

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Mary Brown

Memorials

In memory of Dr. Russell Dorland
given by Dean & Ruth Wykoff

In memory of Kenneth Krost
given by Jerome & Bernita Cummiskey
Marcia Jones Richards

In memory of Kathleen Hodapp
given by Vern & Norma Carstensen

In memory of Warren Claridge
given by Mrs. Marjorie Meredith

In memory of Kay Siebrass
given by Mrs. Marjorie Meredith

In memory of Catherine Lutes
given by Norman Fitzgerald
Marcia Jones Richards

In memory of Jean E. Fitzgerald
given by the Fitzgerald Family

General Donations

Mrs. M. H. Nelson, Mankato

New Members

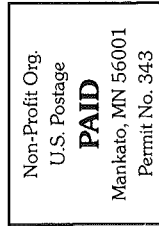
Doris Berger, Mankato
Sigvald Svendsen, Lake Crystal
Mrs. T. R. Butler, Mankato
Robert Junge, Mankato
John & Faith Close, Mankato
Beatrice Waterston, North Mankato

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.



New Sustaining Life Members

Ruth Schellberg, Mankato
Lyle LaFavor, Garden City



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BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

March 1990 Calendar of Events

- 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.
- TBA **Young Historians Workshop**, call for details

Notes from the Director

-Susan M. Monk-Kjos

Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked during our successful February membership drive phone-a-thon. Welcome to the new members who signed up during this drive. We appreciate your support. Welcome to RSVP Volunteer Harold Schuchard who is our newest addition to the collections staff, working on data entry on the computer. Goodbye and good luck to former Curatorial Aid, Pam Johnson who resigned in January. Another goodbye to Hubbard House Receptionist, Anne Lowe who resigned to move to California. We wish Ann and her husband the best in the sunny west. We have important news for Sandon Historic Plate collectors who are still in need of the Seppman Mill and Mankato Depot plates. Both of these collector's plates are nearly sold out with less than 10 plates of each type still being available from our supplier. If you have questions about these limited edition plates, please call our gift shop at the Hubbard House (507/345-4154) or the Heritage Center (507/345-5566).

Curation Notes

-Audrey Burmeister-Hicks

We bid a fond farewell to Pam Johnson who has worked at BECHS since 1988 when she joined the collections staff as an anthropology intern. After completing her internship, Pam became a part-time collections registrar and a museum aid at the Hubbard House. Through her knowledge of material culture, her proficiency with computer technology, and her dedication to museum principle, Pam made a valuable contribution to BECHS while she was with us.

Pam has been appointed assistant curator of the Nicollet County Historical Society. There she joins two other former BECHS staffers, Karen Mesrobian, Curator, and Ann Christenson, Fund-raiser.

The NCHS recently initiated a drive to raise funds for a new museum to be located at the Traverse des Sioux Treaty site. We wish Pam, Karen, Ann, and all of the NCHS good luck with the fund drive and the new museum!

We are in need of used, but useable free-standing coat racks for the storage of clothing. Anyone who has a rack to donate may call the Heritage Center, 345-5666. Thank you for helping us preserve our county's rich heritage.

PROGRAM UPDATE

- Greta Hurlbut

Family History 1-
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Research Workshop

March 5, 12, & 19

For more information and a class registration form, call Greta at the Historical Society, (507) 345-5566. **Registration deadline is Friday, March 2.**

Heritage Dinner

Please join the Blue Earth County Historical Society as we honor the Brett - Taylor families at the 5th Annual Heritage Dinner. As stated in the **Free Press**, March 24th, 1988, "**It's Been A Family Affair All Along.**" It began in 1868. That's when George E. Brett opened the modest dry goods store on Front St. Rows of fabric lined the shelves, awaiting the ingenuity of yesterday's seamstress. Now, five generations later... Brett's has evolved into a thriving department store."

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is your invitation to attend the Heritage Dinner, Tuesday, April 17, at the Mankato Golf Club. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Following the dinner, this years program will scan the nostalgic years of the Brett family from the opening of the Empire Store in 1868, to the contemporary Taylor family and the Brett's Department Store of the 1990's.

By attending this years Heritage Dinner, we can all have the opportunity to reinforce the importance of our family traditions. Join in an evening of fun, frolic, and fashion! For more information, call Greta at the Historical Society, 507-345-5566.

Past recipients of the Heritage Dinner Award are the Williams, Morse, Palmer-Confer, and Norman families.



1990 Tour of Historic Homes

Be sure to mark Saturday, July 7, 1990, on your calendars for the 4th Annual Tour of Historic Homes. The preservation and use of Minnesota's cultural and architectural heritage adds a special vitality to our community. The Program Committee has begun the search for homes for the 1990 Tour. In order for this event to be a success, we need volunteers to help host and hostess at the homes on the Tour. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting event, please call Greta at the Historical Society, 345-5566.

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to work afternoons with our artifact collection. We are in the process of entering data about our collection on the computer. If you are interested in spending a few fun afternoon hours, please call Audrey at 345-5566.

Tour Guides Needed

The busy school tour season is nearly upon us and we are in need of a few more tour guides. The position is on an on-call basis and we gladly work around people's busy schedules. If you are interested in working with children or adult tour groups, please call Susan or Faye at 345-5566 or 345-4154 for more information and a job application.

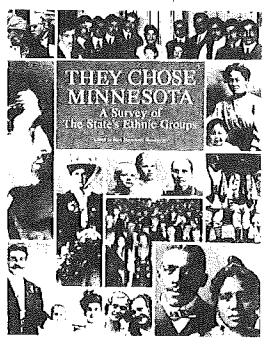
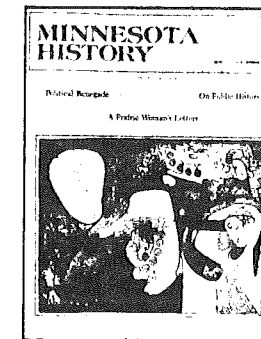
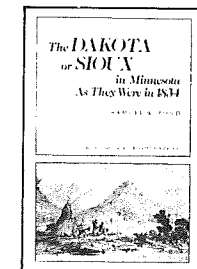
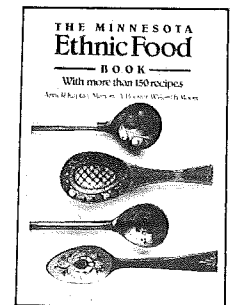
Thank You

Thanks to the following people who made the February Membership Drive a success: Mary Brown, Helen Jones, Gail Thompson, Tim Brown, Jo Schultz, Beth Norman, Sue Chambers, Betty Nelson, Susan Monk-Kjos, Marty Wiltgen, Craig Roberts and Doug Johnson. Thanks also to the hundreds of friendly people we talked with on two evenings in February. Public support and participation make possible the

fine educational programs and exhibits offered by the Historical Society. For information on how you can become a member or purchase a gift membership, please call Mary at 507/345-5566 or write her at 415 Cherry St. in Mankato.

Gift Shop Update

The Heritage Center and Hubbard House Gift Shops are well stocked with books and gift items appropriate for all special occasions. In addition to books we also carry jewelry, t-shirts, commemorative plates, note cards and hand-made knit goods. Give us a call at 345-4154 or 345-5566 if you have questions.



Recent additions to the gift shops.