds. Jim H. and Donna will get it returned to Klondike.

New Business:

Election of Officers 2023: Nomination committee chair presented the slate of officers which is the same as for 2022. President: Jim Glessner; Vice-President: Henry Tschanz; Secretary: Anita Huffman; Treasurer: Fayth Block; Directors: Jim Huffman; Fritz Kopp; Ken Klassey; Director at large: Steve Stettler; Past President: Dave Buholzer. Motion to accept slate: Fritz, 2nd: Jim H. C. Motion to cast unanimous ballot: Jim H., 2nd Lynn. C.

Cheese Days Remarks: Donna noted that Cheese Days was a highlight of the year for her. She also requested that when the quarterly meetings are held it is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. There were no objections to this change.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Deborah, 2nd Fritz. C. Meeting adjourned 5:46PM.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary Anita Huffman



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