



# DEPOT DISPATCH

Winter 2023 - BEHS est. 1992



## Southern Wis. Glaciation History Presentation

**BEHS Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5 - Everyone Invited**

Don't miss our 31st annual membership meeting featuring the free, in-person presentation of "Glaciation of Southern Wisconsin," a Badger Talk from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's David Mickelson.

The annual meeting and presentation will be held at the Black Earth History Center, 1022 Blue Mounds Street, starting at 2:00.

Mickelson is a Professor Emeritus and Senior Scientist with the UW's Department of Geoscience, and author of 2011 book, "Geology of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail."

"Professor Mickelson will talk about how the last glaciation formed many of our landforms today, and how it skipped our Driftless Area," said Wayne Barsness, president.

The Historical Society will also vote on its 2023 budget listing about \$18,000 of expenses for 2023. The largest expenditure is \$7,000 budgeted for buildings and grounds. Heating and utilities made up the next largest expenditure at \$5,300. Technology expenditures was boosted from 2022 to \$750.

Four board member seats will be voted on at the meeting. Harold Miller, Lavonne Clason, Jan Cowan, and Debbie Ballweg said they are willing to serve another 3-year term.

Refreshments will be served. The program is open to the public.

### UPCOMING:

- **February 1** Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING 6:30 BE History Center
- **February 5** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2:00 BE History Center
- **March 1** Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING 6:30 BE History Center
- **April 5** Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING 6:30 BE History Center
- **May 3** Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING 6:30 BE History Center
- **May 12, 13** Friday & Saturday SPRING RUMMAGE SALE 9:00-3:00 BE History Center
- **May 28** Sunday 1:00-4:00 BE HISTORY MUSEUM OPENER 2023



Professor Mickelson will be presenting on the history of Southern Wisconsin's glaciation at the 2023 annual meeting. *UW photo*



Whether you're cleaning, organizing, or downsizing your stuff, please consider donating items to our annual rummage sale coming in May. Some items are being accepted now, see story below..  
*J. Klett photos with Debbie & Gary Ballweg; Debbie Ballweg, Ron Poast*

## Historical Society Boosts Online Resources

### Website, Social Media Page & Group, Amazon Smile

The Historical Society continues to reach many in a cost-effective manner online through their website and social media. At a cost of \$60 per year, their website [blackearthwihistory.org](http://blackearthwihistory.org) had about 2300 total page views for 2022, with its best day at 60 page views. Webmasters for the Historical Society are Jennifer Klett, Gary Ballweg, and Brenda Carlson. The website is updated often, and includes historic and genealogical links.

If you shop on Amazon, start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select the BEHS as

your charity to support. Items will cost the same but Amazon will donated a portion to the Historic Society.

On Facebook, the Historical Society has both a page at Black Earth Historical Society with 205 followers, and a public group called Black Earth History with nearly 1,000 members. Both the Facebook page and group are administered by board member Gary Ballweg. Both social media and website are made possible through volunteer efforts with the website host cost financed by our annual budget.

### Annual Rummage Sale Items Wanted

Please consider donating your unwanted items to the Historical Society for their annual rummage sale fundraiser coming up Friday & Saturday, May 12 and 13 at the Black Earth History Center, 1022 Blue Mounds St. The society holds just one rummage sale a year; this year it is being held in May. Wanted items include lamps, mirrors, art, home decor, antiques, sporting & fishing goods, toys, puzzles, books, gardening items, tools, etc. To donate, contact Gary & Debbie Ballweg at [garyaballweg@gmail.com](mailto:garyaballweg@gmail.com) or 608-370-0751. We are accepting items now; furniture in May please.

# Please Renew Your Membership for 2023

## Thank you Wick Buildings, Culver's Cross Plains

We hope you will join us in preserving the heritage of Black Earth by renewing your membership in the Black Earth Historical Society for 2023. We are over 325 members strong! Memberships start at only \$20 and run January through December.

To renew, print out a "Membership Form" found on our website on the "Join Us" page. Or, to receive a form in the mail, contact **Gary Ballweg** at [garyaballweg@gmail.com](mailto:garyaballweg@gmail.com). The Black Earth Historical Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization run by dedicated volunteers.

### NEW MEMBERS:

The Black Earth Historical Society welcomes our new members since our last newsletter: **John & Melissa Dimpfl**, and **Larry Rush** of Black Earth; **Glenn Stensby**, Blue Mounds; **Kathy Akey**, Clintonville; **Mary Behan**, Mazomanie; **Lynette Hertel**, Watertown; **Douglas Mickelson**, Mequon; **Marlene Bergum**, De Pere; **Helen Witte**, Mt. Horeb; **Janet Cvikota Renschler**, Madison; **Robert & Wanda (Johnson) Martinsen**, Platteville.



BEHS welcomed 80 children! Thank you to all who attended our popular Santa Open House in December. *B. Carlson photo*

Out-of-state new members include **Jane Detra Davenport**, Mechanicsburg, PA; **Dennis Cooper**, Rockford, IL; and **Charlotte Helgerson**, Cedar Rapids, IA.

### LIFETIME MEMBER:

Thank you to **Joanne Skalet** of Mt. Horeb who upgraded her membership to the lifetime level.

### BUSINESS MEMBERS & DONATIONS:

We greatly appreciate our business members including **Dry Fly Sales**, **Town & Country Insurance Services**, **Wright Mechanical**, **Kalsow Coaching & Consulting**, **Premier Cooperative**, **Symdon Chevrolet of Mt. Horeb**, **Madison Gas and Electric**, **R.P. Adler's Pub & Grill**, **Gunderson-Camacho Funeral & Cremation Care**, **Mazo Hardware & Rental**, **Black Earth Lanes**, **The Peoples Community Bank**, **Cardinal Glass Industries**, **Lancaster's Piggly Wiggly**, **Bulldog Recover and Restore**, **Meigs Inc.**, **Village Family Dental & Orthodontics**, **The Shack Bar & Grill**, **Hoofbeat Ridge Camps**.

Thank you to our new 2023 \$500+ level business member **Pelliteri Waste Systems** of Madison, the new trash/recycling haulers for Black Earth. New \$250+ business member is **Plastic Ingenuity**, Cross Plains. Also, **Miller & Sons Supermarket** in Mt. Horeb at the \$100 level; and **Black Earth Children's Museum** at the \$50+ level.

Special thank you to **Wick Buildings** in Mazomanie who continues to support the Historical Society by printing our newsletter four times a year free of charge.

Also many thanks to **Culver's of Cross Plains**, who hosted a Culver's Share Event and donated 7 percent of their sales on November 22, 2022 to the Historical Society.

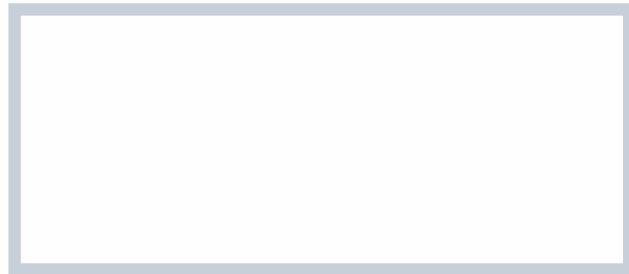
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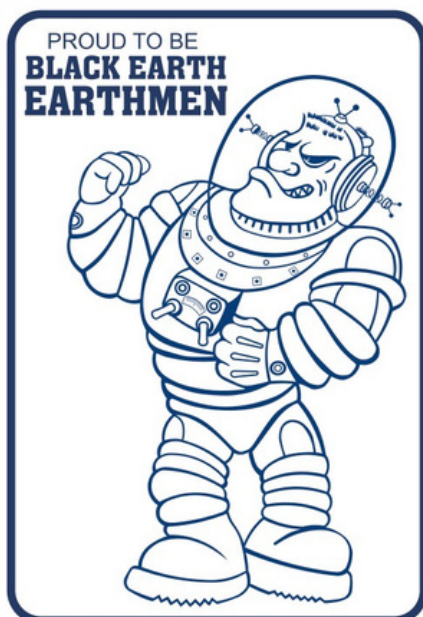
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## Help Save Postage Costs with Email

Receiving this newsletter by email will help save postage costs. The Historical Society spends approximately \$500 a year on postage. If you'd like to receive the Depot Dispatch by email, please notify Gary Ballweg at [garyaballweg@gmail.com](mailto:garyaballweg@gmail.com). Thank you!



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**AmazonSmile Fundraiser:** [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

**Facebook Page:** *Black Earth Historical Society*, Administrator Gary Ballweg

**Facebook Group:** *Black Earth History*, Administrator Gary Ballweg

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