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The Oconomowoc Historical Society has been dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the history of the Oconomowoc area since 1926.

Donations received support the Society activities and Museum operations, collections, tours and educational programs.



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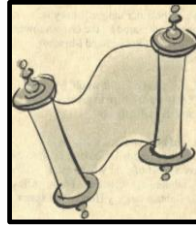
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Student \$2\_\_\_\_ Senior \$12\_\_\_\_  
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## LEGACY HONOR ROLL



### Make Some History Yourself

The Legacy Honor Roll is a way to designate a future gift in your memory.

We understand that loved ones are likely to be named as first recipients of your estate. But, many also choose to remember and support worthy causes they believe in and respect.

Share your love for the Oconomowoc area by supporting the OAHS&M with your Legacy Gift.

Contact the OAHS&M to get started. Ultimately, your gift may be expressed in words like these: "I bequest the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_ to the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society and Museum, Inc."

### Have Questions?

Call us at (262)569-0740. Please leave a message if the museum is closed and we will return your call.

All gifts are tax-deductible and donors will be sent acknowledgements.

OAHS&M is a charitable 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

## The Museum is Open All Year!

**May 1<sup>st</sup> through  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday in December**

### Visiting Hours

**1 pm to 4 pm**

**Thursday, Friday and Sunday  
(other dates will be announced)**



**Office Hours** - Tuesday and Thursday  
10 am – 4 pm All Year

**Research or object donations**  
call for information or appointment



### Groups Welcomed for tours

Please call or email to arrange an appointment well in advance of your preferred date.



Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



Wheelchair and Parking Accessible  
No food or Drink Please

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Life comes **NATURALLY** here



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It is the mission of the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society and Museum to serve our many constituencies as a community resource and learning center, committed to historic preservation and research and to inspire and encourage curiosity and passion for our historic treasures.

Museum Building was built in 1919 to be used as an Armory. This Museum was opened June 1991.

### PORTAL OF HISTORY

Native Americans. View the artfully decorated articles which represent culture from many areas of the U.S. It is known that the Potawatomie, Ho-Chunk and Menomonee Indians came through this area.

John Star Rockwell was the first entrepreneur in the area and is considered the *Father of Oconomowoc*. He built the first mill and created the first general store.

One Room School exhibits many things that you could have seen in a one room school. It features a 1919 restored Mother Goose Mural and a mid-1800s Broadwood piano.

## MAIN EXHIBIT HALL

Theater seating accommodates 55 and conveniently offers a program and TV viewing area. A disability ramp and door accesses the area directly from the street.

Circus Posters are an example of the entertainment of the late 1800s. The posters were found hidden in the walls of the old library. The library was the original home for the museum.

Canning Co. colorful mural extends the east wall and was in the office of the company. The artist Schoemer Lichtner was commissioned in the 1950s. Note the items in the painting cover from Lake Michigan to Madison and from the lake country area to mid Wisconsin where the canning company had facilities.

### VICTORIAN MANSION

Music Room – Features a mid-1800 Chickering & Sons piano. View the genealogy of Roy Henszey, his family and who founded Sentry Equipment.

Parlor – Comfort and elegance of Tea in a 1900 room to enjoy family and friends. Note a hair wreath and the lovely étagère. (what-not-shelf)

The Gazebo is a scaled replica of the gazebo that stood in City Park until 1935 when it was replaced with a band shell structure.

## MAIN EXHIBIT HALL

Dining Room – 1930s room featuring items from the Chicago Theater and Vaudeville family of Charles & Caroline Kohl.

Kitchen – before electricity a wood stove, cooking equipment and an ice box.

STREETS OF OCONOMOWOC  
Walk through the streets to view

Dentist Office – the 1950s equipment is from Dr. Hanson's office.

Barbershop – Note the bath tub and child's seat. Equipment was used in a Milwaukee shop from 1848-1898.

Printing Shop – actual equipment used by C. W. Brown who's family published the Oconomowoc Enterprise from 1936-1990.

John S. Rockwell Store – 1854 view of a general store, haberdashery and stocked with dry goods, tools, foods and candy. (exhibit by J. S. Rockwell Questers)

Wilkinson Medical Clinic – an example of a small town doctor's office. Equipment is from Dr. M. R. Wilkinson who began his practice in Oconomowoc in 1893.

Munger Photography Studio – features Douglas G. Munger's equipment and art. Known as one of the best portrait photographers in the late 1800's.

Summit Bank – facsimile of the stone façade and interior of the second oldest bank in the state.

## MAIN EXHIBIT HALL

Oconomowoc Public Library – see the children's "story hour" fireplace and original library chairs. (exhibit by Heritage Hills Questers)

Military Collections – "When America Calls" extends from the Civil War through Vietnam. This features the local heroes, memorabilia and equipment.

Toys – collection of hand crafted wood and metal toys, vintage dolls and cars.

Draper Hall – enjoy the collection of items and discover the many hotels of the late 1800s & early 1900s.

Telephones – a collection of vintage phones used over the years and a switchboard likely used in the area.

Early Farming Tools – experience handmade farm tools and vintage milking equipment of the 1800s.

Early Hardware Tools – Lorleberg founded his store in 1870. Tools are from 1800s thru early 1900s.

Strand Theater – view the history of film from silent studios to "talkies". The theater premiered the "Wizard of Oz" in 1939.

Early Business Community – enjoy viewing businesses that supported the community in 1800s and 1900s.

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Sports – view the many activities, hunting, fishing, bowling tennis, early skating and skiing competitions and high school sports.

Don Stewart Model Train layout in the 1960s it was one of Wisconsin's largest HO model layouts. It is now expanded, to take you on a mini ride through Wisconsin scenery on five or more trains. Included are a round house, famous Draper Hall, Carnation, the Depot and other familiar sites on the layout. The authentic depot desk and Morse code telegraph key from the early Oconomowoc depot complete the experience.

CENTER CASES  
Changing exhibits

Locks and Keys – view the collection from the 1840s to mid-1900s (loan from Don Weimer)

Light Bulbs – an extensive collection of light bulbs from the Thomas Edison Era to date exhibiting "then and now"

Irons – these work saving items date from the 1870s to mid-1900s. Featuring "Sad" irons.

Miniature Log Cabin – a product of patience, note the electric lights and detail upstairs and downstairs. (made by Betty Kienast)