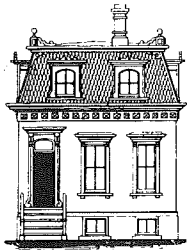


Events Cont.

with the coming of spring the work becomes frenetic. As you plan your spring gardening calendars, mark Saturday, May 13, 1990, for the Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Hubbard House. In order for the plant sale to be a success, we really need the support of all of our members and friends. You can help us out by planning to contribute perennial plants that you have in your garden that can be divided in the months ahead. If you have perennial plants you would like to donate to the sale, or would like to volunteer your time and efforts, please call Greta at the Historical Society, 507-345-5566. Your suggestions, comments, and concerns are always welcome!

SILK STOCKING COLLECTIBLE SALE - September 22, 1990 -

SPRING CLEANING?



Remember the Historical Society! It's not too early to begin planning what you want to contribute to the fall collectibles sale. This year's event will provide the opportunity for visitors to shop at the giant yard sale and also tour the historic Hubbard House. If you would be willing to donate items for resale at the September event, please call Greta at the Historical Society, 507-345-5566.

New Sustaining Life Members

W.C. Ries, Madison Lake;
Mrs. M.C. Koehler, Minneapolis
Douglas Johnson, Mankato
Mrs. Kelsey R. Johnson, Madison Lake
Ernest Hansen, Lake Crystal
Berniel Weight, Mankato
Duane Dubke, San Diego, CA.
Joanne DeWitt, Farmington Hill, MI.
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Roberts, Mankato
Donald Cramer, Mapleton
Karin Merkert, Colorado Springs, CO.

Life Member Donations

Eleanor Biebl, Rochester
Milton Mason, Mankato
Mary Dooley, Mankato

General Donations

Dan, Carol & Seth Greenwald, Mankato
Lake Crystal Women of Today, Lake Crystal
Chapter U. of P.E.O., Mankato
Mankato Elks, Mankato
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Frye, Vernon Center
Lowell Andreas - Andreas Foundation

Memorials

In memory of Ray Near
given by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Richards
Ray Near Family
Dean & Ruth Wykoff

In memory of Elda E. Weigt
given by Berniel Weigt

In memory of Kay Siebrass
given by Hershel Siebrass
Eileen Willard

In memory of Lora & Harry Heidel
given by Dorothy Heidel Schultz

New Members

John Boylan, Mankato

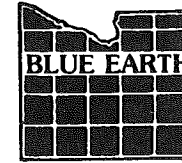
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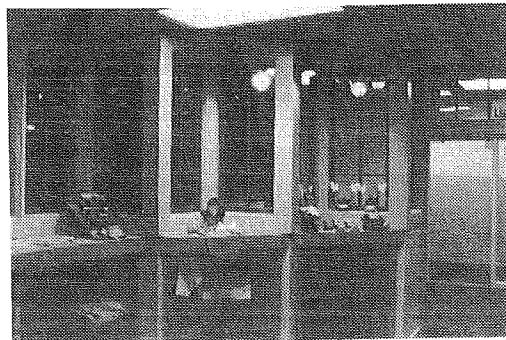
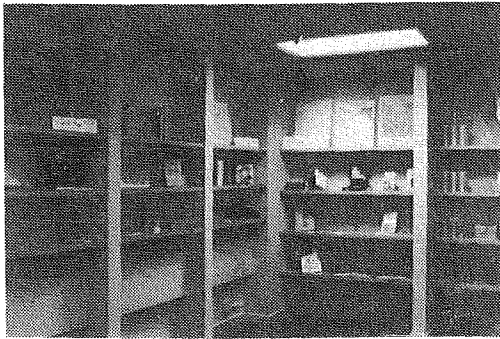
February 1990 Calendar of Events

- Feb. 10 **Young Historians Workshop**, make your Valentine a piece of NEW AGE jewelry with metallic plastics.
- Feb. 12,13 **BECHS Membership Drive**
- Feb. 19 **Offices closed** in observance of Washington's Birthday
- A Look Ahead . . .
- Mar. 2,3 **"Using Films and Television in History Classes."** Workshop sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and the Blue Earth County Historical Society.
- Mar. 5, 12, 19 **Family History Research-Genealogy Workshop** sponsored by the Blue Earth County Historical Society.

Notes from the Director

-Susan M. Monk-Kjos

The month of January ended on an exciting note at the Historical Society! The exhibit design and building firm of DisplayMasters from Minneapolis has been hired to begin the final design of the new Heritage Center exhibit gallery and construct all cases and install the final exhibits. This is the final stage before completion of the new gallery! Anticipated completion time is fall of 1990. We'll keep you informed as changes get underway. Thanks again to Hubbard Milling Co. of Mankato for donation of another Apple computer. We appreciate their support. Thanks also to the Andreas Foundation for their support of the two-year Advertising Project begun in October of 1989. I'm pleased to announce that I have been selected to serve on the Minnesota Historical Society's Grants Review Committee. The Grants Review Committee consists of nine members from the Minnesota Historical Society's governing board and three members from outside of the Society. The Grants Review Committee meets twice a year in St. Paul. In addition, I have been re-appointed by Lieutenant Governor Johnson to a second and final term on the Tourism Advisory Committee. This group meets quarterly throughout the state of Minnesota and guides the direction of tourism in Minnesota for the upcoming year.



Heritage Center Gift shop, December 1989.

Curation Notes

-Audrey K. Burmeister-Hicks

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PROGRAM UPDATE

- Greta Hurlbut -

Young Historians Workshop

February 10, 1990

Dear to the hearts of Americans is the patron saint of lovers, St. Valentine. The history of St. Valentine and the origin of the custom of celebrating February 14 as St. Valentine's Day has been nearly lost in ancient history, but it is possible to piece the legend together supported by a number of facts. On Saturday, February 10, 1:00 pm at the Heritage center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato, the Young Historians will meet and discuss the historical significance of Valentines's Day.

Please call Greta at the Historical Society for reservations and more information - 507-345-5566. The workshop is open for children in grades 3-6. The class is FREE to members and \$1.50 for non-members of the Society.

Announcing

Family History Research Workshop

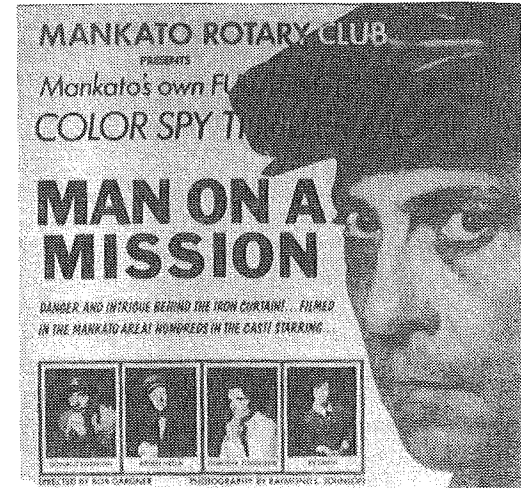
March 5, 12, & 19

The Blue Earth County Historical Society is proud to present a Family History Research Workshop three Monday nights in March. The nine hours of instruction will be led by Archivist Audrey Burmeister-Hicks, program volunteers Janet Larson and Craig Roberts.

The workshop brochure is included in this month's newsletter which lists a program schedule and registration form. For further information please call Greta at the Historical Society, 345-5566.

Still Available!

Video tape recordings of MAN ON A MISSION. Inquire at the Historical Society, 415 Cherry St., Mankato, MN 56001. Please call Greta at 507-345-5566 for more information.



Art Competition Winners



Winners in the Young Historians Art Competition. Left to right: Keith Olson - Jefferson School, Mandi Kirtz - Lake Crystal Elementary School, Ruthanne Hovland - St. Peter & Paul School, Cory James - St. Peter & Paul School, Michelle Forsberg - Washington School. Winners not pictured: Nicole Dahl - Roosevelt School, Ben Spiegler -Roosevelt School.

Future Events

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE - May 13, 1990

Although we can be fairly sure that much of January will be cold and frosty. February can be much more versatile. At the worst it can be an absolutely appalling month, but it can also produce weather that seems like a foretaste of spring. Usually it manages to combine both properties. During these winter months, the thought of working in the garden seems impossible. Yet,



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