



# The Occasional

## The Crosse House Newsletter

Produced By Sun Prairie Historical Restorations, Inc. (SPHRI)

133 W. Main Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

[www.crossehouse.org](http://www.crossehouse.org)

Fall/Holidays 2011

### Upcoming Events:

**Fall Festival -  
Saturday, Oct. 22nd**

**Scavenger Hunt -  
Saturday, Oct. 29th**

**Santa at the Crosse  
House - Saturday,  
Nov. 26th & Dec. 3rd**

**Christmas Cookie  
Sale & Holiday  
Market - Saturday,  
Dec. 3rd**

### Rent for Your Event!

Did you know the Crosse House is available to rent for your event? Go to our website for more info at [www.crossehouse.org](http://www.crossehouse.org) or call Pat at 837-5078.

#### Our Goals:

To restore and preserve the historic Crosse House  
To provide a unique meeting place and educational resource for the community  
To serve as a continuing link to Sun Prairie's history

#### Board Members:

- Michelle Honore' - President
- Sally Carpenter - Vice President
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#### A Note from the President

*With its unique fretwork, lovely gardens and inviting porch, the Crosse House has truly become a symbol of heritage and hospitality for Sun Prairie, and we can all be proud of that. The countless hours of hard work and financial support from local members, businesses and volunteers have made it possible to turn one of Sun Prairie's oldest buildings into a beautiful event venue and gathering place right on Main Street. It is a beautiful sight to behold. Many people from far and near have visited the Crosse House this past year and shared an experience that will stay with them their whole lives. Whether it is a family gathering, a school program or a community event, history is still being made there to this day and we hope to see that continue with your support.*

*As you make plans for the months ahead, we invite you to join us for some great fun this October at the Crosse House as we host another Fall Festival- Pumpkin Fest (come see the superb Scarecrow display!) and our **first annual Citywide Scavenger Hunt!** These events are going to be loads of fun and a great chance to get out and enjoy the town. Plus the holidays will once again bring some of Sun Prairie's favorite traditions, including Santa at the Crosse House and our famous Christmas Cookie Sale.*

*And as you make plans for the year ahead, don't forget the Crosse House is a wonderful venue for meetings or gatherings of many types, and all at a very affordable cost. We know that's important and we are happy to be able to offer that for you. More details can be found on our website at [www.crossehouse.org](http://www.crossehouse.org).*

*Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy season,  
Michelle Honore'  
President, SPHRI*

## Crosse House once again hosts hundreds of students for a day of history and discovery.

The Historic Crosse House continues 'To serve as an educational resource' for Sun Prairie. This year, we were once again privileged to host hundreds of school kids for a chance to see what life was like in years past and to learn about some of Sun Prairie's heritage and history. There were many parents and teachers in attendance as well and judging from the many questions, comments and thank you notes that followed, they'll be back again next year!



## Many weekends this time of year bring arts and craft shows to the Crosse House. Watch for signs in front and stop on in!

*Our Annual Meeting will take place in January - Stay tuned for more details in our next mailing*



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## Crosse House 2011 Fall Event Calendar



*Mark your calendars and plan to join us!*

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**Event: Fall Festival - Pumpkin Fest** 

**Date:** Saturday, October 22nd

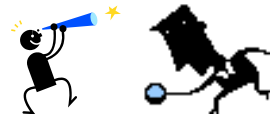
**Time:** 11am to 2pm

Come celebrate Downtown Sun Prairie's Fall Festival at the Crosse House as we bring you plenty of family fun at our third annual Pumpkin Fest! This event will include plenty of fun activities for all with pumpkin games, arts and crafts, treats and more!

No admission required but donations are always accepted, of course!

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**Event: Citywide Scavenger Hunt!**



**Date:** Saturday, October 29th, Starts at the Crosse House

**Times:** 1:30pm Check-in, 2-4pm Scavenger Hunt, 4-5pm Awards/Refreshments

**FORM A TEAM - JOIN THE FUN!!** Teams will compete in a fun-filled, citywide photo Scavenger Hunt while supporting a good cause. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. Entry fee \$100 per team. Each team will need 4-6 people and will need a digital camera, a car and licensed driver. Proceeds go towards Crosse House restorations and events and are tax-deductible. Must be at least 16 years old to participate. Register by Oct. 12th if poss. More info can be found at [www.crossehouse.org](http://www.crossehouse.org) Questions? Call (608)698-6927 or (608)235-1441.

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## Crosse House 2011 Holiday Event Calendar

*Mark your calendars and plan to join us!*

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**Event: Santa at the Crosse House** 

**Date: Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Time: 10am to 2pm**

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for the holidays. Bring the kids for a memorable photo opportunity and a chance to see the house in its holiday splendor! Brought to you by the Sun Prairie Business Improvement District (BID)

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**Event: Christmas Cookie Sale and Holiday Gift Boutique** 

**Dates: Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Times: 8am to 2pm**

Come see the beautiful selection of homemade cookies, treats and affordable holiday gifts in our gift boutique. Cookies are sold by the pound or individually, and they make a great gift for your family, coworkers, friends and you! We will also have a Holiday gift boutique with affordable items for kids and adults. Donations of cookies are also accepted. Please contact Diana Konkle at 837- 5877 for more information.

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**Event: Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale** 

**Dates: November (throughout the month)**

Be sure and stop by the house to check out the holiday arts and crafts sales that are planned throughout the month. Watch for open signs in front of the Crosse House and discover some unique and wonderful holiday gifts inside.

# Please help us continue to bring community events to the Crosse House



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**YES! I/WE would like to support and preserve the historic Crosse House with my tax-deductible donation of:**

\_\_\_ \$45 Individual Member \_\_\_ \$55 Family \_\_\_ \*\$150 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000  
\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_

*Donate at one of the specific member levels and you will receive:*

- *Discounts on Crosse House rentals*
- *Newsletter and special event invitations/announcements*
- *\*At the \$150 level and above, contributors will receive a special acknowledgement plaque posted in the Crosse House entryway for public viewing*

**Please make your check payable to SPHRI and mail it along with this form to:  
The Crosse House, 133 W. Main Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Thank you!**

*I/We have made a contribution and would like our name to appear as follows:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

This gift is \_\_\_ In Memory of OR \_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send notice of this gift to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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