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## Museum

## Open

Saturdays  
May thru October  
from 10 am - 2 pm

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Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all  
volunteers. Call them at 938-4315.

# RECOLLECTIONS

*Monticello Area Historical Society News*

Year 2019, No. 3

## Sid Boyum Sculptures

Dear Friends,

Once Fall starts to appear in tinted leaves and noisy crickets, we realize another year is winding down. The roofing replacement is scheduled to be done before the snow flies. The new paint project on the front of our building truly perks up Main St. Thanks Dan and Kay Freitag for including us! The elevator project is in the final stages. I'm looking forward to that first ride.

Thanks to Kim and Joni Buehl,

we are in for a special adventure for our October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. A visit to the old woolen mill site will be a fitting addition to brother Doug's book. We really appreciate your generous invitation!

Also, a big Thank –You, to all of you who served as docents this season. We remain open through October, on Saturdays from 10-2. May Burgy, the windows look wonderful.

Mary Davis

President MAHS

The museum windows will be wired with plugs for Christmas this year.. This will be an opportunity to share our heritage. Do you have an old photo of your family Christmas with favorite new toy / piece of clothing and tree? Please talk to Jules so he can arrange to have your photo scanned and printed before December 1.

Within this issue is reference to the circus train stopping in Monticello. Do you have a photo of the train?

# Monticello Area Historical Society News

The following history of Monticello was researched by Karen Brugger .

## Sid Boyum Sculptures--From Wisconsin State Journal

A group of Madison volunteers launched a campaign in February 2015 to buy the home of Sid Boyum, the self-taught artist whose quirky, colossal concrete sculptures were landmarks to

creativity across the East side of Madison. Boyum died in 1991 at age 77 and his house at 237 Waubesa Street was covered inside with his paintings and drawings from floor to ceiling had fallen into grave disrepair. Fans of the artist considered it stuffed with treasures. By November 2016 they had raised enough to buy the property. Then came the task of sorting through mountains of Boyum's art and making repairs to the long neglected property and finding homes for artworks created by the prolific Boyum. There was an open house for visitors to wander through the first floor, second floor not stable enough. A yard sale held of items Boyum collected or used during his lifetime. Originally, Friends of Sid Boyum hoped to turn the home into a museum but current plans are to preserve his artwork but sell the house. To convert the building which is in a residential neighborhood with limited parking would be a burden on the neighbors. Edgewood College might accept some of Boyum's 2-D work. Proceeds from the sale of the house would be used to set up an endowment for sculpture's care and long-time maintenance. Many have a significant presence on Madison's East side. There are still many more in his yard which backs up to Madison-Kipp Corporation and is located a block south of Goodman Community Center. Boyum worked as an industrial photographer, but as a self-taught artist also produced thousands of other photographs, drawings and paintings. He also created the whimsical fishing season opener posters that appeared in the Wisconsin State Journal from 1963-1989. They are now part of the Wisconsin



Located behind the Monticello Public Library

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Monticello Area Historical Society is the acquisition, documentation, preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to the history and culture of the Monticello area. This collection will be located in our museum, the former Woelffer Drug Store on Main Street in Monticello, Wisconsin.

### VISION STATEMENT

The Monticello Area Historical Society strives to promote an interest in the uniqueness of the Monticello area by collecting and displaying artifacts that tell our community history. We further endeavor to enrich the community by connecting them to the past and saving the present to enhance the future.

Wisconsin Historical Society collection. As of July 2019 there were 29 sculptures left in his former house's backyard. The residence was sold recently. A few will remain, three will be installed along the Capital City bike path. It is said Boyum's offbeat work "offers us a relief from the tedium of the absurd times we live in."

Note: Several of these sculptures are at locations in Monticello and can be seen at the Library, on the Island, the fountain, owl and Japanese piece in Montesian Gardens. Steve Boyum was the son of Sid and Margaret L. Klassy Boyum. After graduating from MHS in 1958 he completed work at Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and additional studies in Mexico. As a "starving artist" he supplemented his income as an interior-exterior house painter. Steve was well known in Monticello and passed away in 2010. His obit states his celebration of life was held at the Boar's Nest. Margaret Boyum was also a MHS graduate, attended Whitewater State Teacher's College and was a former teacher in the Monticello school system, later employed by the Madison Board of Education. She passed away in 1977.



## September 10, 1917--Monticello Messenger

Monticello Schools opened. Our new school building is thoroughly modern in every particular. It is well lighted and ventilated, equipped with an approved steam heating system, has bubbling drinking fountains on all floors, indoor toilets and a commodious assembly room. Graduates from this school may enter any college or university in this or any other state without examinations. The faculty consists of M. T. Rodda, Principal. J. S. Nelson-Science, Gertrude Schoeneman-History, Dorothy Mason-German & English, Lenora Damuth-5th and 6th, Frieda Benkert-3rd and 4th, Dorothy Polleys-1st and 2nd. The school board members were John Dick, President, Dr. Edward Blumer, Clerk and Otis Breylinger as Treasurer.





October 24, 2019

5:00– 7:00 p.m.



**October Membership Meeting—Woolen Mill Tour**

Guided tour of the Woolen Mill grounds and the old warehouse (pictured above.) You are welcome to drive out, but are encouraged to meet at the church parking lot at 4:50 to take the bus. **Members Only**—new member forms on page 7. Thank you Buehls!!



The following names were added to [www.monticellohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.monticellohistoricalsociety.org) obituary index in 2019. (1) = Duplicat first & last names and no middle initial. Women's maiden names aren't listed here but are available on the web site as are death dates

Abderhalden, Julia	Bontly, Alma	Elmer, Dora	Karlen, Gottfried
Abley, Jacob	Bontly, Esis	Elmer, John	Karlen, Samuel
Aeberehard, Leora	Bontly, Sophia	Elmer, Leon	Keller, Otto
Aebly, Melchior	Bontly, Wilbert A.	Elmer, Louisa	Kelly, Margaret
Aeschbacher, Peter	Booher, Joseph	Elmer, Marlea	Kennedy, Dominick
Albertson, Raymond	Booher, Lucinda	Feldman, Jacob	Kilgore, Ellen
Amstutz, Sam	Breylinger, Otis	Fenton, Maria	Klassy, Anna
Amstutz, Samuel	Brunner, Ralph E.	Ferguson, Sarah	Klassy, Harry
Amstutz, Sgt. Fred	Buehl, Robert	Figi, Leonard	Klassy, Jacob
Babler, Allan	Burleson, Peggy	Freitag, Jacob	Knobel, Edna
Babler, Conrad	Caldwell, Curtis	Freitag, Otto	Knobel, Fred
Babler, Ezra	Carroll, Dennis	Freitag, Verena	Krueger, Augusta
Babler, Henry L.	Carroll, William	Friedli, Gertrude	Krueger, Frank
Babler, HenryE	Cisewski, Daniel	Gempeler, Albert	Krueger, Rose
Babler, Oswald	Clarke, Emma	Gempeler, Fred	Kruesi, Herman E.
Babler, Rosa H.	Clarke, Geneva	Gempeler, Fred E.	Kubly, Margaret
Babler, Rose	Clarke, William S.	Gemperli, John	Kubly, Marian .R
Babler, Ursula	Coughlin, Carolina	Gerber, Fred	Kubly, Philippine
Babler, Vincent	Crouch, Samuel	Grossen, Margaret	Kundert, Mary
Baebler, John H.	Curran, Ann	Grossen, Richard	Laeser, Jason
Bandi, Arnold	Dearth, Joann M.	Hancock, Caroline	Laird, Alpheus
Barlow, Nora	Derendinger, Anna	Hefty, Henry	Legler, George
Barnes, Henry	Dietz, Sarah	Hefty, Magdalena	Legler, George Sr.
Barney, Milo	Disch, Emeritha	Hoesly, Ida	Lehr, John
Baumgartner, Anton (1)	Disch, Leonia	Holdrich, Margaret	Lehr, Richard
Baumgartner, Jacob	Disch, Madaline	Holloway, Caroline	Lemon, Rebecca
Becker, Casper	Disch, Silvan F.	Humiston, Fred	Lemon, William
Benkert, David	Dooly, Celia	Humiston, Ira	Lengacher, Julia
Benkert, William H.	Dooly, Eugene	Isely, Christian	Lewis, Amza
Bergum, Jeffrey	Dooly, John	Isely, George	Lewis, George
Bidlingmaier, Merlin	Dooly, Mary	Itten, Christian	Lewis, Nellie
Blum, Casper	Dooly, Mary A.	Itten, Lydia	Lewis, Shirley
Blum, Dolores	Dooly, Richard Sr.	Jenny, Ursula	Lewis, Walter
Blum, Emma	Dooly, Tessie	Jordan, Leonard	Lien, Howard C.
Blum, Henry	Doyle, Peter	Jordan, Rosina	Lien, Selmer
Blumer, Bernice	Duerst, Fern	Jordan, William	Ludington, Betty
Blumer, Wilma	Eckburg, Anna	Jordan, William Jr.	Lynn, Mary
Bolender, Harold	Edwards, Polly	Karlen, Ernest	Lynn, Spencer

Magoon, Maria	Pierce, Elizabeth	Schmid, Claude	Weissmiller, Edward
Marty, Barbara	Pierce, Gusta	Schuler, Nettie	Wendler, Orpha
Marty, Barbara (1)	Ploog, Blanche	Schultz, Anna	Wittenwyler, Jacob1
Marty, Casper	Pluss, Barbara	Schultz, August	Wittwer, Christine
Marty, Conrad	Pratt, David	Schultz, Barbara	Wittwer, Ellen
Marty, Edward B.	Prisk, Elizabeth	Schweizer, Hans	Wittwer, Gottfried
Marty, Henry	Puttkamer, Hulda	Schwerin, Elmer F.	Wittwer, Maude
Marty, Herman	Rhyner, Leonard	Schwerin, Louise	Woelffer, Royal Sr.
Marty, Melody S.	Richards, Henry .T	Smith, Jennie	Wright, Arthur A.
McCaslin, Charline	Richards, Mabel	Speich, Christ	Wright, Edgar
McGoon, Martha	Richards, Martha J.	Speich, Jacob C.	Wyss, Robert
Messerli, Christian	Richards, S. Earle	Staedtler, John	Yaun, Mrs.
Milbrandt, Lillian	Ringhand, Walter	Stauffacher, Henry	Youssi, Emanuel
Milbrandt, Martha	Risley, Melissa	Stauffacher, Susanna	Youssi, Fred
Milbrandt, Minnie	Ritschard, Gertrude	Stauffer, Edward	Zeller, John
Miller, Carl	Robert, Anna	Stauffer, Katharina	Zentner, Euphemia
Minnig, John	Roethlisberger, Barbara	Stauffer, Lillian	Zentner, Hilarius
Moore, Florence	Roethlisberger, Wm.	Stauffer, Nicolaus	Zimmerli, Fred
Moritz, JohnSr	Rolph, Etta	Steinmann, Martha	Zimmerman, Anna
Moritz, Martha	Rolph, Fred	Strommen, Rosemary	Zimmerman, Ella
Moser, Johny	Rolph, Mary	Studley, Frank	Zimmerman, Katharine
Moser, Lydia	Rolph, Rosa	Theiler, Christian	Zimmerman, Robert J.
Mosher, Reuben	Ross, Esther	Theiler, Reinhart	Zoller, Ludwig
Murphy, Cynthia	Ross, Joseph	Theiler, Sophia	Zum Brunnen, Gottlieb
Naylor, Gladys M.	Ruenger, Paul	Thoman, Hilda	Zumstein, Elsie
Neville, Martin	Rufer, Carl	Veeje, Paul	Zweifel, Anna
Niffenegger, Talmadge	Rufer, Fred	Voegeli, Elfa	Zweifel, John
Norton, Alice	Schaer, Verena	Voegeli, Emil	Zweifel, Lena (1)
O'Bel, Tina	Schiesser, John	Voegeli, Henry	Zweifel, Regula
Pagel, Christian	Schlittler, Gwentyh	Voegeli, Regula	Zweifel, Regula (1)
Pagel, Louise	Schmid, Alvin C.	Wallom, Edwin B.	
Pederson, Clifford	Schmid, Christ	Wallom, Siddle	<b>Thank you Roger Dooley</b>



## Memories from the class of 1959

(Class visited museum August 15th, 2019 as part of their 60th class reunion)

*Tom Marty* - On occasional trips to Monticello from our farm, with my mother, we made an almost certain stop at Woelffer's drugstore for a chocolate soda.

*Sharon Durtschi Knobel*—I so remember the free movies down by the old swimming pool. At this drugstore we could get fresh popcorn that was made in a machine in front of the drugstore. Ida Woeffler, Roy's wife usually made the popcorn.

One Sunday a group of us went to the old R.R. tunnel and we walked through AND a train came through. OMG We were so scared.

I remember walking past the Blacksmith shop with the doors open, and the smells.

*Richard Wichser*—remembers tanks being transported on the Ill. Central (Badger State Trail today). There were doors on both ends of the tunnel with guards—2 on each end. Trains having white flags on front meant ammo on train.

*Carolyn Pederson*—Fond memories remain with going to the grocery stores, Monticello Bank, roller skating up on top of Karlen Ford, M&M Restaurant when Max made hamburgers in his secret recipe of shortening. Meet there and the Casino after basketball games for something to eat before going home.

*Mary Baebler Christensen*—My dad's dental practice was first above Strieff's Store. In the corner of his lab that faced the Bank from the second story for years was a long barreled gun the Bank had given him just in case there was a robbery.

*JoAnne Schneider Marty*—Worked at drugstore from 1956-1960. Cigarette display was by southwest corner. Boys were devils and stole cigs after basketball practice. In 1960 I received 85 cents / hour. Most sales were jewelry, Evening Paris perfume, and candy. When there were free movies behind the Village Hall / Fire Dept., popcorn sold for 10 cents at drugstore. I would help decorate window displays.

*Beverly Ostby*—Mom used to bring in eggs to Bill Blum at People's Supply. Traded for groceries.

*Mary Klassy Wichser*—Remember the drug store soda fountain, always a strawberry soda or a phosphate, my favorite was lemon-lime. Loved spending time with John and JoRene Steinmann in the family home. My grandfather Emil Escher lived on the same street.

*Phillip Knobel*—remembers circus trains stopping for water here in Monticello.

*Richard Freitag "Fuzzy"* - I was the one who would put the clock ahead in English class, before dinner, to get out 5 minutes early. Clock was usually behind, until it fell off wall in my hands.

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## THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, **EXCEPT** JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, IN THE NORTH ROOM OF ZWINGLI CHURCH AT 7:00 PM IN MONTICELLO,

### MAHS Museum

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### Hours of Operation

The museum will be open  
May 4 until October 26, 2019  
but can be open by appointment for anyone or a  
group wishing to stop by.

For special group or individual tours,  
call the museum at (608) 938-4216 or send your request to  
mahs@tds.net.

Admission to the museum is free and  
a quarterly newsletter from your home  
town is included with your  
membership.

Please consider including the  
Monticello Area Historical Society in  
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A guided tour of the museum can be  
arranged for all groups anytime.

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