

ANNUAL MEETING

BECHS Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center. Thirty two members of the Society attended the meeting and voted on the ammendments to the by-laws and the new Board Members.

We would like to thank the following Board Members whose terms have expired in 1992.

Janet Morken, Treasurer
Kathy Trauger, Secretary
Charles "Bud" Barnard
Jennifer Thompson.

We would also like to extend a hearty welcome to the following new Board Members:

Harley Goff, Vice Pres.
Tom Salsbery, Treasurer
Jo Schultz, Secretary
Lucille Fitzsimmons
Claudia Cooper
Betsy Winn
Glenn Bartsch
Gene Braam
Suzette Johnson
Mary Ann Mellecker

Membership News

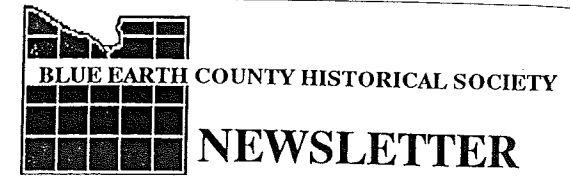
Thank you to the new and renewing members

Brad Theissen
Sharla Whalen
Anthony Zaragoza Family
Walter O. Jones
Marilyn Ringheim
Julie Schrader
Lucille Fitzsimmons
Roberta Bartholdi
Alice Gerth
Jerry Hagen
Alice Hollingsworth
Waldo & Jean Jaax
Herbert & Carolyn Kraus
Leighton & Burdella Lloyd
Susan M. Monk-Kjos
Edward & Dianne Olson
Mrs Earl M. Peterson
Roberta & Glee Robinson
Lee & Loretta Snilsberg
Mr & Mrs Ken Thompson
Michael & Peg Lawrence
Peterson & Company
Lynn Knudson
Dr. & Mrs A.M. Scheidel

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July 1992 Calendar of Events

July 1-31 *Quilt Show - Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato*
July 10-12 *Betsy-Tacy Convention*
July 25 *Young Historians*

BECHS NOTES

Linda Henry, Executive Director

It was great to see so many of you at the annual meeting. Due to the hard work and efforts of the volunteers BECHS has been able to make alot of progress in the last year! Thank you members and vounteers-We couldn't have done it without you!

What a rewarding experience it was to see our members become excited about the restoration process of Hubbard House. I will continue to keep you updated on the current projects, at Hubbard House, and hope you will volunteer in your area of interest.

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Curatorial Notes

We have just installed an exhibit at Madison Lake so I would like to share a bit of Madison Lake's history.

Madison Lake began humbly as a resort, called Point Pleasant, located on the shores of Lake Madison. As early as the 1870's Lake Madison had been known as a popular place for hunting and fishing. In 1882, Jesse Barclay built a resort on Point Pleasant which drew visitors from all over the world. The area grew in popularity and population. A Point Pleasant townsite was platted in 1883, and later a Madison Lake townsite was platted in 1885. The village of Madison Lake was incorporated in 1892, combining both townsites into one. Through the early years Madison Lake grew. Some of the early business include Madison Lake sawmill founded in 1888, in 1889, the Peoples State Bank and Allyn Brothers Store in 1885. The resort industry continued to grow also. In 1900, a second resort, Copanning, was built by Jesse Barclay. Copanning never gained the popularity of Point Pleasant

and in 1947 it was demolished.

One significant event in the history of Madison Lake was the fire of 1910. The fire destroyed much of Madison Lake and many thought that the town would not be rebuilt. The town rebounded from the near disaster and in the years following the fire grew into the Madison Lake we know today.

This year marks Madison Lake's Centennial. For the past 100 years Madison Lake has contributed to the development of Blue Earth County in many ways and will for many years.

written by Jeff Kroke

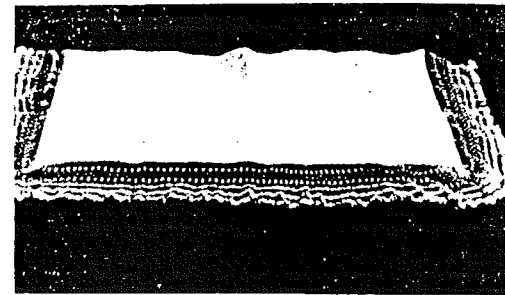
YOUNG HISTORIANS

by Jeff Kroke

Young Historians will be held on Saturday, July 25, from 1-3 p.m. at the Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato and will feature a water color class taught by Sue Mueller of Mankato. Admission is free to members and \$1.50 to non-members. Spaces are limited, please call the Heritage Center at 345-5566 to reserve a place.

Quilt Collection

The quilts in the collection of the Blue Earth County Historical Society represent those which were used for everyday, although there are some exceptions. These quilts are made from cotton fabrics and are filled with a cotton batting. Some of the fabrics are from flour sacking. The designs of the majority of quilts are pieced with patterns using rectangles and triangles. Exceptions to the utilitarian style are two applique quilts with floral motifs and the crazy quilts made of satins and velvets and embroidered in lavish designs. One last quilt holds a place of honor in the collection: the official Blue Earth County quilt. Completed in 1983, the square quilt represents each township as they appear on a map.



BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, owner; ISABEL BEATTY, donor; White quilted chest cover, 119cm x 60cm, Pennsylvania, cotton.

Program Update

Linda Henry

The Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 Cherry St., Mankato, is presenting a quilt show running from July 1-31. The exhibit will be open Tuesday - Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students and seniors.

We are delighted that the members of Deep Valley Quilters and various individuals from Blue Earth County were willing to share their beautiful quilts with us.

A booklet containing a short history of the twenty-three townships of Blue Earth County and pictures of the quilts made by various Blue Earth County residents or their ancestors will also be available for sale in the Heritage Center Gift Shop.

July 10-12 is the Betsy-Tacy Convention and we are in need of fresh cut flower arrangements for the Hubbard House during this convention. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please deliver the flowers to the Hubbard House on Thursday, July 9 from 1-4 p.m.