

Jonathan Clark House Museum looks to the past

Mequon — The Jonathan Clark House Museum, 13615 N. Cedarburg Road, will celebrate the unveiling of its mid-19th century landscape design by students at Milwaukee Area Technical College Mequon campus with an open house scheduled for Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

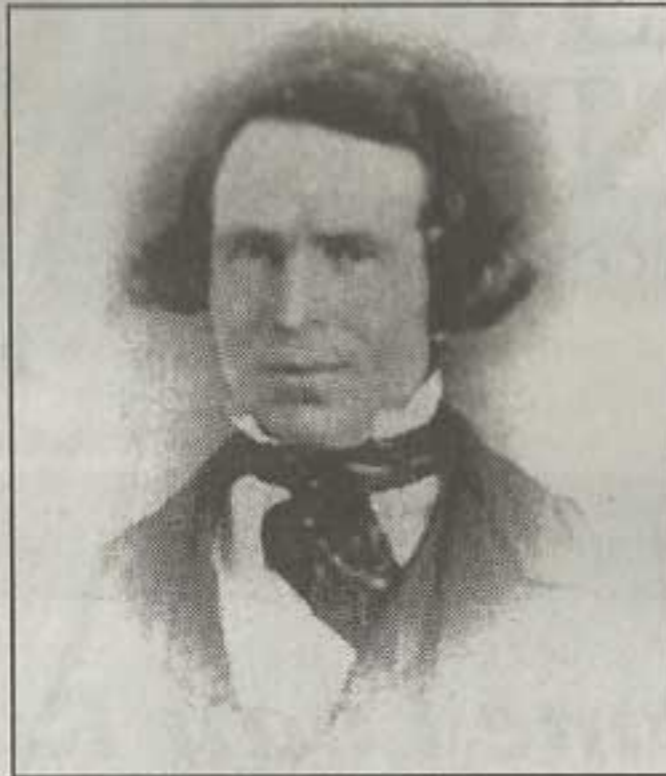
MATC's Landscape Horticulture instructor, Carol Bangs, along with students from the Mequon Campus' Landscapes Projects Class, developed a landscape plan for the museum grounds. Students were asked to construct a plan that showcases what the grounds would have looked like in 1848 when the home was originally built.

"This group of exceptional MATC students has undertaken a unique historical project. The plan they have created will guide us in the important development of the Clark property grounds," said Nina Look, director of the Jonathan Clark House Museum.

The public is invited to stop in any time between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for a sneak peak at the plan, discover new museum developments and witness the progress made possible by dedicated community volunteers and donors.

"This has been a wonderful partnership with MATC. We are working diligently toward preserving the property's history, and telling the story of this Thiensville-Mequon settler and his family," said Cindy Bock, board president of Friends of the Jonathan Clark House Ltd.

The Jonathan Clark House Museum, located at the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg roads, is an important nationally registered historic building in Ozaukee County. This structure was built in 1848 and served as a community meeting place and private residence for the early Mequon settler Jonathan Clark, his wife Mary and their eight children. Jonathan Clark was a Yankee settler, farmer and businessman. He became the town's first road supervisor and, along with his father-in-law, Peter Turck, and their friend, William Bonniwell, was instrumental in the development of the first public school in the area.

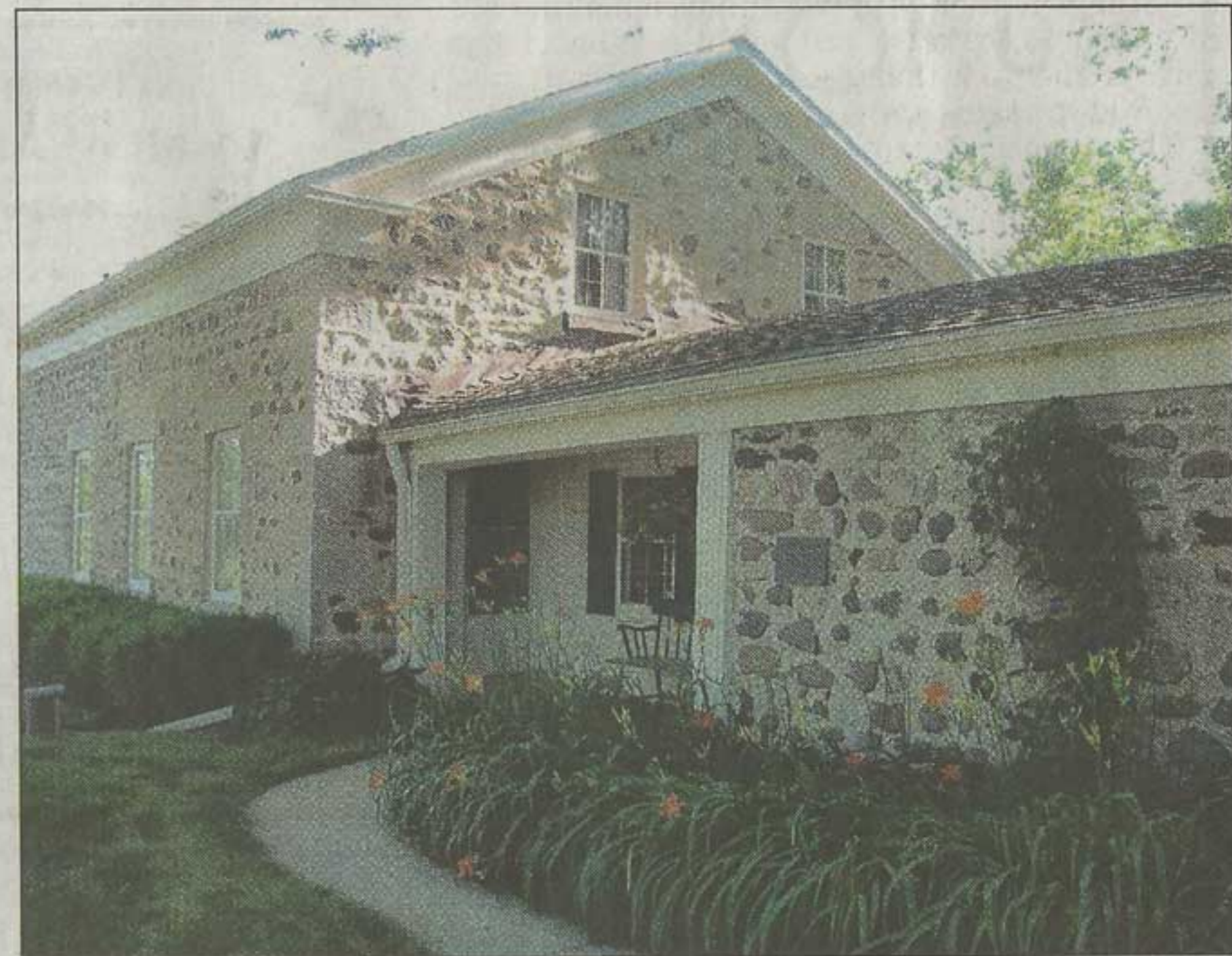


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With the partnership of the Mequon Community Foundation and the help of Jerry McGinnis, CEO of Embassy Homes, the Friends of Jonathan Clark House Ltd. purchased the property so that it can be restored and made available for the enjoyment of the entire community. The goal of the Friends organization is to preserve and share the property, history and stories of the Thiensville-Mequon settlers and the community they created. For those interested in getting involved in this project, there are many opportunities to volunteer, and donations of any amount are welcomed. Call (262) 618-2051 or visit www.mcfives.org for more information.

The Jonathan Clark House is open all year for private tours, and is a host to family and adult events.

Mid-19th century landscape design unveiled



Photos submitted

The Friends of the Jonathan Clark House Museum in Mequon will unveil plans for landscaping at an open house on Wednesday.