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ON THE COVER: *The luscious miniature house "Merriman Park" created by John Elsner of Minneapolis, and friend of WCHS staff, who consented to display his incredible first effort into the world of miniatures. His skills have caught the attention of international miniaturist magazines in Spain and England. "Visions of Sugar Plums" is on exhibit thru January 10, Tues-Fri, 9-5—closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.*

INSIDE: Archives are Up-to-Date | New and Retiring Board Members | More about Herter's events in 2014 | Timeline Exhibit Plan Details

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Events Calendar

Visit: www.historical.waseca.mn.us

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Through January 10—Holiday Exhibit:

“Visions of Sugar Plums” during regular hours

January 6—Waseca Monday Study Club meeting, 2 p.m.

January 14—Waseca Boy Scouts meeting

January 8—WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

February 5—Annual Ice Harvest at Clear Lake Park

February 12—WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

February 15—Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Parade

March 21—Spring Luncheon:

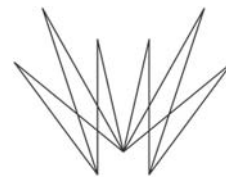
March 12—WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

April 9—WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

April 25—Spring Luncheon:

May 23—Spring Luncheon:

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JERRY AND LINDA RUTLEDGE



From the Co-Executive Directors . . .

Dear Members:

Winter is here, the year-end holiday exhibit is on display, the many Christmas parties are happening, and shopping is shorter this year. All that's left to do here is finish the newsletter and thank a lot of people for another great year at the Waseca County Historical Society's Museum & Research Library.



With that in mind, we will begin to refer to our facilities as the "Waseca County History Center." Legally, we are still the Waseca County Historical Society, but we feel this change will benefit our public image in a positive way. A lot has been happening behind the scenes, and 2014 will continue to build to-

ward the vision set in previous years' strategic planning. Basically, WCHS is a great place to learn about and be proud of Waseca County history.

Regarding key grant support, we must thank the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund, the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, the Waseca Area Foundation-E.F. Johnson Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Alliance Pipeline Foundation, Waseca VFW Post 1642, all the Township Boards, the City of Janesville, Waseca County Board, Waseca Community Enhancement Fund, all our donors, including donors of the Annual Fund Drive, GiveMN donors, new Lifetime Membership donors, Sustainers, new and renewing members, and other donors of memorials and honoraria.

We thank all of our volunteers. See inside back page for this quarter's list. These are the people who give up hours to help out. There are people with special skills and strengths who help us fix, move, set-up, and complete all the tasks that are part of managing your museum and research library.

The "Visions of Sugar Plums" exhibit is beautiful and fun for all. Thanks especially to John Elsner, Justine Meyers, Tammi Collins, Kathy Rosenthal and Lois Chaffin. **It continues through January 10.**



We've scheduled the Herter's exhibit Opening and fundraising events for August 22 and 23. This is going to attract visitors to Waseca, and it's going to educate the young about the impact of Herter's of Waseca. You can help by calling us if you have artifacts, stories, photographs, merchandise, promotional connections and whatever else it is going to take to make this successful. The exhibit will continue to evolve over the next three years at the museum; and there just might be a book about Herter's!



Finally, let us thank our passionate and hard-working staff—Pauline, Vanessa, Linda, Nancy, the Wichmanns.

PHOTO TOP: Kathy Rosenthal's Christmas Keg; LEFT: Lois Chaffin, Joan Mooney and Sheila Morris with Lois' Christmas Tree Room; BELOW: Justine Meyers' bountiful Sugar Plum stage. Thanks, ladies!



In this 75th year of the Waseca County Historical Society we examined our own history. This issue wraps it up with eyes toward our future. In 2014 we will include more grants to fund the implementation phases of the Timeline Exhibit Plan on the balcony. See the insert that tells all about the Exhibit Plan and how you can be part of it.

2014 | Herter's Exhibit & Fundraising

In 2014 we have canceled the Chautauqua for one year, so that we can finally concentrate our efforts on Herter's of Waseca, as a main floor exhibit at the museum AND at Hodgson Hall. The dates are set for an exhibit opening on Friday, August 22 and the fundraiser events the next day—August 23. Starting in the morning at the county fairgrounds will be a Herter's Swap Meet, then a Craft Beer-Tasting with area and regional brewers; and finally that evening—a Rock 'n Roll Review/Dance/Concert with many "old Waseca County rock musicians." *Stand by, we're just picking up speed.*

We hope you will want to participate, as a member for sure, and as a contributor, in what ever way—to keep Waseca County history safe and accessible for all time.

Think about how you want your history available and accessible—in the museum, in the research library, browsing the website, on a tablet or on your smartphone? How do you want your history delivered? Tell us how we are doing! —WCHS Staff & Board of Directors

New 2014 Board Members

On January 8 we will greet new members on our Board of Directors who have indicated passion for Waseca County history! **Linda Grant** was elected for a three-year term, just as her father Rod Searle retired from our board. Linda has served many years on several boards in our community including Farmamerica and the Waseca Chamber of Commerce. She is a past executive director of the Waseca Area Hospice program. Currently she is an owner at Healing Hands Wellness Center in Waseca. **Dave Dunn** was also elected for a three-year term. Dave is a Waseca native and recently retired from the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He started stopping by a few years ago, threatening to retire and help out at WCHS. We took him up on his offer. **Marilee Reck** just retired as Executive Director at Waseca County Human Services. I think we can use her administrative advice! Re-elected to the board are **Henry Lewer**, **Jim King**, and **Charles Espe**. Our new Board officers are **President Audra Nissen-Boyer**, **Vice-President Katie Youngberg**, **Treasurer Tom Piche**, and **Secretary David Pope**.

Departing Board Members

Retiring after many, many years of board service are **Rod Searle** and **Don Wynnemer**. Though, when they both announced this move at the October Board Meeting, they said, "We're not going anywhere, we're just making room for some new people!" The Board members accept-



ed their resignations reluctantly with the stipulation that they could attend and NOT VOTE any meeting they desired.

Rod smiled and said, "OK!" Don said, "Find me some more volunteer projects so we can keep those Exxon-Mobil volunteer matching donations coming in!"

So you can see, our devoted members, volunteers and board members keep the passion. It's a lesson to younger ones that doesn't go unnoticed.

Both Rod and Don worked with other volunteers to create the Bailey-Lewer Research Library in the old P.C. Bailey House. Rod chaired the 2007-2009 150th Birthday Gift Capital Campaign raising \$168,000 that provided for new furnaces/AC, printer/copier, servers, computer upgrades, website upgrades, many maintenance projects, collection shelving and a reserve fund for operations. Don has been Building Committee Chair for years and has been our "go-to guy" on every building issue. He tackled painting the collection room ceiling and floors. He and George Kastle built the ADA ramps, he built a lit display case for the St. Mary stained glass window in the alcove. He built the track lighting on the balcony that saved WCHS about \$45,000. He finished the floors on the balcony. He has moved countless cases and large artifacts between exhibit and storage spaces. He built hinged door panels and platforms for exhibits. Rod archived thousands of pages to bring our archives database current. Both Rod and Don volunteered at countless WCHS events, and have donated very generously with not only

time, but dollars, too. We simply cannot express enough gratitude. They are both Lifetime Members, and have Lifetime status on the Board. Maybe they should take a break, but we'll call them in on the next "honey-do" project. When YOU see either Rod Searle or Don Wynnemer, please thank them for their service to WCHS. —END

GRANTS

Grants Received, Restricted

Museum Lighting

Replacement Project: \$3,711 from the E.F. Johnson Foundation; \$1,500 from the Roy and Jeannette Tollefson Fund of the Waseca Area Foundation; \$1,500 from Waseca VFW Post 1642; Approved: \$1,500 from Alliance Pipeline Foundation

For the Hofmann Honey Farm

Interpretive Panels: \$400 from the Janesville Area Foundation

For the Research Phase of the

Timeline Exhibit Plan: \$9,866 from the Minnesota Arts & Heritage Legacy Fund

Grants Received, Unrestricted

For 2014 WCHS Operations: \$4,500 from the Waseca Community Enhancement Program

The WCHS Timeline Exhibit Plan

We want this to be an accurate and representative exhibit that will live for years to come.

The Waseca County Timeline has been a long time coming. Many of my predecessors worked on the list, the criteria, formed committees, filed away folders, restarted, got distracted from—all to arrive at this time and place with grants invested in a process that will be successful.



The balcony has been prepared. The floors were refinished, the track lighting and contemporary hanging system were installed, and accessibility provided via new lift.

More recently two Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Grants provided for funding the Timeline Exhibit Plan; and the Research Phase. The next grant request will address the scriptwriting; and finally, a combination of more grants and community support will fund the 20 new exhibit cases.

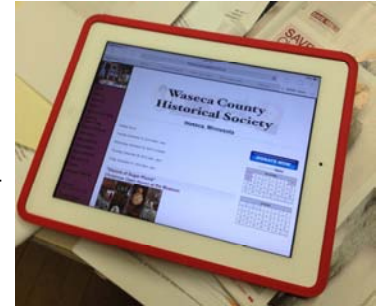
What does the Timeline Exhibit Plan include?

- Exhibit Cases:** Up to 20 new cylindrical exhibit cases each housing a unique story of Waseca County. The cylindrical design further emphasizes the uniqueness of the Plan. It was inspired by the historical and natural existence of Maplewood Park, “where the Big Trees met the Prairies.” The cylindrical cases will have subtle textural markings of the oak and maple trees of Maplewood.
- Timeline Interpretive Panels:** A decade by decade chronology of dates, events, people, places, brief narratives and appropriate images.
- Multimedia Object Theater:** A family-oriented introduction to

Waseca County history using artifact objects and 5-7-minute narrative via audio or video.

- Balcony Railing Panels:** Upgrading of balcony railings to code height and the installation of slanter panels for more interpretation of the history of WCHS and the museum building.

Eventually, a **Digital Communication Strategy** such as electronic tablets and smartphones will be available.



Some points to consider:

- Legacy Grants have been an important new resource for local history organizations all over Minnesota. We have been extremely fortunate to gain the approvals we have so far. Continued support will require the community collaborative support by business, individuals, families and donors.

- The list of Timeline dates and events will be researched and verified this spring. The list of unique people and events is tentative. Final selection will depend on strength of uniqueness, interpretive artifacts in the collection or loaned from families and individuals.

- There will be a public input phase yet to be designed.

- We want this to be an accurate and representative exhibit that will live for years to come. The exhibit must be flexible and expandable to accommodate our history as it grows.

“Learning about our unique county history is about cultivating community pride.”

Drawing B: Sample Timeline Panel Layout

Native peoples Prairies & Woods Immigrants settle the land Grassroots government & statehood

1850s

1853-1857
The Territory of Minnesota population reaches three million in 1857 or 1860, 1860.

1854
The first land claim was filed by Aza Lull in what would become Waseca Township, Section 11.

1856
The Waukegan-Redwood Indian Reservation is established in western Waseca County and eastern Blue Earth County.

1857
On February 17, Waseca County is officially organized. The village of Wilton is designated county seat.

1858
In April of this year, the townships are organized.

1859
Some of the wheat is first planted in Waseca County. The wheat variety was known for its high productivity, resistant to rust, excellent milling and baking qualities. Farmers looked forward to harvest for \$12 a bushel.

1857
Colonel John Rice presides over the first county commission meeting on March 14 after Governor Cassman appoints him, John Wilson, and Henry Park, to serve as commissioners until a special election is held.

The Dead Stock Decision. Missouri slave, Dead Stock, used for his freedom bond as per his residence in Minnesota and is named down by U.S. Supreme Court.

P.C. Bailey opens the first hardware store in Wilton.
A Masonic Lodge is organized in the village of Wilton.

The major financial catalyst for the panic of 1857 was the August 24, 1857, failure of the New York branch of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company. It was reported that the entire capital of the Trust's home office had been swallowed. The entire economic crisis of U.S. history followed.

On January 1, the first mortgage takes place in the May Township between Isaac Balluff and Louis Grogan, officiated by Sigismund Johnson, Justice of the Peace.

Old houses are placed on west side of Lake Elmore.

The first Blacksmith shop in the county opens in Wilton by H.P. Hansen.

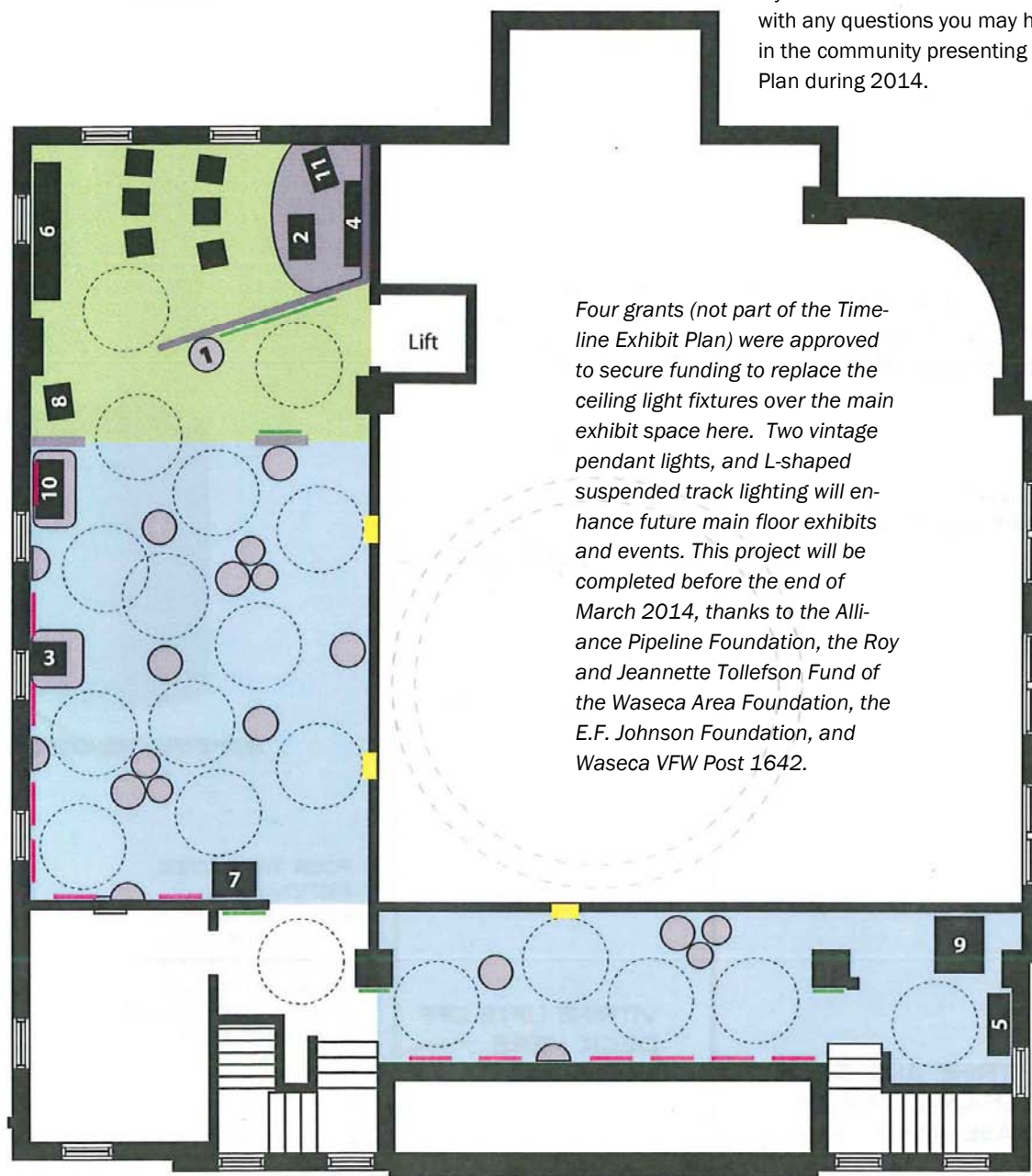
Wheat is first sold. Among the early settlers—Kane Christensen, John Christensen, K.O. Bergard, H.D. Baskie, Andrew, J. Langford, H.W. Baskie, O.W. K. Pigeon, W. Anderson, Christian Knudsen and E.O. Strang.

Charles H. Johnson is born in Chasson. He becomes Minnesota's first State Archivist and designs many of the grand Victorian homes on St. Paul's Cassin Avenue as well as many other public buildings.

Actual size: 24"x36"

Space Use Plan

The Timeline Exhibit Plan impacts the balcony only. Refer to the Key below to understand the layout. Please call Sheila Morris (507-835-7700) with any questions you may have. She will be out in the community presenting this Timeline Exhibit Plan during 2014.



Four grants (not part of the Timeline Exhibit Plan) were approved to secure funding to replace the ceiling light fixtures over the main exhibit space here. Two vintage pendant lights, and L-shaped suspended track lighting will enhance future main floor exhibits and events. This project will be completed before the end of March 2014, thanks to the Alliance Pipeline Foundation, the Roy and Jeannette Tollefson Fund of the Waseca Area Foundation, the E.F. Johnson Foundation, and Waseca VFW Post 1642.

Key

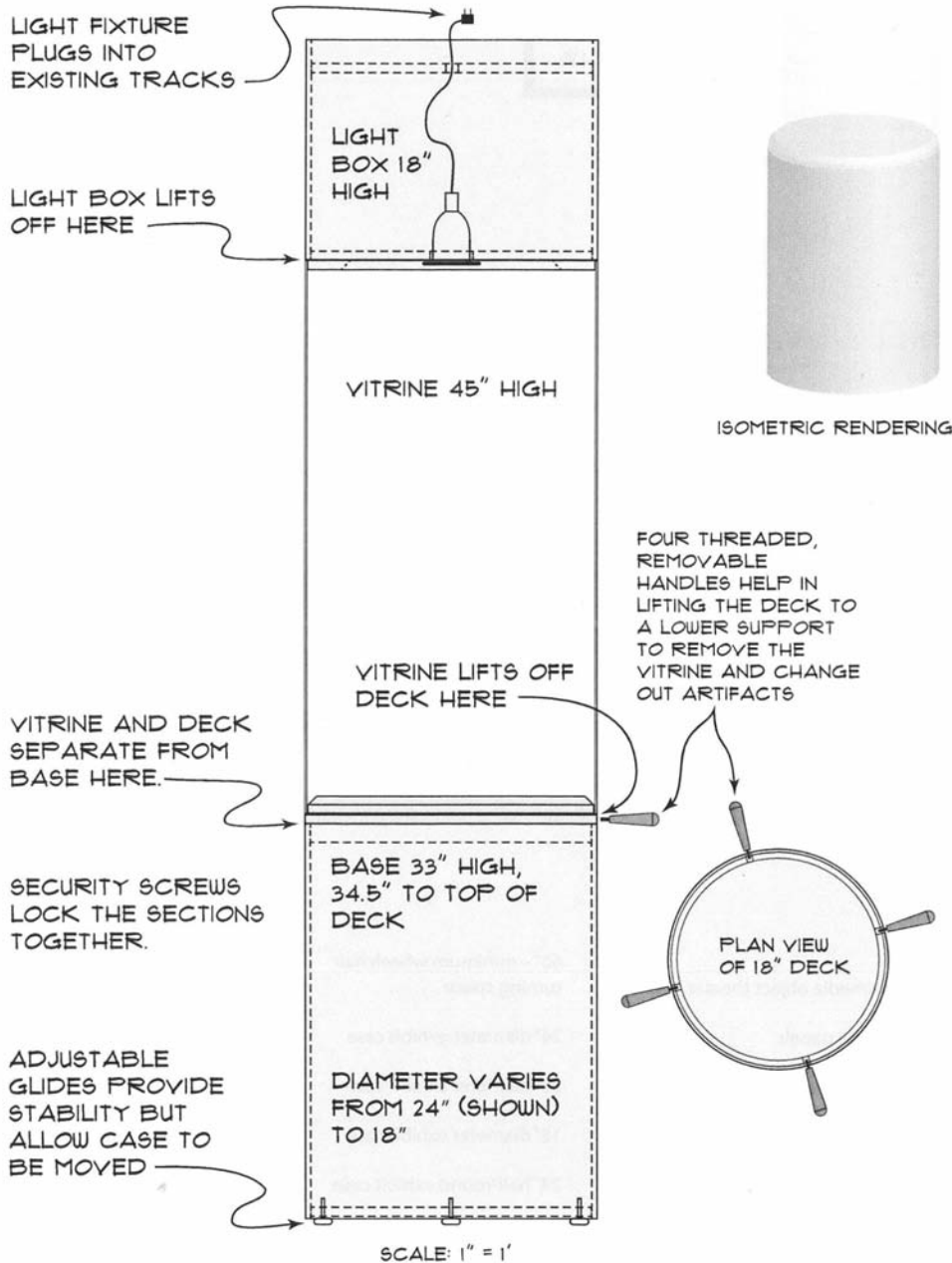
- Multimedia object theater
- Timeline panels
- Exhibit space
- iPad stations
- Orientation panels

- 60" – minimum wheelchair turning space
- 24" diameter exhibit case
- 20" diameter exhibit case
- 18" diameter exhibit case
- 24" half-round exhibit case

Artifact Key

1. Sextant
2. Larson immigrant trunk
3. Bishop Whipple chair
4. Courthouse fireplace
5. Goodspeed China Cabinet
6. Train Depot bench
7. Spanish-American War case
8. E. F. Johnson
9. Studio camera
10. Bierman dresser
11. RCA Radiola

Drawing A: Cylindrical Exhibit Case



We are considering three different sized cases that will float singularly and clustered—cylindricals with diameters of 18", 20" and 24". In addition, a half-round at 24" diameter that would back up to the wall. These cases will cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each.

What unique stories are under consideration for the initial exhibit?

- 1) Birthplace of Clarence Johnston, first state architect of MN
- 2) Home of the Horse Thief Detectives' Society, the oldest continuous organization in Minnesota
- 3) The U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 and Waseca County
- 4) History of Maplewood Park and why it is so important
- 5) The Chautauquas
- 6) EACO's Integrated Championship Baseball of 1901
- 7) Birthplace of Leroy Shield, Hollywood composer of Laurel & Hardy, and Our Gang movies
- 8) James Child, early journalist, and historian
- 9) Herter's of Waseca, the first worldwide sporting goods store and catalog
- 10) The Miller family—22 children in one family
- 11) Gallaghers, Minnesota's Supreme Court brothers
- 12) Bumps Brown and Brown Printing
- 13) Charlie Hofmann and the Honey Farm
- 14) The 1967 Tornado
- 15) Dave Kunst, World Walker
- 16) Waseca Boy Scout Troop 85, more Eagle Scouts than any other in Minnesota
- 17) The plethora of Agricultural Education and Research in Waseca County
- 18) E.F. Johnson Co. and its WWII effort
- 19) The Unsolved Murders, Minske and Schuch
- 20) The shooting of Sheriff Don Eustice

The WCHS Archives Collection: *Up-to-date!*

There were boxes here and there and everywhere in between. When a research request for a family history arrived, it was pure dread and panic that came to WCHS staff. Their Family's history was in "that room." You could spend your whole day looking through boxes and maybe if luck was on your side, you would find what you were looking for.

Joan Mooney, co-director, explained this situation to me. The best thing that I could see to do was what Pauline Fenelon had taught me from processing the WCHS artifact collection. Start with box one and go from there.

So, upon opening a box, I discovered that there were paper artifacts (programs and telephone directories) mixed in with our original archival (journals, marriage certificates) collection. The first job was to remove those paper artifacts and get them into their proper "room." Once I had a folder organized and only containing archival material, the hunt for an accession number began.

Where did this information come from, was it still relevant to Waseca County history? Was this information already entered into our database? Do I need to create a new accession number for these documents?

Once the accession number issue was resolved, then it was time for the placement of this unique accession number upon each document.

Then, we needed to know how many pieces of paper were in each folder. Sometimes it was just one piece of

paper, sometimes it was 110 pieces of paper. Once counted, that number was written on the outside of the folder.

That was the process for just one folder. A very tedious procedure and with a daunting number of boxes to be sorted through, I expressed a need for help.



Rod Searle, former WCHS Board member, volunteer extraordinaire, and friend of WCHS



Vanessa stores the last archives box processed.

A man by the name of Rod Searle stepped up to the task of helping with the archival collection. Rod served on the WCHS Board of Directors, and came into the museum every Tuesday morning and staying for a couple of hours and worked with the archival collection. Sometimes the documents would be really fascinating and other times not so interesting, but Rod kept coming back for more. He put in over 330 hours with the archival collection.

After five years of processing, we arrived at 5,767 folders and 284 boxes of archival material.

Thank you Rod for your dedication to this project! I have received a hug every Tuesday morning from Rod Searle for the past five years; I'm going to miss my hugs.



We can proudly say that the Waseca County Historical Society Archival Collection is finally ready for you! Come on in with your research request, we can find anything now!



Museum Bell Tower is Stabilized

During last summer, as we were planning for new exhibits, appreciating the new lift, and painting the second story windows, we discovered the horrible state of the bell tower and how it's been the root of the moisture problems in that corner of the museum building. Upon close examination via cherry picker by professionals, the roof, ceiling and floor of the bell tower were rotten, falling in and in danger of collapse. There was no time for grant writing, but thankfully we had enough funding in our maintenance fund to order the repairs immediately. Thanks to Goodrich Construction, the project was completed just before the snow fell. The project left WCHS with the need to fundraise seriously in 2014. Thus, the birth of the Herter Swap Meet, Beer-Tasting and Rock 'n Roll Review on August 23 at the County Fairgrounds. We'll be hearing more about it this spring!



Thank You!

As of 09/20/13 to 12/20/13

These are quarterly new/renewed members, donations, acknowledgments. The WCHS Annual Report will list all members.

MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime Members

\$1,000 Donations to the WCHS

Lifetime Endowment Fund providing ongoing interest support for Operations.

* New in 2013, + Deceased

Allen, Mary
+Britton, Joe
Britton, Marjorie
Brown Printing
+Brown, Wayne "Bumps"
Brynildson, Gladys
Cooper, Gus
Corchran, Liz
Dahl, Robert M.
Fette, Leo J. and Shirley
First National Bank
Fischer, Larry and Marian
Fitzsimmons, Francis M.
Fostveit, Donna
*Fox, Jim and Elaine
Fuller, Boyd
Gerding, Dr. James and Josephine
Gores, Marjorie L.
Haley, Sharon L.
+Hecht, Sigi

Homer, Margaret

Johnson, Ronald J.

*Kastner, Bonnie

*Kiesler, Kal and Barbara
Kopischke, Gerald and Barbara
Lewer, Henry & Phyllis
Markus, Richard
McCarthy, George B. and Jean M.
+Moriarty, Dorothy
Oelke, Neta

*Peterson, Arlene

*Pommerenke, Gloria/Lori

+Rethwill, W.H., Jr.
Roundbank
Rutledge, Jerry and Linda
Searle, Rod and Ruth
Sheeran, Betty and Bob
Smith, Keith and Wilda

*Stauffer, Bruce and Mary Jane

Strand, Mel
Swenson, Virginia
Tippy, Jim and Moira
+Wendland, Ken
Wendland, Helen
Webber, Wendy
Wick, Bruce and Lorraine
Winegar, Sharlene and George
Wynnemer, Don and Margaret

Renewing Members

Beckmann, Manny and Pat (MN)
Bendix, John and Deanna (MN)
Bird, Jay (WI)
Bodine, Kelly (MO)
Born, Suzanne (MN)
Callahan, Joseph (CO)
Devereaux, Lora
Dey, Jim and Cathy (MN)
Draheim, Ardella (MN)
Engle, Diane (OK)
Espe, Charles and Kathy (MN)
Fell, June (MN)
Fenelon, Kari (MN)

Fenelon, Pauline (MN)
Flood, Karen
Forrest, Sally (MN)
Frisk, Robert and Kathy (MN)
Gilomen, Carollea
Grant, Linda (MN)
Guentzel, Richard (MN)
Gutfleisch, John and Tracy (MN)
Hawkins, William (PA)
Herme, Barb (MN)
Hildebrandt, Anita (MN)
Holmes, James (FL)
Hunt, Nadine (CO)
Jeddeloh, Irene (MN)
Joecks, Judy (MN)
Kanewischer, Trevor and Amanda (MN)
Kunst, David (CA)
Madel, Peter and Mary Ann (MN)
McIntire, Betty (MN)
Meyer, Clark (MN)
Miller, Ruth Ann (MN)
Norman, Beverlee (AZ)
Penny, Tim and Sandy (MN)
Piche, Tom and Cindy (MN)
Pope, David and Amy (MN)
Querna, Marie (MN)
Rosenthal, Gregg (MN)
Sahlstrom, Mary Lou (MN)
Sanders, Wayne (MN)
Stenzel, Laurie (MN)
Taylor, Gary and Linda (MN)
Teskey, John (MN)
Tollefson, Stan and Kathryn (MN)
West, Tom and Francie (MN)
Williams, Jack and Mary (MN)

New Members

Anderson, David (WI)
Bateman, Susan Gasink (FL)
Carpenter, Michael (MN)
Childs, Bruce (MN)
Fox, Sean (TX)
Johnson, Sandra (MN)
Kjellman, Eileen, (MN)
Lynch, Joseph (ND)
Magnuson, Finette (MN)
Malloy, Maureen (WI)
McClune, Terry (MN)
Roemhildt, Charlene (MN)
Sterr, Judy (AR)
Streiff, Lynne (MN)

New Sustainer \$100

Madel, Peter and Mary Ann

MEMORIALS

Memorials, Unrestricted

In memory of Glenn Wobschall

by Neta Oelke
by Avis Wobschall,
by Karen and Clark Swenson and family
by Dane & Claudia Wobschall and family

In memory of Dorothy and Bob Gigeay

by Margie Giesen
In memory of Mary Miller

by Donna Fostveit
by Doris Berger
by Gene and Kathy Rosenthal
In memory of Rose Ann Miller
by Eunice Gasner

In memory of Ida Larson

by Russ and Teri Ingram
by Donna Fostveit
by Lorraine Carlson

In memory of Ida Larson for the Bailey-Lewer Research Library

by Bruce and Mary Jane Stauffer
by Robert and Janette Larson

In memory of Margaret Hassing

by Bruce and Mary Jane Stauffer

In memory of Judy Deling

by Gene and Kathy Rosenthal

In memory of Harry G. Chin

by Don and Margaret Wynnemer

by Doris Berger

by Rod and Ruth Searle

by Henry and Phyllis Lewer

by Linda Grant

by Jane Dunn

by Bill and Patti Hoversten

In memory of Leona Benson

by Janette Larson

by JoAnn Sutlief

In honor of Dorothy May Beese Tuttle

by Debbie L. Tuttle

In memory of Irving Bickell

by Henry and Phyllis Lewer

DONATIONS

To Waseca Floral, for Christmas tree

To Judith Forster-Monson and John

Stocker, for new painted donation box

To Sigi Hecht, for the new museum back

storm door. Sigi donated funds a few

years ago for this future need finally

accomplished in November 2013. Mike

Kuster donated his time to install it!

2013 Annual Fund Campaign:

*Give-to-the-Max Day donors

*Abbe, Patrice K.

*Espe, Charles

*Fenelon, Pauline

*Friedl, Barbara

*Hintz, Joanne

*Jackson, Carol E.

*Lund, Curt

*Neidt, Millicent I.

*Staley, Jayne, In memory of the Joyce
family farm, 1865-2012

*Streng, Gary

*Taylor, Linda

*Youngberg, Kate

*Youngberg, Kathryn

Ahlfors, Richard and Shirley

Allen, Mary

Armstrong, Wendell and Ruth

Battenfeld, Myra

Berger, Doris

Born, Suzanne—In Honor of Don and

Margaret Wynnemer

Byron, John and Melissa

Corchran, Maria "Liz"

Crystal Valley Coop

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Dressler, Paul and Carol

Dunn, Dave and Melissa

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Forrest, Dan

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Downie Freeman

Gallagher, Bonnie

Galvin, Grace and Carroll

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of Dr. Harold and Irma Lorenz

Grant, Linda

Harguth, Dorothy

Hasslen, Margaret

Hildebrandt, Jeanne

Hogan, James

Homer, Margaret (Peggy)—In Memory

of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Hodgson

Hoversten, Pearl

Hunter, Robert

Jones, Karl

King, Jim and Barbara

Larson, Janette and Robert—In memory

of Ida A. Larson, for the Bailey-Lewer Library

Lewer, Henry and Phyllis

Lundquist, Jean and Ole—For the Bailey

Lewer Library

Markus, Elizabeth—In memory of Richard

Markus

McIntire, Betty

Miller, Jean

Miller, Lorraine

New Richland Historical Society

Nissen, Audra Boyer

Oelke, Neta—In memory of B.G. Oelke

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Querna, Marie—In memory of Paul

and Pat Querna

Richard, Deb

Robertson, James

Rosenthal, Jeanette

Ross, Jackie

Routh, Warren

Rudolph, Janet

Salmon, Juliet

Schultz, Harlan and Janet—In memory

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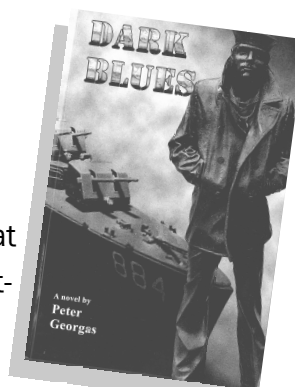


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