

Hoard Museum shines light on past

Reprint of press release from Hoard Historical Museum

Visit the Hoard Historical Museum and discover our area's unique history. Only here do we have Native American Mounds, Abraham Lincoln, duck hunting, and a rich cultural past. Also, we are free! No admission is charged to visit the Hoard Historical Museum.

Explore the Mysteries of the Mounds Gallery on the first floor and watch the 17-minute video explaining why Native Americans built earthen mounds around here over the past 2,000 years. In the Lincoln Era Library and Exhibit, learn the history of the Black Hawk War of 1832, the founding of Fort Koshkonong, and role that Abraham Lincoln played in the war.

The Museum also contains the Frank & Luella Hoard House (built c. 1865) who was the son of Wisconsin Governor, W. D. Hoard. The first floor has partially been restored to what it might have looked like while the Hoards lived there. The second floor shares our rich local history and contains exhibits devoted to the legacy of duck hunting on Lake Koshkonong, local poet Lorine Niedecker, local fire and police departments, local taxidermists and early naturalists.

The Dwight & Almira Foster House (built c.

1841) was moved to the museum's grounds in 1969, and is furnished with 19th-century furniture and household items. It is open the first Saturday of every month from June through September and is also available for touring by advance reservation. The recently remodeled National Dairy Shrine Museum contains two floors of displays and a multimedia show that shares the rich past, present, and future of dairying in Wisconsin and the United States. You will crave ice cream at the end of your visit, we promise!

The Hoard Historical Museum also has many changing exhibits and shows including the annual Mary Hoard Art Show, the Black Hawk Artists Show; and various other local history exhibits. We have rotating exhibits that display our wonderful collection of quilts, artwork, Native American tools, and other artifacts.

We also host exciting programs and events such as the Dairy Day at the "Moo"seum in June, our Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on July 4th, Civil War and Gov. Hoard Day in October and our Annual Holiday Open House in December. Check the Museum's website calendar for listings and dates, www.hoardmuseum.org. Like us on Facebook for more information.

The Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine Museum are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and are free to visit. Stay an hour or stay all day. Interested in helping this vibrant organ-

ization? Join the Fort Atkinson Historical Society and/or become a volunteer and help support the Museum! For more information call the Museums at 920-563-7769 or send an email to info@hoard-museum.org.



Visit the Mysteries of the Mounds Gallery at the Hoard Historical Museum. It is a permanent gallery devoted to preserving the remaining geometric and animal-shaped earthen mounds in this area. Discover who built the mounds and why. (Photo courtesy of the Hoard Historical Museum)



Shown here is a front view of the Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine Museum, located at 401 Whitewater Avenue, in Fort Atkinson. The Museums are operated by the City of Fort Atkinson, the Fort Atkinson Historical Society, and the National Dairy Shrine. (Photo courtesy of the Hoard Historical Museum)

World War I exhibits and programs mark 100th anniversary

Revised press release from Hoard Historical Museum

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the U.S. involvement in World War I. Known as the "Great War" and "The War to End all Wars," WWI began in 1914, the U.S. joined in 1917, and the war ended in 1918. The war sent thousands of young men overseas from the U.S. and dramatically changed the course of events for the 20th century.

In commemoration of WWI, the Greater Jefferson County Historical Societies and Museums will be opening a county-wide series of exhibits detailing the history of WWI in Jefferson County. The goal is to highlight how the war affected every town in Jefferson County in similar but unique ways. Participating historical societies and museums include: Bark River Woods (Hebron), Cambridge Historic School Museum, Hoard Historical Museum (Fort Atkinson), Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills-Aztalan, Town of Sullivan (Rome), Waterloo, Watertown, and the Whitewater Depot Museum.

Over Memorial Day weekend, participating historical societies and museums will each open an exhibit dedicated to the history of WWI in their own communities. The exhibits will run through the summer. Open dates and times for the societies and museums for Memorial Day weekend are as follows: Bark River Woods in Hebron (Sunday from 12-3 p.m.); Cambridge Historic School Museum (Saturday from 12:30-3 p.m.); Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson (Saturday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), Jefferson (Saturday from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and Monday beginning at 9 a.m.); Johnson Creek (Monday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); Lake Mills-Aztalan (Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12-4 p.m.); Sullivan-Rome (Monday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.); Waterloo (Sunday from 1-4 p.m.); Watertown (Saturday and Sunday from noon-3 p.m.); and Whitewater Depot Museum (Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.).

This unique experience will only be found at the Greater Jefferson County Historical Societies and Museums. For more information, contact the individual historical societies, visit www.hoardmuseum.org/calendar/wwi-exhibit or call the Hoard Historical Museum at 920-563-7769.



Fort Atkinson Historical Society *Hoard* **HISTORICAL MUSEUM** NATIONAL DAIRY SHRINE'S VISITORS CENTER



Lincoln Era Exhibit



Niedecker Exhibit



Bird Room

Welcome to
Fort Atkinson!

A local history museum with many interesting stories to share, the Hoard Historical Museum is like no other. Here you'll find out about Sauk warrior, Black Hawk, and the 1832 Black Hawk War.

Discover what kind of soldier young Abraham Lincoln was and learn how "Fort Atkinson" came to be. Explore the contributions of two locals of whom we're very proud: William Dempster Hoard, the father of American dairying; and Lorine Niedecker, world famous poet.

In between all this, you'll see amazing collections of artifacts, artwork, and much more. Be sure to check out our newest long term exhibit, Mysteries of the Mounds, on the main level and second floor.

Visitors will also enjoy The National Dairy Shrine's Museum, which features a multimedia show that captures the sights and sounds of dairy farming: past, present, and future.

Mysteries Of The Mounds
Gallery & Theater

FREE ADMISSION!
There is no admission charge to visit the Hoard Museum.

Long Term Exhibits • The Lincoln Library
The Bird Room • Lorine Niedecker
Mysteries of the Mounds Gallery
The Foster House

New Exhibit
Legacy of Duck Hunting on Lake Koshkonong
Permanent Exhibit
Open Now



Museum Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9:30 to 4:30
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