

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Education

*Kathy Weberg, 262-628-0252*

Creates an awareness of the past and motivates the preservation of items from days gone by and memories for future generations.

## Event Coordination

*Daryl Grier, 262-628-4221*

Oversees the arrangement and coordination of fundraising events and facilitates the cooperation among committees to assure success.

## Historic Sites

*Quint Mueller, 262-644-5857*

Documents and evaluates historic sites and buildings for possible preservation.

## Library

*Marge Holzbog, 262-251-3882*

Collects, preserves, and displays photographs and all paper records dealing with the Village of Richfield such as family histories, genealogies, birth, marriage, and death records.

## Lillicrapp Welcome Center

*Aerona Smith, 262-628-9909*

Facilitates the displays and use of the Lillicrapp House (Visitor Center).



## Long-Term Planning

*Jim Metzger, 262-628-7707*

Generates monetary support for the Society's projects through grants, capital campaigns, and other means. Responsible for long-term planning of the Historical Park and developing strategic goals.

## Marketing

*Frank (Buzz) Carr, 414-526-6030*

Promotes the Society, Historical Park and its events through various types of advertising.

## Membership

*Judy Lehman, 262-623-6071*

Recruits new members and retains current members as well as develops promotional activities and initiates plans for increasing Society membership.

## Mill House

*Clara Birkel, 262-622-3191*

*Cindy Schmechel, 262-628-0919*

Responsible for the Mill House to preserve it to reflect the late 1800s to 1920s.



## Mill Restoration

*Harry Niemann, 262-628-0232*

Develops the plan for the restoration of the Messer/Mayer mill to running condition under water power.

## Museum

*Jean Happel, 262-644-5978*

*Norb Berres, 262-628-2685*

Collects, preserves, and displays materials that represent typical life of the people in the Village of Richfield from its earlier days.

## Pioneer Homestead

Responsible for building maintenance and displays located in the Pioneer Homestead area of the Historical Park.



## Programs

*Marge Holzbog, 262-251-3882*

Arranges presentations of historical significance and diverse interests.

## Project Coordination

*Del Schmechel, 262-628-0919*

Carries out the preservation and maintenance projects undertaken by the Society.

## Volunteer Coordination

*Sharon Lofy, 262-628-1546*

Coordinates recruitment of volunteers for all Society events.

## Brochure Sponsor

**Klug's Photo World**  
PO Box 376 - 4298 State Road 167  
Hubertus, WI 53033  
262 628-1255 - kpw1255@me.com  
www.klugsphotoworld.com

# Richfield Historical Society Invites You To Become a Member



## Remembering the Past....



*Milling Around Memories*

[richfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://richfieldhistoricalsociety.org)  
Follow RHS on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest

## Please Join Us

### Membership Application

\*General .....\$20  
Life .....\$1,000  
Business .....\$50

\*One General membership includes all adults in a household.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

List Interests (Restoration, Museum, Marketing, Fundraising, Education, Membership, Events, Tour Guide)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable and mail to:



**Richfield Historical Society**  
PO Box 268  
Richfield, WI 53076



## Why Should You Join

### Benefits:

- Experience the joy of restoring the Messer/Mayer grist mill, sawmill, and homestead in the Richfield Historical Park
- Assist RHS in reconstructing buildings from days long ago
- Help preserve the history of the Village of Richfield
- Share your skills/talents to save history through volunteer opportunities
- Enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of fellow members
- Receive informational and entertaining RHS newsletters
- Enjoy monthly programs
- Participate in RHS events

The Society operates under a set of bylaws and is affiliated with the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

### Meetings:

General membership meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. November has a special date. No meetings are held in June, July, August, and December. Everyone is welcome.

The meetings are held in the Richfield Village Hall, 4128 Hubertus Road, at 7:00 p.m. Interesting programs are arranged for each meeting.

### Newsletter:

The Society publishes a newsletter three times a year. It is mailed to every member. Each issue contains interesting historical articles, Society news, and photography (historic and current.)

### Events -- Check RHS website:

[richfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://richfieldhistoricalsociety.org)

- Antique Appraisal & Chili Lunch (Feb.)
- Richfield Art at the Mill (4<sup>th</sup> Sat. - July)
- Richfield Days – Parade & Food (August)
- Thresherec (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend – Sept.) This is the Society's main event. It includes steam driven threshing, horse drawn plowing, old tractors & cars, exhibits of pioneer skills, music, food, plus more.
- Christmas at the Mill (1st Sat. – Dec.)
- Other events may vary from year to year

## Preserving the Past

### Messer/Mayer Mill and House

The current primary project of the Society is the restoration of the Messer/Mayer grist and sawmill. The sawmill was built in the 1850s, the grist mill in 1872, and the house in the 1860s. The Town of Richfield (now Village) purchased the land on which the mill, house, and other buildings are located. This land is now known as the Richfield Historical Park and is located at 4399 Pleasant Hill Road. The goal is to restore the mill to its original operating status.



*Messer/Mayer Mill*

The house is restored to the late 1800-1920 era and displays artifacts, many of which are original to the house.

### Pioneer Homestead Area

The Society has dismantled and reconstructed a log cabin and log barn. A reconstructed granary is a good example of timber framing. The maple sugar shack is an Eagle Scout project.