

Madison Historical Society

Summer 2022

YESTERDAY'S CHILD

Our exhibit is now open!



Take a stroll back through the decades and beyond to rediscover your childhood and those of our ancestors. Our community has been extremely generous in loaning their childhood treasures to be displayed along with the Society's collections. You will find metal trains and doll houses, Erector sets, cloth and plaster dolls, book, hand painted rocking horses and so much more. You are going to say, I USED TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE! There's a smile a minute, we promise.

We also are pleased to announce the reopening of our TOOL SHED, now fully lighted and open during regular hours. If you are interested in old and unique tools, it is guaranteed to tickle your fancy.

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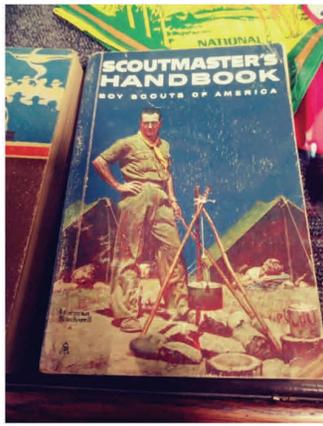
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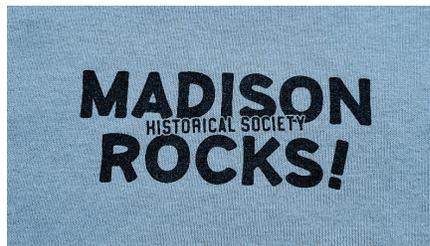
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\$25



We are also excited to unveil our summer raffle **THE GIVING TREE**

Three themed decorated trees will be embellished with gifts and gift cards (no less than \$200 value per tree, supplied generously by local businesses). They will be on display at the museum all summer, and drawings will take place on August 30th at 3:45. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be available for sale when the museum is open and at all of our summer events.

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Schedule of Activities

June 7—Museum opens for the summer, Tuesdays 2-4 pm

June 16—Music by the Lake, featuring

Tammy & John Flanigan, 5:30 pm

Rain Date June 17

July 21—Music by the Lake, featuring Mike Hathaway & friends, 5:30 pm

Rain Date July 25



Bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy gathering along the lake to witness nature's glorious sunsets put to music. Please, no alcohol on Town property.

August 6—Booth at Madison Old Home Week craft show (new tee-shirts, too)

August 7—Blueberry Bake Sale & Book Sale at the museum from 9-1

August 8-12—Museum open every day from 2-4



August 18—Music by the Lake, featuring Lisa & Jonno, 5:30 pm

Rain Date August 19

JUNE DAYS by Haydn Pearson

The sun circles near the zenith these warm, sun-blessed days of June. Across the nation's fields and meadows, flowers and grasses are reaching maturity. On the year's longest day the annual flower pageant reaches its height; on that day probably more grasses and flowers are open to wind and sun, sky and clouds than on any other day of the year. June's loveliness is not a sudden, surging climax; since mid-May the irresistible tide has been waxing as plant life has responded to the age-old plan of reproduction.

Daisies star the upland fields and black-eyed Susans bring color to the meadows. Devil's Paintbrush splashes fiery streaks among green timothy and orchard grass. Monarch butterflies arrive from the southland and search for milkweed plants on which to lay their eggs. Painted, snapping, and spotted turtles hunt for soft soil in which to deposit their eggs; mud daubers build thick-walled nests against milk houses and woodsheds. On calm, moist evenings, sedately-dignified mother skunks lead their black and white young ones across green lawns and teach them to dig for grubs and moles.

The birds' stirring dawn chorus reaches full fortissimo early in June and then rapidly fades when housekeeping days are here. Swallows stage spectacular aerial circuses over meadow mowings and hawks drift in wide circles in the sky. These warm sixth-month days a man can almost feel the urgency of Nature. Each day the green lines of new plants lift higher above brown soil. The pulsing, monotone purr of tractors reverberates over the countryside as farmers cultivate crops and start the season's haying. Probably June is the favorite month of year of a majority of people. It is not difficult to understand as golden sunshine warms the green hills and valleys of America.



Haydn Pearson (1901-1967), author and newspaper columnist, was a nephew to Theodore C. Pearson (1874-1950) and Carrie L. Smith (1883-1978). T.C. Pearson was born in Madison, and he and his wife had 13 children. One can only imagine how fun it must have been for Haydn to visit them here. For a great article about them, see the 2009 Spring issue of our newsletter which you will find on the website.



JULY DAYS by Haydn Pearson

When a hot, rushing, summer day is done and gray-purple shadows are closing in, Earth seems to relax. Gone is the brassy, burning brilliance of July daylight hours; gone the sense of urgency that makes a man hurry his haying. As flaming sunset colors drain from the sky, as nighthawks' hollow booms reverberate and chimney swifts twitter as they settle for the night, there is peace and shadowed beauty over the summer countryside. Fireflies dance their intricate ballet over the lawn; a whippoorwill cries from the field's edge and a robin sounds his last sleepy call from the orchard.

A July night, when the breeze has freshened at sunset, and Earth begins to radiate its heat and form dew on the grass, is an appreciated blessing after a hard day's work. While crickets chant below the porch and drowsy noises scratch softly against Night's darkening curtain, a man can harvest something in his heart more important than the crop he gathered during the pressing heat of midday. The clock in the village church tolls the passing hours and the pleasant notes float by on the refreshing breeze; the whistle from the night train in the valley is long-drawn, poignant and lonesome-sounding.

A July evening has certain qualities that distinguish it from the evenings of other months. There is warmth and some humidity; there are sounds that tell one this is the maturing time of year. After the solstice, it almost seems as if Earth pauses for a period while its forces consolidate for the final push toward summer's conclusion. But in the blessing of a cool evening; man knows that life is going irresistibly forward in a never-ceasing series of profound rhythms that assure the harvest. He who glimpses something of the purpose of the experience we call life, knows that the blessing of a July evening is an integral part of the anciently-ordained system that governs our flowering world.

An Early Fourth of July, 1874 (at the Pearsons)

from "A Brief History of Madison"

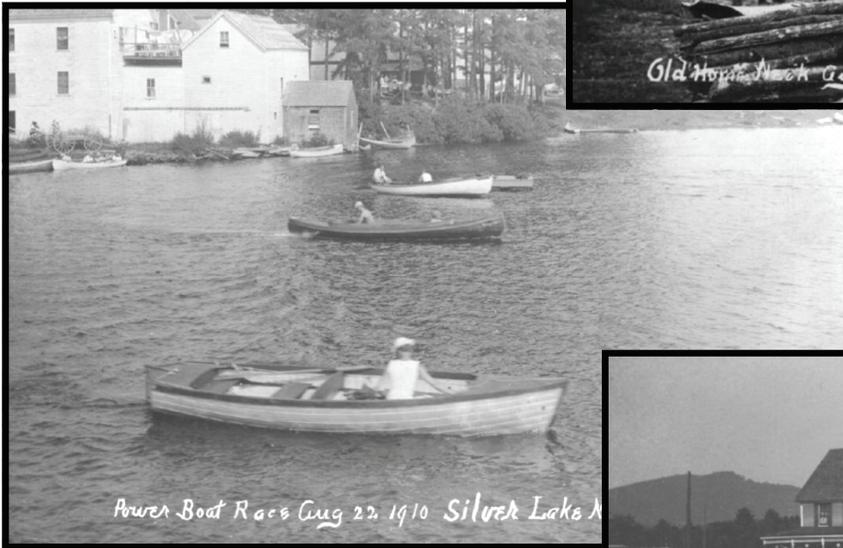
An early Fourth of July celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pearson. The scene of the fun was a hillside in front of the house. The people began to arrive in the middle of the forenoon and took their seats on the hillside beneath giant maple trees near a tiny pond which nestled at the foot of the hill. At noon time a group of men came from the house carrying huge pans of fish chowder which the hostess had made. This was dished out into plates and passed around to the hungry crowd together with bread, rolls, crackers, pickles, pies, cakes, cookies and doughnuts. Kind neighbors helped by making a great deal of the pastry. A grandstand had been erected by the boys of the family beneath the trees. Here, after dinner, patriotic speeches were made by some of Madison's citizens. The children gave recitations, and good music was furnished by a band made up of Madison boys. A small number of the people remained to enjoy a display of fireworks in the evening.

AUGUST - Old Home Week 1910



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