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# SUGAR GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Open Tuesdays 1 to 4 pm or by appointment

Member meeting **Tuesday April 16, 2019** In the Bliss House at 1 P.M. — PROGRAM : Clean the house— wash windows , etc. — **Election of officers for this year.**

Susie Judd's House, built in 1896, is on the corner of Main Street and Maple Street. The address for it is 59 Maple Street.

It was recently sold. The new owners visited us and enjoyed the photos we were able to show them.



Susie Judd's House

Today

March 2019

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## MEETINGS

December 4, 2018

Cookie Exchange



President Rick Johnson  
President



Secretary Sue Jacobson



Dave Paluch & Ted  
Koch & daughter



Lori McCaffrey  
Dave Frantz  
Darlene Vickers



Joan Perrin & Lori

DECEMBER meeting continued.

Bill Wulff was the winner of the 2018 quilt



Elaine Fox drawing name for the 2018 quilt winner.

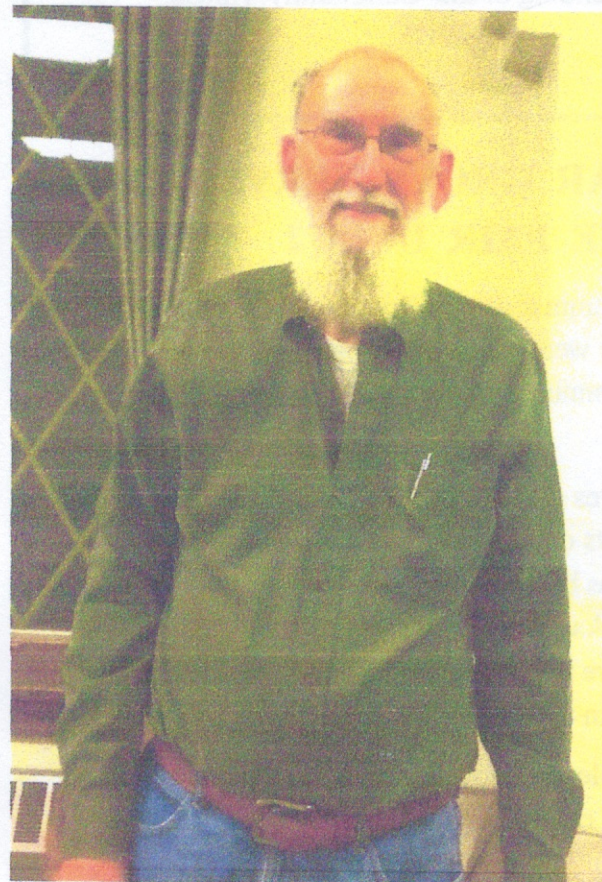
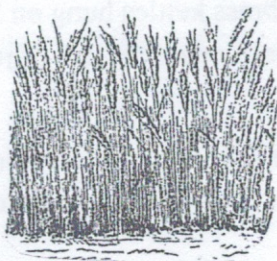


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## MARCH meeting in the Community House

Jack Shouba with his "Illinois Prairie" slide show took us around many 'Prairies' in this area. Showing the flowers & plants that make up a prairie as well as many ways it was spelled.

With much of the prairie gone, Jack pictured some of the pieces still left and many of the ways the name 'PRAIRIE' has been used.



## DONATIONS RECEIVED

### THANK YOU !

Sugar Grove Historical Society is a 501@3 is a Charitable Organization. All donations are Tax deductible.

Corn Boil Committee

### MEMORIALS

Audrey Claesson in memory of

Roy Wolf

Sue Jacobson in memory of

Lois Johnson

## VISITORS

Scott & Nancy Stearns - Zurmbrota, MN  
Kristi Lockhart & Zach Ramos—Sugar Grove  
Pat Patterson - North Aurora  
Bernita Herhly - North Aurora  
Norraïn Phelps - Sugar Grove  
Brian & Sara Swan - Sugar Grove  
Jen Rakas - Sugar Grove

At the March meeting in the Community House, I heard some one wondering who the couple were in the picture over the fireplace. I looked it up:

The Women's Club Room was dedicated to the memory of David Crawford who was township supervisor from 1896 to 1900. The \$1,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Crawford originally spurred the idea for the building of the Community House.

## 2019 QUILT RAFFLE

Hand quilted by Vickie Frantz

90" X 100"

Drawing will be at the December Meeting

December 2, 2019

\$5.00 per Ticket

\$20.00 for five tickets



## SUGAR GROVE SERVED THE STATE FAIR IN 1872

In the summer of 1842 the members of the Farmers Institute were asked to furnish food to visitors at the second annual Illinois State Fair being held in Aurora.

The wives of the members of the Institute , cooked the meats on the hearths of their log cabin homes. A steer was butchered and a generous number of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, as well as lambs and pigs were roasted in the flames of these primitive fire-places in the homes of Sugar Grove Township.

Vegetables-potatoes, turnips, and onions were prepared in caldron kettles, and tea and coffee were

brewed in four-pail brass kettles hung on long poles on the open prairie near the site of judge Parks' residence.

500 guests were seated and many more stood eating. Much food was left over and given to the poor.



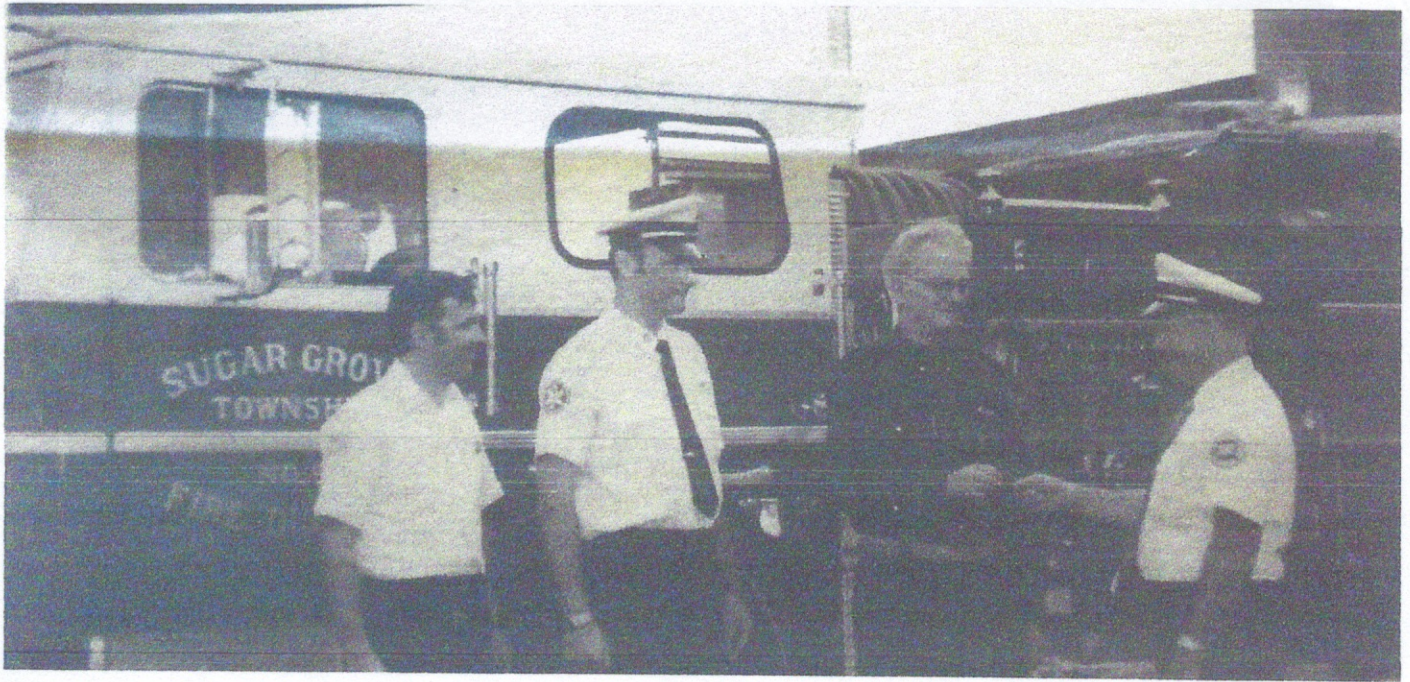
The Sugar Grove Fire Protection District was organized June 25, 1942. The fire station was built on land donated by Mrs. Theresa Keck. This picture was taken in 1953. Delmar Krieghbaum was Fire Chief and assistant chiefs were Deverl Hartman, Groff Frantz and Cecil Runkle.



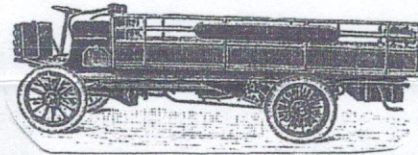
The fire department moved to the north end of Main Street in August 1973. It was still a volunteer Fire Department with 35 members. It was run for many years without raising the tax rate.



Today's fire barn was first built with three bays and now has four bays. It is now on Municipal Drive just south of Rt. 30 at the west end of town.



Fire Chief Delmar Kreighbaum is receiving the keys for the new pumper (Ward-LaFrance) from W.R. Keck president of the Board of Trustees . It will to be on display with the new fire house. Ken Klomhaus, a trustee and secretary and John Peterson, a trustee, are on the left. No year was on the picture.



These 10 women were on call during the day when no firemen were in town during the day time.

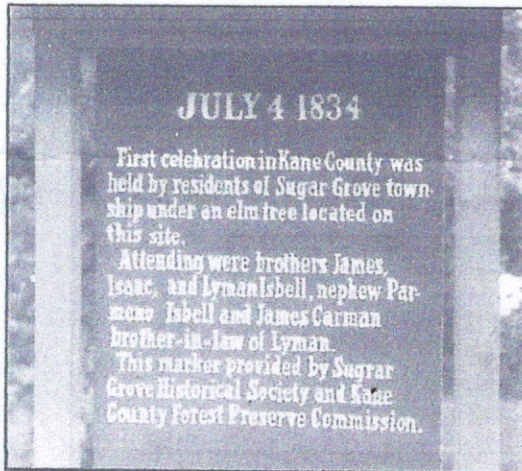


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Fire girls.tif



A memorial in front of the present Fire House for the original volunteers who started the Fire Department.

REMEMBER WHERE THIS WAS ?



This sign stands in Bliss Woods where the tree stood under which the first Fourth of July was celebrated.

**We have lost a member.**

**Jeanette Huggins Frantz** died

January 30, 2019

**NEW MEMBER**

**Kathy Walz**, from Aurora and grew up in Sugar Grove.

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**SUGAR GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**2019**

Individual	\$10	_____
Family	\$15	_____
Student (17 & under)	\$ 1	_____
Business/ Organizations	\$25	_____
Supporting	\$50	_____
Individual/Family		
Life Member	\$200	_____
Donation		_____

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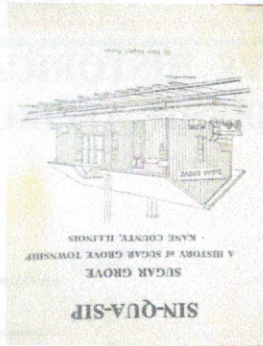
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We have lost a member  
Joanna Higgins passed this  
January 10, 2019

**NEW MEMBER**  
Kathy Wala from Aurora and  
Grove-up in Sugar Grove.