

Gift Shop

Construction of the Heritage Center Gift Shop is underway and scheduled for completion in mid-November, just in time for your Christmas purchases. In the meantime, the Hubbard House gift shop continues to be open Tuesday-Sunday from 1-5 pm. We're excited to be able to offer handmade children's sweaters, vests, mittens and booties, as well as adult mittens, vests and hats. These beautiful knit items were locally made and are selling fast! In addition, the new Sandon commemorative plate is scheduled to be released this month and will be for sale at the Hubbard House. Another great gift idea are BECHS t-shirts, available in most sizes for only \$10.00. This is a fun way to support Blue Earth County history. If you have any questions on gift shop items, please call Faye weekday afternoons at 507/345-4154.



Verona Roberts of Mankato in a BECHS t-shirt

Young Historians Juried Art Competition

WHO: Students in grades 3-6

WHAT: Art Competition of historic sites, events, and people in Blue Earth County, in the mediums of pencil, watercolor, acrylic, oil, fiber, crayon. Sizes of work can range from a minimum of 4x6 to a maximum of 11x14".

WHERE: Blue Earth County Historical

Society, Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato, MN 56001, 507/345-5566.

WHEN: Art work due at the Heritage Center by 3 pm, October 18, 1989. Ten works of art will be framed and hung in the Heritage Center Orientation room.

This event is sponsored in part by the Mankato Area Foundation, Blue Earth County Historical Society and the Leon Thomas and Lydia F. Jefferson Memorial.

Membership

Public support and participation make possible the fine educational programs and exhibits offered by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. The Membership Committee of the Historical Society, chaired by Helen Jones of Lake Crystal has a unique offer to make: Anyone who solicits five new paid memberships will receive a FREE membership for one year's time. This is an excellent way for you, our members to continue to receive member benefits and support the Historical Society in a lasting manner. Super new Membership brochures designed by Craig Roberts of Mankato have just arrived from the printer and are available for persons interested in seeking new members. For more information on this great deal contact Mary at 507/345-5566.

Welcome to the following new members:

Curtis Speck, Good Thunder, Kathleen Schwartz, Mankato.

Thanks to the following for recent donations:

Joe Kubicek, Lake Crystal, Elinor Schmidt, Mankato, Arden Hesla, Jacksonville, FL

Memorials Received

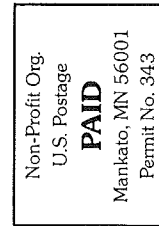
In memory of Pamela Blethen Pike given by Mrs. Orris M. Johnson

In memory of Hugh E. Willard given by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanford

In memory of F. Buscher given by James and Joan Pengra

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Please note that if we received your memorial, membership or donation after the 15th of the month when our newsletter goes to press, your name will appear in next month's newsletter.



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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

October 1989

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3 *Blue Earth County Cemetery Project*
- Oct. 4 *Young Historians Workshop, behind the scenes of "Ghosts from the Past"*
- Oct. 6 *Antiques International*
- Oct. 9 *Museum closed for Columbus Day Observance*
- Oct. 13 *Antiques International*
- Oct. 14-15 *Ghosts from the Past*
- Oct. 18 *Young Historians Art Work due at the Heritage Center*
- Oct. 20 *Antiques International*
- Look Ahead.....
- Nov. 11 *Man on a Mission, re-premiere of the movie.*
- Dec. 3 *Christmas Open House*

Notes from the Director

-Susan M. Monk-Kjos

Welcome to Program Director, Margaret-Greta Hurlbut who replaces Program/Membership Coordinator, Barbara Lamson. If you haven't had a chance to meet Greta, please stop by the Heritage Center and say hello! Special thanks to Audrey Burmeister-Hicks, Mary McGrew, Pam Johnson and volunteers Jo Schultz, and Janet Larson for their hours of work preparing for Mankato Leadership-History Day at the Historical Society. Thanks also to Larry Haring who got the building looking spotless for all of the recent events. We appreciate their efforts, we could not have had such a successful day without them.

We're pleased to have Consultant Carolyn Gilman working with us to identify Dakota and Winnebago artifacts from our collection that may be appropriate for the new exhibit gallery. We're getting closer than ever to having a top-rate exhibit gallery! I would like to personally thank Kay Lamb, Kris Strom, Craig Roberts and Greta Hurlbut who have been working so hard on upcoming programs for the Society. The cast and crew reunion party for the movie "Man on a Mission" was a huge success and kicked off the excitement for this unique event. We are lucky to have so many hard-working and dedicated volunteers.

Program Update

Dear Members,
I would like to take this opportunity as your new Program Director to introduce myself. My name is Margaret (Greta) Hurlbut, and I have been working with the Society part-time since last October while pursuing my Masters degree in Arts Administration. After managing my own business as a Cosmotologist for nine years, I went back to college here at Mankato State and graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education.

I am truly proud to be a part of the Blue Earth County Historical Society. The dedication, commitment, and achievements of the members involved with this society are quite an inspiration. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call. I'm looking forward to meeting those of you that I do not know, and it is always a pleasure to work with those of you who have so generously supported my new position.

Sincerely,

Margaret (Greta) Hurlbut

Young Historians Workshop

The October Young Historians Workshop will take a behind the scenes look at how the "Ghosts From The Past" event comes to life. Children in grades 3-6 can meet characters from Blue Earth County's Past Wednesday, October 4, 5:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 345-5566. Admission is free to BECHS members! Don't miss this exciting sneak preview!

Reminder: Antiques International Seminar With Arnoldus Gruter

October 6, 13, 20, / 7:30 - 9:00. The cost is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members, with all proceeds benefitting the Historical Society. For reservations call the Blue Earth County Historical Society at 507-345-4154 or 345-5566.

Ghosts From The Past

Join your spirit to the volunteers from Ghosts From The Past, specifically; characters, guides, greeters, and in general helpers. Please call Greta at the Historical Society to join in on the excitement of this seasonal event, 507-345-5566.

**Blue Earth County Historical Society
presents**

**GHOSTS
FROM
THE PAST**

Theater in the Woods
Williams Nature Center
Hwy. 68, near Minneopa Park

Sat. Oct. 14

Sun. Oct. 15

Tours every 15 minutes beginning at 6 p.m.

TICKET PRICES

		BECHS Members
Adults	\$4	\$3
Children (under 14)	\$3	\$2

Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 9



ANNOUNCING

A JOYOUS SONG!

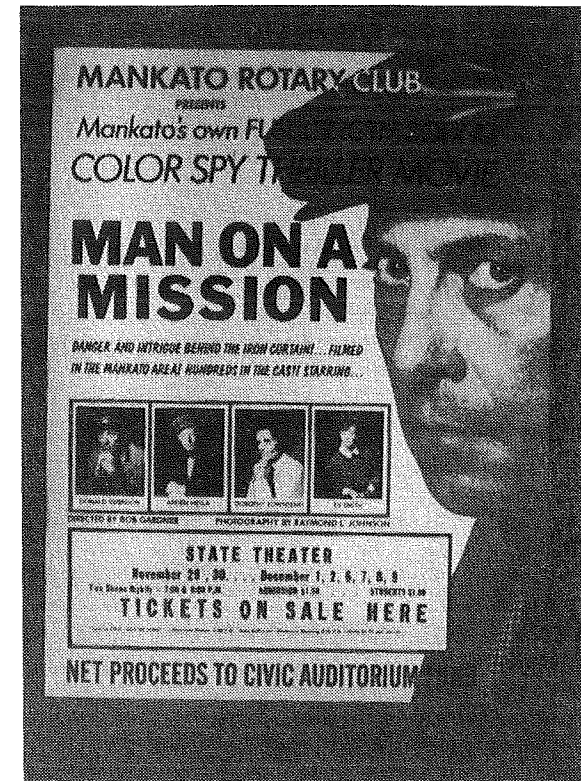
Please join the Blue Earth County Historical Society as we bring the Hubbard House alive with the echoes of traditional Christmas music, treat our taste buds to a feast of ethnic foods, and delight our minds-eye to a teddy bear display and a special visit by Santa Claus.

You are invited to an Open House Celebration on Sunday, December 3, 1989, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Hubbard House, 606 South Broad St. in Mankato. Please call 507/345-4154 or 345-5566 for more information.

We are in need of baked goods, vounteers to work at the event as well as people interested in making decorations to be sold the day of the event. Please call Greta at 345-5566 if you can be of help.

Man On A Mission

On September 14th the Blue Earth County Historical Society and the Mankato Rotary Club honored the cast and crew of Mankato's own full length feature motion picture filmed in 1965. This reunion party was the first of two events to commemorate this historic achievement. The second event will be the Gala Re-Premiere of the movie "Man on a Mission", November 11, 1989, at the Mankato Technical College Auditorium. There will be a re-screening at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with a reception for the cast, crew, and public following the evening performance. Tickets are now available and can be purchased at the Historical Society. Please call the Society for reservations and information at 507-345-5566 or 345-4154. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Historical Society.



**Original poster from 1965
Man On A Mission Movie**

Curation Notes

Audrey K. Burmeister-Hicks

We decided to try our luck at predicting a day in October that will have weather warm enough to hold another session of the Cemetery Project. We have selected Tuesday, October 3, with the departure time at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to join us, we ask that you bring pencils, paper, and a lunch and meet us at the Heritage Center parking lot (415 Cherry St., Mankato) to carpool. If the day dawns cold or rainy the session will be canceled so participants may wish to call the Heritage Center (345-5566) prior to leaving home that morning.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have been active at BECHS for some time, but in the last month have done some very special things for us. Georgia 'Jo' Schultz, Madison Lake, and Janet Larson, North Mankato, shared with us their research skills and knowledge of Mankato history when BECHS hosted 'Mankato History Day' for the 1989-90 Leadership Mankato Class. Thank you for your help, Jo and Janet.

As with most tasks, tombstone transcribing requires a variety of tools. Those of us working on the Blue Earth County Cemetery Project work with our pockets filled with the tools of our trade- pencils, white chalk, a brush, and a trowel. But now Alma Severson of Mankato has relieved our pockets of their load by designing and hand-tailoring carpenter aprons with the words "Blue Earth County Cemetery Project" and our names sewn across the front. Alma even used fabric colors to coordinate with our BECHS T-shirts. Thanks to Alma the Cemetery Project participants are preserving our country's history in style!

Computers now play a important role in the management of our museum collections, but the intricacies of computer technology baffle us, to say the least. Fortunately for us, Randy Lamb of Mankato, a computer analyst/programmer, has come to our rescue numerous times in the past weeks to work through problems that have developed, are developing, may develop, etc.! Thank you Randy; we are so relieved when you assure us that our system is functioning properly again!