

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23

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THANKS, MARTHA!

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Many thanks are extended from Tent #23 to our sister and webmaster, Martha Hay for updating and moving our website to the address above.

Our website, which was formerly on the ancestry/roots web location (along with a host of other organizations) was affected when "ancestry" decided to "make repairs".

Check it out and sign our guest book! It's a one click stop for Tent #23 DUVCW info and updates.

GEORGIA KESTOL, PRESERVATIONIST

While Georgia Kestol is best known as a preservationist, owner and restorer of the Heart Prairie Norwegian American Methodist Episcopal Church located near Whitewater Lake on County P, she also possesses letters from the Civil War. The church, built in the 1850's and its restoration is her passion. Kestol lives on the family homestead farm her great, great grandfather built on Territorial Road. Peder and Anna Kjostolson, who shortened their name to Kestol are her ancestors. Not only did she acquire the church because of this association, but in the family homestead she found a treasure trove of materials that the family had for generations.

There were stacks of letters from relatives describing immigrant life from farming to letters sent from the Civil War front by Jesse Kjostolson. Another letter in the collection discusses the untimely assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Further items were a vast collection of historic photos which also included those of Civil War soldiers. Kestol, pictured below will be the guest speaker at our



June meeting where she will share her family history and Civil War letters. It will be a unique opportunity to experience the Civil War through the eyes of a young Norwegian soldier from Walworth County. Join us for an interesting evening as Kestol shares history.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30pm

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It's always wonderful to see our friends and sisters, but the May meeting of Tent #23 was an extra special one. Not only were we fortunate to have Connie Hansen of Manitowoc, who reenacted Mary Wade, as our guest speaker, we had visitors! Accompanying Hansen were Rogene Moore (comrade member to Tent #23 and member of Tent #21), Virginia Temme (Tent #21) and Laurie Shawhan (Tent #23). The foursome traveled from Manitowoc. It was a great visit and also special since Moore's daughter, Melissa Grzonka is a current resident of Delavan and a prospective member of our Tent. Photo (L-R) Pat Blackmer, Rogene Moore, Virginia Temme and Laurie Shawhan



Above: Connie Hansen as Mary Wade



Memorial Day Photos: Charlene Staples, Pat Blackmer and Ann Day laid a wreath at the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery, Poppy Princess remembers our veterans who died in 2017-2018, a wreath was placed at the grave site of namesake, Mary Chesebro Lee who is also buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan, a plaque commemorates Tent #23 at the monument

Refreshments for the June Meeting will be provided by
Barbara Stuerer and Mary Winchowky

