

# The Stone City Foundation

## The Village News

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### Where does The Stone City Foundation get funding?



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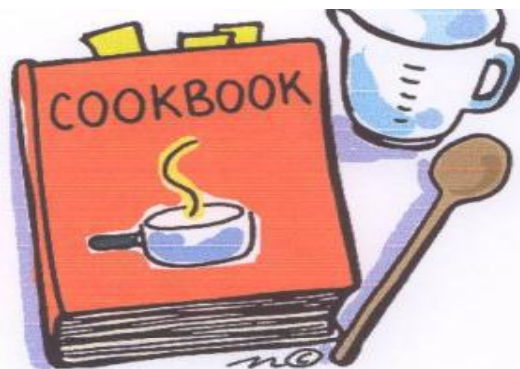
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The Stone City Foundation gets its funding from several different places, listed below are a few.

- Membership and membership donations is one of the ways. Even though memberships are actually free, most people pay a small sum or donate to the Foundation.
- Donations from individuals and companies that are interested in seeing old buildings in Stone City restored.
- Grants that we write for specific projects has been one of the biggest money raisers for us, but we do have to match most of them with a 50% dollar match.
- We furnish tour guides for tours that are lined up by Jones County Tourism, we get paid a small amount for each person on the tour, (we do pay St Josephs Church for taking people through it).
- We sell prints of Stone City like you see below, we sell 2 sizes a 8 1/2 x 10 3/4 for \$7.00 and a 24X32 3/4 for \$22.00 they are in tubes, will mail them anywhere in the USA for an additional \$6.00, They make great presents for you to send to friends and relatives, send your order to:  
The Stone City Foundation:  
24748 127th st.  
Anamosa, Iowa 52205



The Ladies of The Stone City Foundation have decided another way to help raise money would be to put out a Stone City Cookbook. This will a very unique cookbook, besides having recipe 's from some of the best cooks in the Midwest, it will be illustrated by Nancy Lindsay a famous Midwest artist who lives in Stone City.

The ladies will be asking everyone for recipes to add to the book, they need them by November 1, 2009 so they can compile and get the book printed by early next spring. So pick your best recipes and send them to:

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Or e-mail them to:

[information@thestonecityfoundation.org](mailto:information@thestonecityfoundation.org)

You will be recognized for your recipe in the book.

If you have an interesting short story about the history of Stone City please send that also, we will try to include as many of these as we can. Be part of the cookbook, share your recipes and stories and at the same time help us with a great fund raising idea.



**Note: if you would like to receive this newsletter by E-mail (and save us .44 cents) please send your name and E-mail address to , [information@thestonecityfoundation.org](mailto:information@thestonecityfoundation.org) We will not release your E-mail address to anyone else.**

# Stone City Wood Works



Stone City Wood Works has been in business since 1976, twenty years in its present location at 12388 Dearborn Rd. in Stone City. If you want a special piece or a complete kitchen this is the place where you need to go. Quality is the key word here, everything is done by the owner Brad Hatcher so he has complete control over the quality of each piece, if you are looking for a special piece or a total new kitchen, call Brad and he will be more than happy to show you what he has done in the past and work with you on an estimate for your project.



## A Glass Act



On the left are two examples of stained glass work that comes from "A Glass Act" a studio owned by the artist Sharon Burrows who does all kinds of stained glass etchings and custom designs. Sharon is open by appointment at 11811 County Road X28 , Anamosa, Iowa 52205 her phone number is 319-462-5881. Sharon has stained glass projects in many businesses and commercial offices through out Eastern Iowa, as you can see by the two pieces displayed here she does only quality work.

## New Boat Ramp in Stone City

Have you had a chance to look at the new boat ramp in Stone City? It was just completed, what a nice looking addition, thanks to Larry Gullett and Jones County Conservation for upgrading what was getting to be an eyesore, a new sign and a place to sit and watch the river if you desire, also a much better place to get your boat in to the Wapsipinicon river.



## Stone City Community Center



Pictured on the left is the 110 year old Stone City school, that held classes until 1947 and then was sold to the community of Stone City for \$100.00 to be used as a community center that can be used by all area residents for meetings, family reunions and other gatherings such as the annual “Coon & Turkey supper” that happens every year the second Saturday in November. In its “heyday” they had teen dances, bingo nights and many other fund raising things. When the Grant Wood Art Festival was in Stone City they held craft shows here, all of these things helped to support the Community Center. As these things have slowly changed and the building is getting older and is in the need of more repair its harder to keep it up. The Board of The Stone City Community Center asked all residents for ideas and ways to make the building more useable. Below is a letter that was hand delivered to the Stone City Community Center board at a board meeting.

This is a list that The Stone City Foundation board feels needs to be done to make the building more useable. (these figures are estimates only, but most will be very close to actual cost)

	<u>Cost w/volunteer labor</u>	<u>Hired</u>
A board member said there was fecal matter in the well and it won't Pass inspection. To fix the problem. (new well)	\$5000.00	\$5000.00
Inspection of septic system, and replace if necessary. (\$500.00 for inspection only)	\$500.00	\$8000.00
The building needs a handicap ramp so it is accessible to everyone.	\$1000.00	\$2200.00
New roof--repair soffits--replace back stairs siding--paint outside trim	\$8875.00	\$8875.00
Replace South & West doors.	\$800.00	\$1500.00
Fix foundation on West side where dirt is-- paint entire inside of Building—replace ceiling upstairs.	\$2000.00	\$7250.00
Replace furnace.	\$5000.00	\$5000.00
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$23,175.00</b>	<b>\$37,825.00</b>

Adding a new addition to existing cement foundation on back, put in new Bathroom and a new kitchen, this will make the building more user friendly. \$60,000.00 \$60,000.00

How can The Stone City Foundation help? We do have a 501 (c) (3) so we can help write grants to try and get funding for some of these projects, and we do have some members that have some building experience and are willing to help.

We think there are several ways that this building can be used.

- Have a Stone City story building-use it to tell the history of Stone City, have it open several weekends a month charge people to come through, have video's and displays, sell items of interest and refreshments to the general public.
- Use the building as a starting point for bus tours, sell them coffee & rolls, they pay very well for this.
- Rent it to artist to use as a base for painting the scenery around Stone City.

Please let us know how we can help to keep this building open and useable by all Stone City residents

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## Calendar of Events & Notices



On the left is a picture of the Blacksmith shop, in the last few weeks a new floor has been put in on the main floor a new ramp to the front door. The windows are made and are being installed, stop by and look it over.

The Stone City Foundation, Inc. is made up of people who are enthusiastic about preserving the old buildings in Stone City. As you can imagine, the buildings are made of limestone that has been quarried right here in Stone City.. Some of it as long ago as the 1850s. Our plan is to renovate or restore as many of these buildings as we can through the use of grants, donations, memberships in The Stone City Foundation and by selling tours to various tourism agencies. If you would like to help, please find our information on the "Contact Us" page. Some of the old buildings are beyond our help and will be identified on the "SC Places" page. These "ruins" are of historical significance and information about these sites will be included in tour information We are a 501 (c) (3), nonprofit organization and nearly every penny goes toward the restoration and care of the buildings. The only other expense is promoting Stone City.

### Annual meeting—November 17, 2009



The Stone City Foundation's annual meeting will be Tuesday November 17, 2009 at Stan & Debbie Berberich's house (the barn) 12559 County Rd X28 at 7:00 pm.

We encourage all members to attend— if you are not a member you may join that evening by simply signing the form, there is no membership fee to become a member of The

Stone City Foundation. At this time we will be electing board members, after the election of board members we will also be electing officers for the coming year. Board members are elected for a 2 year term and can serve for four terms then have to leave the board for at least a year before coming back on we can have a maximum of 15 board members. Officers are elected for one year only, the officers are President, Vice President. Secretary and Treasurer. We would like to see a large crowd at this meeting to make sure we get good representation from the entire community on the board. I'll bet some tasty refreshments will be served.