Our Mission

*Old World Foundation enhances the preservation of Wisconsin history through local, independent support of museum visitation, educational outreach and maintenance of artifacts and buildings.*

Photo by Jim Kurovsky
2019 Photo Contest
1st Place People and Best of Show
Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters of Old World Foundation,

Two years ago I assumed the role of Chair of your Foundation. Now, due to term limits, my time in this role has come to an end. The time has gone by in a flash, but every day of this time has been a wonderful experience for me. One of the reasons that this has been so enjoyable is the chance to work with Gwen and Annie. These two ladies are competent, intelligent, and dedicated to the success of our Old World Foundation. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

During these two years, there have been very positive processes taking place. We have seen a continuation of your generosity and support for Old World Wisconsin.

Again this past year, the Foundation has already written checks to OWW for amounts in excess of $92,000.

One major change in the past year was the introduction of the Sunset Soiree event. Last fall I introduced a Chair’s Challenge to raise $25,000 to complete major renovations to the Clausing Barn, including a complete paint job. This June we held the first Annual Sunset Soiree where we completed the fundraising for this project. When the totals were completed, over $26,000 was raised between the special gifts from last year’s ethnic dinners and the “Giving from your Heart” portion of the Sunset Soiree auction. This project should be completed by the time you read this letter, but it is not yet done while I am writing the letter. The cost of this project is not included in the amount referenced above for our support of OWW.

Be sure to mark your calendars for August 8, when this event will take place in 2020. Those of us who were lucky enough to get tickets for this year’s event had a delightful time enjoying appetizers out in the Village and then a fine dinner in Clausing Barn. It was a perfect summer’s evening and with the change to August, we should be able to continue to have nearly perfect weather.

Hopefully, you have also seen the wonderful upgrades to the 1880’s Yankee Farmhouse (the Sanford House). These upgrades were also paid for from a grant through your Old World Foundation. The wonderful historic buildings of OWW need constant maintenance and care in order to preserve them for all to enjoy. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful historic buildings in the museum collection. It is my dream that they can be properly preserved so that my grandchildren can enjoy them as much as my wife, Nancy, and I enjoy them.

As my term comes to an end, I enthusiastically pass the gavel to Hans Pregler. Hans has been an excellent board member for several years and I am confident he will be a great chair. May he enjoy this role as much as I have enjoyed this honor.

Thank you for your continued support of our Old World Foundation,

Terry Dignan
Chair of the Board
Old World Foundation

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Thank You from Old World Foundation!

Time flies, as I get older, that becomes more apparent. Although this year seemed to pass in a blink of an eye, YOU accomplished much at Old World Wisconsin, and we hope that you had fun along the way.

As you will see in the pages that follow, our primary focus this year was on historic preservation. There are many historic buildings at Old World Wisconsin that are in need of restoration work. Thanks to you, our Friends and supporters, we were able to cross two major projects off the “to do” list: re-painting the exteriors of the 1880’s Yankee farmhouse (Sanford) and the Clausing Barn.

Of course, the animals, gardens, family-friendly interactive programming, marketing, and other projects and programs were not forgotten! Old World Wisconsin is so fortunate to have supporters like you, friends who care and donate time, talent, and treasure to keep history alive for future generations.

We enjoyed seeing you at the many events Old World Foundation hosted this year. We hope that you look forward to coming to OWW to experience the beauty and nostalgia that it offers, but also to mingle with those who have become friends. We have all heard the saying “it takes a village…” well it does take a “village,” to preserve a site as large as OWW…a community of people who are willing to leave their mark in the present for the future.

The year ahead holds much promise. There is much more to be done and Old World Foundation remains ready to continue our mission of support that began in 1984. With your continued support, we will again look back with you next year and share the pride of our joint accomplishments… thank you!

Gwen H. Griffin
Executive Director
Old World Foundation

Observations from Old World Wisconsin...

One year ago, Old World Foundation Board Chair, Terry Dignan, identified the renovation of the circa 1897 Clausing Barn as the chair’s challenge for Foundation fundraising efforts. Thankfully, the needed funds were raised to repair and repaint the barn’s exterior walls and cupola. The costs of painting were reduced thanks to the generosity of Lakeside Painting. Structural repairs required prior to painting were performed by Old World Wisconsin staff member, Brian Suhm.

While the Old World Foundation was focused on their efforts, the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Department of Administration moved forward with upgrades to the heating and ventilation system in the Clausing Barn loft interior. The original 1978 heaters were replaced with a larger, more efficient, furnace and a new system of ductwork designed to more evenly distribute air throughout the space. While air-conditioning the massive barn loft interior is not economically feasible, the new unit has a ventilation mode that will pull in fresh air from outside and blow it through the duct work. Not AC but more effective than fans during the summer. The total cost of the new heating system, $96,650, was contributed by the State of Wisconsin.

The 2019 Clausing Barn project is an excellent example of the accomplishments possible when Old World Foundation and the Wisconsin Historical Society each support a portion of a larger challenge. The collaborative efforts resulted in the fresh look and toasty interior that will be ready for an increased number of events and activities in the barn during the 2020 season. Arguably, one of Old World Wisconsin’s most iconic structures, the Clausing Barn serves as the centerpiece of the outdoor museum’s private event rental business. The dual investment in exterior appearance and interior comfort will make the historic barn a more attractive venue for wedding receptions, anniversary parties, family reunions, community functions and corporate events. Income from these events is a critical source of funds needed to support those annual operating expenses not covered through state support, gifts and grants, and other revenue streams.

Thank you to those who contributed to the past year’s chair’s challenge and the renovation of Clausing Barn.

Dan Freas
Director
Old World Wisconsin

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Thanks to your generous support of Old World Wisconsin through Old World Foundation, we were able to give $92,754 to Old World Wisconsin this year. In addition, $180,971 remains available to them for specific projects and programs.

**Old World Wisconsin Support**

- **Balance at end of last fiscal year**
- **Raised or designated this fiscal year**
- **Spent this fiscal year**

**OWF Raised $9 Million for OWW since 1984**

- **416 People** Consistently Supported OWW through OWF for the Past 10 Years!
- **248 People** Consistently Supported OWW through OWF for the Past 5 Years

**OWF Raised $120,003 this past year with an additional $55,500 in pledges to come**

**954 e-newsletter subscribers**

**27,855 Visitors to the OWF website**

**856 People Attended Events Hosted by Old World Foundation**

**543 OWF Facebook page Likes**
Thoughts from our Friends...

Barbara Hegwood enjoyed our “Tea” with her daughter, Kay Lynn. When asked why she appreciates OWW and OWF, Barbara stated she “Feels it’s important for young people and future generations to know about our past.”

Donna Swanson “…appreciates all that OWF does to preserve this site for future generations to learn and enjoy.”

Sheila Sorenson Hall states, “I love Old World Wisconsin. Family and friends enjoy seeing what our ancestors went through to become Americans. My great grandmother came here from Germany and raised 10 children. She sold items that she made…also gardened a large city plot for fresh foods and vegetables to help feed the family. It was all hard work. It makes me appreciate the fact that she did it for all her future generations.”

Trustee Jo Ann Villavicencio has been a friend & supporter for many years. She states, “Old World Wisconsin (OWW) is a historical gem that helps preserve our past so that current and future generations of Wisconsin residents learn about our roots, the 19th century settlers that built our state, and whose descendants continue to move our society forward for the benefit of all.

Donations through the Foundation are targeted specifically for use at this historical site only, and are used to restore, maintain and educate, as well as to acquire new exhibits of interest. There is no better way to protect and grow this important Wisconsin institution.”
Increased Emphasis on Historic Preservation This Past Year…

61 historic buildings sit on the approximately 600 acres occupied by Old World Wisconsin. These buildings range in age from 104 to 180 years old. Most of these historic treasures were carefully relocated to Old World Wisconsin from towns, cities and villages around Wisconsin in the 1970’s and 1980’s.

At the Greek Holiday Dinner Fundraiser in 2018, Terry Dignan issued his “Chair’s Challenge” and challenged our Friends to give from their hearts toward historic restoration, specifically to paint the exterior of Clausing Barn built in 1897 and relocated to OWW from 1976-1978. Our Friends rose to the challenge and thanks to your generosity, we raised over $10,000 from December 2018 through May 2019. Because we needed an additional $15,000 to complete the project, we made “historic restoration” the focus of our First Annual Sunset Soiree.

On June 22, 121 guests joined us for an enchanted evening celebrating historic restoration at Old World Wisconsin.

Guests were encouraged to wear their best “restoration hat” as we mingled in the Crossroads Village enjoying both Italian and German themed appetizers and entertainment. Following the “cocktail hour,” guests were transported back to Clausing Barn for a three-course meal, live music and a live auction.

Thank you to all who donated that evening to help us raise the additional needed funds to re-paint the Clausing Barn!!

As I write this report, the work is underway to restore this historic treasure. Rotting boards have been replaced and the painting has begun. Our thanks to Lakeside Painting of East Troy for donating a portion of their painting in order for the project to be completed within our budget.

DID YOU KNOW...The octagonal design of this building was thought to be “cyclone-proof” to withstand heavy winds? Ultimately it sustained minimal damage from the 2010 tornado that struck OWW.
The sheep, cows, pigs, horses, chickens, and oxen are truly “living” history. Many of the animals that call Old World Wisconsin home are Heritage Breeds. These are traditional livestock breeds that were raised by our forefathers. These are the breeds of a bygone era, before industrial agriculture became a mainstream practice. These breeds were carefully selected and bred over time to develop traits that made them well-adapted to the local environment and they thrived under farming practices and cultural conditions that are very different from those found in modern agriculture. Since many of these breeds are rare and in danger of becoming extinct, Old World Wisconsin helps to preserve these unique animals.

Through the support of our Adopt an Animal Program and through other gifts designated for the animals, we were able to purchase a new team of Belgian Horses for Old World Wisconsin this past spring. Welcome Mack and Marty!

A new Merino ram was also brought to Old World Wisconsin this summer!

A special “Thank you” to the Ceres Foundation Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation for their support of the Animal Program.

Hands-on activities at Old World Wisconsin bring learning to life! Children develop a deeper understanding of the past while they interact in the present and create memories for the future. Because of donations from our Friends and supporters, children can make rope, keychains, and dough; water or hoe a garden; gather eggs and wash clothes; and so much more!

Our thanks to the Segal Family Foundation for providing a grant to expand the discussions around immigration and identity in Wisconsin’s classrooms.
Other important projects and programs that were funded through Old World Foundation thanks to YOU…

Sponsoredhip of “An Old World Christmas” in 2018 • New Cooler for Clausing Café • Four Mile House Kitchen Upgrade • Fixtures for the Garden Shop • Rack Card Printing and Distribution • Feed and Veterinary Care for the Animals • Plants and Fertilizer for the Gardens • Independence Day Activities…

15 New Memorial Benches were placed at OWW thanks to 12 of our Friends and supporters. & New Wayfinding Signs were placed on site.

As you can see, YOUR SUPPORT does directly impact Old World Wisconsin! Old World Foundation cannot fulfill our mission of support for Old World Wisconsin without the monetary gifts from our Friends…THANK YOU!

Our Friends and supporters consist of a unique community of individuals who share a common passion…Old World Wisconsin.

A look back at some of the fun events OWF hosted this year…

- Garden Reception
- Photo Contest / Volunteer Reception
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- Wine Walk
- Greek Holiday Dinner
- Tintype Tea
- Annual Meeting / Year-end Celebration
**Plowshare Society Members Leave a Legacy**

*Old World Foundation would like to thank the members of its Plowshare Society. These supporters have included the foundation in their estate plans to sustain history for generations to come.*

- Anonymous
- Deb Balis
- Mary Ann and Frank Brazelton
- Karen and Harry Carlson
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**2019 Donors**

*With gratitude, we acknowledge those organizations and foundations who have given generous support this fiscal year.*

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- Ceres Foundation Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Citizens Bank
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- The Herb Society of America—Wisconsin Unit
- The Janice & Raymond Perry Community Fund Inc.
- We Energies Foundation
- Wisconsin Area Camera Club Organization

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**How does OWF support OWW?**

1. Accept monetary gifts from individuals and corporations
2. Accept in-kind gifts from individuals and corporations
3. Apply for grant funding
4. Seek sponsorships
5. Manage endowment funds
6. Host fundraising events and smaller events to bring awareness
7. Network with members of 9 area Chambers of Commerce/Professional Organizations
8. Host joint volunteer recognition event
9. Recognize OWW team during the holidays
10. Accept non-traditional gifts

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Old World Foundation can accept a wide variety of assets on behalf of Old World Wisconsin. These include stock, real estate, retirement accounts and life insurance. These options may offer substantial tax benefits and flexibility. Talk with your financial advisor for advice on how to best achieve your philanthropic goals with your diverse assets. You may also consult with one of the specialists that serve on the OWF Board of Trustees for ideas as to where to start.
It is with great appreciation that we list the following individuals who have made a significant gift this year:

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David and Sarah Allen
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Debra Zoeller

* In memoriam

With Stewardship and Integrity
Old World Foundation presents its year-end Statement of Financial Position

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Pre-audited for September 30, 2019
Final audit available by request from Old World Foundation.

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First Place Photos from the Old World Foundation 2019 Photo Contest

S. Moebus
1st Place Spirit of OWW and
2nd Place Overall

Paige R.
1st Place Youth 12 & under

Nora F.
1st Place Youth 13-18

K. Olsen
1st Place Black & White

M. Brickl
1st Place Historic Structures

S. Moebus
1st Place Agriculture & Gardens

P. Komorowski
1st Place Still Life

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