

# Outgoing Journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 22-25, 2025 Ambassador Coordinator, Connie Williams

Club members Jim & Barb Steggall, George & Stephanie Schulte, Patty Potter, Darlene Peterson, Connie Williams, Mary Stull, Diane Jeffrey, Judy Miner and Francisco and Cerlina Hsu (from Taipei, Taiwan) enjoyed a journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 22-29, 2025. Some ambassadors were able to stay with Milwaukee members they hosted in 2024 when their club visited Cedar Rapids. The journey started with a welcome party at the clubhouse at the condos where Tommy Golding and Diane Soiber live. This is where hosts and ambassadors met.

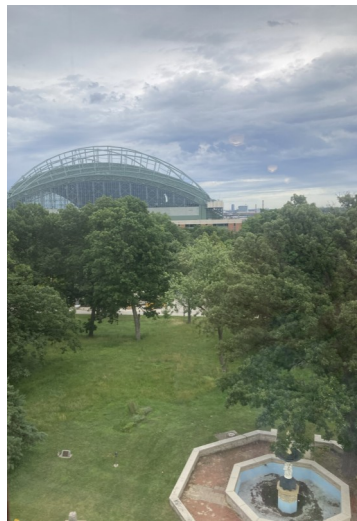
The first outing was to Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts Museum in Cedarburg. The executive director gave us an overview of its exhibits which change quarterly. We viewed many types of quilts and other fiber arts. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and free time to explore the interesting shops. The day concluded with an outdoor play, *The Inspector Calls*, at Delafield Summer Theater in Lapham Peak State Park.



Quilts and Fiber Arts Museum in Cedarburg



The next day started with a tour of the Veterans Administration Grounds at Wood. We learned how the women of Milwaukee saw a need for housing of veterans after the civil war and raised \$100,000 (in mid 1860s!) The buildings have been restored and preserved and today more than 100 low-income veterans live on the site.



Views at Veterans Administration  
Housing at Woods



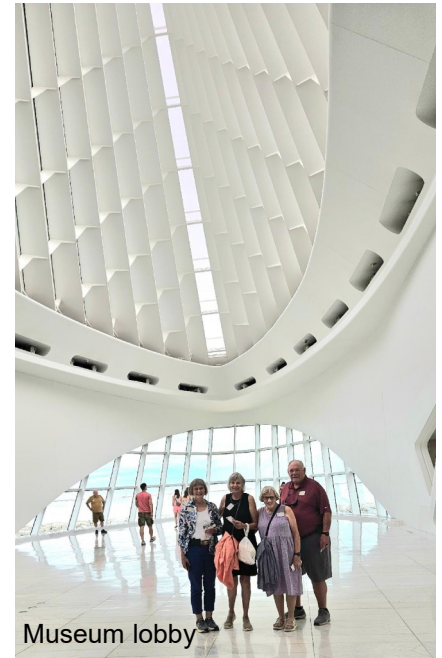
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View of Lake Michigan  
from the Art Museum



Statue of Janitor



Museum lobby

Afterwards we enjoyed lunch at the Public Market, a large food court that also had unique shops. We visited the Milwaukee Art Museum, starting in the Calatrava-designed Quadracci Pavilion. Bob Mitchell, a Milwaukee club member who is a long-time docent there, gave us an overview of its modern art collections and a special exhibit on the works of El Greco, Velazquez and Zurbaran. In the evening, we were treated to home-hosted dinners and were able to meet more Milwaukee club members.

Friday morning was free to explore the city and visit with our hosts. Ambassadors enjoyed visiting quilt shops, touring Sprecher Brewing Company, learning to play Mexican train dominos, visiting a new children's park and strolling the river walk.



Enjoying Sprecher beverages



Attending Germanfest, which has been celebrated for more than forty years, was the highlight of Friday evening. At Henry Maier Festival Park, which is on Lake Michigan, we enjoyed German music, energetic dancing, tasty food, and the glockenspiel clock with local men playing a comedy skit.

During the journey, many Milwaukee club members attended activities and served as day and dinner hosts. This journey gave us an opportunity to make new friends and renew friendships.