



# Brown Deer Historical Society, Inc.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## IN MEMORIAM- EARL R. KITTLESON

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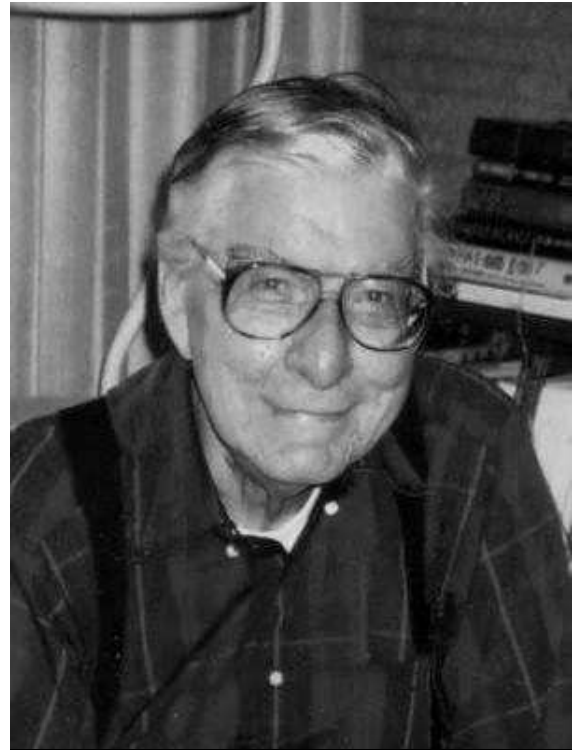
Earl Frederick Kittleson, a long-time supporter of the Brown Deer Historical Society, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2009, at the age of 82. His wife, Dorothy survives him, in addition to his daughter Kristi and son, Mark.

Earl was born in Milwaukee, in 1927 and was a long standing member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He served in the Armed Forces in World War II, and earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Layton School of Art in 1956. Earl followed this with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1957 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and finally earning a Master's degree in 1961.

As a **tremendously talented artist**, Earl taught at Menomonee Falls High School from 1957-1992, and was an adjunct at UW-Milwaukee College of Fine Arts, MATC, Carroll College, Mount Mary College, Peninsula Art School, and the Saugatuck, MI, Summer School of Painting.

His etchings and paintings have been exhibited widely since 1961 and were featured in 28 one person shows and numerous group shows. His award winning art is represented **in many corporate collections, including the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Kohler Corporation, Quad Graphics, Miller Brewing Company, and Johnson Controls**. He also has pieces in collections at the Milwaukee Art Museum; the Universities of Wisconsin - Madison, Green Bay and La Crosse; the Wustum Museum in Racine and in numerous private collections in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

One of his many awards included the prestigious **Skyledge Prize at the 1994 Exhibition of the Midwest Watercolor Society** at the Neville Museum, Green Bay, WI. His art was known nationally, and was included in the National Exhibition schedule, in company with the Northwest Printmakers, California Society of Etchers, Boston Printmakers, Brooklyn Museum Biennial and the Library of Congress.



His watercolors have been shown regularly in **Watercolor Wisconsin at the Wustum Museum in Racine** and at several Wustum Invitational exhibitions, plus at the Kohler Art Museum theme shows in Sheboygan, and in the Wisconsin Watercolor Society and Milwaukee Area Teachers of Art shows, among countless others.

For many years after retirement from teaching, Earl was involved as a volunteer at the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend and previously as a Print Room Assistant to the Curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Earl was an active and passionate participant for many years in various organizations including Sons of Norway, Brown Deer Historical Society and Brown Deer's Fourth of July Parade committee. He will be dearly missed.



### Upcoming Meeting

**What:**

General meeting and program-See page 3

**When:**

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010

**Time:**

7:00 pm

**Where:**

Tri-City National Bank  
Community Room,  
Lower Level  
4295 W. Bradley Rd  
Brown Deer, WI

**Cost:** FREE

**Open To the Public!**

**Brown Deer Historical  
Society Members  
Encouraged**

Bring your friends  
Refreshments served



### Do You Know?

What 150th Anniversary  
will be commemorated  
across the United States  
on April 12, 2011?

*Answer on page 4*



Submit any newsletter articles  
or historical acquisitions to:

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Brown Deer Historical Society was chartered on August 24, 1972 with the goal to collect, record and preserve the history of the Village of Brown Deer. Over the past 37 years, the Society has been very successful in achieving that goal. The greatest of these accomplishments was the saving of the 1884 one-room schoolhouse from destruction.

Today the schoolhouse stands proudly in the park next to Village Hall as a National Landmark and symbol of long-past education. If you look and listen and let your imagination drift back 125 years, you can see the teacher welcoming children to school with the ringing of the bell. This scenario has been carried out every year since May 1976 with head teacher, Dorothy Kittleson, ringing in the fourth grade class of children for their instruction. This is living history for today's children and teachers to witness and experience.

We are always looking for ways to enhance and preserve history. Stories, pictures, artifacts and items of historical interest and value are always welcomed and appreciated by the Society. Someone has something that would help the Society continue in collecting, recording, and preserving the history of the Village of Brown Deer.

Join us in this endeavor by becoming a member of the Society and help to maximize our goals.

*Joe K.*

## NEW SOCIETY BOARD ELECTED

At the November 19, 2009 special meeting, the following Brown Deer residents were elected per Articles III and IV of the Society bylaws:

**OFFICERS:**

President: Joe Klucarich.....1-year term ending Jan 1, 2011  
Vice President: Eleanor Gregory .....1-year term ending Jan 1, 2011  
Treasurer: Robert J. Moranski .....3-year term ending Jan 1, 2013  
Secretary: Kathleen E. Schilz .....2-year term ending Jan 1, 2012

**DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

Barbara Bechtel.....3-year term ending Jan 1, 2013  
Ellen Burmeister.....1-year term ending Jan 1, 2011  
LaVerne Ebert.....3-year term ending Jan 1, 2013  
Joe Ebert .....3-year term ending Jan 1, 2013  
Bernice J. Knurr .....2-year term ending Jan 1, 2012  
Leroy J. Knurr.....2-year term ending Jan 1, 2012  
Timothy D. Schilz .....2-year term ending Jan 1, 2012  
Dorothy Kittleson .....1-year term ending Jan 1, 2011

# UPCOMING PROGRAM

## Brown Deer Historical Society, Inc.

Board of Directors & Membership Business Meeting at 6:30 pm

General Membership and Public Program at 7:00 pm



**Thursday, January 28, 2010**

Tri-City National Bank  
Lower Level Community Room  
4295 W. Bradley Road

### **\*\*\* Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Program \*\*\***

Long-time Village resident and community servant, Joe Hatchell, will host a video presentation of the *November 7, 2009 Stars & Stripes Honor Flight* to Washington D.C. It will feature 64 WWII Veterans that were on board, as they visited these National War Memorials: WWII, Vietnam, Iwo Jima, the U.S. Air Force and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Hope to see you there!

*Joe Klucarich, Society President*

## 2010-2011 COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- Membership: ..... Bob Moranski, Ellen Burmeister
- Newsletter: ..... Kathleen Schilz
- Programs: ..... Eleanor Gregory, Barbara Bechtel
- Refreshments: ..... Bernice Knurr
- Photography: ..... Timothy Schilz
- 4th of July Bingo Fundraiser: ..... Bob Moranski
- Village Hall Displays: ..... Leroy Knurr
- Historian & Schoolhouse Teacher: ..... Dorothy Kittleson

If you have any skill or talent that might assist in any of the above areas, please call Joe Klucarich for phone or email contact info at 414-354-6453.

Dear Friend,

In this issue, you will find the Brown Deer Historical Society membership application for the 2010 calendar year. If you haven't done so already, please complete the information asked for on the card and return it along with your membership fee check to the address noted. The Historical Society is a non-profit organization, therefore your membership fee is tax deductible, as are all donations to the Society. Thank you for your support.

**The 35th Spring Term of  
the 4th Grade Living  
Schoolhouse Program at  
the 1884 Brown Deer  
Schoolhouse will begin in  
May 2010.**

# DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?



Can you tell the age of this photo based on the cars parked in the lot? This is now the site for the Bradley Village Condominiums development.



This was the home of Barbara Born, 4015 W. Bradley Road in the Village of Brown Deer, circa 1946, during a typical Wisconsin winter.

## Headlines from the Past

### *Snow Strikes SE Wisconsin*

January 12, 1908

“A storm dropped 16.0 inches of snow on the entire Milwaukee and SE Wisconsin area. Heavy snow accompanied by high north winds prevailed all day. Snow stuck to trees and wires causing many to break. Street car service crippled.”

Answer from page 2: The start of the Civil War

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### **2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to *Brown Deer Historical Society* and return to:  
Treasurer, Brown Deer Historical Society

4800 W Green Brook Dr  
Brown Deer, WI 53223

Enclosed please find my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **DUES CATEGORIES**

Check One

- Individual.....\$5.00
- Family..... \$10.00
- Junior Historian.....\$3.00
- Contributing ..... \$15.00
- Business/Professional .. \$25.00
- Sustaining..... \$50.00
- Lifetime ..... \$150.00