
UPCOMING EVENTS

GIRL SCOUT WEEK MARCH 8-15

*UKRAINIAN EGG CLASS FOR
ADULTS - MARCH 23*

EASTER WONDERLAND - APRIL 5

HERITAGE DINNER -APRIL 29

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE -MAY 9

BETSY TACY CONVENTION JULY 10-12

BECHS WISH LIST

If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them to BECHS please bring them to the Heritage Center from 1:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday thru Sunday. Thank you!

PENCILS
PAPER TOWELS
BEEES WAX
CANDLES
CLAY POTS (ANY SIZE)
CRAFT STENCILS
COUNTRY PAINTS
BASKETS(ANY SIZE)
CERAMIC VASES
FAUX PEARLS
X-ACTO BOARD CUTTER
SCISSORS
PETAL PORCELAIN
PASTEL COLOR PAINTS

Membership News

Thank you to the new and renewing members

*Ora Ohlenkamp
Lyle & Kay Jacobson
Beatrice Waterston
A Plus Security
Henry & Ann Quade
R. Wynn Kearney Jr.
Mrs. T. R. Butler
Ida Dodge
Lorraine Wolverton
Berniel Weigt
Duane DuBuke
Carolyn Severson
Lyle LaFavor
Ruth Engstrom
Andrew Abney
Gregory J. Genz
Richard Huettl
Mildred Thro
Michael Scullin
Gary Schweim
Neal and Kay Lund*

Contributions

Edith Hopman

Memorials

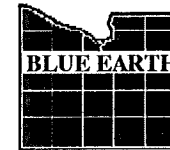
In memory of Adrian Wrucke, given by Ora Ohlenkamp

In memory of Margaret Uinage, given by Hal Natvig

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

March 1992

Calendar of Events

- Mar 7 Young Historians, 2:00 -4:00 pm at the Heritage Center*
- Mar 12 Girl Scout's 80th Birthday, 7:00 -9:00 pm at the Heritage Center*
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day*
- Mar National Women's History Seminar, (watch ads for more details at later date)*
- Mar 20 1st Day of Spring*

BECHS NOTES

Linda Henry

I am very pleased to accept the position of Executive Director and appreciate the confidence the Board of Directors has shown in me.

My major goals as director are:

- 1. To increase the membership.*
- 2. To give BECHS a higher profile.*
- 3. To provide programs for budget minded families.*
- 4. To offer more educational seminars for adults.*
- 5. To encourage participation of the rural communities*

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the staff, the volunteers, and the members of BECHS for their support. I believe we will make a successful team working together to make 1992 a positive year for BECHS.

How It All Began: The Founder of Girl Scouts

Juliette Gordon Low

Girl Scouting in the United States was founded by a remarkable woman named Juliette Gordon Low. Back in the 1800's, Juliette Low was something of a revolutionary-not the kind who destroys, but the kind who creates. She was an environmentalist, a crusader, and the type of woman dedicated to the service of others.

Juliette was born on October 31, 1860 in Savannah Georgia. Just a few months before the start of the Civil War. Known to her family and friends as Daisy, she was a person with a strong sense of determination. Her hearing problem that later developed into almost total deafness never stopped her from pursuing her goals.

After many years of traveling she settled in Paris where she met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, an English general and war hero who founded the Boy Scout Movement.

In 1910, an association of Girl Guides was formed. This new movement appealed to Juliette and she started a group of her own in Scotland.

In 1912, she was eager to introduce the program to American girls. The first meeting of Girl Scouts was in Savannah on March 12, 1912. By World War I there were enough Girl Scouts in the United States to make a real contribution to the war effort.

In 1916 Juliette wrote her own handbook which made provision for an aviation badge - a time when aviation was in its infancy!

Juliette Low died on January 18, 1927. A few months later the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was started to honor her vision of worldwide friendship. On March 12, the anniversary of the day when she formed the first troop of Girls Scouts in this country, Girl Scouts celebrate the Girl Scout birthday. The week in which March 12 falls is designated as Girls Scout Week.

Juliette has also been highly honored by the United States Government. During World War II, the government named a liberty ship after her. In 1948 a Juliette Gordon Low U.S. commemorative postage stamp was printed, and in 1973, her portrait was presented to the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. In 1974 Juliette was also honored by her own state of Georgia, when a bust of her was placed in the Georgia State Capital Hall of Fame. In 1983, Congress designated that a new government building in Savannah, Georgia be named after the founder of Girl Scouting. It is called the Juliette Gordon Low Federal Complex.

Juliette Low is remembered as a woman who worked for peace and goodwill. Her dream was to have young people make the world a friendly, peaceful place. She wanted young people to understand themselves and others. She wanted to give something special to the world, and that was Girl Scouting. In the final paragraph of her will, she wrote, "I leave and bequeath to my family my friendships, especially my beloved Girl Scouts." She never had any children of her own, but her "adopted family" of Girl Scouts numbered 167,925 at the time of her death. Today this "family has grown to more than three million members and every one of them owes a debt of gratitude to the woman who made it possible, Juliette Gordon Low.

Linda Henry



"Daisy" Juliette Gordon Low

PROGRAM UPDATE

Both "Sweet Memories" and the Abraham Lincoln programs were a great success. People were thrilled to see Hubbard House decorated in Valentine splendor and the children enjoyed taking Mom and Dad to the basement for the pioneer exhibits. We have received many requests to do it again and will honor these requests by doing "Easter Wonderland" on April 5.

Our tribute to President's Day with "Abraham Lincoln and Blue Earth County" was also a great family outing. The public expressed their appreciation for the budget prices and the educational information. I can't say enough about the actors and the wonderful performance they gave. Our local TV station KEYC was also in attendance giving them rave reviews!

On behalf of BECHS I would like to thank everyone involved for making these events a success! A special thanks to Kevin Tacheny, Shanti Jensen, Sue Schoettler, and Bryce Stenzel.

GIRL SCOUT'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

In honor of Girl Scout's 80th birthday we will sponsor a Open House on Thursday, March 12, from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Heritage Center. Since we will be serving birthday cake, please call the Heritage Center to RSVP by March 8. There will not be an admission charge for this event.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

We will be honoring National Women's History Month by having two seminars during the Month of March. All details are not complete at the time of publication of the newsletter so be sure to watch the Free Press for our ad, or call the Heritage Center for details.

UKRAINIAN EGG PAINTING CLASS

Reverend Al Thompson and his wife, Ardie, will be giving a Ukrainian egg painting class for adults on Monday, March 23 from 6:30 -9:30 pm at the Heritage Center. The cost of this class will be \$15.00 per person. To register for this class send your name, address, and phone number along with payment to:

Blue Earth County Historical Society
415 Cherry St
Mankato MN 56001
ATTN: UKRAINIAN EGG CLASS

CURATORIAL NOTES

Jeff Kroke

Thank goodness, winter is half over, the days are getting longer and many of our volunteers who fled for the south will be returning. Jo, Win, and Edith continue to plug away at indexing our extensive newspaper collection. Ken, Pat, Orv, and Ian continue to work on our artifact collection and the 100 percent inventory we began in November. We have three new volunteers in the archives Jenny Johnson, Norma Brown, and Carol Oney. They will be working with the research, the library books and the card files. These people and the others who lend a hand are invaluable to making our museum work. If there is anyone who has an interest in our history or feels they have a skill to offer please feel free to call us or come down and visit.

Also, we have added more hours to the archives. The archives will be open each Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00. Have a happy and safe St Pat's Day.

Young Historians

Jeff Kroke

March Young Historians will feature Puppet Making by Pat Jensen from St. Peter. The program will take place Saturday, March 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. Puppets made from spoons, paper bags, and socks, and other items from around the house will be featured. Space is limited. For reservations please call 345-5566. Hope to see you there!

The Red Jacket Mill and the Red Jacket Bridge

The following paragraph was omitted in last month's newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The Red Jacket Trestle was built in September 1874. It was a great engineering feat and was the crucial link in opening Southern Minnesota grain fields to the mills in Mankato and vicinity. A wooden bridge was built on the LeSueur River and was replaced by steel spans in 1901.
