

Wisconsin Unit Field Trip to Old World Wisconsin

Old World Wisconsin, a Wisconsin Historic Site, was opened in 1976. The historic buildings on its extensive grounds come from all over Wisconsin. Today, it is the world's largest museum dedicated to the history of rural life in the United States.

The HSA-WI Unit has provided financial support for the site's herb garden at Sanford House as well as other garden related projects.

Photos by Pat Greathead and Sandra Osborne



The Unit provided the funds for the research and reproduction of this 19th century garden engine, which was named "Herbie" in acknowledgement of our grant. (OWW has not been able to locate a surviving garden engine and this reproduction, built by a volunteer at OWW, is probably the only one in existence. Herbie, as a result, has become something of a celebrity.)

Peggy Gibbs-Zautke, Boerner Botanical Gardens horticulturist and liaison to the Unit, and Marcia Carmichael, member of the Unit and the Historic Gardener at OWW.



Tour of the Sanford House herb and vegetable garden, led by Marcia Carmichael (The Unit has provided financial support for the herb garden.)



Ladies Who Lunch at the Clausing Barn, (L-R): Unit members Susan Williams, Mary C. McDevitt, Valerie Brumder, Nell Schnieder, Diane Kescenovitz, Sandra Osborne and guest Lorraine Buehler.



Early fall harvest which includes herbs



Marcia Carmichael is the author of recently published and highly acclaimed Putting Down Roots; Gardening Insights from Wisconsin's Early Settlers. She is shown here signing Nell Schneider's copy.

(The Unit provided 'seed money' toward its publication costs.)

The Unit's field trip to Old World Wisconsin on Thursday was an unqualified success!

More than 30 members and friends either rode the chartered coach or drove to Eagle on their own on the most beautiful of Wisconsin days.

Special thanks to Marcia for the time that she spent with us.

Field Trip Co-Chairs,

Donna and Sandra

On behalf of everyone who went to Old World, thank you Donna!