



# BAY VIEW Historian



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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Humboldt Park

We have a fabulous opportunity for members and volunteers to get involved in Bay View's Independence Day celebration at Humboldt Park. We especially welcome new ideas and input to help us plan this holiday celebration!

Whether you are new to Bay View or a long-time resident, come and join in the celebration of our nation and meet new friends, too! Consider volunteering for only an hour or two, fully join our organization, or somewhere in between, all are both needed and welcomed!

We have general meetings on the first Wednesday of March, April, and May and every Wednesday in June. This will be our 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Park. We will be planning a full day of activities including the 100-unit parade, games for children and adults, a donut-eating contest, and also doll buggy, coaster wagon, bicycle, and decorated-tricycle contests for children, as well as a talent contest and, of course, fireworks.

For more information call Penny Manke at 414-304-5039.

## Blood Donors Needed!

Bay View Historical Society is reaching out for donors on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 pm at Bay View Library. We are committed to this regional blood program that saves the lives of friends, family members, and neighbors that need blood each and every day.

Call Amy at 414-937-6260 to schedule or come to Bay View Library between 2-6 pm on June 8<sup>th</sup>!



Humboldt Park original boathouse was on the south shore of the lagoon.

## Humboldt Park Celebrates 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

BY BY RON WINKLER

There will be a birthday party at Humboldt Park, 3000 South Howell Avenue, on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 6 pm at the beer garden. John Gurda will speak on the history of the park and Ron Winkler will lead a walking tour of the park. The event is free and open to the public.

This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of public parks in Milwaukee, first established by the City of Milwaukee in 1890. Humboldt Park, originally named South Park, was one of the five original parks. The others were West (Washington), Lake, North (Sherman) and Lincoln (Kosciuszko). Budget problems during the Depression resulted in transferring all of the city parks to the county on November 12, 1936.

Humboldt Park's original boundaries were Logan Avenue (east), Howell Avenue (west), Oklahoma Avenue (south), and Idaho Street (north). The western thirty acres were purchased from Jane Wilcox for \$84,383 and the eastern fifteen acres were acquired from Henry and Mathilda Mann for \$37,600. Their white mansion still crowns a hill north of the park at 2931 South Logan Avenue.

In 1890, the area north of Idaho Street and west of Pine Avenue was still the Sanderson Brick Works. Those 28 acres were purchased through the efforts of Alderman Paul Gauer in 1922 for \$97,593, but the new area wasn't opened until 1930. The old Burnham Brothers Brickyard, north of Montana Street, was also for sale, but the Common Council resolution lost by one vote.

The first order of business in 1890 was creation of an artificial lake, completed in 1893. It was enlarged between 1909 and 1910 to twice its size with an island in the middle. A wooden boathouse was constructed on the south shore of the lagoon where rowboats could be rented. In 1910 a new concrete pavilion/boathouse was constructed with a concrete footbridge to connect it to the island, which was used for picnics. The new pavilion had an assembly room and refreshment stand.



Henry and Mathilda Mann's mansion today.

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## President's Message

Hi All,

*I hope you are enjoying spring. As always, I'd like to send a special thanks to our tireless volunteers and board members who have made a wide variety of events very successful the last several months. Ranging from our well-attended Annual Dinner at the SSYC to our several concerts organized by David Drake, to the annual commemoration of the Bay View Tragedy, we've come together and celebrated Bay View's history and culture.*

*At the same time, several projects on the Beulah Brinton House have been completed and new ones are on the way. We now have a handicap-accessible ramp. Please see the photos included in the Historian. New video projection equipment is now set up and has been used for several meetings and events. We have several garden improvements are planned and underway, thanks to several contributions from notable families in Bay View. And last but not least, our archives software upgrade is in progress.*

*Thanks to all you for helping to make all this happen.*

*I look forward to seeing around this summer. Thanks!*

-Kevin Petajan

## Letters to the Editor

To the Bay View Historical Society:

We wish to thank you for the wonderful article in the Bay View Historian about our home at 2989 South Mabbett Avenue. Please pass on our thanks to Ron Winkler, who obviously put a lot of time and effort into the matter *(Was it a Library? Was it a Post Office? Was it a Firehouse? No, it was a Residence! – December 2015).*

We love our home, and we love Bay View. Part of the reason Bay View is such a special place is because there is a sense of community here, thanks in part to the Bay View Historical Society.

- Douglas and Jolanta Rose

## Edmund's House to be Landmarked

BY RON WINKLER

The Edmunds house, 2550 South Shore Drive, will be dedicated as the Bay View Historical Society's 23rd landmark. The festivities will take place on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served at the Beulah Brinton House, 2590 South Superior Street.

George W. Edmunds was a foreman at the Milwaukee Iron Company and built this home in 1873. It is one of the more elaborate puddler's cottages with delicate scroll saw brackets on the porch.

The society has been making the community aware of its history by bestowing honorary landmark status to buildings throughout Bay View since 1983. Each newly landmarked building receives a plaque during a ceremony that is free and open to the public. At the ceremony, the history and significance of the landmark is recounted.





## BVHS Budget For 2016

REVENUE	
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
Donations at House .....	300
Annual Appeal .....	6,000
Membership Dues .....	3,500
General Meetings .....	200
<b>Total Direct Public Support .....</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Walk .....	150
Interest Income .....	100
Rent .....	2,500
Annual Dinner .....	4,500
Bay View & Town of Lake Book Sales .....	500
Bay View Bash .....	100
House Events .....	600
May Workers' Memorial .....	100
Rummage Sale .....	0
Special Events .....	5,000
Grants Received .....	2,500
Sale of Inventory .....	350
Other Revenue .....	500
<b>Total Other Income .....</b>	<b>16,900</b>
<b>Transfer from Capital Campaign Funds .....</b>	<b>34,610</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>61,510</b>
EXPENSE	
<b>Board Expense</b>	
D & O Insurance .....	600
Conferences & Meetings .....	300
<b>Total Board Expense .....</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Occupancy</b>	
Contingency - Unexpected .....	500
Insurance .....	1,300
Maintenance .....	1,000
Restoration - Renovation .....	31,500
<b>Utilities:</b>	
Gas & Electric .....	2,065
Water .....	875
<b>Total Occupancy .....</b>	<b>37,240</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Accounting .....	200
Advertising .....	100
Annual Dinner .....	1,500
Annual Fund .....	900
Archives .....	6,050
Bank Charges .....	15
Bay View Bash .....	85
Dues & Subscriptions .....	100
Education Project .....	800
Hospitality .....	350
House Events .....	200
Internet .....	570
Inventory .....	150
July 4th Parade Expense .....	100
Landmark Event .....	250
Media/Technology .....	2,000
Miscellaneous - Other .....	100
Postage and Shipping .....	1,000
Printing - Historian .....	3,000
Printing - Other .....	300
Special Events .....	5,000
Supplies .....	400
Website Maintenance .....	200
<b>Total Other Expenses .....</b>	<b>23,370</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>61,510</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>0</b>

## BVHS - December, 2015

REVENUE	Actual
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
Donations at House .....	203
Capital Campaign .....	-
Annual Fund .....	8,903
Matching Gift Appeal .....	150
<b>Total Direct Public .....</b>	<b>9,256</b>
General Meetings .....	71
<b>Program Income</b>	
Walk .....	25
Walk Expense .....	-
<b>Total Program Income .....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Membership Dues .....</b>	<b>2,931</b>
<b>Interest Income - Bank .....</b>	<b>102.85</b>
<b>Rent .....</b>	<b>3,277</b>
<b>Bay View &amp; Town of Lake Book Sales .....</b>	<b>1,235.85</b>
BV & Town of Lake Book Expense .....	-
<b>Total BV &amp; Town of Lake Book Sales .....</b>	<b>1,235.85</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	
Annual Dinner .....	3,501
Annual Dinner Expense .....	1,911.44
Total Annual Dinner .....	1,589.56
Avalon Theater Opening Fund Raiser .....	200
Bay View Bash .....	-
Bay View Bash Expense .....	-
Total Bay View Bash .....	-
Boulevard Theater Outing .....	-
Boulevard Theater Expense .....	-
Total Boulevard Theater Outing .....	-
House Events .....	-
May Workers Memorial .....	-
Music Donation .....	351
Rummage Sale .....	-
Rummage Expense .....	-
Total Rummage Sale .....	-
<b>Total Special Events .....</b>	<b>2,140.56</b>
<b>Grants Received .....</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Memorials, Legacies, Bequests .....</b>	<b>247,204.22</b>
<b>Sale Inventory .....</b>	<b>173.85</b>
Inventory Expense .....	1,006.50
<b>Total Sale Inventory .....</b>	<b>(832.65)</b>
<b>Archives Donation .....</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Revenue .....</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>265,610.83</b>

EXPENSE	Actual
<b>Board Expense</b>	
D & O Insurance .....	593
<b>Total Board Expense.....</b>	<b>593</b>
<b>Conferences &amp; Meetings .....</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Occupancy</b>	
Mortgage Interest.....	546.73
Principal Reduction.....	42,422.90
Restoration - Renovation .....	36,540
Insurance .....	1,273
Maintenance .....	877.50
Other Occupancy Expense .....	-
<b>Utilities:</b>	
Gas & Electric.....	1,956
Water .....	871.29
<b>Total Utilities.....</b>	<b>2,827.29</b>
<b>Total Occupancy .....</b>	<b>84,487.42</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Accounting Fees.....	200
Advertising .....	50
Archives .....	4,757.07
Anniversary Event.....	869.15
Annual Fund .....	2,048.22
Bank Charges.....	162.95
Capital Campaign Expense .....	-
Contingency - Unexpected.....	30
Donation.....	100
Dues & Subscriptions .....	129
Education Project .....	-
Equipment Rental .....	62.62
Grants & Allocations .....	-
House Events Expense.....	222.72
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade Expens.....	50
Landmark Events.....	-
Leadership Event.....	200
Miscellaneous - Other.....	-
Music Expense .....	100
Schuetz Property Expense .....	12,782.62
Supplies .....	397.22
Web Site Maintenance.....	95.52
Internet Provider.....	570.24
<b>Total Other Expense.....</b>	<b>22,827.33</b>
<b>Postage &amp; Shipping .....</b>	<b>815.95</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Publications</b>	
Historian.....	2,822
Other Printing .....	776.38
<b>Total Printing &amp; Publications .....</b>	<b>3,598.38</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>112,322.08</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	
<b>LESS EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$ 153,288.75</b>

## Memorial Gifts that Keep on Giving

The Brinton House gardens and landscaping are being greatly enhanced due to Memorial Gifts made to the Bay View Historical Society. Treasured friends of the Bay View Historical Society who have departed in recent years include: Florence Bethke, Brig Cooper, Bill Doyle, Bob Fennig, and Paul Kohlbeck. Their loving families requested that gifts be made to the Society in their memory. All of these gifts are being used to improve the Brinton House grounds. The Society is very grateful to these families for remembering the Society in this way. These gifts truly keep on giving as the gardens will be enjoyed for years to come. Memorial Gifts to the Bay View Historical Society in memory of a loved one is a most fitting way to honor that person.





## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Continued from page 1*



The boathouse constructed in 1910 and the footbridge connecting it to the island.

In 1894, a natural depression was enlarged to create a lily pond in the park's southeast corner. Water gardening was popular at the time and a variety of water lilies were introduced. The pond was the park's biggest attraction in 1898.

In 1900, South Park was renamed Humboldt Park for Baron Freidrich Heinrich Alexander Von Humboldt (1769-1859), a German scientist, naturalist, explorer and statesman. Humboldt Park held Milwaukee's first Fourth of July celebration in 1910, making it the city's oldest.



The Humboldt Park caretaker's home was moved from Jones Island in 1867 and was demolished in 1960.

The park had a live-in policeman, whose Greek Revival home started out on Jones Island before it was moved to the west side of the park along Howell Avenue. The home, which belonged to Joel Wilcox, an early Bay View pioneer, was moved when the Milwaukee Iron Company bought the Wilcox property in 1867. The Wilcox family then moved to the vicinity of Howell and Oklahoma, onto the land that Jane Wilcox sold to the City of Milwaukee. The last occupant of the home, addressed at 2986 S. Howell Avenue, was Theodore Gerlach, the park's superintendent. The home was razed in 1960.

After World War I, there was a movement to change the park's name to Pershing, but the attempt failed. (John J. Pershing, United States Army General, led the American Expeditionary Forces to victory over Germany in World War I.)

Gustav A. Fritsche and Bernhard C. Korn led a committee that raised \$15,000 in 1921 to construct a memorial. The octagonal kiosk is made of red Wisconsin Granite with eight pillars along the perimeter and a center



The World War I monument in winter.

pillar that connects to the side pillars to form a dome. On top of the dome is a ball on which sits a bronze American eagle with spread wings. A bronze plaque contains the names of twenty-two Bay View servicemen who died in World War I.

The original park entrance was on Howell Avenue, just north of Gauer Circle. It ran along the south side of the lagoon to Logan Avenue, just north of Manitoba Street. That old road was removed in 1928 when the present series of roads were built.

The original band shell, designed by Clas and Clas, was constructed in 1932 for \$8855 as a WPA project. It had interlocking arch construction for framework, similar to those in Hollywood and Chicago, though on a smaller scale. The interior, coated with aluminum, reflected both sound and light. It could seat 100 musicians and 200 choristers. The gradually ascending lawn accommodated an audience of 20,000. After a 1976 fire destroyed the band shell, a chalet, designed by county architect R. Albright was built for \$2 million on the base of the old band shell in 1977.

Another WPA project from 1932 was the Colonial Revival Humboldt Park Pavilion, located across the road from the west side of the lagoon. It was designed by Clas and Clas, and cost \$16,210. It was constructed of stone with wood trim to give the impression of a New England farm home. The meeting room to the south was added later.

The maintenance building on Howell Avenue cost \$110,000 and was built in 1961 by the Moran Construction Company to resemble the pavilion. It has a large assembly hall, restrooms and adjacent to the lot with wading pool and playground.



Humboldt Park once had a creek with a series of bridges.

## Welcome New Members!

Thomas Hellstrom • Mary Hart  
Nancy B. Larsen • Bernard Zinck

## Welcome New Corporate Members!

Sugar Maple • Hi-Fi Café



Caption for photo Kinnickinnic south from Lincoln 1929- Kinnickinnic Avenue looking south from Lincoln Avenue in 1929.

## 2016 August Walk - KK Link

BY RON WINKLER

Mark your calendars for this year's August Walk on Saturday, August 6th. The KK Link Walk will be led by Ron Winkler and Greg Wernisch. The walk will begin at the Avalon Theater, 2473 South Kinnickinnic Avenue. Registration will start at 9:00 am and the walk will begin at 9:30 am with a tour of the Avalon Theater. The cost is \$5.00 for Bay View Historical Society members and \$7.00 for nonmembers.

Length of the walk is approximately two miles and will cover the area from Dover St. to Lincoln Avenue, between Lenox Street and Howell Avenue. Some of the sites include the Bay View Library, St. Lucas Lutheran Church and School, Dover Street School, Bay View Bethel Evangelical Church, Avalon Theater, Joseph Williams house (behind the Avalon Theater), and many historic homes.

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Kinnickinnic Avenue, also known as KK, takes its name from the river which it crosses north of Becher Street. Kinnickinnic means "it is mixed" and comes from a blend of tobacco, leaves and bark which was smoked by Native American Indians who inhabited this area prior to the 1830s.

## Where in (Historical) Bay View?

Do you recognize this Bay View landmark? Look for answer in Where in Bay View? in the next issue of Historian.



**Answer to last issue:**  
Rear view of Humboldt Park Pavillion.

## Brinton House Gardens

There is a new look for the Beulah Brinton House now that there is a handicap access ramp. To compliment this addition, the garden area to the south of the ramp, as well as that near the garage, has been improved. Gardener Jennifer Goetzinger took advantage of some fine weather in April to expand an existing flower area and to add new plants. Wendy Cooper has donated an antique wagon to the Society in memory of her mother, Brig Cooper. This wagon will hold an herb garden which will also be added to this area. Various memorial gifts, as well as support from the William Stark Jones Foundation, have made this work possible.

## Handicap Access to Beulah Brinton House

Remembering 4 years ago Bay View Historical Society was challenged by the reality that the historic Beulah Brinton House (built in 1873) was not accessible to those with a physical handicap! Members were aware and the community was clear that some could not participate in events and information that Bay View Historical Society offers to the community. It was important and we began to take action!

Our alderman, Tony Zielinski wanted to help and immediately called a meeting to gather many resources who had expertise and interest. With research about ADA requirements and drawings/estimates from local builders', plans moved forward. However, an essential factor was funding! Then came the offer from Lee Barczak, owner of the Avalon Theater, to provide a fundraiser for this project when he opened the historic theater in Dec. 2014. BVHS held a fundraiser on the first three nights of the Avalon soft opening and raised \$19,500 thanks to so many wonderful supporters.

It's taken some time, lots of bids and planning but the handicap ramp is installed!! Our contractor, Thor, has designed and built an easy access ramp to the back door of our historic home. The Beulah Brinton House does not have a handicap bathroom yet but we are looking into options.

With sincere appreciation to Tony Zielinski and Lee Barczak for your advocacy as well as the many friends and neighbors who attended the fundraiser – we are excited to have handicap access to the Beulah Brinton House and hope you will visit soon!







## Wisconsin In The Civil War, Part 2

LISA ANN JACOBSEN

Johann (John) Marr was born on September 9, 1832, in Benshausen, Germany. Destitute as a teenager, Johann worked as a groundskeeper in exchange for room and board for a jeweler and engraver, eventually becoming an apprentice. In 1850 Johann immigrated to America and worked as an engraver at the Colt gun factory in Connecticut. Six years later, Marr moved to Milwaukee and started the engraving business as Mossin & Marr, located at 86 Wisconsin Street in downtown Milwaukee, with business partner Peter Mossin.

During the Civil War, government-issued coinage quickly disappeared from circulation and many merchants found themselves without currency and therefore unable to conduct business. As a result, businesses chose to issue their own private tokens to use as money and many of these merchants turned to Mossin & Marr to custom-order private currency. Following the Civil War, tokens were made illegal when Congress passed a law in June 1864 which prohibited the minting and usage of private coinages. In 1865 the partnership of Mossin & Marr dissolved, and Marr independently pursued his commercial and artistic engraving activities for another decade. *"Although known primarily as a commercial engraver, John Marr was also a competent sculptor. He created relief sculptures of family members and portraits of prominent Milwaukee citizens such as Frederick Ludwig Jahn, founder of Milwaukee's Turner Hall"* (<http://www.wisconsinart.org/archives/artist/john-marr/profile-99.aspx>). Other engravings of Marr's land- and city-scapes are shown there.



## Passing, Seen

BILL O'BRIEN

Spring's slow arrival has taken me from the hail-the-new weeks at the close of the holidays, when the year's garden first flourished in the imagination, to a lot of anticipatory weeding and the first mowing. Before settling what will go into the tubs and boxes, and instead of a story about structures or sites, this issue's fast-away notes look back to Bay View signs that have been peeled, pulled, or painted over.

As gaudily colored as a colectivo, the South American transit bus from which the coffee roaster formerly known as Alterra took its new name, this van was the last to bear original branding. Subsequently painted a solid black, here it sports a partly peeled decal with a mere trace of the early moniker.



While the company builds the Troubadour brand for its baked goods, the memory of its old identity persists; my daughter Kate refuses to call her favorite chai stop anything but Alterra.

Work is now finished at 2394 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. for the successor to Club Carnival and Johnny's Mexican Restaurant; a second location for Café Corazón. Knowing that the café's original North Bremen location is marked with a bold, tattoo-style dagger-in-heart, I was intrigued to see the placement of the new sign, a small and subtle evocation of the Sacred Heart. I had wondered what image could possibly follow Johnny's happy pepper people, who through so many seasons smilingly anticipated their tortilla-wrapped savories.



Ah, those were the enchiladas.

The hidden last sign offers a puzzle, for which I hope somebody's memory holds the key. As the gray-painted Queen Anne building at 2378

S. Howell Ave. was readied for the Lazy Susan restaurant, a billboard was pulled from the south wall along Smith Street. That exposed remnants of a painted bread sign that once extended to the right where newer windows got inserted. When the painters prepared the surface for the soft yellow coat that the building bears today, they removed gray flakes, exposing a little bit more of the sign. The loaf shape was evident at the lower left, but the letters were too worn and patchy to make out. I photographed the wall in direct and raking light in hopes of capturing something of the inscriptions, but they kept their secret.



Who remembers the bread and the brand? If you know, please tell us so.



## On the Street Where You Live

BY LISA ANN JACOBSEN

Bay View has always been a close-knit community, and this is again illustrated through the naming of our streets. Ellen Street was named in honor of the daughter of Zebiah Wentworth Estes. Ellen was born in 1837, and was among the children of the area's first settlers. Ellen would grow up and marry clergyman Isaac Linebarger. Unless you live elsewhere, there is no need to explain the connections here.

## THANK YOU David Drake!

You've organized and supported the Beulah Brinton House concert series throughout the past year...and we all so value your wonderful efforts. Special appreciation to our musicians: Jackson Gillman, Joe Hill, David Drake, Patty Stevenson & Craig Siemsen, Bounding Main, Susan O'Rourke & Zig Zeitler, Tom Kastle and In Good Company!!

## Bay View Gallery Night

FRIDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

@ BEULAH BRINTON HOUSE • 5-9 PM

Thomas Hellstrom is providing "*Behold the Woman*" featuring impressions of Beulah Brinton. We'll look at the spirit of this futurist, poet, humanitarian, and community care giver through her writings and activities. Tours and organ music will be available inside the historic Beulah Brinton House. St. Francis Brewery will have food and beverages for sale on the lawn!

## John Gurda Receives Awards

Historian John Gurda has received several accolades in recognition of his work from both the Milwaukee County Historical Society and the Council for Wisconsin Writers for his latest book, *Milwaukee City of Neighborhoods*. The Milwaukee Press Club also gave John an honorable mention for a video made for public television entitled *Milwaukee: A City Built on Water*. Congratulations on all your excellent work, John!

## June Program: "In Grandma's Garden" with Kristia Wildflower

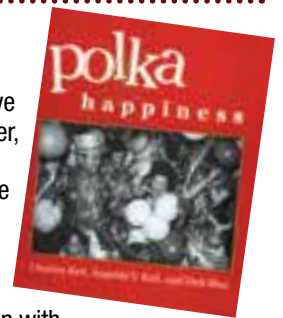
Kristia Wildflower will teach us about the roots of the plants and the people who brought them to the garden. We will unearth the fascinating facts and folklore of the flowers & food grown at the Beulah Brinton house. You will learn which plants are native, alien, or naturalized and if they traveled by water or land. This program is suitable for families.

Kristia has been engaged in storytelling since 1990. However, her roots in the arts reach deep into her childhood. The 60's motto "Flower Power" was reality for Kristia as a teen, who was drawn to greenhouses and flower shops. She spent many peaceful hours becoming a self-taught student of floral arts horticulture. Wildflower spent the 80's as an activist and speaker for the earth and equality. She combined and cultivated her love of theater music, costumes, dance, books, plants, people, and her commitment to the earth to create an excitingly unique storytelling experience for you!

## October Program: History of Polka with Dick Blau

Dick Blau earned his BA in English from Harvard (1965) and went on to receive his PhD in American Studies from Yale (1973). He is a self-taught photographer, giving thanks to Milton Rogovi who let Blau hang out in his darkroom when Blau worked at SUNY-Buffalo during the late sixties. Blau moved to Milwaukee in the mid-1970s, where he co-founded the innovative Department of Film at UW-Milwaukee, which is listed by the Hollywood Reporter in 2011 as one of the top twenty film schools in the world.

Among his varied interests, Blau has had a deep and long-standing fascination with popular culture, particularly music, dance, and performance. In collaboration with anthropologists Charles Keil, Angeliki Keil, and Steven Feld, he has co-authored three photo-ethnographies, *Polka Happiness*, (University Press, 1992), *Bright Balkan Morning* (Wesleyan, 2002), and *Skyros Carnival* (VoxLox, 2011).



## Annual Dinner Highlights

The 36<sup>th</sup> Bay View Historical Society Annual Dinner was a resounding success, and enjoyable evening for all. The 90 people in attendance were treated to the music of Ted Jorin & The Hoosier Millionaires, and a talk about Milwaukee Neighborhoods by John Gurda.

The Society awarded the following for their family memorial gifts honoring;

Florence Bethke – garden bench  
Brig Cooper – vintage wagon and herb garden  
Bill Doyle – gazebo and gardens  
Bob Fennig – garden expansion  
Paul Kohlbeck – landscaping in front of house  
Susan Ballje received the Community Leadership award for her tireless contributions  
To the Bay View Historical Society and to the Bay View Community.

A very special thanks goes to the following Bay View restaurants, who generously contributed to our raffle:

Anodyne Coffee, Babe's Ice Cream, C-Viche, Café Central, Collectivo Coffee, Cream City Swirl, DeMarini's on Conway, Guanajuato, Hi-Fi Café, Hue, Honey Pies, Lulus, Odd Duck, Palamino, Riviera Maya, Sugar Maple, Svens Café, Tenutas, and Three Brothers.

Through their generosity we were able to raise funds to support many upcoming BVHS programs. Please visit them and thank them as BVHS members.







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## Upcoming Events:

**June 3**

### Bay View Gallery Night

Featuring: Thomas Hellstrom –  
“Behold the Woman”  
5-8 PM • Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street  
*See story on page 7.*

**June 4**

### Humboldt Park 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

3-6 PM • Humboldt Park Beer Garden –  
*See details on page 1*

**June 4**

### Humboldt Park Walking Tour

3 PM – *See story on page 1.*

**June 6**

### BVHS Program

“In Grandma’s Garden” by Kristia Wildflower  
6:30 PM • Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street  
*See bio on page 7.*

**June 8**

Blood Drive  
2-6 PM • Bay View Library  
*See details on page 1.*

**June 18**

### Edmund House Landmark Dedication

1 PM • 2550 S. Shore Drive  
Social to follow at Beulah Brinton House  
*See story on page 1.*

**July 4**

### Humboldt Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

9 AM – *See story on page 1.*

**July 15-17**

### South Shore Frolics & Sunday Art Fair

**August 6**

### KK Link walking tour

9 AM – *See story on page 5*

**August 20**

### Saturday Open House

1-4 PM • Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street

**October 3 – Save the date!**

### BVHS Program

Featuring: Dick Blau – *See bio on page 7.*  
6:30 PM • Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street

## Upcoming Board Meetings:

**Wednesdays:**

**June 8, July 13 & August 10**

6:30 PM • Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street

## Monthly Open House

The Brinton House is open to the public on the third Saturday afternoon of each month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are available to give tours of the house. The upcoming Open House date is: August 20. Come and learn more about this historic Bay View house.

## Your Name in Print!

Write an article about Bay View history or of historical interest to BVHS members and we may run it in The Historian!

Word documents are ideal and articles must be 1,000 words or less – photographs are a plus!

Contact Lisa Ann Jacobsen: 414.313.2293  
or [lisaann.jacobsen@gmail.com](mailto:lisaann.jacobsen@gmail.com)

## Gifting Policy

Thanks to our generous members, the Board has created a Gift Policy with all the steps to follow should you wish to donate property to BVHS. They are found under the **Ways to Give** tab on our website

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