

## Board of Trustees Update

Best Wishes to Jim Norman who recently resigned as a board member of the Blue Earth County Historical Society, Board of Trustees. We wish Jim the best of luck in his future and thank him for his involvement with the Society over the past years. Welcome to new board members, Eldon Marks of Amboy and Chuck Christianson of rural Mankato. The November board meeting took place in Good Thunder where we were treated to a tour of the Good Thunder grain elevator mural.

## Curation Notes

As you are well aware, in the months ahead we will begin the formidable task of moving our archives materials and many of our artifacts from Hubbard House to our new location in the Summit Center building. For that purpose we will need boxes with telescoping lids (such as those which copy paper is packaged in) and wrapping tissue paper with which to pack the materials. If you have any of these items to spare, we'd appreciate having them. Call Audrey at 507-345-4154 if you wish to help out.

Much hard work lies ahead for all of us at the Historical Society but we know that the end result will be a better equipped research library; larger, environmentally-stable storage areas; more exhibits interpreting Blue Earth County history; and—here at the R.D. Hubbard House—a beautiful, elegantly furnished living history museum.

On November 12, the Deep Valley Quilters met at the museum to view the Historical Society quilt collection, which currently includes 18 crazy-, applique, and pieced-quilts of various designs and sizes. The showing gave the quilters and the museum staff the opportunity to share their knowledge- the staff by providing the historical background of each quilt and the quilters by pointing out to the staff the unique techniques and designs exhibited in each quilt. The creativity and skill of our foremothers is readily evident in the quilts of our collection.

## Tour Guides

A special thanks goes to the dedicated tour guides on staff at the Society. November was an especially busy month with hundreds of kindergarten children coming to the museum. The guides work very hard to bring a quality experience to the school children. We all appreciate their time and efforts.

## Membership Notes

The Blue Earth County Historical Society wishes to express its appreciation for financial gifts from the following individuals:

Tom Marks  
Fortnightly Study Club  
Women of Our Saviors Lutheran Church,  
Butternut, MN.

### Memorials Received:

In memory of:  
Mr. Brett Taylor, Sr.  
Dr. Michael Howard  
Mr. Michael Sheran  
from Mr. & Mrs. Ogden W. Confer

### Welcome New Members:

Herbert & Marie Arnold, Mankato	Family
Mary Lou Ihrke, Madison Lake	Annual
Marla, Shannon & Meredith Stokes, Mankato	Family
Mrs. & Mrs. Edward W. Frost, Mankato	Couple

For the discriminating person on your gift list, why not give a present of the past. Yearly membership in the Society is still a bargain at \$15.00 for an individual, and \$25.00 for a couple or family. Public support and participation make possible the fine educational programs and exhibits offered by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. In addition, members receive the monthly newsletter along with advance notice of all special events.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**



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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## December 1987 Calendar of Events

- Dec. 13 **"Ethnic Tastes"**, 4-6 pm at the Blue Earth County Historical Society
- Dec. 15 **Board of Trustees Meeting**
- Dec. 16 **Barb Lamson at Leadership Mankato Training**
- Dec. 17 **"Reintroduction of Wild Turkeys in the River Valley"**, Young Historians workshop, 4-5 pm at the Historical Society
- Dec. 24 **Historical Society closed at noon**
- Dec. 25 **Historical Society closed for Christmas**
- Dec. 31 **Historical Society closed at noon**
- Jan. 1 **Historical Society closed for New Year's Day**

## Notes from the Director

December's newsletter is full of information to keep you up to date on Historical Society Happenings. Be sure to mark December 13 on your calendar and come to the museum from 4-6 pm to taste homemade ethnic treats and enjoy the holiday spirit amid festive decorations. Special thanks to the City of Mankato Parks Department for the super job they did this year putting up all of the twinkle lights. Be sure to drive by the Hubbard House at night and see how lit up and beautiful we are. On behalf of the staff of the Blue Earth County Historical Society we wish all of our members a safe and happy Holiday Season. See you in 1988.

## Thank You

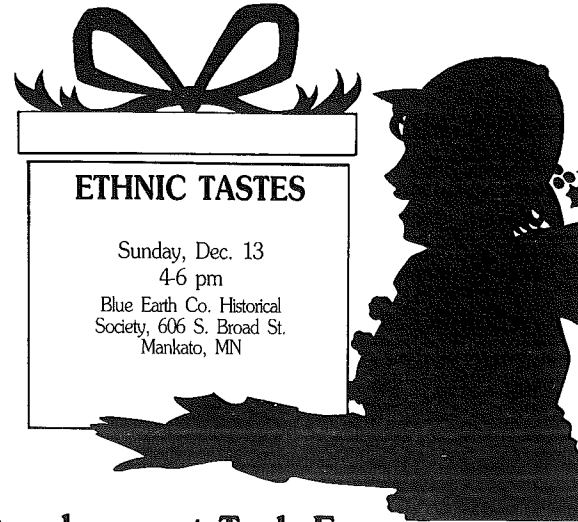
"Ghosts From The Past" was an exciting and rewarding experience for all of us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses and friends for helping to make this event possible:

Buzz Sandon  
Joe Kubicek  
Kathy Dom  
Jane Kolars  
Jack Kolars  
Andy Kolars  
Jim Mans  
Dick Chambers  
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Elmer Goodrich  
Larry Stevens  
Veme Peterson  
Eldon Marks  
Ruth Schellberg  
Bernice Perry  
Esther Iverson  
Community Theater  
Bert & Inella Burns  
Carol Hanson  
Mankato Multi Church Foundation  
KTOE Radio  
KMSU Radio  
KXLP Radio  
KEYC TV  
Mankato Free Press  
Steve Michel, Blue Earth County Parks

Thanks to the excellent weather, great publicity and beautiful site, "Ghosts From The Past" sold out early in the week and many of you were unable to purchase tickets. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused and plan to make "Ghosts From The Past" an annual event. We hope you will plan to attend next October.

## Ethnic Tastes

You are cordially invited to attend an open house called "Ethnic Tastes" on Sunday, December 13 from 4-6 pm. This festival of taste treats will take place at the Historical Society, 606 S. Broad Street in Mankato. This event is an opportunity to recognize and thank Historical Society volunteers as well as welcome new members and old friends to the Society. Please plan on coming to share the Holiday decorations, food and spirit.



## Development Task Force

A Development Task Force appointed by President Barb Maher has begun weekly meetings to examine the needs of the Society regarding physical facilities, personnel, and programming, as these will be affected by the Summit Center move. The Task Force has been given the charge of identifying the essential needs, figuring the total costs of meeting them, and making a recommendation to the board for a fund raising goal.

Members of the task force are attorney Chuck Adamson; CPA Chuck Christiansen with Wolf Etter & Co.; Ogden W. Confer Jr. of Hubbard Milling Co.; Mary Dooley, chair of MSU's Geography Department; educator Kathy Dom; Dick Fasnacht, Clerk of the Circuit Court; County Extension Agent Mary Lou Ihrke; Lyle Jacobson of Katolight Corp.; Helen Jones of Crysteel Manufacturing Co.; Amboy-Good Thunder School Superintendent Patricia Mohn; George Tyrrell of Farm-america; and Tom Weigt of Precision Press.

Working with them is Ann Christenson, who has temporarily joined the Society's staff as a development officer to assist with the extra demands the Summit Center undertaking requires.

## Genealogical Research Directory

Entry blanks for including your information in the 1988 Genealogical Research Directory are available at the Blue Earth County Historical Society. This reference work for worldwide family history research will be published in April, ready for the National Genealogical Society Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. Over 500 genealogical societies, worldwide, were listed in the 1987 edition. Also included were over 10,000 research queries submitted by nearly 6000 genealogists currently doing research and offering to exchange information.

## Young Historians

The December workshop in the Young Historians series will take place on Thursday, December 17 from 4-5 pm. "Reintroduction of Wild Turkeys in the River Valley" will be taught by Richard Erpelding of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The program will take place at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, 606 S. Broad St. in Mankato. Space is limited so please call 345-4154 for reservations. Admission is FREE. The Young Historians series is funded in part through the Leon Thomas and Lydia F. Jefferson Memorial.

## Volunteer(s) Needed

In order to get ready for the big move to the Summit Center building, we are in desperate need of a volunteer(s) to do work in the archives. We prefer a person available mornings, at least 10 hours per week. A 3 month committment is desired. No experience is necessary. Please call Audrey at 345-4154 if you are interested. This is a great opportunity to help make a smooth move to the new facility a reality.

## Next Month

The January 1988 newsletter will feature an article by Michael Scullin on Southern Minnesota Prehistory. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please call Susan at 345-4154.

## Holiday Gift Ideas

The museum gift shop has many publications suitable for Holiday gift giving. Some book titles include "Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown" by Maud Hart Lovelace and the Minnesota Ethnic Food Book, among others. Historical plates by Donna Sandon also make great presents. A limited amount of dried flowers are still available for wreath making and Christmas tree decorating.

