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ECHOS OF ELMA

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SOCIETY EVENTS

2021 Schedule of Events

December 4, 2021 1 p.m.

Annual Town Tree Lighting and Santa

Bring the children and your pets to see Santa at the museum, and have fun with the Grinch. Santa will listen to the children's wishes from **1 – 3 pm**. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

If you care to, there is **a mailbox for Santa on the porch of the museum** for the children to also write to him.

December 13, 2021

Society Christmas Party

6pm at the museum. Please bring a substantial party dish to pass.

We will not have a membership meeting until March of 2022, and plan on having a speaker at that time. More on this in our spring issue of "Echos".

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As we get ready to usher in another year, we need to reflect on all we have been going through these past two years. It has been rough at times, and may seem rough now, but we must persevere and look forward to better times. And let's review what we were able to accomplish during the times visitors were not coming.

We are happy that the mill is up and running again, but closed, of course, for the winter. Fred and his crew did a great job getting the sawmill ready for visitors again.

The barn has a new addition and Paul and Mike did a great job with the displays. We now have lighted cabinets to show our artifacts in the barn.

Our basket raffle and dinner was a success and I thank Eileen Holden for all she did to make it a success.

And, a huge thank you to our Thursday volunteers for their efforts in maintaining the displays. The house, mill and barn all look great.

And now we go into the year of 2022. The Board wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and the very best for 2022.

Marlene Baumgartner, President

MANY THANKS

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with our Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle. It was a great evening with good food, fellowship and fun.

Thanks to Patti and her crew for preparing and serving a delicious dinner.

Thank you to all who attended the event and donated baskets.

Thanks also to those that helped set up and worked that evening.

Look for information in the spring about our annual tea.

Hope to see you at the museum.

Eileen Holden, Coordinator

SAWMILL

The update of the mill is 98% complete. We are now in compliance with the inspectors, the building department and insurance safety regulations, and we look forward to many visitors in 2022.

Fred Streif, Mill Operations

WEBSITE REPORT

- 4th *Tales Of Old Elma* was in local papers Oct. 22: Ketchum Mower Part I. Part II draft out for review. Thank you to Marlene & Frank for reviewing. Hanvey article also appeared in a collector paper published by Elma Review.

- Various routine updates made to website. If anyone has news or photos please email.

- Flyer made for Dec. 4 Santa/Tree-Lighting.

- Event info sent out to local papers & media.

Brian Szafranski,
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History of East Elma \$8

History of Elma for Children \$5.

To ship a hardcover book as a gift to someone in the USA, add \$5 for USPS Media Mail (expect delays in Dec.), or add \$13 for Priority Mail 2-Day.

SUNSHINE

Hello members, hope you are well going into this holiday season. If you hear of anyone who is under the weather or home bound who would enjoy a get well card, or of someone who has earned a congratulations card, please contact me at 652-6256.

Margaret Maciejewski, Sunshine



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

There are many items in the museum's collection that can be overlooked or misidentified. This is one of them. It is on display in the sawmill's glass cabinet.



This is only a partial picture however, at first glance; one could think this is just a yardstick. But in fact it is a lumber scaling ruler or a board rule. It is used to determine the quantity of wood in terms of board feet in individual boards. The board foot (1" x 12" x 12") is the standard in which lumber is traded. These rules are thin and flexible so the inspector can stand while measuring each board. The rule also has a brass claw to turn a board on edge to gauge thickness. This rule was patented in 1883. Lumber rules are in use today and new ones are manufactured using the same design in wood, or metal. Look for it the next time you visit.

Paul Rauff, Buildings and Grounds



MEMBERSHIP

Your membership, support, and donations are very much appreciated. All dues money goes to support the many programs we hold throughout the year.

Our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. If there is a red dot on your mailing label, it means we have not yet received your renewal. Please take a moment to send a check to help us keep Elma's history alive. Thank you, and hope you are enjoying our newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

Betty Braun, Membership



Wishing Everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year with Great Possibilities.

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