

Museum Notes

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October will be a big month for genealogy here at the museum. We'll begin with a free public program called "Genealogy for the Non-genealogist" on Tuesday, October 2. The program will be held at 7PM in the museum's first-floor conference room. Karen Sherry, who leads the museum's monthly genealogy class, will talk about what genealogy is and why it's popular, giving some family-history success stories.

The evening will also include a brief business meeting for Vernon County Historical Society members to discuss and vote on a change to the by-laws. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Once you've had your appetite for family history whetted, be sure to attend our first-ever evening genealogy seminar, "Basics Plus". This seminar will be held on Thursday, October 4, from 6:30 to 8:30PM, in the museum's conference room. Karen Sherry and the museum's assistant curator, Carol Krogan, will share the teaching of this class.

Karen will talk about the basics of how to do genealogy – first steps for beginners. Carol will talk about organizing your family history information, so you don't lose track of any of your hard-won data. There will also be a brief discussion of the genealogy resources available here at the museum.

This evening seminar is free to members of the Vernon County Historical Society, and \$5 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to attend. The class is intended for anyone, with family from anywhere, not just those with Vernon County ancestors.

After all that genealogy, you'll probably be hungry, so stop by the VCHS cook-out at Nelson-Ag on Decker St. in Viroqua on Saturday, October 6. Food will be served outside the main entrance from 10AM to 2PM, or until sold out. Current plans for the menu include bratwurst, chips, and pop, but more items will be added. This is a fundraiser for the VCHS – hope to see you there!