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P. O. Box 969

Oconomowoc, WI 53066-0969

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Museum is Available All Year!

May 1st to early December
 Thursday, Friday, and Sunday
 Open 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 (Saturday thru appointment only
 Closed July 2nd & Aug. 20th)

December - May
 Arrange for an Appointment
 Please call (262) 569-0740 or email

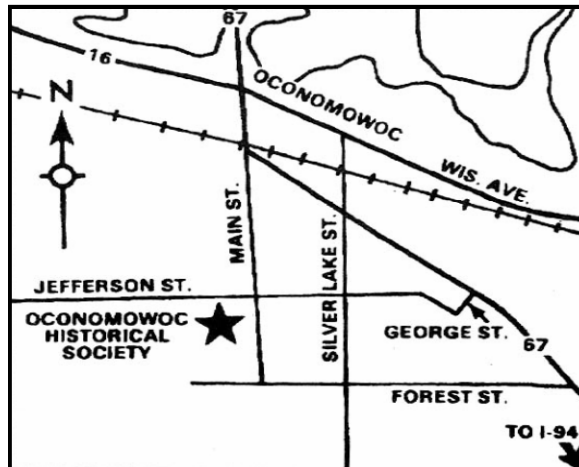
We welcome group visits & accommodate group presentations and tours!

Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult

Wheelchair Accessible & Handicap Parking

Email: oahs-m@sbcglobal.net
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Map to the Museum



It is the mission of the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society and Museum to serve our many constituencies as a community resource and learning center, committed to historic preservation and research and to inspire and encourage curiosity and passion for our historic treasures.

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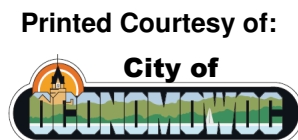
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Schedule a Tour or Program

Admission Free
Donations Welcomed

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Life comes **NATURALLY** here

Upper Gallery

Early History Room

Enter the welcoming history room of the Lake Country from pre-settlement through the early years which depicts the cultural, social and economic development of the Lake Country Area.

The School Room

Exhibit features a "one room school" with information, artifacts and photos. A special feature is a 1919 restored Mother Goose

Main Gallery

Museum Theater

55 vintage theater seats (and several fully accessible seats) are available for visitors. Watch the DVDs, "The General of Progression, the story of founder John S. Rockwell and early history of Oconomowoc" and the abridged DVD "The Kings and Queens of Middle America" both by Terry Kaldhusdal.

Oconomowoc Canning Co. Murals

Oconomowoc Canning Co. murals depicting the company facilities between Milwaukee and Madison. Painted by Schomer Lichtner.

Featured Exhibits

Early Farming Tools—view and experience hand made farm tools and other equipment of the 1800s—1900s.

Early Hardware Tools—Lorleberg Hardware founded in 1870 features tools of the 1800s—1900s

Early Business Community—Enjoy viewing information on businesses that supported the community in the late 1800s to the mid 1900s.

Center Cases

Changing exhibits—currently featuring

- Locks and keys—collection from the 1840s to mid 1900s and includes pad-locks and keys from around the world. On loan from Don Wiemer.
- Light bulbs—collection of some unusual bulbs from Thomas Edison Era depicting lamps of "then and now".
- Irons dating from 1870s to mid 1900s. Featured are several famous "Sad" irons.

Stewart Model Train Layout

Was one of Wisconsin's largest HO model train layouts. The exhibit has new tracks and engines to keep all ages entertained. Included is a round house and coal conveyer. Operating engines can be turned on by docents to pull attached cars. You control the train whistle!

Victorian Home

Victorian Music Room—contains a rare Chickering & Sons Piano from the mid 1800s. Photos of William Wegener, the opera singer from Oconomowoc, are included. Listen to his recorded songs.

Front Parlor—built with wood from the Peck Mansion fireplace. Includes Victorian furniture. Imagine enjoying tea or coffee in this room. Enjoy the "hair wreath" on the back wall.

Dining Room—The table set for an anniversary dinner with china and silver from the Charles and Caroline Kohl family.

Kitchen—An early 1900s kitchen before electricity was available. The kitchen includes an ice box, butter churn, a firewood stove and many other utensils of the era.

Log Cabin Doll House

A beautifully hand detailed two-story log house with miniature furnishings, people and animals complete with electric lighting!

Streets of Old Oconomowoc

Dental Office - the equipment is a gift from Dr. Hanson's dental office in the second half of the 20th century

Barber Shop - with barber pole - the chair was used from 1848-1898 in Milwaukee. Note the tub for bathing and accessories.

C.W. Brown Printing - the equipment is a gift from Bart Brown whose family published the Oconomowoc Enterprise from 1936-1990.

John S. Rockwell General Store—Mid-19th century view of a general store and haberdashery fully stocked with dry goods, clothing, sewing notions, tools, foods, and candy. (by J.S Rockwell Questers)

Wilkinson Medical Clinic—An example of a small town doctor's office. Artifacts are from Dr. M. R. Wilkinson who began his practice in Oconomowoc in 1893.

Munger Photography Studio—Features the photographic art of Douglas G. Munger. Known as the best portrait photographer far and wide in the late 1800s.

Summit Bank—Reproduction of the stone façade and interior of the historic Summit Bank. One of the oldest banks in Wisconsin.

Oconomowoc Public Library—Circa 1940. A replica of the children's "story hour" fireplace with the original chairs on each side. (by Heritage Trails Questers)

Toys—a collection of hand crafted wood and metal toys and dolls. Many of the toys have been donated by the Machus family and Greene family.

Military Exhibit—"When America Calls" Exhibits of items that would have been used in the Civil, Spanish-American, WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars.