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Special Points of Interest

PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.

To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.

We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!

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November Public Event at the Brumder Mansion

PIM is returning to the Brumder Mansion for a limited one night investigation on November 5th, 2016. PIM is hoping to build on the research that has already been conducted at the Brumder Mansion during the previous investigations. You can choose between two sessions, one that starts at 8:00 pm and one that starts at 10:30 pm. There is a discounted option if you would like to attend BOTH sessions. Tickets are \$40 per person for a single two hour guided investigation with PIM. You can get your tickets through EventBrite or on PIM's website www.paranormalmilwaukee.com

PIM has partnered with the Brumder Mansion in the past and this location never disappoints. The history of the Brumder Mansion is a colorful one. It was built in 1910 by a wealthy business man who built the impressive home for his family. He and his wife moved in and had 11 children of which only 8 survived. They lived in the mansion for 10 years and then sold the home to reputed Chicago mobster Sam Picks and his brother Ed during the prohibition years. The two decided to use the ballroom located in the basement to establish a night club as a legal front for their illegal side business of black market liquor, gambling, and possibly prostitution. Once prohibition ended the building then became a popular boarding house for the local Allis-Chalmers employees, among various things throughout the years including turning the basement that was once used for illegal business into a Christian coffee house.

It was in 1997 that the Hirschi family came to own it. The family spent countless hours renovating and seeking out antiques to fill the beautiful home and make it appear as it once did in 1910. They then opened it as a B&B. That's when the paranormal activity claims began. The Brumder changed hands one more time in 2008 to it's current owners.

The mansion has many claims of activity but most are light hearted and even playful. A few of these claims are that doors slam throughout the night, phantom footsteps can be heard, and breakable objects come crashing down from the walls but somehow remain unscathed. At the public events in the past many noises were heard, unexplained tapping on the stage, and a chair that was placed in the tunnels under the building began to vibrate. You never know what to expect at the Brumder Mansion!





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All talks and Library Events are open to the public and free of charge unless indicated. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming October Events

September 27th: PIM is giving a talk along with Tea Kru-los at the West Allis Public library at 6:30 pm.

October 1st: Noah is an invited speaker at the Illinois Paranormal Conference in Rockford, IL

October 14th: Public Investigation of the Milwaukee Theatre

October 15th-16th: Milwaukee Paranormal Conference. For more information see page 3&4.

October 25, 2016:

Presentation at the Landmark of West Allis Senior Apartments located at 1441 S. 68th St. PIM will be giving an informational presentation in the Community Room starting at 6:30 pm.

October 28-29th: Presentation at Milwaukee Public Museum. *Members only, reservations required!*

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29

November 5th: Public Event at Brumder Mansion. For more information see Page 1.

Schedule for Milwaukee Paranormal Conference 2016

This schedule is subject to change.
Thursday, October 6: First Thursday and Program Release Party @ Shaker's Cigar Bar (422 S. 2nd St.) 8pm
Prof. Pinkerton & the Magnificents play a show every first Thursday of the month at Shaker's Cigar Bar and the band and Shaker's have been gracious enough to let us join them. We'll have our program hot off the press for you to peruse before the con, we'll be raffling off some cool prizes, and will have con tickets available. Free admission.

Friday, October 14

- VIP Dinner Party @ Mitchell Park Pavilion on the Lagoon (2200 W. Pierce St.) 6-8pm
This party is for conference guest speakers and those that purchase a VIP ticket (limited to 100). A variety of food and beverage options will be available and there will be a performance by cellist Janet Schiff (of the band Nineteen Thirteen). VIP tickets are available
here: milwaukeeparacon.brownpapertickets.com
- Paranormal Mixer Party @ 42 Ale House (3807 S. Packard Ave., Saint Francis) 9pm
A pre-conference mixer for guest speakers, volunteers, conference attendees, and the general public. Music by DJ Max Holiday. Free admission. More info here: milwaukeeparacon.com/2016/09/13/paranormal-mixer-party-42-ale-house/
- **Investigation of the Milwaukee Theatre. Presented by Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee. 9:30pm session SOLD OUT. Midnight session SOLD OUT,** more info

here: www.eventbrite.com/e/paranormal-investigation-at-the-milwaukee-theatre-before-the-milwaukee-paracon-tickets-24294943831

Saturday, October 15

- Milwaukee Paranormal Conference, Day 1 @ University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Union (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.)
UWM Ballroom East: Vendor floor open 10:00am-5:00pm
- **Wisconsin Room**
11:00-11:45am: Linda S. Godfrey, "Midwest Manwolves: 24 Years on the Trail"
12:00-12:45pm: Allison Jornlin, "Milwaukee Fortean Vol. II"
1:00-1:45pm: Mary Marshall, "Paranormal Entanglement"
2:15-3:00pm: Shepherd Express presents "Q & A with Katrina Weidman of Paranormal Lockdown," special presentation with Mike Huberty and Wendy Lynn Staats from See You On The Other Side podcast, who will talk with Katrina Weidman, star of Paranormal Lockdown and Paranormal State. Includes audience Q & A and autograph session.
3:30-4:45pm The Roswell Debate with Donald R. Schmitt and Mark O'Connell
5-6pm: Keynote: Loren Coleman, "The Minnesota Iceman: the Milwaukee Connection and More"
- **UWM Ballroom West**
12:00-12:45pm: "Best UFO Reports 2016," moderated by Nick Roesler, w/ Chase Kloetzke (MUFON) and Kevin Malek (UFO Wisconsin Research Team). Supporting sponsor: KGRA radio
1:00-1:45pm: Celeste Contreras, "Celebrating Dia de los Muertos"

- 2:00-2:45pm: Kristan T. Harris, "The Hidden History of Giants"
- 3:00-3:45pm: "Searching for Wisconsin's Sasquatch," moderated by Sanjay Singhal (Beyond the Forest radio), w/ Jay Bachochin (WPI Hunts the Truth), Linda S. Godfrey, Larry and Jen Dopke (WI- Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization)
- Worshops (Room 191)
12:15-1:00pm: Brew City Paranormal, "Paranormal Investigating: NOT as seen on TV"
- 1:15-2:00pm: Ron Schaefer, "Dream Interpretation"
- 2:15- 3:00pm: Society for Anomalous Studies, "Historical Hauntings: Supporting Historical Properties through the Paranormal"
- 3:15-4:00pm: Dark Star Ministry, "Ouija and Tarot: Occult Tools and the Paranormal"
- Third Ward Walking Tour, presented by Milwaukee Ghosts-Tours and Investigations. Meets outside Milwaukee Public Market, 7:30pm. More info here: www.milwaukeeghosts.com/tours.asp
- The Raven's Masquerade Ball @ Venue TBA. 8pm.

Our big Saturday after party has an amazing lineup of entertainment including Dead Man's Carnival, Gnarrenschiff and Tamarind Tribal Belly Dance (performing together!), Quasimondo Milwaukee Physical Theater, Sunspot, and Subspace.

Costumes of any sort are encouraged and we will have a costume contest with a variety of categories like "Best use of a Paranormal Theme" and "Best Costume Inspired by Edgar Allen Poe."

Sunday, October 16

- Forest Home Cemetery Walking Tour, 10:30am-noon (meet at cemetery office at 10:15am). Historical tour with guide Robert Giese. Tour is \$6, includes a souvenir booklet. Tickets are limited to 30 and can be purchased on the MPC ticket page: milwaukeeparacon.brownpapertickets.com

- **Milwaukee Paranormal Conference, Day 2 @ UWM Student Union (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.)**

- UWM Ballroom East: Vendor Floor open 10:00am-4:00pm Wisconsin Room
11:00-11:45am: Ursula Bielski, "Haunted Bachelors Grove"
12-12:45pm: Chad Lewis, "Sea Serpents of Wisconsin: Monsters in the Lakes, Rivers, and Streams"
2:00-2:45pm: Elizabeth Saint, "Ghostly Gadgets: Engineering the Paranormal"
3:00-3:45pm: Ghost Story Open Mic with hosts Deadgar's Dark Coffin Classics. Sign up at the ticket/ registration table and get a time slot to tell your own supernatural story!
4:00-4:45pm: Chase Kloetzke, "Admissible: Is the Burden of Proof Enough?"

- **UWM Ballroom West**

- 12:00-12:45pm: "Haunted Road Trip," moderated by Mike Huberty (See You on the Other Side podcast, Minneapolis Ghost Tour), w/ Mike Hoke (Cedarburg Ghost & Dark History Walking Tours), Lisa Von Buskirk (Madison Ghost Tour), Kathi Kresol (Haunted Rockford)
1:00-1:45: "Wisconsin's Wildest Urban Legends," presented by Cult of Weird. Moderated by Tea Krulos (author, Monster Hunters) w/ Charlie Hinz and Christina Rickman (Cult of Weird), J. Nathan Couch (author, Goatman: Flesh or Folklore?), and Valerie Kedrowski (Stevens Point Paranormal Club).
2:00-2:45pm: "Yow! My Business is Haunted!" moderated by Allison Jornlin, w/ guests TBA
3:00-3:45pm: Feral House pre-



sents: Minnesota Krampus, Krampus parade and "Celebrating Krampusnacht" presentation
4:00-4:30pm: Reading by winners of the Cult of Weird and Milwaukee Para

normal Conference short speculative fiction contest: <https://milwaukeeparacon.com/2016/06/20/cult-of-weird-and-milwaukee-paranormal-conference-summer-writing-contest/>
Special appearance: Back Roads Lore meet and greet, 2-3:30pm, Spaight's Plaza (behind the Student Union)
Workshops (Room 191)
12:00-12:45pm: Nick Roesler, "Examining UFO Photos"
1:00-1:45: Mary Marshall, "Ghosts and Spirit Entities"
2:00-2:45pm: luna, "Numerology 101"
3:00-3:45pm: Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee, "Paranormal Tech: Why do we use it and how it works: EMF baseline reading tutorial"

- **Milwaukee Paranormal Conference Film Festival**

@ The Underground Collaborative (161 W. Wisconsin Ave., basement level in the Plankinton building of the Grand Ave. Mall)
3:00 pm Star Paths Special Screening @ The Underground Collaborative
Ron HS Schaefer will be screening the first 3 episodes of his Star Paths TV series, a series that provides information on energy work, magical practices, Tarot, Astrology, and a number of other related subjects. Admission \$4.
5:00 pm Screening of full length and short documentaries and movies based on true events. Admission is limited to 100, tickets are \$6 and includes all films. Refreshments available from UberDork Cafe.
More in-

fo:milwaukeeparacon.com/2016/06/24/nw-announcing-the-milwaukee-paranormal-conference-film-fest. Tickets available here: milwaukeeparacon.brownpapertickets.com

Please consider getting a VIP ticket to the Milwaukee Paranormal Conference. Not only does this give you access to both days of the conference (October 15th & 16th), you also get to attend a special dinner with conference speakers on October 14th, plus receive a cloth bag filled with swag from vendors and sponsors.

Can you think of a better way to spend a weekend in October? Follow this link for ticket info... <https://milwaukeeparacon.com>

Please support the Milwaukee Paranormal Conference and all of our programming by pre-ordering conference tickets here: milwaukeeparacon.brownpapertickets.com

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Watch The First Episode on PIM's New YouTube Channel

Have you ever seen a haunted location on a TV show or advertised online and wondered how you could investigate there yourself? Or do you know about a location but aren't sure if it is worth the money to investigate? We in PIM often find ourselves in this situation and we have to go through a lot of effort to find out the answers to these questions. In an effort to try and help others who might be in our position, PIM has decided to start a YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU9rRoS2IRZ6dcZAn03DKbg>, where we will post videos reviewing purportedly haunted locations that we have paid to rent out for our own private investigations. We have generated questions that we had about these locations before we went and then answered them so that anyone who might be considering these locations can quickly get the information they need to make a decision. We want the channel to be interactive as well and plan to monitor the page and answer any other questions people might have regarding any of the locations that we review.

Our first review is about Waverly Hills Sanatorium. PIM investigated this location in July of 2013. This place is MASSIVE!!! Not to mention impressive. Being there and wandering the five stories of long empty hallways, it is amazing to try and imagine it while it was at its busiest during the height of the tuberculosis epidemic. See what PIM members Noah and Gravy have to say about PIM's investigation there and learn whether we are planning a return trip any time soon.



Latest Investigations and Events:

- On September 16th Chris and Andy investigated a private residence in Milwaukee, WI. Evidence review is ongoing but will be posted soon. It can be viewed along with all of PIM's past investigations under the Cases Tab on PIM's website, www.paranormalmilwaukee.com.

FILM REVIEW BY: CHRISTOPHER K. HOUSE

THIS MONTH WE WILL REVIEW BLAIR WITCH (2016)

Directed by Adam Wingard
Written by Simon Barrett
Produced by Jess Calder, Keith Calder

Starring
James Allen McCune - James
Callie Hernandez - Lisa Arlington
Corbin Reid - Ashley
Brandon Scott - Peter
Wes Robinson - Lane
Valorie Curry - Talia



Blair Witch (2016)

Blair Witch surprised everyone with its mere existence. "The Woods" from Adam Wingard (V/H/S, The ABC's of Death) was expected to be another entry in the over crowded found footage genre. In reality it was a stealth sequel to 1999's massively popular "The Blair Witch Project". Blair Witch pulls no punches and gets right to story, opening with a minor refresher of the original film. The film makers just expect you know the whole story and go from there. The original film centered on three documentary film makers who ventured into the woods to uncover the story of the Blair Witch. All three of them disappeared and one of them, Heather, has a brother who decides to set out to find her all these years later. Not sure why 17 years later he thinks she is still alive in the forest living on nuts and berries but just go with it folks.

James (The Walking Dead's James Allen McCune) sets out with his friends, who we know will all just be fodder for the film's titular title character. The group visits the people who found the footage the previous crew shot in the original, to get a better idea on the location to search. Of course, horror formula dictates these fodder must join the crew on their search because, it's cool and it's a horror film.

All of the characters in the film follow the same horror typecasting so there isn't anything new here. Written by frequent Adam Wingard collaborator Simon Barrett (Your Next, The Guest), Blair Witch is not a bad film it just isn't a great film. It lies somewhere in between. The original film left a lot of questions, the sequel answers 'some' of these questions but unfortunately leaves more new questions behind. Is it possible there will be yet another sequel? Probably if this one makes a profit.

One by one, as the film progresses the characters are picked off in new, imaginative ways by a mysterious creature. We never did get to see it in the original, we do here but it's underwhelming and kind of stupid. That's not to say 'Blair Witch' fails, it doesn't. There are plenty of scares to be had, and it's a nice change of pace to have an actual adult 'R' rated horror film from a big studio. Wingard crafts a fine piece of horror cinema it just doesn't do anything new or original and found footage is a stale genre. See it for the scares.

Blair Witch Rating: C

Chris has been involved in film for many years and is a founder of Milwaukee Movie Talk and also a member of the Online Film and Television Critics Foundation. Chris is the co-director for the upcoming Milwaukee Twisted Dreams Film Festival specifically dedicated to the horror genre. To add to his resume he is also one of PIM's newest members and will be writing a monthly Movie Review of Hollywood's greatest or maybe not so great horror films.

