

From the Director's Rolltop, cont.

repaired through monies from the Federal Emergency Jobs Act Preservation Fund. Matching funds were granted on the Federal level and also through the Minnesota Historical Society.

During the terrible heat of a few weeks ago we were busy moving artifacts. We are in the final stages of a new exhibit dealing with business machines and the local business colleges. We have a nice collection of typewriters and other early machines. A special thanks goes to Margaret Jahr for helping to identify some of the pieces and for teaching us how they worked.

We are about to begin working on the hat exhibit which will debut in time for the Fall Bazaar. The plan is to tell the story of why hats were so popular and a bit of how they were made. Does anyone know of a person who was a milliner in Blue Earth County who is still living? I think that personal accounts of how hats were made would be a great addition to the exhibit. Any help would be appreciated.

We have a busy schedule for the next few months. If anyone would like to volunteer for any of the upcoming events, please let me know. I am sure that we can find something for you to do. I hope to see each one of you at the events, remember, I have yet to meet each one of you!!!

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Memorials Have Been

Received To:

- Leon Dodge
- Emily Keine
- James F. Koenker
- Timothy Spence
- Paul Weides

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Welcome To New Members

- Annual Marley Brant
- Mrs. Hubert Smith
- Life Kevin Stueven

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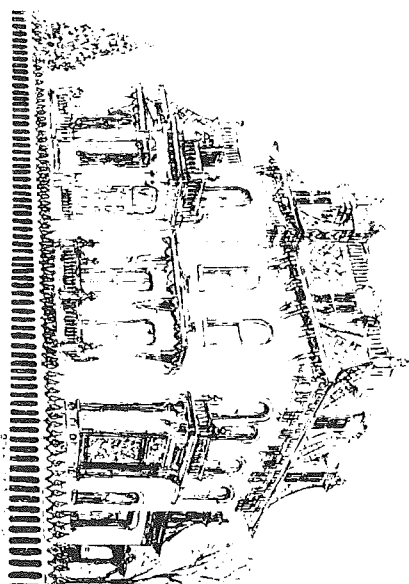
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See You at the County Fair!

Summer is here and once again we are looking forward to displaying the Historical Society exhibits at the Blue Earth County Fair, August 11-14 in Garden City. As in the past we will be located in the Agricultural Heritage Building.

This year's booth is sure to be colorful as we are planning to display the completed "County Quilt".

Those whose family lived in the County in 1929 will enjoy finding the family farmstead on the Atlas for that year. We will have the pages on display for easy reading.

Museum shop merchandise will also be on sale at our booth. There may even be some surprises.

We welcome any volunteer who would like to spend some time staffing the Historical Society Booth. (It's a great way to meet your friends and neighbors at the Fair!) Call the Museum to schedule times.
See you there!

Quilters, Bee prepared . . .

On September 19, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum there will be a general organizational meeting of a quilter's group. The group will see the quilts currently on display, hear Margaret Parisho speak on her family quilts, and have a general "Show and Tell". Marcia Schuster and Jan Green are the organizing forces behind the group.

Information will be at the Booth at the Fair if you are interested. Those attending need not be Historical Society members, so gather your quilting friends and come to the Museum on September 19.

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Wanted . . . Photographs and Family Histories

Help us fill in the Archives photo collection. If you have old photos of the downtown areas of the towns in the county, identified farmsteads, or any special events, please consider placing them in our Archives. If you prefer to keep them in your family, will you allow us to copy them? (Would you believe that we only have **one postcard** of downtown Good Thunder?!!)

We would love to have a copy of any family history which involves residents of Blue Earth County. Families tell the County history too!

See us at our Fair Booth if you have roots in the County or wish to plant them.

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Calendar of Events

August 11-14 Blue Earth County Fair,
Garden City

September 10 Southern Minnesota Historical
Assembly Annual Meeting,
Rochester

September 19 Quilt group meeting

November 6-13 Annual Fall Bazaar

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, September 25 is going to be a date to remember. Plans are underway for a gala event to take place in and around the newly completed garden addition. There will be tempting food, good music, vintage autos, crafts, and good company. Come dressed in Victorian dress for a truly fun afternoon.

We need your help in order to complete plans for one of the events. Are there nature lovers out there who would be willing to gather and preserve grasses, cat tails, corn husks, pine cones, pods, driftwood, grape branches, herbs, and other natural items? Also, would anyone care to make and donate some homemade soap for a special booth? If so, please call Betty Cords, 387-3864, mornings, or Denise at the Museum.

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Fall Bazaar

It's not too early to begin planning what you want to contribute to the Annual Fall Bazaar. This year the Bazaar is scheduled for November 6 - November 13 with the Opening Day Tea on November 6.

We welcome your handicrafts, knitting and needlework projects. Let's make this year's bazaar a big success!

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Wish List

- Worn out sheets or pillow cases. We would love to have them, even if there is a hole in the middle. We will be using them for clothing and textile storage and possibly as background fabric for exhibits.

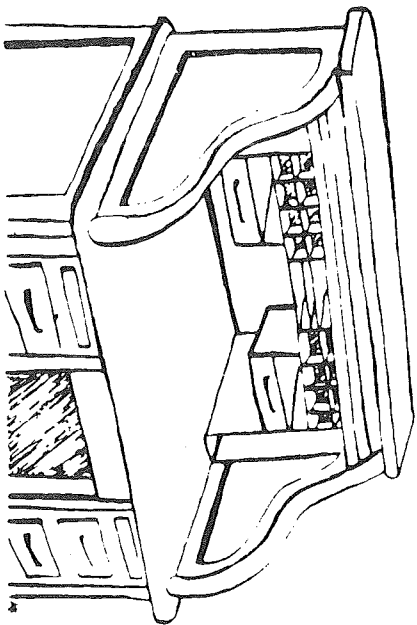
- A hand held vacuum cleaner in good working order to clean textiles.

Special Thanks To . . .

Rich Mensing for his help with this newsletter.

Susan Osborne for her help with the new exhibit.

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Denise Schmidt

The summer has just flown by, I don't know where the time has gone.

This issue of the newsletter has been delayed to await final details on the Historical Society exhibit at the County Fair and to await planning for the September 25th event. This issue will be rather quickly followed by another one during the first part of September. Please do not worry, we have not forgotten you!

For those of you who saw the completed quilt top at last year's Fair and have also seen the progress of the quilters, you will really have a treat this year. The "County Quilt" is just beautiful! I have a hard time taking my eyes off of it. It seems that every time I look at it I see something new.

I think that everyone who has roots in Blue Earth County which date to 1929 will enjoy looking at the plat maps of each of the townships. We will have the listing of names next to each map so that a family member will be easier to locate. I am curious to know how many families still occupy the same land that they occupied in 1929.

I have just received word that the BECHS has been granted funds to do emergency repairs and restoration to some of the exterior of the Museum. The balustrade over the bay window and the eaves on the two rear porches are to be