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First Edition...Hot Off The Press

The Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation is pleased to launch the first edition of **The Legacy**. We trust you'll find the information brought to you in this venue to be helpful and informative as we seek to promote historic preservation in Mount Horeb.

We ask you to join us and support our efforts in restoring the 1889 school house to its rightful place in history, creating a one-of-a-kind space for use by village and community organizations. It is our hope to educate school children, residents and visitors about an important part of our history as well as to contribute to the economy of Mount Horeb by establishing a new historic destination in our downtown.

What is the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.?

The Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. is a domestic corporation organized by volunteers and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.(MHLF, Inc.) is to advance awareness of landmarks of historical significance in Mount Horeb and support the restoration and preservation of these landmarks.

It's not just about the school.....

Although the idea for the organization of the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. came about because of the pending demolition of the District #1 School House, the Landmarks Foundation will continue on after the school house restoration is complete.

Many communities have similar organizations and projects, which not only include the restoration of landmarks, but also such activities as walking and bus tours, educational events, historical marker projects, publication of preservation related literature and the promotion and advocacy of historical preservation.

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About the District #1 School

The District #1 School was moved from its original site on Main Street to North Second Street and is the oldest remaining school building in Mount Horeb. The School was originally one of two school buildings on the west side of Mount Horeb and housed grades one through eight. The school was built between 1884 and 1889. When the Academy Street school opened in 1919 the West Main Street schools were no longer needed.

The school is an important landmark in the community and the restoration of the school house will serve the community in many ways. By preserving the school building in a location near downtown it will serve as a connection to the rich heritage of our village, keeping alive what has been done to build this community.

A village park was planned for this North Second Street site. Now, the building will be the focal point of Heritage Park and Gardens, a welcoming green area just off Main Street. The first floor of the building will be available to local groups for displays, shows, meetings or other community group events. The school house, which has about 1,000 square feet on each floor, will have an exhibit to memorialize the one-room schools and honor the educators who taught in the schools.

Currently, more than \$67,000 (cash and in-kind donations) has been contributed to the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. for this restoration project. To date, the school has been moved and sited with a new basement and foundation, brick has been repaired on the exterior, and retaining walls for landscaping have been put into place. Some electrical and heating work has also been done. Landscaping on the front of the lot is taking place this summer.

MHLF, Inc. Member of National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum

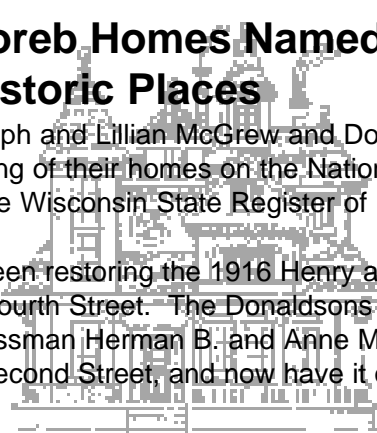
The MHLF, Inc. is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum. The Forum is the National Trust's network of preservation organizations and professionals.

Through the Forum, the National Trust has shown a commitment to helping local preservationists preserve historic resources. Membership benefits include conferences and training programs, and eligibility for grants, loans and technical assistance.

Two Mount Horeb Homes Named to National Register of Historic Places

Congratulations to Ralph and Lillian McGrew and Don and Peggy Donaldson for the listing of their homes on the National Register of Historic Places and the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places.

The McGrews have been restoring the 1916 Henry and Sarah Dahle House at 312 South Fourth Street. The Donaldsons have restored the 1911 home of Congressman Herman B. and Anne Marie Kittleson-Dahle House at 200 North Second Street, and now have it open as Arbor Rose Bed and Breakfast.



MHLF, Inc. Supports Railroad Bridge Restoration Grant Request



The Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc., supports the proposal, by the Village of Mount Horeb, to historically restore the former Chicago Northwestern Railroad bridge (now part of the Military Ridge Bike Trail) on the east side of the village. The Village, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, has made a grant request under the Local Transportation Enhancements (TE) program for the painting of the bridge.

This project will involve sandblasting, repainting and placing the Chicago Northwestern logo on both sides of the bridge, thus restoring its historic appearance of the 1930's. The steel bridge is the only such bridge on the entire 40 mile stretch of the Military Ridge Trail.

The railroad has played an important part in the history of Mount Horeb. Railroad service reached Mount Horeb in 1881 and passenger service continued until 1954.

“The Mount Horeb Area – A Journey Back”

The Mount Horeb Mail is publishing a pictorial history of the Mount Horeb area and is looking for photos to include in the book. You can submit your photos of people at home or at work, inside or outside of buildings, stores, homes, farms and parks. They are looking for photos from before the turn of the 20th century through the 1960's to be published in the book. Call the newspaper office at 437-5553 if you would like more information.

You can reserve your copy of the book now. The *Mount Horeb Mail* will be generously donating a portion of the proceeds from each book to the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.



Mound Vue Garden Club applied for and received a \$2,000 National Garden Club grant from the Principal Financial Group Historic Gardens Project. Mound Vue has committed \$700 of their own funds and will supply the labor and some plants in preparing and planting the beds. The funds will be used to create a historic garden at the 1889 District Number 1 School this summer.

Landscaper Ken Saiki and his assistant Rebecca Flood (of Mount Horeb) designed phase one of the gardens and donated their services to MHLF. The plan calls for a bricked patio and u-shaped path around the existing pine with a picket fence behind all. The flowerbeds will be in front of the fence.

The Rotary Club, in honor of their 100th anniversary, chose to support this project by committing \$5,800 to pay for the patio, a bench, a flagpole and some fencing.

MHLF very much appreciates the tremendous support of these two local groups.

Meet Recent Donors...

Peter Riphahn is designing a replica of the original bell tower which was on the school house. A bell for the tower has been donated by **Rose Klir** and **Mary Curtis**, who were both one room school teachers and taught in the area. A school hand bell which will be part of the one room school museum has been donated by **Don Dimick**, another local educator.

Larry Soltis, a local retired structural engineer from Forest Products Lab, has volunteered to evaluate the structural condition of the school building.

MG&E installed the gas lines to the building at no charge. When the roof construction work is underway, **Waste Management** will be donating a dumpster for the project.



PAVE THE WAY With a Commemorative Brick

Looking for a memorable way to congratulate, honor or memorialize an important person? Give a gift that lasts forever –

Purchase an engraved brick that will become part of the school house walkway.

Some of the walkway and the patio are now being installed, but the remaining brick walk will be installed later so it will not be damaged by construction work on the school building. At that time the engraved bricks will become a permanent part of our walk and will be a lasting tribute to you or to those you want to honor.

Purchase price is \$50 per brick. Your donation also gives you a 1 year membership in the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. A letter of acknowledgment will accompany bricks purchased in honor or commemoration of someone special.

Your 4x8 bricks may be inscribed with up to 2 lines – 12 characters per line (including spaces).



Purchaser's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name and address for letter of acknowledgement to honoree: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation

Mail this form along with your donation to:

138 E Main Street
Mount Horeb, WI 53572



The First Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, June 24



The annual meeting of the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Mount Horeb Senior Center, 105 N Grove Street.

There will be an update on the District #1 School House restoration project and information about the grant request to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for an Historic Structures Report and progress on the Heritage Park landscaping plans.

Election for the Board of Directors will be held. Two or more board positions will be filled. We presently have eight board members, but according to the bylaws there can be up to 11. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a board member please make your interest known to Jackie Sale or Betty Drape.

Also, if you would like to serve on a committee, we will have sign up sheets available at the meeting or you can contact any board member to make your interest known. Committees to be filled include membership, fundraising, and construction. When the restoration construction begins those on the construction committee will work with the contractors and volunteers to guide the process.

Please come to the annual meeting. We need your support.
Refreshments will be served.



Time to Renew Your Membership or Join Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.

Now is the time to join or renew your membership to the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.
Membership dues are only \$25 per year or \$200 for lifetime membership

___ New membership ___ Renewal membership ___ Additional Contribution

Name _____ Address _____

I can help by



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| ___ Assisting with events | ___ Being on the construction crew |
| ___ Serving on a committee | ___ Helping with grant writing |
| ___ Being a board member | ___ Helping with Fund raising |

Detach at dotted line and mail to: Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. ~ 138 East Main Street ~ Mount Horeb, WI 53572 or bring to our Annual Meeting on June 24th.

Thank you for your support in the past and in the future. Contributions have come in many different ways. Some contributions have been in honor of teachers or other people and in honor of anniversaries or in the form of memorials. There has been much in-kind work donated and other donations from many organizations and businesses, some earmarked for a certain part of the school house project. It is easy to see that our success depends on the support and involvement of many people and organizations.

Your participation and contribution will make a difference. Each new and renewed member or donation adds strength to the organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

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The Landmark Legacy

Garden Tea and Fashion Show



*Sunday, July 11
Arbor Rose B&B
200 North Second Street
Mount Horeb*



Enjoy a High Tea on Sunday afternoon, July 11, in the gardens at the Arbor Rose B&B. High Tea will be served on the hour during the afternoon. You will be served traditional afternoon tea sandwiches, fruit, scones with country preserves, assorted pastries and tea (or coffee). Listen to live string music during the fashion show of the newest designs from Her Closet and antique fashions from the collection of Marietta Gribb. Tour the historic Victorian Dahle house, now the Arbor Rose Bed and Breakfast, and walk down Second Street lined with some of Mount Horeb's finest restored homes to the grounds of the District #1 school house.

The Garden Tea and Fashion Show is by reservation as seating is limited. Tickets are available at Her Closet, 205 E Main Street, or by calling Arbor Rose B&B at 437-1108. The cost is \$25.

All proceeds from the Garden Tea & Fashion Show will be used toward the restoration of the school bell tower.