

## Museum Notes

by Kristen Parrott, curator  
for the week of June 21, 2017

The Vernon County Historical Society's annual Strawberry Shortcake Social will be held on the lawn of the Sherry-Butt House on Tuesday, July 4, from 1 to 5PM. The historic Sherry-Butt House, built by Civil War Colonel Cyrus Butt, is located at 795 N. Main Street, Viroqua, next to the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$5, available at the event.

Strawberries, homemade shortcake, and Culver's vanilla frozen custard will be served with lemonade or coffee. Musical entertainment will begin at 1:30PM. The Viroqua Area Men's Chorus will sing, and the Viroqua Community Band will play several pieces, including World-War-I-era music to honor the WWI centennial. Enjoy tours of the house all afternoon, which this year will feature a quilt exhibit with quilts from the museum's collections.

The Strawberry Shortcake Social won't be the same without Marcia. Vernon County Historical Society President, Sherry-Butt House manager, and long-time volunteer extraordinaire Marcia Andrew died suddenly on June 11. The Strawberry Shortcake Social was her signature event.

Marcia did so much for the Historical Society that I don't even know where to begin. She volunteered at the museum five days a week, six hours per day, and spent many summer weekends working at the Sherry-Butt House. She had just completed a multi-year object inventory of the first three floors of the museum, including the archives, exhibits, and collections storage, and had begun to inventory the attic. As chair of the Capital Campaign, she had also just secured the final monies needed to pay off the elevator debt. Marcia was kind, generous, efficient, and irreplaceable.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out at this difficult time. If Marcia was your contact for something related to the Historical Society, please let us know so we can carry on her work. Especially if you usually do something for the Strawberry Shortcake Social, and no one has yet contacted you, then get in touch with us by phone at 637-7396, or by email at [museum@vernoncountyhistory.org](mailto:museum@vernoncountyhistory.org).