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## Forest History Association of Wisconsin

### 36th Annual Meeting

**September 15—17, 2011**

**Holiday Inn Conference Center  
Marshfield, Wisconsin**

***Full Details Inside!***

***Last Chance to Register!***



## From The President's Chair

*Dear Friends,*

*The 36th Annual FHAW Conference is only a short time off! Sign up now!!! Our Marshfield hosts have been working overtime assuring us of a terrific F-U-N- filled conference. It will be educational and informative with hand-clapping and foot-stomping music and entertainment!!*

*Besides the speakers and entertainment mentioned in our previous newsletter details have been finalized now for a preview showing of Gilbert "Gib" Endrizzi's mosaic art pieces on Thursday, September 15th from 4-6 p.m. at the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts in Marshfield.*

*FHAW members might recall the Glider mosaic Gib created for the second World War II Glider Symposium held last year and that appeared at times with the our Flying Trees display.*

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*The process of Gib's mosaics was begun by a Danish artist. Gib found a graphic designer to transform his ideas to paper from which Gib creates the mosaic pieces with colors, great care, and dedicated labor in a tedious process.*

*The subjects range from the religious to the sublime, but all pieces reflect Gib's artistry, his joie de vivre and his philanthropy. Gib has found a way through his art to make a difference.*

*Join us in honoring Gib Endrizzi on Thursday, September 15th at the Chestnut Center for the opening reception of his art show.*

*The summer is passing all too quickly as is evidenced by the start of the Packer season! See you in Marshfield!!*

*Sincerely,  
Sara Connor*



## *From the Newspaper Archives*



### **FORMER GOVERNOR WILLIAM H. UPHAM DIES EARLY TODAY**

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Pioneer Marshfield Manufacturer,  
Longtime Leader In State And Local Affairs  
Victim Of Pneumonia

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Marshfield, Wisconsin, July 2, 1924 – Ex-Governor William H. Upham, 83, died at 4:35 a.m. at his residence here after an illness of six weeks.

The former governor and civil War veteran had been at the point of death since last Saturday as the result of a cold contracted on his return trip from Palm Beach, Florida, about six weeks ago which turned into pneumonia and finally developed into a serious heart ailment.

At 11 o'clock last night according to attending physicians Mr. Upham went into a sound sleep from which he did not awaken. Funeral services for Governor Upham will be held at Marshfield Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

#### **Served in Civil War**

Ex-Gov. Upham was born on May 3, 1841, at Westminster, Massachusetts. His was a colorful career from that of a man mourned as dead during the Civil war, to great success as a Wisconsin lumberman and through political battles that landed him in the governor's chair.

It was in the early part of the Civil War that Upham got into the ranks of the Union army. He was a private in the Second Wisconsin Regiment. During a battle he received a wound in the chest and was left lying in the field for dead

#### **Left on Field for Dead**

A southern soldier believing him dead attempted to appropriate his shoes. It was discovered that he was alive and he was placed in a southern prison.

To the Union forces he had been reported as dead and the fact that he lived was not known for six months. *Continued on page 5*

# Gilbert “Gib” Endrizzi

*Engineer*

*Inventor*

*Artist*



Gilbert “Gib” Endrizzi leads a remarkable life. He had a successful career as a design engineer with the Consoweld Corporation at Wisconsin Rapids. He even invented and patented techniques for manufacturing plastic sheeting during the 1960s and coloring techniques for laminates ten years later. In his retirement he remains active, sharing both his time and talents in and around the Wisconsin Rapids area, and through his church, St. Vincent de Paul Parish at Wisconsin Rapids, with the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish at Bonneau, Haiti.

One of those talents that Gib shares are his mosaic art creations. Just one example of his creative talent was the mosaic WWII Glider he created for the 2010 WWII Symposium (pictured below). Each mosaic piece in the artistic Glider rendering is made from the original Consoweld product that was used during WWII for the Gliders.

But Gib has created many more pieces. Some of these will be displayed at Endrizzi’s first-ever mosaic art show at the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts, 208 S. Chestnut Avenue, Marshfield. Opening of that show coincides with the FHAW Fall Conference in Marshfield. Visit on Thursday September 15th for the opening reception, or during any of the Center’s regular hours. The Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts is open Tuesday through Thursday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call 715-389-8999 for additional hours.



*Continued from page 3* Funeral services for him had been held at Racine before the report of his death was found to have been an error.

Due to his war record he was appointed as a student at West Point. He then entered a business career and proved a success.

### **Won for Republicans**

Upham was the man who "rescued" the state from the control of the democrats under Gov. George W. Peck. It was in 1894 after Upham had built up a reputation for himself and had served the state department of the Grand Army as commander and had been mayor of Marshfield.

Upham was elected by a plurality of 53,000 over Peck and the republicans have never been driven from power in Wisconsin since.

Governor Upham appointed many old soldiers to state positions among them a man named William Bradshaw who had dragged him off the battlefield at Bull Run after he was left for dead.

### **Married at 74**

Ex-Governor Upham in 1915 at the age 74 married a second time. His bride was Miss Grace Wilson Mason of Beaufort, North Carolina. She was 31 at the time of her marriage. Two children have been born to the union.

The Uphams have been making their home at Marshfield, Wisconsin during the summer months, going to the south where they maintained a winter home in North Carolina when the northern climate became too rigorous.

Mr. Upham is known as the father of Marshfield. It was there that he built a small sawmill in 1879 and it is to him that the town now owes its development as a manufacturing center. —(from the *Wisconsin Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Wednesday, July 2, 1924, Page 1*)

## **The Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association Presents**

**Lake States Logging Congress  
and Equipment Expo  
—An Annual Event For Over 65 Years**

**September 8—10, 2011  
Escanaba, Michigan**

**For full details visit:  
<http://timberpa.com/congress/logging-congress>**



**Forest History Association  
of Wisconsin  
36th Annual Meeting**

**September 15—17, 2011  
Holiday Inn Conference Center  
Marshfield, Wisconsin**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin is set for September 15 – 17, in Marshfield. The three day event includes unique tours, living history presentations, special lectures, and musical entertainment that are sure to make this meeting an all-time favorite of association members. Make plans to attend, and of course, bring a friend.

**Endrizzi Mosaic Art Exhibition**

On Thursday, September 15, at 4 p.m. a pre-conference reception will mark the opening of Gilbert Endrizzi's first showing of mosaic artwork at the Chestnut Center for the Arts. FHW members might recall the Glider mosaic he created for the second World War II Glider Symposium held last year and that appeared at times with the Flying Trees display. FHW members are invited to preview this fantastic collection of "Gib's" other mosaic art pieces.

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**Lumberjack Louie Performance and Dinner**

Immediately following the Endrizzi's artshow reception, the conference's opening event will be held at the Historic Parkin Place, 108 West Ninth Street

in Marshfield; located just south of the Holiday Inn and Conference Center. Parkin Place's West 14<sup>th</sup> Restaurant was awarded with the title of "Best Overall Dinning Experience" for Marshfield in 2010 and will be the site of our dinner, first living history presentation and auction. Everyone will order dinner from a special menu prepared just for the FHAW Conference.

In Marshfield everyone knows that great food is a given at West 14<sup>th</sup>, but for our opening event, that will only compliment the great entertainment provided by FHAW member, Sterling Strathe, appearing as "Lumberjack Louie." Sterling created the character of "Lumberjack Louie" a few years ago to teach forestry to school children. But, why should the kids have all the fun? Come prepared to be engaged in Louie's interactive program. It's full of Wisconsin logging history and lumberjack tales so you will find it both informative and entertaining. And just like the school children, when the program is complete, you will remember what "Louie" had to share about our Wisconsin Forest History.

The evening event would be incomplete with out our annual auction. So auctioneer, Sterling Strathe, will round out the evening's events with the sales of logging items and memorabilia donated by FHAW members.

### **Mead Wildlife Area and Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**

Friday morning, just a 15-minute bus ride from Marshfield's Holiday Inn and Conference Center is the George W. Mead State Wildlife Area. Covering 33,000 acres in portions of Marathon, Portage and Wood counties, "the Mead" encompasses different ecosystems including grasslands, conifer bogs, hardwood forests, wetlands, ponds, uplands and agricultural fields. This diversity allows the Mead to meet the wildlife area's objectives of resource management, recreation management and environmental education. The natural resources educator at the Mead, Pamela Resech, is preparing a program tailored specifically for the Forest History Association of Wisconsin members. It will provide attendees an opportunity to explore Native American history at the Mead and forest management for wildlife habitat. A wagon ride through the Mead Wildlife Area will allow attendees to explore the different habitat layers of a forest, and observe various forest management techniques first hand.

A hot lunch, catered locally will be served in the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitors Center at noon.

Then following lunch, we'll board the bus for another short ride to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, located in the Schmeckle Reserve, in Stevens Point. Here we will meet Dr. John G. DuPlissis, Extension Forest Specialist, at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Dr. DuPlissis is in the process of completing a 10-year review of the Woodland

Leadership Institute and has some very interesting data to *Continued on page 8*



share with the FHAW members. In addition to the institute, Dr. DuPlissis will also tell us about the Master Woodland Steward Programs. Then after a short break, Jeremy Solin, Director of LEAF (Learning Experiences and Activities in Forestry), the Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Education Program, will tell us about this program, and how it has integrated learning in and about Wisconsin's forests in K-12 schools to provide knowledge, skills and ways of thinking necessary to sustain our forests and communities.

Then after allowing time for questions and answers, an opportunity to view displays at the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, and shopping at the gift shop, we'll board the bus and depart UWSP to return to Marshfield.

**“Taste of History” Dinner With  
Former Marshfield Residents, WD Connor and Mary Upham,  
And Lumberjack Songs with Brian Miller**

Back in Marshfield, there's another great event planned with a Marshfield-style “Taste of History” dinner at the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts, 208 South Chestnut Avenue. Living history presentations during the family-style dinner will feature appearances by two noteworthy former Marshfield residents, the honorable William D. Connor and Mary C. Upham. W.D. Connor was Wisconsin Lt. Governor (1906 – 1908) and a prominent Wisconsin lumberman and businessman. Mary Upham was the wife of the 18<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Governor, William H. Upham, the major Marshfield employer during the late 1800s. In 1887, the Great Marshfield Fire consumed most of Marshfield and nearly all of William Upham's businesses. Together he and his wife played pivotal roles in rebuilding the community. Mr. Connor and Mrs. Upham will share their stories, and some of Marshfield's community history with FHAW meeting participants.

After dinner, we'll move to the Chestnut Center Performance Hall where singer and guitar player Brian Miller, accompanied by Randy Gosa on banjo, breathes new life into the long-forgotten music of early logging camps. Brian performs top-notch music from an under appreciated branch of the Irish tradition. The show will provide a glimpse of what life was like up north during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. During March 2011, Brian performed at the Wisconsin Historical Society for their Taste Traditions of Wisconsin event “Irish Lumberjack Brunch” to a sellout crowd.

During intermission, FHAW members and residents of the Marshfield Community will exchange stories about an assortment of logging related items and photographs on display in the back of the performance hall.

**Blacksmiths in Logging Camps and Lumber Towns  
And the Civilian Conservation Corps**

On Saturday, the meeting will continue at the Marshfield Public Library, 211 East Second Street. Following a short general membership business meeting, John Berg, a relative of a former Marshfield blacksmith, will share tales of blacksmithing in the lumber camps and in logging towns during the 1880s and 90s. He will be followed by Don Schnitzler, who will highlight historic activities and opportunities in the Marshfield area.

After a short break, Mary J. Schueller, author of the book "Soldier of Poverty," a tribute to the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps will join us for the final conference presentation. Ms. Schueller will share stories of the human spirit triumphing through courage and perseverance, and the honor that came with performing one's duties above and beyond the ordinary. Enjoy this historic journey and what these remarkable men accomplished in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan during the Great Depression.

Throughout the meeting, forestry-related artifacts and other items, will be available for purchase to the highest bidder. The silent and live auctions are an enjoyable tradition of the FHAW meetings. While some items provide a learning opportunity, all the items provide you an opportunity to support the FHAW with your bid. Donations of auction items are always greatly appreciated.

The 36th Annual FHAW meeting is shaping up to be both educational and entertaining, please plan on attending.

***Make plans to attend the 36th Annual FHAW Conference!***

## **The Soldiers of Poverty**



The story of service in Civilian Conservation Corps Company 692 that developed Giant City Park in Makanda, Illinois. After transferring to Mellen, Wisconsin to develop Copper Falls State Park, they fought relentless wild fires during the drought of 1936 and endured one of the coldest winters in Wisconsin history. Enjoy this tribute to the men who labored in our parks and forests. 335 pages, 217 graphics, Cost \$23 - (includes Wisconsin 5.6% sales tax) Plus \$6 for First Class Shipping.

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***Meet Mary J. Schueller  
at the FHAW Fall Conference on September 17, 2011***

# *Schedule-at-a-Glance*

## **36th Annual Conference and Meeting**

Forest History Association of Wisconsin — Marshfield, Wisconsin

### **Thursday, September 15, 2011**

- 2:00 p.m. Board Meeting at Holiday Inn and Conference Center
- 4:00 p.m. Gib Endrizzi Reception: Chestnut Center for the Arts
- 5:30 p.m. Reception (cash bar) West 14<sup>th</sup>/Blue Heron Brew Pub
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Living History “Lumberjack Louie” & Auction

### **Friday, September 16, 2011**

- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs Holiday Inn to Mead Wildlife Area
- 9:00 a.m. Heritage and Forestry Presentations with wagon ride through the Mead Wildlife Area
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:40 p.m. Bus departs the Mead for Conservation Hall of Fame
- 1:00 p.m. Lecture: John DuPlissis, “Woodland Leadership Institute and Woodland Steward Program”
- 2:00 p.m. Lecture: Jeremy Solin, “LEAF Program”
- 2:45 p.m. Break and tour the Conservation Hall of Fame
- 3:15 p.m. Bus departs Stevens Point for Marshfield (rolling auction)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Living History, at Chestnut Center for the Arts
- 7:30 p.m. Brian Miller & Randy Gosa: “Old Lumberjack Songs and Stories”

### **Saturday, September 17, 2011** (at Marshfield Public Library)

- 9:10 a.m. Coffee and breakfast breads
- 9:10 a.m. FHAW Membership Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Lecture: John Berg, “Blacksmithing in Camps & Towns”
- 10:15 a.m. Lecture: Don Schnitzler, “Marshfield Historic Opportunities”
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Lecture: Mary J. Schueller, “The Soldier of Poverty,” Stories of the Civilian Conservation Corps
- 12:00 noon Book Signing and refreshments

*Watch the Forest History Association of Wisconsin website*  
<http://chipsandsawdust.com/>



# FHAW 36th Annual Meeting Registration Form



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Registration (\$20)** \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, September 15, 2011 (\$35\*)** \_\_\_\_\_

Reception (cash Bar)  
Dinner & Living History Presentation  
"Lumberjack Louie"

**Friday, September 16, 2011 (\$25\*)** \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Tour to Mead Wildlife Area & Wisconsin  
Conservation Hall of Fame  
*(includes transportation, lunch, lectures,  
wagon ride and admission costs)*

**Friday, September 16, 2011 (\$30\*)** \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner with Living History Presentations  
Brian Miller and Randy Gosa "Old Lumberjack Songs"  
*(includes dinner and all performances)*

**Saturday, September 17, 2011** (Included with Registration)

Coffee, Rolls and assorted snacks  
General Membership Meeting and Lectures

\* All prices include tax and gratuity Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Dietary Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Register by September 7, 2011***



**Make Checks Payable to FHAW and send to:**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership (\$20.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$30.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non Profit Organization Membership (\$30.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Membership (\$55.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Life Membership (\$250.00)

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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Student Awards
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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operations



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