



BRADY STREET NEWS

A Newsletter Celebrating the Colorful Brady Street Neighborhood April 2011 Vol 16 Issue 4

Updates *from* the **President**

Spring is upon us and Brady Street is coming to life as it always does.

Biking down Brady early on a Sunday I was happy to see so many people out so early. The west end is jumping these days. The corner of Astor and Brady suddenly has three great establishments to get our attention and please our taste buds. I am talking about Thai-Namite, Regano's Roman Coin and Glorioso's Italian Market of course!

Let's see, a cocktail at Regano's followed by dinner at Thai-namite and a stop a at Glorioso's for dessert and some quick groceries! What a great night.

Spring Forum

The Spring Forum will be a celebration of one of our often neglected assets, the Milwaukee River Valley. The forum will include a presentation from Brad Drefcinski, the landscape architect that is designing Greenway Gateway. Kimberly Gleffe will also be presenting plans for both Greenway Gateway and Rotary Centennial Arboretum. The great developments are right in our backyard!

The forum is April 19 at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting in the cafeteria at Tamarack School (1150 East Brady).

Thanks,

Grant Gehweiler

President Brady Street Area Association

**Brady Street Area
Events for 2011**

SPRING FORUM
**Greenway Gateway &
the River Revitalization Foundation**
April 19 at 6:30 PM
*Cafeteria at Tamarack School
1150 East Brady Street*
Learn about the exciting plans for the nature preserve on the Milwaukee River!

SPRING ON BRADY
Saturday, June 4th
BRADY STREET FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 30th

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30
Enjoy a fine summer day with some ice cream, conversation & friendly neighbors

BRADY STREET PET PARADE
Sunday, October 2nd
Feathers and fur take to the streets for this dog walk, canine-costume contest and pet blessing. All pets are welcome!

FALL FORUM
Tuesday, October 18th
Topic and location to be announced!

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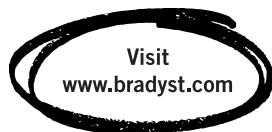
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The next Board Meeting will be held on **May 3rd @ 6:30 pm** at **1224 (LR) E. Brady St.**

All are welcome.

For more information or to join the association call 272-3978.



PLEASE JOIN US!



BRADY STREET AREA ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM

GREENWAY GATEWAY

and the River Revitalization Foundation

Learn about the exciting plans for the nature preserve on the Milwaukee River!

To be held in the Cafeteria at Tamarak School
1150 East Brady Street

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a brief history lesson By Frank Alioto

Birthday Bicentennial

Milwaukee's Renaissance Man-- Increase Lapham

On March 7th 2011, the City of Milwaukee held a celebratory tribute to honor the 200th birthday of Increase Lapham. While anyone who's spent time in the Milwaukee area has heard and spoken his name countless times (Lapham Boulevard, Lapham State Park, Lapham Peak, Lapham Phlox, Lapham Hall at UWM, etc.), he may be the most famous local character that the average person knows little or nothing about. A bicentennial birthday is the perfect time to change that.

Increase Lapham was born on March 7th, 1811, at Palmyra, New York, to Quaker parents Seneca and Rachel Lapham. Increase, the fifth of thirteen children, followed several of his brothers surveying land for his father's canal building company. Canals linked rivers and lakes and were the main transportation routes for the ships and barges that moved people and goods in the early 19th century. This type of work required frequent moves and young Increase became familiar with New York, Pennsylvania, Canada, and Ohio. It was in Ohio that Increase worked for a time with Byron Kilbourn, who left the canal building business to purchase land and begin a settlement on what was then the American western frontier at Milwaukee.

Although he did learn to read and write, Increase had little formal education. He enjoyed his survey work but he spent nearly all his free time on his

passion--collecting curiosities like unusual plants, shells, fossils, and Native American artifacts. He began recording his findings in diaries and corresponding with amateur collectors and even college professors on the east coast who took interest in the flora and fauna of the unexplored territories. Increase wanted to expand his studies in the sciences but could not save enough money for college. In 1835, he was employed by the state of Ohio to do a geological survey of the state. His hobby had become his occupation. However, within a year, Lapham found himself out of a job when new leadership took over Ohio canal commission.

It was then that Lapham received a job offer from Byron Kilbourn to survey for a canal to link Milwaukee with the Rock River and ultimately the Mississippi River. Increase wrote the following to a friend; "I am now on my way to Milwaukee, a new 'city' lately founded on the west coast of Lake Michigan where I expect to reside. I hope to hear from my friends occasionally, even at this remote place." On July 1st 1836, Increase, described as a short wiry young man of 25, disembarked from a lake steamer at Milwaukee to begin life anew.

He settled on Third Street, just north of Poplar (now Juneau)--next door to the Kilbourn family and began his survey work for the canal project in earnest. In 1838, he took a steamship to St. Joseph, Michigan to meet Ann Maria Alcott, a woman that his brother Darius thought he might like. Lapham and Alcott, who

he affectionately referred to as "Miss O" returned as husband and wife.

Kilbourn's canal dream soon went bankrupt as the advent of railroads rendered man-made canals obsolete. Lapham began doing other odd jobs for Kilbourn but in his spare time he wrote the "Gazeteer of Wisconsin." The book, published in 1844, mapped the geography and topography and well as historical facts, geology, and even climate of southern Wisconsin. The book was a huge success. It became popular with people on the east coast who wanted to venture to opportunities out west. He began trading plants and trees with scientists all over the country and built a beautiful garden behind his home.

In 1849, he was hired by the American Antiquarian Society of Massachusetts to survey burial mounds throughout Wisconsin. He loaded a wagon with supplies and spent months on the frontier trails of the state. Lapham discovered that the mounds were not of some ancient lost race as had been believed, but rather ancestors of the many Native American tribes that were being pushed further west. Lapham charted over 15,000 mounds--many of which to his disappointment were being destroyed for farming and town building as he surveyed. He also used these journeys to continue mapping terrain, collecting and categorizing flora, shells, rocks, and minerals. He was even known to be lowered down wells to identify the different layers of terrain. He later published *The Antiquities of Wisconsin*, a nationally recognized book that chronicled much of his exploration. **Continued on page 6**



Brady Street Neighborhood



CLASSES

The Conservatory offers lessons and classes for people at any age and any level. To view our classes for our winter/spring semester go to: www.wcmusic.org

PROMETHEUS TRIO

Monday, April 25 | 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26 | 7:30 PM

Schumann: Phantasiestucke, Op. 88

Beethoven: Trio No. 8, Op. 121a "Kakadu" Variations

Boulanger: D'un soir triste, Ravel: Piano Trio

WE SIX

Eric Alexander with the We Six Trio

Thursday, May 5 | 6:30 and 8:30 PM

Two shows! Dubbed "Alexander the Great," tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander boasts a warm, finely burnished tone and a robust melodic and harmonic imagination. Starting his jazz education at Indiana University and continuing at William Paterson College in New Jersey, he advanced his studies under the tutelage of Harold Mabern, Joe Lovano, Rufus Reid and others. During the 1990s, after placing second behind Joshua Redman in the 1991 Thelonious Monk International Saxophone Competition, Alexander threw himself into the whirlwind life of a professional jazz musician.

CONSERVATORY NIGHTS -

3 Bass Hit

Thursday, May 12 | 7:30 PM

Music for three double basses. Join John Babbitt, Jim Paolo and Jeff Hamann for an evening in celebration of the lowest of the low, the foundation of harmony, the root to your tonic.

For tickets and more information on Wisconsin Conservatory of Music events call – 276-5760 or www.wcmusic.org



VILLA TERRACE
Decorative Arts Museum

CAFÉ SOPRA MARE:

Sunday May 1

Open 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Live Music 12:30 – 1:00 PM

Music by Tangos Stas & Friends

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FEATURED EXHIBITION

Formed

February 16 - May 15,

Karen Gunderman and Linda Wervey-Vitamvas, both of Milwaukee, are ceramics artists whose work evokes anatomical and biological forms. Gunderman draws on the early history of botany and a sense of wonderment in exploring the mysteries of life. Wervey-Vitamvas combines peculiar anatomical shapes with medical and surgical tools to investigate an uneasy relationship between the body's internal spaces and the examination and viewing of these hidden places.

Admission to the Museum: \$5 Adults
\$3 Seniors, Military and Students / FREE Members.

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► THE RIVEREAST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

The Rivereast Community Alliance works to build a stronger more caring community for older adults and meets monthly on the LAST THURSDAY from 1-2:30 PM at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

PLEASE JOIN US
For more info call Linda Cardinale at 414 220-4610



CHARLES ALLIS
Art Museum

Made in Milwaukee: The Allis Family and the Rise of Manufacturing
Wednesday, April 27th

John Gurda presents Made In Milwaukee-- The Allis Family and the Rise of Manufacturing
Cocktail hour 6 PM-7 PM, lecture to follow (7 PM-8:30 PM)
\$20 nonmembers, \$15 members (\$10 additional for cocktail hour) Reservations required.

CLASSIC MOVIES
IN A CLASSIC MANSION
In Old Chicago

Wednesday, April 20

1937, 95 min. Alice Faye, Tyrone Power, Don Ameche, Alice Brady, Andy Devine, Brian Donlevy, and Tom Brown

Alexander's Ragtime Band
Wednesday, May 11

1938, 105 min. Alice Faye, Tyrone Power, Don Ameche, Ehtel Merman, Jack Haley

Movies begin at 7:30 PM
FREE with General Admission to the Museum:
Adults \$5 / Seniors, Military & Students \$3.

ALLIS AFTER HOURS

Dan Dance performs

Thursday, April 21, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

\$5/adult, \$3/student & senior, FREE/museum member

FEATURED EXHIBITION

The Charles Allis: 100 Years
February 4 - November 13

In celebration of the Centennial of the Charles Allis Mansion, six Wisconsin artists were invited to create an installation in a historic room of the mansion. Each artist was asked to create an installation which interprets the collection, the building, or the history of the Museum. The installations raise provocative questions about changes in meaning, place and reception of the space and collection over the last 100 years.

Artists: Reggie Baylor, Carol Emmons, Gary Gresl, Martha Glowacki, Ashley Morgan

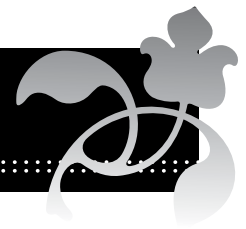
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For more information on Charles Allis Events call – 278-8295 or www.cavtmuseums.org.

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APRIL 2011 CALENDAR



Urban Echo Poets

Thursday, April 14, 7 PM

Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read and write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core.

For adults

Free - donations appreciated

River Clean Up By Canoe

Saturday, April 30, 9 AM - noon

Take part in Milwaukee Riverkeepers annual Spring River Clean Up. We will use canoes to get to sections of the river and river bank that are hard to clean up from the shore. It is a fun way to serve the community and the river. Parental/Guardian permission is required for this program. Download the permission form at www.urbanecologycenter.org/Adventures_Liability_Waiver.pdf. *High school age youth*

Free - donations appreciated

*Meet at the Rowing Club Boathouse - 1190 N. Commerce
Call to register, 964-8505*

Compost Crew

Every Monday, 3:30 - 5 PM

Come and help to keep our compost systems working full steam! Roll up your sleeves as we chop, shred, layer, turn-over, and amend organic matter to create rich healthy soil for the Center's various gardens.

For everyone, Free - donations appreciated

Bird Banding

Tuesdays, April 19 - May 31, Early mornings

Few experiences compare with feeling the rapid heartbeat of a bird in your hand while releasing it back to the wild. Join us for an up-close and personal look at birds during spring migration.

For adults, Free - donations appreciated

Please contact Jennifer Callaghan at jcallaghan@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505 for information or to register

Burdock Brigade

Every Tuesday, 9 - 11 AM

The Burdock Brigade engages in hands-on restoration activities: removing exotic invasive plants and propagating and planting native species.

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WHAT YOU THINK**

Dear Neighbor:

One of the great things about our neighborhood is that people pay attention and have strong feelings about events in the news. Sometimes we agree, sometimes we don't. But in the countless neighborhood meetings I have attended over the years I have always been proud of the respectful way we discuss things.

With all the uproar in Madison, now more than ever I want to hear from you. While you are always free to contact me either in person or by calling my office, I have just mailed out my survey of issues facing the legislature this year. If you did not get one in the mail, please go to my Facebook page (Representative Jon Richards), and a survey is available to you there.

The survey covers issues ranging from how to best manage our parks and bus system to how to address gun laws. Many of the issues in the survey are not part of the state budget but are likely to come up in separate bills. Please take a moment to fill out a survey and send it in. If something of interest to you does not appear on the survey, by all means please write in a comment to share your opinion with me.

Thanks to everyone who attended my March town hall meetings at St. Mark's church on the east side, Bay View High School and UWM. More than 100 people showed up for each meeting. I have never seen so many people so upset about what is happening in state

government. What is being contemplated in the budget and related bills are going to have a big and immediate impact on Milwaukee.

I share the concern of many parents who have attended the town halls about how the budget cuts aid to education and includes a major expansion of the school choice program will impact school children. Bills repealing the residency requirement for teachers, police officers and firefighters are also up for debate now. A number of you have written to me that you are concerned about the proposal to essentially eliminate the Senior Care prescription drug program.

Over the next two months, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance will be debating the budget. That committee will have the first chance to vote on what eventually will become the budget. They are having one hearing in Southeast Wisconsin on Monday April 11 from 10 AM to 6 PM at the State Fair Park Expo Center in West Allis. If you are unable to attend that hearing but want to express your views to the committee, please contact my office at the information below and we will forward your concern on to the committee.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Jon Richards

Email: Rep.richards@legis.wisconsin.gov

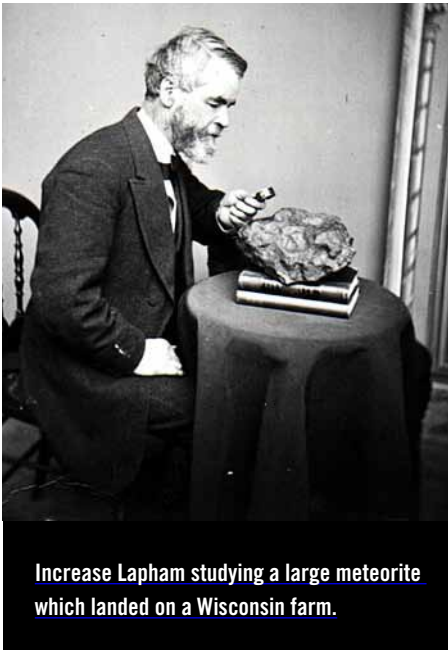
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Lapham was also intrigued by meteorology and kept detailed recordings of Wisconsin's climate and daily weather. While Increase was off exploring and cataloguing across Wisconsin, Ann Lapham continued to record Milwaukee's weather four times per day. He petitioned the U.S. government on the importance of tracking weather patterns—especially for farming and shipping interests—and was successful in helping establish the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Lapham was forever disappointed that he did not go to high school or college. His solace was in supporting local education. He donated land for the first Milwaukee high school, and was a founder of Milwaukee College, which grew into Downer College and later became UWM. He gave speeches at many local schools and universities, and the Unitarian Church. He served on the Milwaukee School Commission, and founded the State Historical Society. He also periodically updated maps for the city of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. This is just a cross section of his many endeavors and accomplishments. While going through Lapham's vast collection at the Milwaukee Public Museum, botanist Neil Luebke asked, "Did he not sleep?"

Lapham was also our first conservationist. He began to warn about over harvesting our state's resources—especially forestland. He warned that leveling forestland for farming and lumber caused erosion which damaged local rivers and affected climate patterns. These ideas were dismissed as foolish at the time. But within a few



Increase Lapham studying a large meteorite which landed on a Wisconsin farm.

decades his warnings were proved on target.

Ann Lapham died in 1863 and as Milwaukee grew a bit too much for Increase Lapham's frontier tastes, he retired to a farm that he purchased on Oconomowoc Lake. Perhaps retirement is not the proper term for the likes of Increase Lapham, for he spent his final years charting inland lakes and their depths and he even prepared an essay on the various fish species found in the lakes at given depths. On one pleasant evening, his work complete for the day, Lapham rowed his boat out a short distance to relax. He was found dead in his boat by his daughter Julia. She made

the last entry in one of the many diaries that he kept since his youth. "Sept. 14, 1875, 6:30 PM—Father was found dead in the boat at the boathouse on Oconomowoc Lake on the south shore on the farm then owned by his family."

Increase Lapham wrote more than 50 books and articles on antiquities, geology, botany, geography, cartography, zoology, and meteorology, and is still revered by scientists far and wide. He was buried next to his wife Ann at Forest Home Cemetery—the beautiful burial ground that was laid out and platted by none other than Lapham himself.



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The Brady Street Area Association is open to any person/business sharing an interest in the betterment of Brady Street and the neighborhood that surrounds it.

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