

Colonial Dispatch

Newsletter of the Wisconsin Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

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From your State President!

Dear friends,

The purpose of this newsletter is to notify the state membership of activities on the chapter, state and national level. I hope you will take time to read this newsletter, as there is important information included.

I want to thank all of you who raised your hand and volunteered to help with the 30th Anniversary Party, scheduled for Saturday, October 27th in Milwaukee. We are working on several other projects: our new fundraising project and the luncheon at our National Conference in Washington, DC in April 11-13, 2013.

Please mark your calendars. We hope to have a good turnout in Milwaukee & DC.

Jennifer

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**NSCDXVIIC
National Conference
was held in
Washington, D.C.
at the elegant
Mayflower Hotel
April 12-14, 2012.**

About 300 delegates attended from through out the United States and Canada, which also has a chapter. Jennifer Ehle, Alice Byrnes and Mary Howden represented the Wisconsin State Society.

The following are some highpoints from the National Conference:

- * During the past year, 300 dames died.
- * The Treasurer General and Technology Support Chairman were recognized by the President General for outstanding contributions to the National Society. Selena has been very helpful to the Wisconsin State Society for upgrading our website.

* The 100th Anniversary Quilt was displayed at National Conference. [Ellen Kuchta mad the quilt square for the Wisconsin State Society]. The quilt contains 48 squares, 8"x8." Mrs. James Owens was the quilter who quilted the quilt squares together. There are tentative plans to make note cards of the entire quilt.

* The current membership for the National Society is about 10,250. Applications were approved for 717 members in 2011. 309 members were dropped or resigned. The Registrar General and her genie staff approved 1,032 supplementals in 2011 and 400 in 2012.

* Members were encouraged not to sell their insignia on ebay.

* All but seven states have websites.

* There is talk about starting a Heraldry Club.

I believe that they said: the charter members will be new members between 2012-2013.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Annual deadlines for the REVIEW:

October 15, 2012,
January 15, 2013 &
May 15, 2013

Instructions are on the last page of the *Review*. Mail articles/photos to editor Mrs. Michael (Betsy) Jones:
cd17review@gmail.com

next deadline for supplementals:

December 14th

**Next
National Conference,
Washington, D.C.,
Mayflower Hotel:
April 11-13, 2013**

AWARDS

The Wisconsin State Society received the following awards at National Conference due to our activities and completion of state report forms in January 2012:

- * financial contributions;
- * largest national donation;
- * greatest insignia dollar value & largest amount of insignia purchased;
- * largest number of approved supplementals;
- * greatest veteran dollar value & greatest number of veteran hours;
- * most new Junior members;
- * National Library Fund;
- * Most documented library volunteer hours;
- * Most books donated locally.

Wisconsin is in Division 2 and competes with the following states: District of Columbia, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Utah.



Interview with Lea Fowler, Assistant Librarian

Most dames want to visit the Library at the Headquarters Building during their visit, which I highly recommend.

This year I wanted to learn more about the five new Dell Optiplex 3903 computers that had been purchased for the Library to replace the Athena computers. Two computers were placed in the Library with the remaining computers placed in the Library offices for Bea, Abraham and Steve to use. The computers are easier to use and can be linked with the Library of Congress card catalogue.

The Library Committee consists of five members from primarily Virginia and Maryland.

Executive Board & Board of Management Meeting, 18 August 2012

Time: 10 AM

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 Broad Street, Menasha.

Adjourn: by 3 PM

Social Event

for all members and family members, Friday, August 17th at 5:30 PM at the Red Ox.

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Please notify Mary Howden if you plan to attend.

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Pertinent Bylaws for upcoming Executive Board & Board of Management Meeting and more:

Recently, I looked at the state bylaws and they were very helpful.

It answered several questions and provided helpful information.

The name of our State Society:

Article 1, Section 1: This Society shall be known as the Wisconsin State Society.

The Executive Board and its duties:

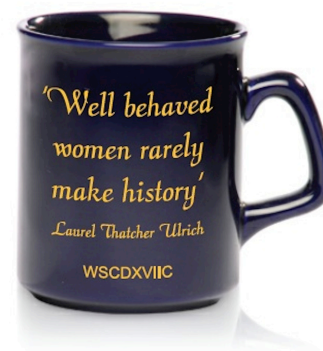
Article VIII: Boards Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the elected State Officers. The State Parliamentarian may attend the Executive Board Meetings by invitation of the State President without a vote.

The Executive Board's duties are to transact current business of the State Society, to act in emergencies and to make recommendations to the Board of Management.

The Board of Management and its duties:

Article V111: Boards Section 2: The State Board of Management consists of all National Officers & National Chairmen who reside within the state, State Officers and State Chairmen, Honorary State Presidents, Chapter Presidents and Organizing Chapter Presidents.

The Board of Management shall consider matters that affect the welfare of the State Society including recommendations from the Executive Board and Board of Management. It shall submit policies, plans for future projects and a budget to the State Conference for approval.



A motion was approved at State Conference that the State Society should purchase 144 mugs to sell as a fundraiser. The mugs are cobalt blue, ten oz. in volume, with gold lettering that reads:

Well behaved women rarely make history / Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

The mugs cost \$10 each. Ruth placed the initial order with <http://www.discountmugs.com>, pre-ordering 94 mugs. The anticipated profit from the sale of 144 mugs is \$599.32.

Julie Stuhlmacher will sell the remaining mugs. An ad has been placed in the October issue of *The Seventeenth Century Review*.

CHARTERING CEREMONY

We hope that you will be able to attend the chartering ceremony at the 30th Anniversary Party, which will be celebrated at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee on 27 October 2012.

Invitations have been mailed to the President General and other National Officers. We are awaiting their response, specifically from the President General and the Registrar General. The Organizing Secretary has stated that she will be unable to attend.

There are many people involved in the planning of this event, including Diane Schneider who designed and underwrote the cost of the "Save the Card" and Fran Zamora who will be adding the names of the original ninety members to the charter.

STATE HISTORY

Mrs. Gretchen Warda of Hartford was instrumental in creating the Wisconsin State Society. She was the first president of the Edward Jackson Chapter, first state Organizing President, and first State President. Her efforts were recognized by the Organizing Secretary at the 1980 National Conference for organizing the first chapter in Wisconsin and in 1981 for chartering the chapter in less than six months.

The Edward Jackson Chapter was organized on 14 December 1979 and chartered 27 June 1980. Its bylaws were passed 11 March 1980.

The Benjamin Cooley Chapter was organized 11 June 1982 and chartered 8 October 1982. Jean (Mrs. Burton W.) Rentmeister of Fond du Lac was the Chapter President. The chapter disbanded in 1986.

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35 stated that the roster and supplement for the two chapters were donated to the State Historical Society and Milwaukee Public Library.

The Robert Williams Chapter was organized 20 July 1982 and chartered 13 October 1982. Mrs. Arnie (Bonita) Birnstengl of Boyceville was the Organizing President and first Chapter President. The bylaws were approved 14 August 1982.

The Wisconsin State Society was organized 12 November 1982. Barbara (Mrs. Orville) W. Roberts, president of the Edward Jackson Chapter, was the State Organizing President. Ms. Warda was elected the State President.

The Mathys Conrads Hooghtelling Chapter was organized 26 September 1983. Marian (Mrs. Joseph E.) Kassak

was the Chapter President.

The Reginald Foster Chapter was organized 5 March 1988 and chartered 7 May 1988. Grace (Mrs. Louis) Knipp of Janesville was the Organizing President. Priscilla Hargraves was the first Chapter President. The bylaws were approved 8 February 1988.

DIGITAL BOOKS

“As a retired librarian, I needed a hobby and wanted to assist people doing genealogical research so I started www.genealogybooklinks.com. I began locating and providing links to freely available digital books, focusing on American biographies, genealogies, and history books. Today there are over 30,000 links from more than 35 sources (only the top sources are listed on the site).

The [Wisconsin Historical Society](http://www.wisconsinhistoricalsociety.org) has numerous county histories scanned, searchable, and free.

The current focus is on surnames, directories, vital records, and identifying smaller sites with local area-specific books.

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) will no longer mail registration forms to its members for upcoming genealogy workshops starting this fall. Notices will be sent by email. If you want to be on their mailing list, contact Asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org

Class registration information will posted on their website in August for Fall classes and in January for Spring classes.

Website: www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes

MONEY

Have you ever wondered how much money your ancestors had? Or how much something was worth?

Check out this website: <http://www.measuringworth.com/ppowerus>



President General Jan S. Lockard and Wisconsin State President, Jennifer Eager Ehle, at the opening of the Eighty Eighth Conference, March 2012, Washington, D.C.

WISCONSIN CDXVIIC SCHOLARSHIP
Wisconsin State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

Purpose: The Wisconsin State Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century, has established this scholarship fund* to provide post high school educational opportunities for members, past and present, and descendants of those members of the Wisconsin State Society.

Amount: A \$300 scholarship is granted for one year. An additional one-time \$300 renewal may also be requested.

Eligibility: Eligibility should be based on, but not limited to:

1. Completed formal application for Scholarship
2. Minimum sophomore level at a four year accredited college or acceptance at an accredited graduate school, and enrolled in a degree program.
3. The applicant must have carried a GPA of 3.0 from the last semester of school and a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits/hours OR 9 Master's level credit/hours and be enrolled in school. Credits/hours may not be combined from two or more different sessions/semesters to qualify for this scholarship.
5. Two students from the same family may apply concurrently for the scholarship.
6. A current member, or lineal descent from a previous member of the Wisconsin State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century who has resigned in good standing. Descendants of deceased members must show that the member was in good standing at the time of her death.

Selection: The Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee, consisting of five Wisconsin State Society, Colonial Dames XVII members, who will annually review applications and make scholarship recommendations to the State Board of Management at their Summer/Fall meeting.

Application Procedure:

Applicant must submit all the following paperwork to the Scholarship Chairman prior to the deadline:

1. Formal application - forms are available from the Chairperson of the Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee. It is the student's responsibility to request the application for the Wisconsin Scholarship.
2. Each applicant should request an official transcript from the school. The school will send the transcript to the Chairperson of the Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee.
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members must be included with the application. The recommendation should be from someone who is familiar with the student's academic skills and abilities; i.e., academic advisor, professor.
4. A personal letter from the applicant containing a statement of personal goals. Other supporting materials may include: academic, community and church activities and achievements.
5. Descent from the Society member must be proven.

Deadline: All required materials should be filed with the Chairperson of the Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee no later than February 15th for the fall semester.

Renewal: After being awarded a scholarship for the first time, a qualified recipient may request an additional one-time renewal. A "qualified student" means that the student requested a renewal of the scholarship before the deadline and carried a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits/hours or 9 Master's level credit/hours from the last semester of school. Any student requesting a renewal must contact the Chairman either by e-mail or post mail by the specified deadlines to document this request.

Chairperson:

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*Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law.

Revision approved: Wisconsin State Society CDXVIIC Conference 17 March 2012

WISCONSIN STATE CDXVIIC SCHOLARSHIP
Wisconsin State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

Please check: _____ New Application _____ Renewal Application

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ FAX Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

If applicant is a member of Colonial Dames XVII Century, please list membership numbers:

_____ Chapter Name: _____

Or list member's name/relationship from whom you are descended:

Note: No money will be sent to you. The Scholarship monies will be deposited with the college / university in which you are enrolled for the fall term.

Name and Address of College/University where monies are to be sent:

Telephone Number: _____ and FAX: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Wisconsin CDXVIIC Scholarship Committee use only:

Date Application Received: _____

Date Letter of Recommendation Received: _____

Date Official Transcript Received: _____

Date Personal Letter Received: _____

Membership Information Reviewed on _____ by _____

Member found to be in good standing _____ Yes _____ No

Scholarship monies sent to College/University _____ Yes/No Date: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Form amended 8-2009

Form amended 3-2012

HERALDRY UPDATE

Over 550 COA's have been charted at National. There location is available on the members section of the Society's website.

By the end of July 2012, about 12,700 COA's will have been approved. Maureen Singer, our National Heraldry Chairman, will have this new National Roll of Armigers ready for look ups, just email her at singer6307@peoplepc.com

The "Visitations" done by the Heralds by county or shire are also available on-line. Each entry usually contains a "tree" and a description of the Coat of Arms, Crest and Motto.

You can also purchase Heraldry application paper from her. There is a 10-day turn-around from submission of

application to approval. She recommends sending just one check for the entire package, if there is more than one application in the same envelope. It's ok to staple like items: original pages stapled together, each copy stapled, reference material with the titled page stapled, etc. She returns all reference material with your copy of the application and the certificate.

You can use the wife (spouse) of your Colonial ancestor without having a supplemental on her. Quite often the spouse's family had their own distinguished ancestry and heraldry.

The cost of insignias has increased. The Heraldry pin is now \$79, charm is \$66, and the bar is \$51. We don't know if there is any change on the 75cent cost per letter or the \$8 posting and shipping charges.

Chapter Heraldry workshops

The Edward Jackson Chapter had a very successful heraldry workshop at Diane's church, which provided lots of space to spread out, review books and work. Fran Zamora brought an abundance of heraldry books that everyone studied. There was an abundance of food and liquid refreshments, while Diane manned the coping machine. It was a great success!

Tentative plans are in place for the Reginald Foster chapter to meet at the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) on Monday, October 22nd, in the third floor Board Room. Marian Fiasca & Ellen Kuchta are planning to provide guidance. There will be many books available at WHS and Memorial Library, plus food at the Memorial Union.

Edward Jackson members are invited to attend.

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**FUTURE
CHAPTER
MEETINGS**

Date: October 20, 2012
at Winkie's house.
Program: Trees from
Home.

Date: December 8,
2012. Program: Holiday
Get-Together. Location:
to be determined.



Date: February 2013 at
the Edgewater Hotel.
Date to be determined.
Program: Elections.



Date: July 13, 2013 at
Melanie Farrell's, Town
of Erin. Program: Annual
Meeting.

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**Calendar of Events
Reginald Foster
Chapter**

September 8, 2012,
10 AM at the UW-
Whitewater Special
Collections and Area
Research Center and
Archives. Archivist
Karen Weston will
provide a private tour.
Rock, Walworth and
Jefferson county
materials are found at this
facility.

October 13, 2012,
10 AM at the Hedberg
Library Meeting Room,
Janesville. Program:
Women's work in the
17th century: Tools of the
Trade. Members and
prospectives will review
the professions of their
17th century female
ancestors for special
professions or home-
makers.

October 22nd, 2012, all
day at the third floor
Board Room of
Wisconsin Historical
Society for a heraldry
workshop. Coordinator:
Jennifer Ehle.