



JUDGE EGHART HOUSE 2024 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Capital Campaign Needed for Chimney Repairs

Our local treasure, the Eghart House museum, is in dire need of funds to repair the two Cream City brick chimneys. The bricks are chipping away and causing leaking due to cracked concrete caps. The early estimates are \$10,000 to repair them.

Our endowment is not able to handle a bill of this size, so we need to start heavy fundraising to ensure we can make the needed repairs.

We have been looking at grants but have been unable to find one that would fit this type of repair/rebuild. Could you donate some funds to help? If so, please put a note to earmark the funds for the chimneys on your donation or membership.

We are planning other fundraising efforts, so more to come on that this year. Thanks in advance for your generosity!





Key 2024 Dates

Annual Meeting and Program: Monday May 13, 6:30 pm

The program is free and open to the public, and located at the Port Washington State Bank Community Room, 218 E. Washington St (the former Dairy Queen). After a short business meeting, there will be a 45-minute special presentation from Wisconsin historian Leslie Bellais – see sidebar for more!

Saturday Tours: Saturdays May 25 to August 31, 1-4 pm

Come visit for the first time or anytime! There's always something new at the Eghart House. In addition to new acquisitions and décor to share, we have a special display: **Victorian Finery**. See hidden treasures that are usually packed away, including original Eghart family pieces. Victorian clothing is beautiful and intricate, and intact pieces are rare.

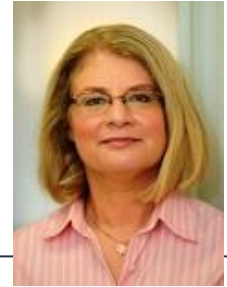
Christmas on the Corner – Saturday Dec 7, times TBD

We host an open house at this time to allow the Elf on the Shelf to see how well he can hide from local children. There's lots of places to hide in a Victorian home, and it's so charming to see the house by dusk! There's always delicious snacks to be had too.

NOTE: Scheduled activities may be subject to change; please check our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.



Annual Meeting and Program: Details



We are thrilled to have **Leslie Bellais**, the former curator of social history at the Wisconsin Historical Museum, as our Guest Speaker. While she retired in January 2019, she continues to give a wide range of programs on the history of clothing, textiles, quilts, dolls, and toys. Our theme this year is Victorian Textiles, and she will be presenting "Rituals of Romance: A History of Courtship and Weddings, 1830-1990" for us, sharing details of historical wedding outfits.



*Judge Eghart House 2020 Board of Directors:
Pictured L to R: Pat Smith, Pat Poole, Judy
Jones, Gina Taucher, Mary Kay Schuknecht,
Sue Dobberpuhl, Kar Eulgen, Barb Roob*

We need Volunteer Guides and Board Members!

- Our members are our best supporters. Please consider volunteering or suggesting someone to volunteer. We have two opportunities available: **Guides and Board Members**.
- Have fun! Learn about the history of Port Washington and the interesting Eghart family with a great group of friendly volunteers.
- Big impact, small time commitment! For Guides, the total time required is approximately 12-15 hours (3 Saturday afternoons) per summer season. You meet the most interesting people as you guide – they often increase our knowledge about history. Board Members typically do more – we have at least 5 meetings per year and there’s always a committee or two to participate in. If you have a specialty (publicity, fund raising, crafts, preservation, etc.) we need your skills in particular!
- Email info@egharthouse.org or message us on Facebook! We are also planning a prospective guide event – more to come!

Is there someone in your circle who may be interested in Port Washington or historic preservation? Please help us expand our membership base by sharing this additional membership form below with your friends, neighbors, and family members!

Judge Eghart House New Member 2024

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Dues are used to pay for the maintenance and capital improvements of this historic home. **Can you please help?**

Membership Categories – members receive free admission all season!

Annual _____ \$10

Supporting _____ \$25

Sustaining _____ \$100

Additional Donation _____

*Mail to: Eghart House Membership Chair, P.O. Box 87,
Port Washington, WI 53074*

Judge Eghart House Membership 2024

Thank you for your past support – please
renew now!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Dues help us with the upkeep of the historical home. We also have a huge maintenance need with our chimneys. Please indicate if you can give towards the chimney when you send in your membership – thank you!

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Please consider including the Judge Eghart House as a beneficiary in your estate planning. It is a means of leaving a lasting legacy in the Port Washington community.