BELGIAN HERITAGE CENTER

Fundraising Priorities of the Belgian Heritage Center

Belgian Heritage Center is Growing

CAN YOU HELP US??

The Belgian Heritage Center is fundraising for major capital projects described in detail on the following pages:

Our Lady of the Snows Historic Cemetery Gravestone Preservation Project - $35,000 (page 2)

St. Mary of the Snows Stained Glass Window Restoration and Repairs - $10,000 (page 4)

Church Building Steeple/Bell Tower Structural Repairs and Paint - $10,000 (page 5)

School/Convent Artifact Protection - $3,000 (page 6)

We are also fundraising for these projects:

Interior repainting of BHC's main exhibit/gathering area (church building) - $20,000

Walloon Language Preservation (WisconsinWalloon.org) - $10,000

Donors contributing $600 or more to any of construction or exhibit projects will be recognized prominently near the project. Walloon Language donations will be recognized on the website.

The Belgian Heritage Center is a 501(c)(3) organization. BHC maintains an endowment fund and can accept donations of appreciated stock and Qualified Charitable Distributions.

For more information about these projects or general support of BHC, contact Bill Chaudoir at 920-559-3113.

Our Lady of the Snows Historic Cemetery
Gravestone Preservation Project – Belgian Heritage Center



The historic cemetery adjacent to the Belgian Heritage Center is the final resting place of some of the earliest settlers on the Door Peninsula. There cemetery was established in 1860. By the 1960's, the cemetery grounds had settled due to the natural settlement of the underlying burial sites. The gravestones were moved to the current location to protect them from further damage and were cast into a concrete foundations to stabilize them. It was an effective solution over a long period of time. But now, over 60 year later, the concrete foundations are sagging and deteriorating, causing the memorial to be uneven and in some cases leaning to the extent of concern of damage.

Our Lady of the Snow Cemetery today









Proposed Restoration:

- Gravestones will be removed from four, existing foundations and the old foundations will be removed.
- A new foundation platform that will be installed to create a flat/uniform elevation.
- New concrete foundations similar to the existing structure will be laid and the gravestones will be replaced in the new foundations in similar order.
- A concrete collar will be placed around the base to again stabilize each gravestone, preserving the memorial for future generations.
- Name plates for each gravestone will provide information that has eroded over time.
- Estimated project cost is $35,000.
- This restoration is the third and final phase of a project to preserve the cemetery and the memory of all who are buried here.



Donor Support: The Belgian Heritage Center and St. Francis and St. Mary Parish are seeking donors to cover the cost of this important historic restoration. Donors contributing $600 or more will be recognized on a plaque at the cemetery. Donors may choose to be recognized in their own name or in memory of someone at rest in the cemetery.

To support the **Cemetery Restoration Project, Phase 3**, please complete the form below and return to the Belgian Heritage Center, PO Box 173, Brussels, WI 54204.

Donor Name: _____ Donation Amount: $_____

Donor Address: _____

Text to appear on Plaque: _____
(for donations of $600 or more)

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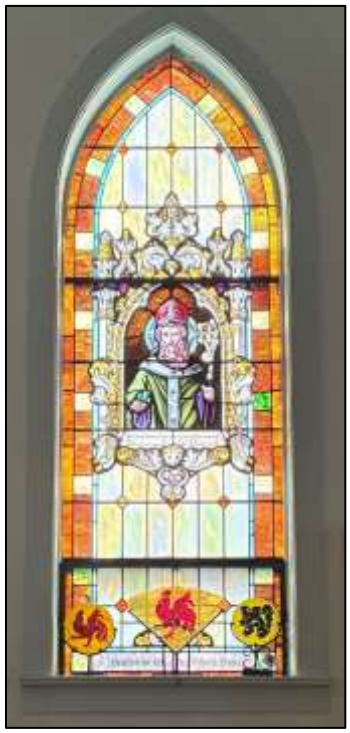
St. Mary of the Snows Stained Glass Windows
Window Restoration and Repairs – Belgian Heritage Center

The stained glass windows in the church were installed in 1914 and are the most distinctive feature of the building that now houses the Belgian Heritage Center's main museum and gathering space. There are 15 windows, many donated by past parishioners. The window frames need to be repainted, caulked and glazed for protection of the windows. Estimated cost of repairs is $10,000.


St. Anne


St. Donatus


St. Theresa


St. Patrick

Donor Support: The Belgian Heritage Center is seeking donors to cover the cost of this important historic restoration. Donors contributing $600 or more will be recognized on a plaque placed prominently near the windows. Donors may choose to be recognized in their own name or in memory of someone special.

To support the **Stained Glass Window Restoration Project**, please complete the form below and return to the Belgian Heritage Center, PO Box 173, Brussels, WI 54204.

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Church Building Steeple/Bell Tower
Structural Repairs and Paint – Belgian Heritage Center

The former St. Mary of the Snows church was completed in 1893 and for its age, it is in great shape. But, it takes work (and money) to keep it that way. Most of the exterior maintenance (like tuck-pointing) has been done over the years by BHC volunteers but now we have structural repairs and other maintenance work on the bell tower that has to be done from a lift. The crosses and louvers need scraping and painting.

Estimated cost of repairs is $10,000.









Donor Support: The Belgian Heritage Center is seeking donors to cover the cost of this important historic restoration. Donors contributing $600 or more will be recognized on a plaque placed prominently inside the church building. Donors may choose to be recognized in their own name or in memory of someone special.

To support the **Steeple Structural Repair Project**, please complete the form below and return to the Belgian Heritage Center, PO Box 173, Brussels, WI 54204.

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School/Convent Artifact Protection
UV Filter for School/Convent Windows – Belgian Heritage Center

The restored school/convent, built in 1894, is a wonderful place to display donated artifacts. The classroom was once where Fr. (later Abbot) Pennings said mass for the students. Other rooms incorporate a variety of furnishings, textiles (handmade quilts, historic clothing) and household items such as dishware, spinning wheels, chamber pots, cooking and baking equipment, etc. Portraits of Belgian immigrants donated by family members grace the walls. The view features an active farm field and historic Belgian farm. Seeing the countryside helps visitors feel like they have stepped into the past.

The windows are in excellent condition, but do not have UV protection built into the glass. This risks damage to the artifacts on display. To protect our artifacts, BHC will retain a contractor to install heat and UV protecting film in the display areas. Using curtains or blinds was considered, but would detract from the visitor experience and, in large portions of the building, would be inconsistent with the historic use.

The cost to install commercial UV film on the first floor of the building is $3,300.





Donor Support: The Belgian Heritage Center is seeking donors to cover the cost of this important artifact protection. Donors contributing $600 or more will be recognized on a plaque placed prominently inside the school/convent. Donors may choose to be recognized in their own name or in memory of someone special.

To support the **School/Convent Window UV Project**, please complete the form below and return to the Belgian Heritage Center, PO Box 173, Brussels, WI 54204.

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