

Program Update

Linda Henry

Tickets for the sixth annual "Ghosts from the Past," will go on sale Sept. 1. Ghosts will be held on October 3 & 4 at Natures William Center. Be sure to order your tickets early as this program has sold out every year! Tickets are \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

The restoration of the Hubbard House has been started. Bids were accepted from the Robert W. Carlstrom Construction Co., and work has been started on the roof, the porches, a handicap ramp, electrical work, and installation of air conditioning. Weather permitting the work is to be completed the first part of September.

We hope you will join us for an Open House to be held at Hubbard House on Sunday, September 20, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission will be free of charge. We will also have face painting and a duck pond for the children. Free refreshments will be served.

The summer has certainly been cool, but not while we were at the Blue Earth County Fair! Saturday and Sunday were two of the hottest days of the summer and our root beer floats and ice cream cones were quite a hit! Thanks to the many people who stopped by to say hi and browse through the exhibits. It was nice to hear that everyone appreciated the new exhibits at the fair this year and we were glad you enjoyed the pictures of different townships. As usual the Maud Hart Lovelace exhibit was enjoyed by young and old!

Summerfest at Pemberton turned out to be a very pleasant day. A parade was enjoyed by all and thanks to Bryce Stenzel and Elmer Goodrich for representing the Society in the parade. We tried something new for Summerfest and it seems to have made quite an impact on the Pemberton residents. We printed a small booklet on the Pemberton history and have sold 50 copies with more orders anticipated. This has been a wonderful way to show our interest in the rural communities of our county.

A special thanks to the many volunteers-Edith, Ken, Orv, Win, Jo, Alma, Elmer, Carol, Ora, and Mary for their many hours of hard work during these weeks of below normal staffing. Not a day goes by that I don't think about how fortunate I am to have the great support of our volunteers! I can't emphasize enough how important each and everyone of you are to the Society. My little words of thanks hardly seems enough!

Membership News

Thank you to the new and renewing members.

Mrs. W. E. Campbell
 Betty Anne Carroll
 Aileen Eick
 Mrs Edward Epple
 Herbert & Leona Hanel
 Ken Gertjansen
 Edith Hopman
 Colleen & David Jackson
 Bernadine Kopischke
 Paul Schumann
 Lorraine Wright
 Claudida Cooper
 Rickway Carpet
 Linda Henry
 Calvin & Margaret Ward
 Mrs J.J. Dobie
 Jerry & Judy Reich
 Alma Severson
 Fischer Commercial Real Estate
 Jerome & Bernita
 Cummiskey

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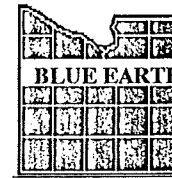
freezer
 file cabinets
 3-hole paper punch
 answering machine
 case of colored copier paper
 index cards
 Christmas Ornaments
 Christmas Trees (artificial only)
 flashlights
 batteries (size D)
 6 -Volt Lantern Batteries
 3-M Black double backed tape
 Paper cutter
 Plants for Hubbard House

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 NEWSLETTER

September 1992

Calendar of Events

- Sept 1 *Ticket sales start for " Ghosts from the Past " \$4.00 members \$5.00 non-members.*
- Sept 7 *Labor Day -Office Closed*
- Sept 20 *Open House -- Hubbard House -- 1:00-4:00 p.m. an opportunity to view the recent work done on the house by the Robert W. Carlstrom Construction Company. Entertainment and free refreshments will be provided.*
- Sept *Special Exhibits at Heritage Center --The Sared Circle of Life -- Toy Tractor Collection*

Heritage Center

415 Cherry St., Mankato

Hours:

Exhibit Gallery

1:00-4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday-Sunday

Research Center

1:00 -4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday-Friday

Hubbard House

606 S Broad St., Mankato

Hours

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday- Sunday

Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

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New Exhibits At The Heritage Center

The Sacred Circle of Life: Dakota and Ojibway People of Minnesota

The Sacred Circle of Life: Dakota and Ojibway People of Minnesota, a photographic exhibit on loan from the Minnesota Historical Society, evokes the cycle of family relationships in the Dakota and Ojibway Indian communities over a 60 year period. The exhibit opens on September 1 and continues until October 4.

The exhibit consists of 63 photographic portraits taken between 1870 and 1940. These pictures are arranged to suggest the sex and age roles within Indian families between husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old. Particular attention is given to the place of women within the culture. The "Sacred Circle" was assembled by two Indian Women, Nanetee and Tori Graves, as part of their summer internship at the Minnesota Historical Society in 1976. The exhibit reflects their perceptions of the Indian community. She wrote: "For us, the Sacred Circle of Life is continuous. The men are the providers and protectors. The elders share their wisdom and knowledge with the young upon whom are focused the expectations of the future. Thus the circle is completed."



Little Boys Never Grow Up Their Toys Just Get More Expensive

Gary Oney has been buying and collecting toy tractors since he was in the sixth grade. Oney calls himself only a novice in the tractor collection business. He has a collection of 94 tractors that is worth about \$3000.00. "I know guys that have three to four hundred of them. They have them displayed on shelves that run the full length of a wall," he said. Oney's oldest piece is a 1926 scale model of the older two cylinder John Deere tractors. He believes it's worth about \$400.

The old saying, "Little boys never grow up, their toys just get more expensive," is just about the case with Oney. He explained that the tractors can run anywhere from one dollar to one hundred dollars. The price range depends on different sizes, age and the amount of detail on the model.

When Oney and his wife go anywhere that sells toy tractors the little boy in him comes out. Part of Oney's collection is on display at the Heritage Center through September 30.

