

New Glarus Historical Society

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Board of Directors Update By Carol Hassemer

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Opening day was Saturday, May 25th! The Swiss Historical Village will be open through Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 13th. A small number of groups, including school tours, have been set up. We hope to see you at the museum this year!

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 7th. Treasurer Freitag reported that the balance sheet through March showed a 0.5% increase, mainly due to interest accrued on CDs. Net income through March was down \$17,662 with income higher than 2023, but Gift Shop purchases for the season, Facilities & Equipment, Building & Grounds, and Advertising expenses higher, mainly related to opening for the season. The expense for the PastPerfect archival software purchase is included but will be offset once the grant check is received from the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

The murals for the Hall of History, highlighting Canton Glarus, are completed, and were installed before May's Opening Day. These murals were generously funded by the people of Switzerland. Watch for more details. Kudos to Jackie Judd-Scheurer for shepherding this project, which included working across the ocean with Jarryd who was the designer in Switzerland, and Vital Signs of Verona!

Culver's of New Glarus supported the Historical Society by donating a portion of sales on Thursday, May 9th, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, with Society members delivering food to guests. The Society greatly appreciates the support offered by Culver's. Be sure to thank them next time you dine there!

Due to scheduling and advertising challenges, the new Society event, "Just Cheese It!" scheduled for Saturday, June 15th has been cancelled. Watch for more information on the event in 2025.

The Board approved submitting grant applications to purchase photography equipment for the PastPerfect archiving of collectibles, documents, and photographs, and to cover costs related to replacing badly needed cedar shake shingles on several Historic Village buildings. It will be a few months before we know if the Society is awarded those grants.

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Behind the Scenes at the Museum



Welcome Home, Buttercup!



Artist Brooke Wentland did a beautiful job of painting Buttercup the cow! We'd like to thank Schmidt Landscaping for refreshing the landscaping at the front of the entrance building to make Buttercup the focal point of the entrance. A huge thanks goes out also to Jeff Judd for prepping, sealing, and transporting Buttercup to her new home. Thank you to Duane Freitag for working with Carol on researching the family names that were included in the artwork. And of course, all of our Board members deserve recognition for their hard work to turn this project from a dream into reality!

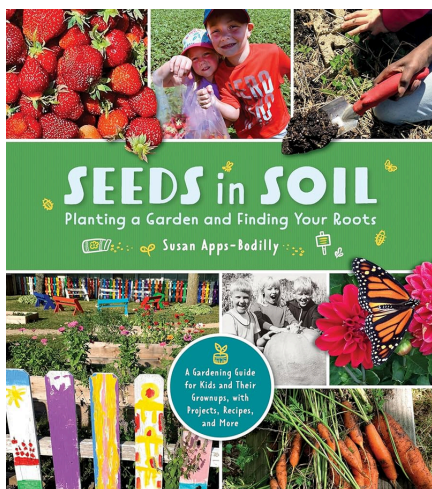


Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 25th @ 6:00 PM
Village Hall Community Room
Genealogy Quest: Getting Started

This workshop will provide you with necessary tools and resources to get started on your genealogy journey. Perfect for people who have just started working on their family tree! We will take a look at popular websites for genealogy research, and you'll also be provided with tools and charts for organizing your research.

Thursday, June 27th @ 6:00 PM
Village Hall Community Room
Seeds in Soil:
Planting a Garden & Finding Your Roots
Author Visit with Susan Apps-Bodilly

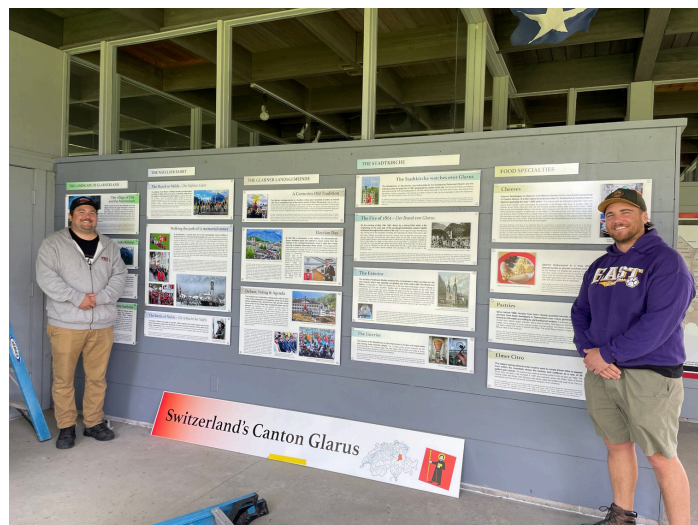


Join the New Glarus Historical Society and the New Glarus Public Library as we welcome Wisconsin author Susan Apps-Bodilly!

This seeds-to-supper presentation teaches all about gardening science and history, and growing in different environments. We'll also explore recipes and projects to make the most of these nature lessons!

Susan Apps-Bodilly is the daughter of well-known author Jerry Apps, and a long-time educator. This family-friendly event is free to attend and open to all ages.

Behind the Scenes continued



New murals have been installed in the Hall of History! This newest display focuses on modern-day life in Canton Glarus. The murals were created by our own board member Jackie Judd, working in partnership with Jarryd Lowder in Switzerland, to write the text and find the perfect photographs to include in the murals.

We'd also like to thank Vital Signs of Verona for their hard work in both making our vision a reality and installing the murals in the Hall of History.

This project was generously funded by a donation from the people of Switzerland.

We plan to host a recognition ceremony later this summer, so stay tuned for further details!



Ancestry Corner



**The Bank
of New Glarus**

Powering Growth in Our Community

*We thank The Bank of New Glarus
for their support in publishing the
New Glarus Historical Society
newsletter.*



*Amelia Kundert was born on
March 28, 1878 in New
Glarus, the daughter of
Thomas Kundert and Anna
Magdalena Aebly.*

*She married Jost “Joseph”
Becker, and they farmed in
the area until about 1921.*

*They were the parents of
three daughters: Hilda
Louella Becker Halverson,
Elfa Becker Eichelkraut, and
Amelia Leona Becker
Schneider.*

*Amelia passed away in
1965, just a few days shy of
her 87th birthday.*

*Photo shared publicly on
FindAGrave.com.*

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