

The format of the production will be a reader's theater, so there will be minimal memorization and staging.

A point was raised at the Annual Meeting about the members attending meetings of the Board of Trustees. The regular meetings of the Board are held on the **third** Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. They are usually held at the Museum, except during the summer when we search for cooler quarters. The meetings are open to visitors. If you wish to attend a meeting, call the Museum (345-4154) to double check time and place, as they may change.

If you have any suggestions for programs, activities, policy, anything at all, do not hesitate to submit them to the Board or send them to the Museum. The Board represents the members in setting policy and may not be aware of your interests and concerns.

Hope to see you at a future event!!

Denise

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PLEASE renew your membership if you have not already done so!

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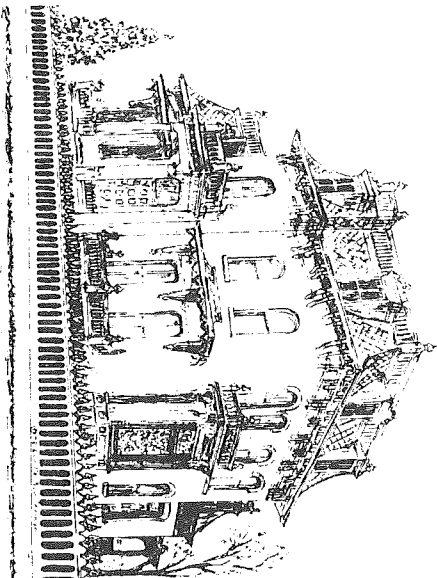
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Welcome To . . .

Rene Peters - typist. She types cards for the Artifact and Archives collection files.

John Christenson, Jerry Kenney, Barb Maher, Bill Montag, and Scott Taylor - new members of the Board of Trustees. They were elected at the Annual Meeting held on April 1, 1984.

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Officers and Trustees 1984-1985

President - Anita Stone
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Mission Accomplished!

The indexing project of the obituaries in the scrapbooks in the Archives collection was completed on April 10, 1984. Many people helped in the process but Evelyn Weisgram, a regular volunteer in the Archives, has the distinguished honor of completing the project. Evelyn's next task is to begin indexing the newest additions to the newspaper collection. She is beginning with the **Good Thunder Herald**. The work never ends!

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The following change was made in the By-Laws at the Annual Meeting held on April 1, 1984:

Article VIII: Amendments

"All amendments to these by-laws must be offered in writing to the Board of Trustees for their recommendations and consideration. If, after acceptance of the amendment at one regular monthly meeting, said Board pass favorably upon said amendment at the next regular monthly meeting, then the amendment shall be adopted and take immediate effect, subject to approval by a 2/3 majority of the members present at the next Annual Meeting."

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Congratulations!!

Karen Mesrobian, Volunteer Curatorial Aid, has recently been hired by the Nicollet County Historical Society. Karen assumed her new duties on April 24th. We wish her the best, but we will miss her here!!

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Reminder . . .

Reservations are still available for **Minnesota Memories: Common Folk and Quiet Heroes**. The date is Friday, June 8. The cost is \$10.00. Call the Museum, 345-4154 or the YWCA 345-4629 for details.

Memorials have been received to

James F. Pfau
Dr. F. Roth
H.T. Westerland
Herman Weickung

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We were saddened to hear that Lora Heidel, a member of the Society, has passed away. She established the Harry Heidel Memorial Fund, in memory of her husband, which was used to restore the Society's piano.

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Attention!

The Board of Trustees would like to announce its new structure of operating. A committee system has been organized with each Board member serving on at least one committee. Certain committees are going to be made up entirely of Board members and others will be made up of Board members and members. If you are interested in becoming active within the committee structure, contact the Museum or any Board member.

The committees are as follows:

Board Only:

Legal and Finance
Nominating
Personnel

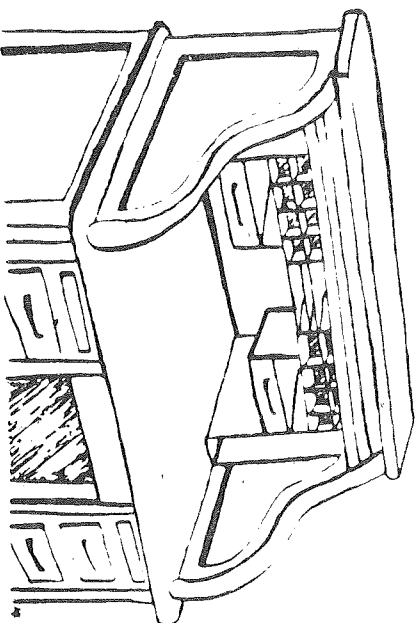
Open:

Annual Meeting
County Fair
Fund Raising
Hubbard House
Membership
New Museum
Programs
Public Relations

Complete job descriptions are being written and should be approved in mid-May.



From the Director's Rolltop . . .



Denise Schmidt

I have recently returned from a symposium in Illinois entitled "Opening the Cabinet of Curiosities: Taking the Museum to the People". It was great, because everything covered in the sessions may be put to immediate use here. Such topics as public relations, interpreting the artifact collection, and education programs are exactly the areas on which we are focusing our attention at this time.

A way that we are "taking the historical society to the people" this summer is in the play that we are writing and producing. The play, as yet untitled, will run from mid-June through September. The **tentative schedule** is:

Saturday, June 23 - Madison Lake (pending)
Sunday, July 1 - Mankato, Mankato Mall
Wednesday, July 18 - Amboy, American Legion
Saturday, July 28 - Good Thunder
Wednesday, August 8 - Lake Crystal, High School
Sunday, August 19 - Garden City, Fairgrounds
Saturday, September 8 - Mapleton, Town and County Leisure Center
Saturday, September 15 - St. Clair
To be Arranged - Mankato, BECHS Harvest Festival

Watch the publicity for exact times and locations for all performances.

Auditions for the play are scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Mankato Mall Auditorium**. All budding actors are encouraged to try out. We would like to have a representative group from the entire county.