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FALL 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Milwaukee's Historic Bay View Neighborhood — A Presentation by Anna Passante

Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm
Beulah Brinton House

BVHS Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00 pm,
Beulah Brinton House

BVHS 2026 Annual Dinner Featuring John Gurda

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 5:30pm
South Shore Yacht Club

Passing, Seen

BY BILL O'BRIEN

You remember the old guidance for crossing the street: Stop, Look, and Listen!

I have recalled and employed that counsel in pursuing a hobby that I'm told Gen Z is taking up. I've just gotten to what has long been regarded as a pastime for the elderly (or the experienced, as I regard this stage). Ornithology is the scientific study of birds, birdwatching its most easily accessible aspect.

I listen daily to our winged backyard regulars and often catch the staccato of crows cawing from the school tower across the street. For greater variety and intriguing walks, I now frequent the Humboldt Park lagoon. I could share the delights of sunlight on fluttering leaves, gleams on rippling water, and grand clouds in the broad sky, but to make my account somewhat historical, I visited the park each day of June and recorded all the birds I saw and heard.

My hearing was complemented by use of eBird's Merlin application. I would look about and listen with open ears while the app ran on my phone. My eyesight was amplified by using binoculars that had been stored away since our 1990s camping trips. Through June, I visited the park one to three times a day, as early as 5:40 in the morning and as late as dusk.



These irises were the shade Monet used to paint his flowers at Giverny

A spreadsheet of my daily tallies shows who was around at the start and end of the month and reflects lower counts on nights featuring live music and days above 90 degrees. I thankfully wrapped up my survey before July's awful (hot) and worse (smoky) days.

The table records 70 species in all, including eight additions to my life list: Northern Rough-Winged Swallow, Common Nighthawk, Eastern Bluebird, Bobolink, Black-Bellied Whistling Duck, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Sora, and Blue-Headed Vireo. An average of 22 species per day - from a low of 13 to a high of 31 - showed themselves or sounded off.

Four species earned Perfect Attendance Awards: Red-Winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, American Robin, and House Sparrow. The Wood Duck and Great Blue Heron gained Honorable Mentions with 29 daily appearances.

Those that showed more days than not, by frequency: Chimney Swift, House Finch, Cedar Waxwing, Canada Goose, American Goldfinch, European Starling, Northern Cardinal, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Downy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Warbling Vireo; Eastern Wood-Pewee, Eastern Kingbird, and Ring-Billed Gull.

The less-frequently seen included the Black-Crowned Night Heron and Green Heron, three other species each of Sparrows, Swallows, Warblers, and Wrens, and two other species each of Ducks, Gulls, Nuthatches, Vireos, and Warblers.

I saw sparrows harassing herons, herons chasing each other in island-circling flights, and herons patiently poised for their next meal.

Over the course of the month, I marveled as the algae advanced from strands to blankets through which the muskrats traced fine lines when swimming back to their island burrows. I also became familiar with raccoons, surprisingly loud frogs, several varieties of turtles, and remarkable red damselflies.

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President's Report

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Greetings and well wishes to our members and supporters. I hope that this message finds you well and enjoying the remainder of the summer. As we move into fall, I write to inform you of updates regarding the Bay View Historical Society and highlights from the past quarter.

Recent Efforts and Accomplishments:

- **Newspaper Clipping Files Digitization:** The BVHS Archives Committee has begun a significant project working with a local company, FilesDepot, to digitize and transcribe the BVHS Newspaper Clipping files. This constitutes over 10,000 pages of historical newspaper and magazine clippings related to Bay View. The project is nearing completion and approximately 70% of the clipping collection has already been digitized. Once the project is complete, the BVHS Archives Committee will be working to make the newly digitized clippings available for members to view on the BVHS website.
- **Landmark Dedication:** In June the Stollenwerk/Correa house at 2246 S. Aldrich Street became the 31st BVHS landmark. A lovely presentation was led by Ron Winkler and included addresses by Milwaukee's 14 District Alderwoman, Marina Dimitrijevic, and Associate Professor of History at Marquette University, Sergio Gonzalez. Special thanks to the presenters, the Stollenwerk and Correa family members in attendance, and the homeowners, Javiera Perez Gomez and Ryan Hudziak.
- **Fourth of July Parade:** The BVHS once again marched in the Humboldt Park 4th of July parade this year. On behalf of the society, I'd like to thank Nancy Tawney for planning and organizing our involvement in this event, as well as all of the members that came to support us in the parade.

As you may know, we lost a number of board members last year and our previous President most recently in June. Your attendance at the annual membership meeting is extremely important in order to elect our next board and provide for the continuation of the society. We have a number of outstanding candidates for the board this year that we are excited to bring onboard.

Going forward, we hope to increase the number of community events and educational programming with your help and support, and to continue working towards our mission to encourage a sense of community, and serve as a portal to, and archive for, celebrating Bay View's history and promise for the future.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and would like to close this message by thanking you for your continued support of the society.

Kind regards,
Grace Pelisek

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We are actively searching for volunteers!

Please contact us at
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to get involved and engage with our
wonderful community!

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Membership

\$20 Individual/\$17 Seniors (Age 65+)
\$30 Household/\$25 Senior Household
\$30 Non-Profit/Small Business
\$55 Corporate

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Please Join Us for the

Bay View Historical Society's 2026 Annual Dinner

Saturday, October 24, 2026

at the South Shore Yacht Club

Social / Wine & Spirits Pull 5:30pm • Dinner 6:30pm

Featuring a Presentation By:



John Gurda, Writer & Historian

Smokestacks on the Lakefront: The History of Milwaukee's South Shore



Music by Milwaukee Jazz Connection



DINNER CHOICES:

- ★ 7oz Charbroiled Filet with Red Wine Demi-Glace
- ★ 8 oz Salmon with Champagne Buerre Blanc
- ★ Butternut Squash Ravioli with Sage Brown Butter (Vegetarian)

WINE & SPIRITS PULL!



For a \$20 donation, you are guaranteed to take home a wine or spirit.

Sprinkled in will be bottles valued well over your donation amount.

**Participants must be 21 or older.*



If you have any trouble ordering, please reach out to
Communications@BayViewHistoricalSociety.org
Someone will assist you as soon as possible.



BVHS Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00 pm, Beulah Brinton House

Join us for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4:00 pm at the Beulah Brinton House. Committees will present their reports on BVHS activities and current members will vote for our slate of new and renewing board members. Following the meeting, there will be an outdoor membership picnic and social with snacks and refreshments. In the case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held indoors.

Please review our slate of nominees.



Olivia Caravello

Olivia "Liv" Caravello is an emerging museum professional, currently working as an intern at the Milwaukee County Historical Society as a Museum Collections intern. Over summer 2026 they have plans to continue at the Milwaukee County Historical Society as a

Volunteer Move Technician. Originally from Chicago, they have lived in Milwaukee since 2021. They graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a BA in Anthropology and a minor in Communications in 2026. They are passionate about being involved in the community and increasing public accessibility. They will continue to pursue their education and get an MS in Anthropology and Museum Studies Graduate Certificate at UW-Milwaukee.



David HB Drake

Wisconsin troubadour David HB Drake has spent over forty-five years presenting concerts at fine arts centers, festivals, schools, community centers and concert stages throughout the Midwest. This panorama of history, natural beauty and discovery is performed

on guitar, concertina, dulcimer, banjo, and Native American Flute. He is also a frequent visitor to schools and elder care centers, performing benefits for a wide spectrum of social causes including the "Living Activism" series raising funds for Native American food pantries, for Pier Wisconsin environmental education events, and for "Peace Action" events promoting social justice and world peace. David is a song leader for the Congregation of the Great Spirit, a Milwaukee Native-American Catholic church. A native of Milwaukee WI, David has written more than 200 songs of the Midwest.



Roy Rodriguez

Roy Rodriguez is a 29 year old graduate student at UW-Milwaukee pursuing his Masters in Archaeology. He loves to learn and teach. As a Milwaukee native, he loves to preserve the history of his home and to help the public foster a deeper understanding of who we are, the

people who came before us, and the legacy of our city. As a member of the military who worked with many foreign cultures, he works well in teams and has gained experience building bridges. In his spare time he enjoys painting, riding his bike, and cooking. He currently works as an animal encounter specialist at Discovery World and the Zoo, working with giraffes, snakes, and turtles.



Charlene Harteau

Charlene Harteau is a longtime Bay View resident and works as a librarian in the Racine Unified School District. As an educator, she is motivated to push the envelope to create and implement a curriculum that will challenge students to be lifelong learners. She also manages

the website for the A&K Tau chapter of Racine, Wisconsin. Charlene received her Masters in Computer Technology Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has been looking for a way to make a visible and lasting impact in Bay View, and hopes that she can help through volunteering as a board member for the Bay View Historical Society.

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-In
2. Call to Order
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Membership Report
6. Open Floor / Q&A Session
8. Announcements and Upcoming Events
9. Closing Remarks
10. Membership Picnic & Social



Bay View Historical Society Financial Statement 8-12-2026

Assets

Business 1 Year	\$86,290.71
Business Checking	\$15,229.57
Business Savings	\$2,733.13
Business Money Market	\$54,815.81
Total Liquid Assets	\$159,069.22

Liabilities & Equity

Opening Balance Equity	\$128,604.23
Retained Earnings	\$23,397.04
Net Income	\$7,067.95
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$159,069.22

Profit & Loss Statement

Income

Cash Donations	\$12,873.06
Interest Received	\$2,692.00
Total for Income	\$ 15,565.06
Gross Profit	\$ 15,565.06

Expenses

Advertising & Marketing	\$200
Office Supplies & Software	\$170.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$3,054.50
Reimbursable Expenses	\$448.75
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,029.97
Taxes & Licenses	\$54.00
Utilities	\$2,539.89
Total for Expenses	\$8,497.11
Net Operating Income	\$7,067.95
Net Income	\$7,067.95

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I found that the east shore is best for hearing woodpeckers. The lampstands on the south shore are regular perches for blackbirds, an aggressive few of whom banged my scalp before I took to wearing my "expedition" hat. Mostly meant to protect my face from the sun, it prompted far fewer dives than my bare head.

Beyond the birds, I made the acquaintance of Konrad Kuechenbach, the dean of Humboldt birders, and other members of the Long Lens League. We circuited the lagoon, shared sitings from our latest visits, and offered a gentle chorus of HERON! to those pointing out "cranes" to their little ones. For the league's fine views of park wildlife and cloudscapes:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/humboldtparkmke/>

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If I'm ever in the market for a muscle car, it must definitely be in the brilliant red-orange of the lesser coverts of *Agelaius phoeniceus* (the vivid crest of the blackbird's upper wing).

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Black-Crowned Night Heron



Great Blue Heron



Author sporting an official birding hat

Fourth of July Parade

For many years, the Bay View Historical Society has participated in the Humboldt Park 4th of July parade. At 9am on July 4 the parade began on Kinnickinnic Avenue south of Lincoln Avenue. The route proceeded on Kinnickinnic to Logan Avenue and then on Logan to Idaho Street. The final leg of the parade route was west on Idaho a few blocks to the parade's end at the Humboldt Park Pavilion. The parade is a treasured community event and the Bay View Historical Society is proud to be an important part of the community.



Bay View Historical Society members prepare to walk in the parade (from left to right);

Greg Wernisch, Laurie Marston, Susan Ballje, Jeanne Troglia, Loesje Troglia, John Sargent, Grace Pelisek, Sue Herzfeld, Nancy Tawney, Margaret Herzfeld [not pictured, Ron Winkler, who joined the group later]

Showing Gratitude for the Bay View Historical Society

It has been said that when it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude. The Bay View Historical Society has been a vibrant organization for over four decades - a longevity not to be taken for granted. If you feel grateful for the existence of the Bay View Historical Society and want to help assure that it continues for many more decades, please consider remembering it in your will or other estate plan.

For more information, contact:
admin@bayviewhistoricalsociety.org



Is it Time to Renew Your Membership?

Please look at your Bay View Historian mailing label to see when your membership will expire.

All yearly membership terms run from January 1 thru December 31. Any new memberships will be current through the end of the calendar year (one year plus pro-rated months). Members receive our newsletter, *The Historian*, with interesting articles and the latest information on all our events as well as discounts at a variety of Bay View merchants.

Thanks for supporting the programs of the Bay View Historical Society!

PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE BAY VIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Membership Dues

- ☐ Individual.....\$20
- ☐ Household.....\$30
- ☐ Senior (65 or older).....\$17
- ☐ Senior Household.....\$25
- ☐ Nonprofit/Small Business\$30
- ☐ Corporate.....\$55
- ☐ Also enclosed is a tax deductible contribution of \$_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____

Please make checks payable to:

Bay View Historical Society

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

- ☐ Please contact me! I'd like to volunteer for a project or committee.
- ☐ Please save a tree and send *The Historian* to the email address above.

Send your Membership Renewal to:

The Bay View Historical Society

Attn: Membership

2590 S. Superior Street

Bay View, WI 53207

Stollenwerk/Correa House Landmarking

BY RON WINKLER

PHOTOS BY KEVIN PETAJAN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Sunny skies and the temperature in the mid-seventies provided perfect weather for the Bay View Historical Society's (BVHS) 31st landmarking ceremony on Saturday, June 27th. This landmarking was unique in that the Stollenwerk and Correa families occupied this residence for 114 of the home's 136 years – the Stollenwerk family from 1890 until 1953 (63 years) and the Correa family from 1959 until 2010 (51 years). The current owners, Javiera Perez Gomez and Ryan Hudziak have lived in the house since 2010.



Design by Margaret Herzfeld

We present a picture gallery of the day's events.

The history of the home was published in the Society's Winter 2026 and Summer 2026 "Historians."



Newly-appointed BVHS President Grace Pelisek welcomes the crowd.



Professor Sergio Gonzalez, Associate Professor, Department of History, Marquette University spoke about, "The importance of adding he Correa family's story."



Some of the assembled multitude at the landmarking.



Ron Winkler, BVHS Landmarks Chair, presented the history of the Stollenwerk/Correa Home.



Three generations of Correias celebrate the landmarking and the return to their roots with a little help from their friends. Tequila Plata salute to "Tres Generaciones."



Bay View's 14th District Alderwoman, Marina Dimitrijevic spoke about the importance of Bay View's immigrants and their contributions to the community. She then focused on her family as an example of immigrants. Her parents came from Serbia. Her husband Eduardo is from Uruguay making their son and daughter the children of immigrants.



The three children of Raul Correa, Sr. and Maria Guadalupe. From the left, Rachel, Rudy and Raul, Jr.



Bay View's 14th District Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic presenting the Proclamation from Milwaukee's Common Council to Stollenwerk/Correa House owners Javiera Perez Gomez and Ryan Hudziak. (Courtesy of Marina Dimitrijevic)



The Society's landmark plaque was unveiled by BVHS Landmarks Chair Ron Winkler and homeowners Javiera Perez Gomez and Ryan Hudziak.



Rudy Correa and his wife Mary.



Rachel Correa Doney and her husband Kevin Doney.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Open House

Visit the home of Bay View pioneers
Beulah and Warren Brinton,
2590 S. Superior Street.
1st Saturdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
September 5 * October 3 *
November 7 * December 5

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Bay View history that were published in the former Bay View
Compass newspaper from 2007-2013 and 2020-2022.
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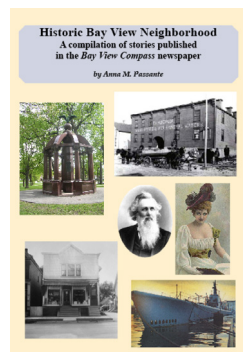
Where in (Historical) Bay View?

BY RON WINKLER

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

Answer to last issue's quiz (June 2026):

The image to the right was the Tudor revival
home and office for Dr. William A. Batchelor
at 2445 South Kinnickinnic Avenue. It was
designed in 1903 by Milwaukee architect
Alexander Eschweiler and constructed for \$7500
by Bay View's Meredith Brothers construction
company. It served as the residence and office
for three different doctors. Known as the
Eschweiler House, it was designated as the Bay
View Historical Society's 18th
Landmark in 2010.



COMING IN THE WINTER HISTORIAN

Announcing our
32nd Landmark Dedication,
Saturday, June 26, 2027.