

The Vintage

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Miller House Museum



On Wednesday December 18, 2024, the Madeira Historical Society celebrated the end of a busy year. The society has held their Christmas dinner and annual business meeting at Kenwood Country Club for at least two decades, sharing together the joyful time of the year. Important changes to the current Madeira Historical Society Board included the resignation of board member and Museum Director Liz Frederick. Liz has served as our Museum Director for the past ten years, responsible for major improvements that included the new historic kitchen look and a revamp of the entire Miller House second floor. Liz will continue serving the society, making sure that the chicken coop residents return every spring. Board member Lisa Violand will succeed Liz as the new Museum Director. Lisa has assisted Liz in 2024 where she “learned the ropes”.

Board Member Tim Brock resigned his board position due to the demands on his time as a City Council member. Tim’s mom Dona Brock was instrumental in the successful transfer of the Miller House ownership from the Miller Family. Last was the retirement of long-time board member, and treasurer Donna Lienhart. Donna along with Bob Bartlett modernized our accounting software and membership record keeping. Madeira resident Kathy Laumann was voted in as a new board member. Other members re-elected were Mike Widmeyer, Robin LeFevre, Greg Johnson, Bob Bartlett, and Les LeFevre.

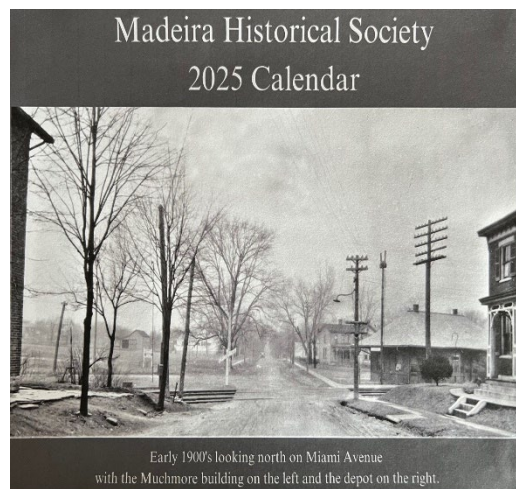
Two seats on the board were left vacant while the search goes on for new board members.

The Madeira Elementary School Fourth Grade Singers, led by Taylor Mc Nally, entertained Madeira Historical Society attendees at the December dinner / business meeting.

(See photo above)

Members will receive a special gift, created by Madeira Historical Society Archivist Carol Heck. With this copy of your January “Vintage” newsletter a limited edition 2025 calendar. The first ever society calendar replaces the one sheet typed event calendar that the society had been providing for the past two decades. Your calendar is part of our effort to provide more value to your membership. Last year the society invited members to attend the first annual membership picnic, held in the backyard at the Miller House Museum. The picnic was well attended and included dinner and live music. Both the calendar and membership picnic are expected to become annual benefits for members.

A very modest increase in two dues levels of \$5.00, has been approved by your board, that will help defray our increased cost of maintaining the Miller House Museum and grounds.



Madeira Historical Society Board approves 2025 budget, society estimates expenses to be \$21,579. The board has agreed that we will continue this year with the Easter Egg Hunt, the Major Raffle, two Miller House open houses, each month, three library programs, and the annual yard sale. If all goes well, we will have sufficient income, covering our expenses. The Madeira Historical Society has been very fortunate since 1972, that members have supported the society both as volunteers and financially. Officers and board members have worked hard fundraising while carefully investing funds that have been given to the society. We have received cash donations and have accepted stocks and bonds received from members. Thank You for your continued support!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT, LAST YEAR IN PICTURES....

