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**Old World Foundation Announces 2018-2019 Funding for Old World Wisconsin**

Eagle, WI---Old World Foundation recently held its Annual Meeting where they announced that they have gifted Old World Wisconsin with \$92,754 this past fiscal year (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019). In addition to this amount spent in the past fiscal year, Old World Foundation has funding the re-painting of the 1880's Yankee Farmhouse and Clausing Barn since October 1<sup>st</sup> for a combined total of nearly \$36,000.

Dan Freas, Old World Wisconsin Director, stated that he is grateful to Old World Foundation for their continued support of Old World Wisconsin. He also wanted to thank and recognize Lakeside Painting, Inc., East Troy, for their in-kind donation of a portion of the painting of Clausing Barn that allowed the project to be completed with the available funds.

Old World Foundation was founded in 1984 to raise money to support projects and programs at Old World Wisconsin that cannot be funded through their operating budget. Keeping history relevant by supporting historic preservation, the heritage breed animals, the heirloom gardens, collections, programming and more, is important for future generations.

At the Annual Meeting, both Terry Dignan, Old World Foundation Board Chair, and Gwen Griffin, Old World Foundation Executive Director, thanked those in attendance and stated that the Foundation could not fulfill its mission of support, without the financial assistance from the many people who value this dynamic historic attraction.

Although the season at Old World Wisconsin will be wrapping up for this year after *An Old World Christmas* on December 7, 8, 14 & 15, there are many family-friendly, interactive experiences planned for 2020. Whether you want to ride a high-wheeled tricycle, gather eggs, wash clothes, churn butter, swing a historic baseball bat, learn about historic beer brewing or use historic gardening tools in the many gardens, there is fun for everyone! For a full list of activities and programs, visit the Old World Wisconsin website at [www.oldworldwisconsin.org](http://www.oldworldwisconsin.org).

To learn how you can partner with Old World Foundation to support the many projects and programs at Old World Wisconsin, visit the Foundation's website at [www.oldworldfoundation.org](http://www.oldworldfoundation.org).

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