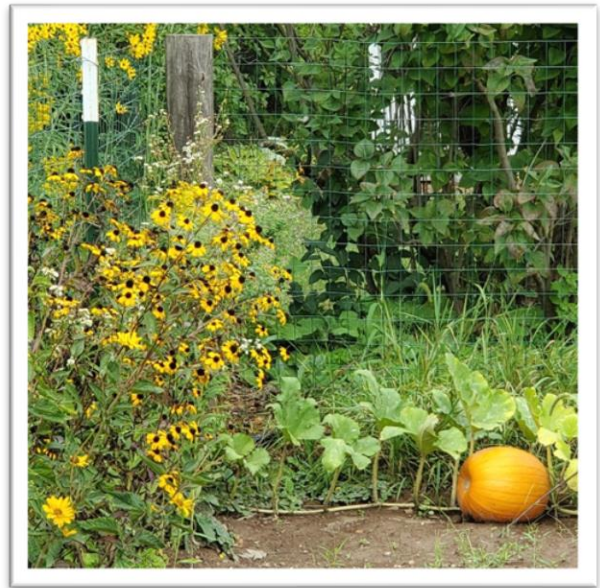




Happy Fall! It was a busy summer at the Historical Village and Thern Farm, and we are enjoying the downtime that fall brings. With the arrival of fall that means membership renewals are on the horizon. Keep an eye out for them to arrive in the mail in early November.

We are always looking for more volunteers at the Village and the Farm. If you can spare some time, please give us a call and we can let you know of volunteer opportunities available.

Megan Koehler  
NLHHS - Thern Farm & Historical Village



Signs of fall at the farm.

## Friday Markets at Thern Farm

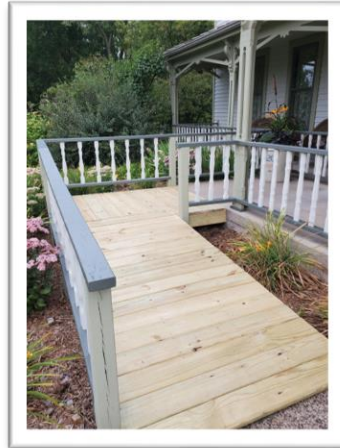
Submitted by Betty Neuzil

Another year has drawn to a close on our popular Friday Markets. This year we had 5 market events. After our very successful Rhubarb Fest on June 10, we thought folks would have had their fill of rhubarb pie, but that was not the case. Our most popular item at each bake sale was the rhubarb pies. Our wonderful bakers Sheila, Becky, and Betty could not make enough rhubarb pies for each market, and they always sold out quickly. Folks often asked how long in the season can you pick rhubarb, and our reply is, all summer until the months that end in "r", so that would mean until September. This bit of information was passed down from our parents as well as being posted on Facebook, so it has to be true.

Folks love to come to peaceful Thern Farm and stroll the vendors, visit the bake sale, and sit and enjoy the wonderful live music provided by Tom's Tunes from Green Bay as well as a fresh grilled hamburger or hot dog skillfully cooked by Megan. We had a great time with lots of laughs and fun at each market as well as visiting with many of our return guests each Friday night. We were thrilled to even have some guests from other parts of the world stop by while they were in the area.

Hopefully, we will be doing the markets in 2024 again as long as we have such wonderful volunteers to help. A special thanks to Lindy and Matt who helped by proving extra needed "manpower" with the tents and cleanup.

## Farm Improvements



A few projects were completed at Thern Farm this summer. New barn windows have been painted and installed and a new ramp and railing have been built! After almost 6 years, the old ramp had seen better days and we love how nice it looks! Still to come are new storm windows on the house, but as winter is right around the corner that will most likely be a project for next year.

## A Long-Awaited Honor

Late this summer, Thern Farm was honored to be named to the State Register of Historic Places. The journey to this distinction goes back decades when Sandra Thern Fuller had previously sought out this designation. Unfortunately, her efforts to have the farm placed on the register were unsuccessful. With new farmstead criteria introduced in recent years, Sandras's daughter, Kristin, brought up the idea to resubmit the farm.



We worked closely with Legacy Architecture out of Sheboygan on the research, writing, and submission of the historical register nomination. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Betty Neuzil, Kristin Dederling, her son Harrison, and Megan Koehler attended the State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting at Hotel Northland in Green Bay. It was an exciting morning seeing the process and hearing the presentations of the six other properties up for consideration.

We were very proud to have Thern Farm be the first property in New London to be placed on the State Register of historic places and were very honored to be able to finish this journey that Sandra started so long ago.

Next, the nomination will be sent for consideration on the National Register of Historic Places. Everyone at Thern Farm should be commended for all the work they do to make the farm such a treasure for the community.

## Heritage Day & Rail Fest

The annual Heritage Day & Rail Fest was held at the historical Village on August 5th. There was a variety of activities for the whole family including vendors, concessions, music, games, train rides, and rummage sale. All of the buildings were open to tour and the Sheboygan Railroad Museum brought a G-Scale train model and set it up for display in the Simmon's Garage.



G-Scale railroad display by the Sheboygan Railroad Museum



NLHHS Secretary, Sylvia Stern, enjoys a train ride at Rail Fest.



1934 Fire Truck at Rail Fest

## Village Upgrades

Some long-awaited upgrades were made at the Historical Village this summer. Volunteers painted the Octagon House, giving it a fresh new look, and split heating and cooling units were installed in the Church, School, and Octagon House. These units will allow the buildings to be kept at a consistent temperature and will help preserve the countless historical artifacts within each building. The installation of these units also means that the Village can be open throughout the year and can host events in months when it would otherwise have been too cold.

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## Christmas on the Farm

**December 9**

**\$10/car**  
**12pm - 2pm**

- Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Reindeer
- Music by Tom's Tunes
- Craft
- Popcorn & Cocoa
- Grinch Slingshot

**No Charge**  
**3pm - 6pm**

- Tour the beautifully decorated farmhouse

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AT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

STOP BY THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE FOR GLOWSTICKS & CANDY!

900 MONTGOMERY STREET, NEW LONDON

**OCT 31 2023**

**5PM - 7PM**

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AT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Step back in time and celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas at the Historical Village!

December 2nd  
1pm - 4pm  
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