

# Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER

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## Jim and Sandy Pape Honored at Civic Event

It was an evening of historical significance for the Cedarburg community March

23rd when longtime local residents and preservationists

Jim and Sandy Pape were honored as the recipients of the 2011 Civic Award by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. A

crowd of more than 225 people filled the Cedarburg Cultural Center to honor the Pape's for their devotion to historic preservation and civic involvement. Jerry Voigt, chairman of the event, said the turnout was the largest the event has ever attracted.

"Jim and Sandy Pape are pillars of the community as far as preserving the historic beauty of Cedarburg," said Ben Levy, President of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. "We owe a lot to these two people for all they have done in making our community the special place it is." The Pape's bought and renovated the former Wittenberg Mill near the corner of Bridge St. and Washington Avenue in 1972 and



Jim and Sandy Pape, recipients of the 2011 Civic Award.

turned it into a collection of shops and art galleries now known as the Cedar Creek Settlement. They also purchased several historic buildings along Washington Avenue to form the Washington House Inn bed and breakfast in 1984.

"Without the tireless dedication of Jim and Sandy Pape, Cedarburg

may have become one of the thousands of small towns with featureless main streets, void of historic architecture and old world charm," said Peg Edquist, a foundation board member who made the presentation. She added that the couple also played an integral role in bringing people to Cedarburg and sharing our beautiful city with visitors.

In her remarks, Edquist traced the couple's love of historic stone buildings back to their honeymoon, where they visited the great cities of Europe. After starting a wine making business on Milwaukee's East side in the 1970s, the couple relocated to Grafton with the purchase of an old farmstead built in 1884. They

## Foundation achieves Supporting Organization status with GMF

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is proud to announce that it has achieved an endowment goal to become a supporting organization of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Ben Levy, President, said the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's endowment needed to reach \$1.25 million in order to be considered a supporting organization of the GMF. The endowment is expected to top \$1.7 million by this summer. Before this affiliation was achieved, the foundation was a donor advised fund. Jedd Lapid, Development officer with the GMF, explained that as a supporting organization, the GMF will perform due diligence and complete auditing functions for the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. They will also develop a competitive grant making process and allow applicants to use the web based application process for grant requests. In addition, individuals, non-profit organizations and private and corporate foundations will be able to establish named component funds within the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. "We will not only be able to accept individual donations, but we can now have entire donor directed funds under our umbrella," Levy said. "This means people and organizations with their own funds who have an interest in the greater Cedarburg community can use the expertise and assistance from both the GMF and our foundation." Final status approval from the Internal Revenue Service is pending. ■

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## Civic Award Recipients (from pg. 1)

lived there for 27 years before moving to another historical home from 1863 near the covered bridge just north of town. About the same time, Jim was considering locating his wine business to the Wittenburg Mill on the corner of Bridge Road and Washington Avenue. Owner Carl Wittenburg had not been able to find a buyer for the building and was contemplating demolishing the structure to make way for a gas station. Jim was approached by Mayor Steven Fisher to purchase the building, and he teamed up with industrialist Bill Welty to split the purchase price of \$55,000. In 1983, Jim formed a partnership with five investors and purchased a collection of buildings on Washington Avenue which became the Washington House Inn in September of 1984.

Meanwhile, Sandy had developed a love of vintage textiles while in college and

began a career as an accomplished artist in mixed media. As one of the founders of Christmas in the Country, she has also been President of the Cedarburg Artist Guild and a member of the first board of the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Her most recent accomplishment is the establishment of the Plein Air artist competition in 2000. The couple were also among the founders of the Cedarburg's Winter Festival, Wine and Harvest Festival, and Strawberry Fest. Jim was a founding member of the Cedarburg Landmarks Commission and was instrumental in getting Cedarburg listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The couple was honored with a \$1,000 gift which they donated to the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Also at the event, Board President Ben Levy reported that the Foundations endowment is expected to reach \$1.7 million this summer and has thus achieved

supporting organization status with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, giving it more opportunities to attract donor advised funds from local individuals and groups in the area. (see related story) "We will continue to be a strong source of funding for many wonderful projects and programs in this area to preserve our cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, recreational and community services throughout the Cedarburg area," Levy said.

Vic DiCristo and Tony Gorenc provided entertainment in the beginning of the evening followed by members of the North Shore Academy of the Arts. Sponsors of the evening included Carlson Tool & Manufacturing, Jerry & Alice Voigt, Jim Coutts, Carol Alexander, Levy & Levy, Bob Chmielewski, Robert Loomis, Mark Benskin and Commerce State Bank. ■

## Gala 2011 coming in September!

Mark your calendars for September 24, 2011 as the Greater Cedarburg Foundation celebrates its sixth annual President's Gala at North Shore Country Club in Mequon. This year's theme is "Keep Cedarburg in Your Heart" and promises wonderful auction items, great food, dancing and more. ■



**Jim and Sandy Pape, their daughter Rachael and son-in-law-will and Jim's Mother Bernadine.**



**Past recipients of the Civic Event include Sandy and Jim Pape, Janet and Don Levy, Mel Hepburn, Layton and Barbara Olsen and Bob Armbruster.**



**Ben Levy, President of the Foundation, announces that the endowment should reach \$1.7 million this summer.**



**A record crowd of more than 225 people packed the Cedarburg Cultural Center during the annual civic event.**

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# Foundation losing two board members, gaining new member

Two long standing active board members - Jim Coutts and Vicki Capadona, are leaving the Greater Cedarburg Foundation board of directors when their terms expire in June. Jim Coutts, former President of the board, will be leaving after being involved with the Foundation since its inception. In 1999, Jim formed a steering committee when he was mayor of Cedarburg to determine if there was support in the community for a foundation. A year later, the board held its first meeting. He became President of the Foundation in 2006 when he stepped in after the tragic death of Don Rintelman, who was killed in a traffic accident just one month before he was to take office. "My hope was this was a place where people could go instead of asking local philanthropic individuals, and I think it's great that we're achieving that now." Jim also began the annual Civic Event in 2003. The event draws hundreds of people to the Cedarburg Cultural Center each year to honor an individual or couple for their civic work and/or philanthropy. Ben Levy, President, said there is no way to replace the amount of history and depth of knowledge Jim has about Cedarburg. "Jim has limitless



**Jim Coutts**

energy when it comes to making Cedarburg a better place to live, and he is a true local treasure," he said. Vicki Capadona also leaves the board after serving in several capacities for the past six years. Among her roles was chair of the grant committee and chair of the first, second and third annual President's Gala. "I totally enjoyed the creativity of the Gala...it was a big part of my time here." She said she is proud that the Gala has become a community wide event with attendance nearing 250. The board is pleased to welcome Terri Haas who will assume her duties as a new board member in June. ■

## Foundation Approves Eight Grants in 2010

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded grants to eight organizations amounting to more than \$62,000 in 2010. Among the grants was \$25,000 to the Wisconsin Quilt History Project which is scheduled to have a grand opening for its museum in August. "It is so gratifying to see the Quilt Museum become a reality after their many years of hard work," said Vicki Capadona, chair of the grant committee. The Foundation also awarded \$10,000 to the Cedarburg Fire Department to assist in the building of a

Memorial Park which includes a bronze sculpture called "Generations" to honor past, present and future firefighters. A grant of \$7,500 was awarded to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County for the construction of a canopy outside of the building to cover the drop-off area where donations are left. Other grants included awards to Biking Buddies, the North Shore Academy of the Arts, Riveredge Nature Center, Girl Scouts of Manitowish and the Cedarburg Cultural Center. ■

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