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DONNA & SHERMAN SWANSON

— INTERVIEW BY ROSANNE MCGUIRE

Dr. Sherman and Mrs. Donna Swanson have been supporting Old World Wisconsin Foundation for over twenty years.

Donna attended classes at Old World—including one on tatting. The lacemaking art was something she had always wanted to learn. Donna's seamstress work came to the attention of the Old World staff, who recruited her to repair the historic clothes worn by Old World interpreters. In keeping with history, Donna and the other seamstresses did all the repairs with hand-stitching, just like the women did in the mid-1800's.

Sherman retired from his veterinary practice in 1998, and after raising two daughters, the two now have moved from their home near Big Bend to a senior living community in New Berlin.

Sherman and Donna both have fond memories of the special events at Old World, and loved the drive-through OWW held during Covid. Seeing the animals housed in their off-season facility was a treat—as most visitors never get to see that part of Old World Wisconsin.

They have fond memories of visits to Old World Wisconsin—and say giving to a worthy cause like the Old World Foundation has just become a habit.

Donna always enjoyed the school houses at Old World—and the old one-room schoolhouses were similar to the one Sherm attended in Walworth County in the 1940's. She says the education programs that Old World staff provide are so important.

"Old World Wisconsin Foundation has just become our favorite charity," says Donna, and Sherm agreed—"We will continue to give as long as we can!"



Donna (on the left) pictured with one of her friends at a "Tea" hosted by Old World Foundation several years ago.

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