

Marshfield Story Project will bring together our community – young, older and in between – to preserve Marshfield’s community memory through intergenerational dialog, oral history video interviews and creating a digital archive.

As September draws to a close here are some highlights about Marshfield Story Project:

Marshfield Story Project at Marshfield Fall Foliage Festival

On Sunday, 9/29 the Historical Society hosted a MSP table during the Marshfield Fall Foliage Festival. We created “Name That Place, a Marshfield Photo Guessing Game” to engage visitors in learning about Marshfield history. Thanks to the 18 people who bravely put forth their best guesses for the images of Marshfield places from the late 19th century! All entries were added to the raffle to win “Wicked Vermont” –tales of mystery from the Green Mountain State.

Many people thought they didn’t know enough to attempt the game but soon realized they knew more than they thought. Before long we had a lively discussion going, proving history can be fun for everyone, young and old!

Oral History Workshop scheduled

In order to learn more about creating Marshfield Story Project we scheduled a community workshop with Vermont Folklife Center. Andy Kovolos will present a day-long event featuring an overview of oral history theory and method, a demonstration interview, practice and a discussion of recording techniques, practice with equipment and a brief discussion of digital file management.

The workshop will take place from 9:30-3:30 on Tuesday, November 12 in the Hap Hayward History Center at the library. Space is limited and you need to pre-register, although the fee is covered by our IMLS grant. Contact Tracey Hambleton for more information at 426-3383 or tracey@marshfieldinn.com

We meet our Mentor Organization

As IMLS grantees, we will receive help and advice from Emily Pfothenhauer, Community Liaison and Service Specialist with Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS). She manages Recollection Wisconsin, a statewide digital collections consortium. You can read a little more about her here: <https://www.wils.org/2019/05/16/wils-may-2019-staff-interview/>

Working with Emily is Vicki Tobias, who manages Recollection Wisconsin's IMLS-funded Curating Community Digital Collections program. You can read more about Vicki here: <https://www.wils.org/2018/08/20/wils-august-2018-staff-interview/> In addition to Jaquith Public Library, nine other small and rural libraries across the country will be working on community oral history projects. With Emily's and Vicki's help we will share our experiences and learn from each other during the next 2 years.

In the months ahead . . .

Stay up-to-date about future events that may include:

- Community Memory Days to bring in your old photos of Marshfield and have them scanned for inclusion in Marshfield Historical Society Archives
- Gatherings to share your Marshfield stories with others, young and old
- Video and interview sessions to record our stories and discussions

<https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/marshfield-story-project.html>

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