

W.E. Co. - Historical Society - News letter

From the Director's Rolltop, cont.

By this time you will have read of my retirement as your Society's director, after 7½ years. Increasing problems with arthritis hasten the decision to try my hand at some new things and to pick up some old that have been neglected. It has been a most rewarding job and I have enjoyed it thoroughly - - except maybe the calls from the Mankato police at 2 a.m. when the burglar alarm has gone off for no reason! I am the Society's first full-time director, and have seen the Society and museum build on the solid base established by Shirley Broden and Betty Cords, towards a more professional organization. There are still many problems to be worked out, so that my successor will not lack for something to work on! Space is by far the most frustrating problem, and a lack of money to hire sufficient personnel to do what needs doing is the next.

The rewards include the friendships with board and staff members, the museum visitors, and city and county officials and employees, plus the fun of having a child who has visited the museum on a school tour, come in again bringing his parents to show them "this wonderful place". Then you know that all the administrative responsibilities are worthwhile.

I have been asked to stay on as a consultant and to do occasional special projects, so I will stay in touch with all of you.

Farewell, but not goodbye . . .

Marcia T. Schuster

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

We have been very good children here at the museum, working hard and accomplishing a lot. Please put under our Museum tree an electric typewriter (in good, usable condition, of course); a map or blueprint file cabinet so that our old maps will not have to be folded, causing further deterioration; a legal-size file cabinet; sturdy metal shelving; and metal 3x5 card files.

Please inspire our friends to make donations to our Endowment Fund. The interest this fund earns provides operating funds for us.

Thank you, Santa.

The Staff

PS: We will be good next year, too!

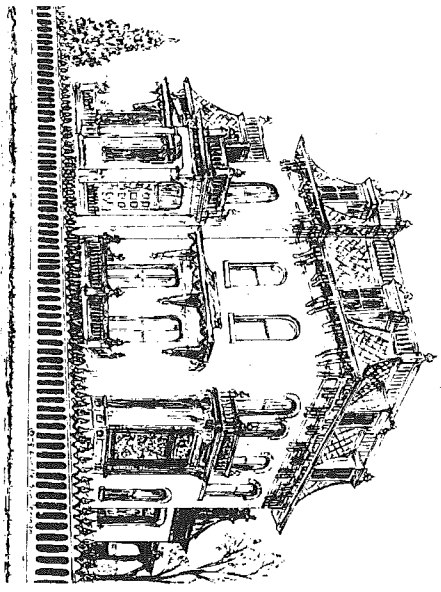
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It's Quilting Time . . . November 7

An old fashioned quilting bee will be underway in the Museum parlor. Our County Quilt is on the frame and quilting will be done by expert quilters, headed by Leona Bergemann of Garden City. Sunday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. these ladies will be hard at work. When you come to the opening day of our Museum Shop Bazaar, you will want to watch them quilting.

There will be a sample block for visitors to work on too, to learn how to quilt. Come and try your hand.

Two films on quilting will be shown during the afternoon: Quilts in Women's Lives shows a series of portraits of traditional quiltmakers with a colorful view of classic and contemporary quilt designs and patterns. Under the Covers: American Quilts emphasizes the historical importance and homespun vitality of American quilts, and the contribution of American women to our cultural heritage. It illustrates the everyday sights which inspired many of the patterns, ranging from the sedately formal to the crazy quilts.

It's Quilting Time, cont.

New in the Museum Shop are four books on quilting:

- The Standard Book of Quilt Making and Collecting by Marguerite Ickis
- Applique Old and New by Nedda C. Anders
- Easy-to-Make Patchwork Quilts by Rita Weiss
- Traditional Patchwork Patterns by Carol Belanger Grafton

And, of course, all sorts of handmade articles, contributed by our members and friends, will be for sale in the Museum Shop: rosemaling, needlework, tating, knitting, tree ornaments, etc. All proceeds go to the operation of the Museum.

B. Meyer is tea chairman and announces that tea will be served all afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. The Bazaar will continue through Wednesday, November 10. (The November 11 holiday required a change from earlier announcements.)

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Gymanfa In The Woods

Rainy weather forced this special Gymanfa Ganu into the Lake Crystal Presbyterian Church on October 10.

The Committee had hoped to re-enact an early day Gymanfa (Welsh hymn song) when it was held at the Jones-Roberts Farmstead as a part of the Big Meetings held by the Welsh churches. This National Register Site property is now the home of Margaret and Irwin Williams.

In June 1983 the event will be held as planned at the Williams' farm - weather permitting.

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Annual Memberships

Effective January 1, 1983, an annual membership in the Historical Society will cost \$10. Increased operating costs necessitate making this change.

Until the end of 1982, you can still purchase a membership for \$8 and have November and December thrown in as a bonus!

Museum Shop News . . .



There are all kinds of exciting new items in the Museum Shop. Do your Christmas shopping here! Donna Sandon's new plate - - The Union Depot, Mankato - - is now in stock. There are still some of the earlier plates left. They won't last long, so start your set now.

Lucille Sunderman now has ceramic trivets of three different sizes, thimbles, bells, as well as plates and cups with her historical drawings on them. You will also want to stock up on her notepaper: there are two strips of Mankato scenes, plus one of Betsy-Tacy scenes, one of Laura Ingalls Wilder scenes, and one of old time athletics. (A strip has eight notecards, with envelopes, showing four different scenes). The County Calendar, an undated calendar good for any year, has thirteen of her drawings on it. There is a special price on these: the first one at regular price of \$4.95 and the second for \$1.00.

For the children, there are Dakota and Ojibway coloring books, plus a brand new line of nostalgic coloring books: Dolls, Transportation, Automobiles, Aircraft, and Plains Indians.

Antiquity Reprints is supplying us with Shoppell's Modern Houses, 1887 presenting all the best house designs of the year with plans, plus features on heating, landscaping, furnishing, decorating and one article that answers the question "Shall we have plumbing in the house or shall we not?" We will also have The 1870 Agriculturist which should tickle the fancy of those who yearn to return to the simpler days. Those of you who want to make a dog-powered butter churn, this is the book for you!

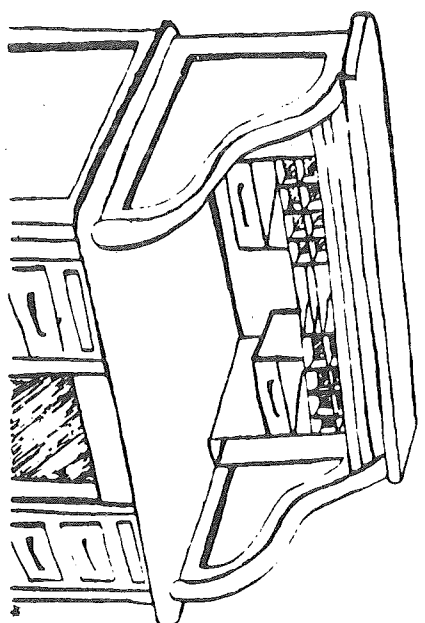
Don't forget a Society membership for that extra gift. Price goes up in January.

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We Welcome These New Members:

- LIFE: Charlene Bierbauer
- ANNUAL: Michael Burgess
- Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jacobson
- Karen Sharp

From the Director's Rolltop . . .



The quiet fall that usually follows the busy summer has not materialized this year. Chief matters requiring attention have been the regular meetings on possible sites for a new museum. These include regular meetings with the architects and the county commissioners, as well as the Society's new museum committee; the special meetings concerning drawing up a proposal for area historical societies to become chapters of the county society; and, of course, arrangements for the Museum Shop Bazaar. Everything is interesting and challenging, but time consuming.

A frequent question asked me is: When you get a new building, what will you do with the Hubbard House and Carriage House? The Hubbard House will be restored and furnished as a historic house museum. We are hoping that owners of original Hubbard family furniture will return it to the Society for use in the house. The Carriage House will remain much as it is, to display the Society's vehicle collection. The new museum would house all the Society's collections not appropriate for exhibit in the house.

Attendance at the Southern Minnesota Genealogical Society conference October 2 and 3 at Albert Lea brought lots of new ideas and information about ancestor research. Mary Doooley and Dean Pettis of the Society Board attended, along with Marcia Schuster.