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Potluck & Program

Doug Gertz

Thursday February 20th – Bay Lodge

6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. program

Main dish will be provided by the Historical Society. Bring your own place setting and beverage of choice – alcohol is permitted at Bay Lodge.

Last name beginning with:

A-J bring a dessert for ten; **K-Z** bring a side dish for ten.

There will be a \$10 charge for non-members at the door.

Program

Presentation by Gary Ebert, Former Bay Village Law Director

RSVP to Doug Gertz by Monday 2/17

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President's Message

Cathy Flament

The Christmas Season at Rose Hill was once again a success thanks to our tremendous volunteers, including many from surrounding communities. None of this would have been possible without the teamwork they exhibited. Music, demonstrations, tours, PR and general sharing about our wonderful facilities proved to be successful as we spread the word! If you were unable to visit, you missed an impressive show of hats from the Ann DiBenedetto collection and festive seasonal decorations. Ann's daughter, Patti Corna, graciously shared two seasonal displays this year. We are forever indebted to her faithful dedication. Due to the popularity of the shows, the board has decided to extend it with new displays on a more limited basis for the upcoming season. The hats are a unique fashion statement and worth the visit. One fun sidenote was seeing how many individuals visited with the hats and celebrated the display!

We are currently gearing up for the 2025/2026 season and already have special tours and talks scheduled for the upcoming months. One of the groups we hosted in December was a Brownie troop. Attendees and volunteers all seemed to have fun and it was a special way to involve children in learning about history and traditions.

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President's Message (cont'd)

Cataloguing accessions continues to be a major focus and we have made great headway this past year. The more volunteer support we get to help with the cataloguing, the faster we will be able to complete the original collection. Why not lend a hand if you have a couple of hours? I'm sure you will find it a rewarding experience and learn some interesting inside info on our local history!

Please consider a leadership role within the Historical Society. We have several positions that will be open and are looking for your assistance. As previously mentioned, I will be stepping down as president but will continue on as the archivist and curator of the collection. What is your passion? How can we incorporate your skills into continuing to make our organization one of the best in the state? We can use transcribers, writers, docents, those willing to clean – you name it and we can fit you in somewhere. Many hands make light work and we can use "all hands on deck"!

I am looking forward to seeing our local members at the February general meeting.

Rose Hill Christmas 2025



Activities included:
Family photos with Santa, nutcracker scavenger hunts, live performances and crafting demonstrations.
There was historical fun for every age!

Patrons (cont'd)

Sonia Coulton
Annette & Steve Dever
Pamela & Gary Ebert
Karen & Doug Gertz
Doris Gorgas
Sue & Herman Jachnick
Thomas Jones
Richard Lutz
Mary Kay McLean
Susan & Ed Neal
J. Marshall Osborn
Catherine & Dan Rettig
Judith & Donald Trask
Mary & Barry Ward
Kathy & Pete Winzig
Cynthia & Ralph
Woehrmann
United Methodist Women

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*Thank you to all of our
donors for your
continued support!*
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Open Nominations for Board Positions

We are asking all members to consider that the Bay Village Historical Society can only exist and thrive with your support – both financially and through volunteer service. We are always looking for help in our extraordinary Rose Hill Museum, our one of a kind Cahoon Memorial Cabin, and our excellent Osborn Learning Center. Volunteers can also assist with archival activities, decorating for the holidays, helping with the now annual Pioneer Days, and more. Please contact any of our Board members (contact info below) with your interest in helping in any of the areas listed.

The election of Board officers occurs at our annual meeting in May, which provides an opportunity for more members to get involved with keeping our society vital. Our biggest need for this election is to fill the role of Board President, currently held by Cathy Flament who has done an amazing job of bringing our archives and historical collection up to date!

Board Member Contact Information:

- Cathy Flament – President (cbflament@sbcglobal.net)
- Doug Gertz – Vice President (drgbay@gmail.com)
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Trivia Tuesdays



Think you know Bay Village history?

Test your knowledge of some of our city's lesser known tidbits with our new Trivia Tuesday series! Each Tuesday in February and March we will quiz our social media followers and share fun facts on everything from surprising archaeological finds to Ida Marie Cahoon's preferred pose for portraits.

Don't miss out! Follow the Historical Society on Facebook and Instagram:

 Bay Village Historical Society

 @bayvillagehistorical

Estate Planning

Eric Eakin

I'd like to share with you some of the best reasons to create or update your will today, and perhaps remember the Bay Village Historical Society in it!

First, August was national Make-A-Will-Month. Now is the time!

Second, a will makes it easy for your loved ones to carry out your requests, and ensure your legacy.

A will also helps ensure the future of your family and the causes you love.

Please consider naming the Bay Village Historical Society in your will and, when you do, let us know so we can recognize and thank you.

Your legacy gift will help ensure the Bay Village Historical Society's beautiful, historic facilities remain viable and accessible to all who wish to be inspired by local history. It will help provide our community with valuable experiences and opportunities for learning. Your historical society builds connections and memories and brings joy to people of all ages. This is your chance to preserve your legacy and make a big difference!

As always, thank you for considering a bequest to the Bay Village Historical Society, no matter the amount!

