



GENERAL ORDERS No. 4

RE: December 2024 Meeting

Main Presentation: We are pleased to welcome Peggy Prilamen Marxen who will be presenting *The Farm on Badger Creek: Memories of a Midwest Girlhood*. Peggy grew up near the town of Meteor in northwestern Wisconsin's Sawyer County, isolated by geography yet surrounded by close-knit extended family. Multiple generations of her family witnessed changes to rural Wisconsin that altered the fabric of their lives and the lives of all in their community, including the introduction of new farming techniques, school consolidation, and revolutions in transportation and technology. The family supplemented their subsistence herd of dairy cows by hunting, fishing, and selling timber and maple syrup. For many years, her home, like those of her neighbors, lacked indoor plumbing, electricity, and a telephone. As a young child, Peggy attended a one-room schoolhouse and walked, biked, or sledged the three miles to school and back, no matter the weather. With a lyrical style that mixes nostalgia with humorous anecdotes, Marxen traces her family's story through the best and worst of times. The Farm on Badger Creek is a fitting tribute to her settler ancestors and a way of life now gone—and a celebration of the hardy people who carve out a life in our nation's rural communities. A graduate of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, she taught fourth grade for thirty-three years. She lives in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Date: **December 9, 2024 (Monday)**

Place: Hop Haus Brew Pub, 2975 Sub-Zero Pkwy, Fitchburg, WI

Social: 6:00 PM

Optional Dining: 6:15 PM. Order from the menu when you arrive. To support Hop Haus staffing, they request the number of people planning to dine. Please make your dining request by the Sunday before the meeting via email Madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com, MHRT website or by calling Rich Fronek at **608-669-0970**. Leave your name and number of those dining. **DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO INDICATE DINING REQUESTS.** *Note; you can come to the meeting without dining.*

Business Meeting: 7:00 PM

Presentation: 7:15 PM. Free to the public. No reservations needed

Upcoming Events:

- **January 6, 2025 (Monday) – MHRT Meeting - TBD**

Book Sale – We will be offering a book sale at the monthly meetings. Each book is \$1, take as many as you like. You are also welcome to bring a book for sale. Proceeds go to the MHRT.

Publicity: Find out about the Madison History Roundtable at our web site <https://www.madisonhistoryroundtable.com>, Facebook (search on Madison History Roundtable) and email madhrt@googlegroups.com. Spread the word to your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

Membership: This year we are making some slight change to dues. Dues for a single person remain \$30/year. If you want to sign up as a couple, dues are \$50. The season runs September – May. Dues are used to cover the operating and speaker expenses of the Madison History Roundtable. You can mail your dues to the **MHRT Treasurer – 9 Flad Circle, Madison, WI 53711**. If you have a personal PayPal account, you can send in your dues to the MHRT PayPal email address: wsayles1950@gmail.com. Meetings are open to the public. A \$5 suggested donation is requested for attending the meeting. Guests can check us out before deciding if they want to become a member.

MHRT Website: Check out our web site at: <https://www.madisonhistoryroundtable.com>. You can find information on the MHRT schedule, list of speakers and meeting dates amongst other information. You can also “signup” for MHRT membership. We will be periodically be updating the web site with meeting notices, upcoming events and activities. Let us know what other information you might want posted on the site.

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