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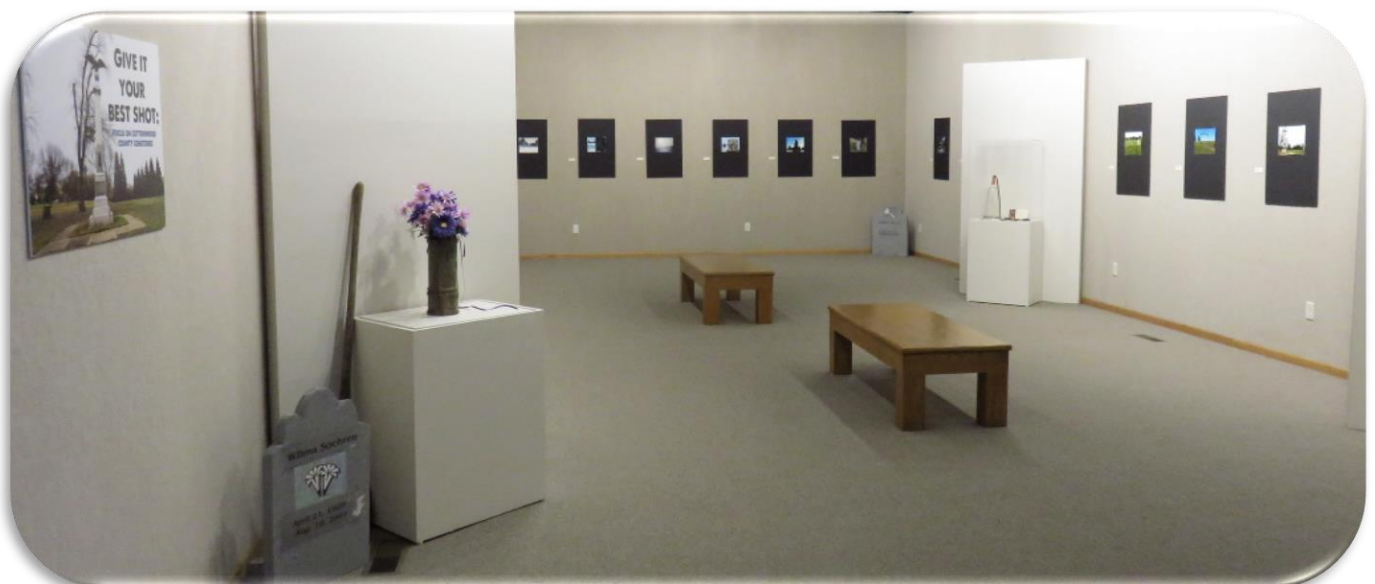
## Give It Your Best Shot

*Focus on Cottonwood County Cemeteries*

*2016 Photo Show*

January 17-March 26, 2016

The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery features 20 photographs of Cottonwood County cemeteries taken by local photographers. Great shots from throughout the county! Stop by and vote for your favorite photograph!



# FESTIVAL OF TREES: The Winners!



Left: 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Windom FFA

Middle: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Windom Tourist  
Club

Right: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Sons of Norway

Throughout the month of December, visitors enjoyed an array of 18 beautifully decorated Christmas Trees in the Remick Gallery. The Windom FFA was voted the winner this year with their theme “We Farm, You Eat”. Their tree was decorated with tractor lights, ornaments filled with grain, silverware and cow ornaments created out of light bulbs. The second place winner was the Windom Tourist Club whose theme was “Take Time for All Things”. They adorned their tree with gold ornaments and well-known quotes related to time. Third place was awarded to the Sons of Norway which celebrated Norway as “The Cradle of Skiing”. It showcased handmade skiers amongst traditional wheat bundles, straw ornaments and the Norwegian flag. Each winner received Chamber Bucks with the remaining proceeds benefiting the museum.

## **Below is the list who participated:**

- ❄️ Marilyn Wahl had two trees – “Crazy Ladies” tree and her “Eagle” ornament tree
- ❄️ Windom Cotton Quilters ❄️ Windom Service Club ❄️ First United Methodist Church
- ❄️ A.C.E. of SW Minnesota ❄️ Relay for Life ❄️ Windom Tourist Club ❄️ Windom Area Girl Scouts
- ❄️ Windom Area Photography Club ❄️ Windom Saddle Club ❄️ Windom Cub Scouts – Pack 10
- ❄️ Mountain Lake Christian School ❄️ Compassionate Friends
- ❄️ Friends of the Windom Library ❄️ Robert Remick Tree ❄️ Sons of Norway
- ❄️ Windom FFA

*Thank you to all who participated and who visited the museum during December.*

## **2015 Raffle Winner Announced**

The 2015 raffle was a beautiful wall hanging by Carol Christianson. The raffle was drawn the Monday before the Christmas holiday. The lucky winner was Bob Messer of Windom.

**Congratulations!**

# 2015 Fund-Raiser Recap!

## Scents of Christmas

The museum's fund-raiser for October/November was the *Scents of Christmas*. Board members and staff sold Christmas greenery including wreaths, garland, swags, spruce tips, and 12" ornament with fresh greens. These items are made at the Hacker's tree farm in Sleepy Eye. A special thank you to all who sold and purchased these items. We were very pleased with the quality of the greenery this year. We raised over \$600 for the General Budget – Museum upgrades and repairs.

## Chocolate & Bling

The event *Chocolate & Bling* was held on Thursday, December 3. Our theme of *Fun & Fabulous* served us well as much fun was had by those who attended the event and everyone looked fabulous. We had a silent & live auction, great food, direct sales from a jewelry & scarf tree and a photo booth. The 10 table



designers put us in a festive mood for the holidays and the chocolate dessert buffet started adding the pounds. We raised over \$2,500 for museum upgrades! Thank you to the committee and the volunteers who helped that evening.

# 2015 Special Event Recap

## Singing for the Cows!

*Singing for the Cows! Homesteading a Dream* by Deborah Jean Templin was sponsored by the Sons of Norway Stavanger Lodge and the museum. The New York actress performed her one-woman show which included singing and reminiscing about her family and the three generations of farmers. After the performance, cake and moo food (ice cream) was provided with an opportunity to share with each other. The 33 evaluations returned were all very positive about the program:

- ❄️ "Awesome, didn't want it to end."
- ❄️ "Just keep 'em coming."
- ❄️ "Wonderful presentation."

- ❄️ "Brought back a lot of memories."
- ❄️ "It was super great!"
- ❄️ "I so appreciated the culture & history."

***Thank you to the Robert & Helen Remick Foundation for their support of this special program.***



## Museum Projects

### Landscaping Project Completed!

Over a year ago, work began on the north side of the museum. Larry Stevens brought his tractor to town and he along with his wife, Becky, and Museum President, Tom Wickie, removed and discarded the overgrown shrubs. In June, new pavers were installed by Split Rock Landscaping with a map of Cottonwood County which includes the township and town names. The bench and planters were designed and made by metal artist Jeremy Hall. Sandy Peterson did a beautiful job with a fall followed by a winter arrangement for the planters. To complete the project, the banner pole was installed by Larry Stevens and Tom Wickie this fall with the first banners hung before the holidays by Mike Bregel and Jeff Gilbertson of the City of Windom. Our goal is to provide greater visibility for the museum and an interesting green space for those who visit the museum as well as the community. Thank you to our donors: Larry & Becky Stevens, Crystal Valley Co-op/Land 'O Lakes Foundation, Freddie Hoppert, Pam Gahler, David & Donna Sippel, David & Phyllis Werness, and Karen Kremmin.



### On to the Next Project: New Lighting in the Meeting Room

For two years we have been raising money for new ceiling tile and lighting in the Meeting Room along with the adjacent storage room at the Museum. Donations have come in slow and steady with the Cottonwood County Commissioners agreeing to provide the last \$5,000 so the project could begin. As this newsletter goes to print, work has just begun!

# Donations

## Donations made between October 7, 2015 – January 21, 2016

### General Fund Donations

Melvin Wojahn; Loy Storey in memory of Lenora Muller; Eugene Muller in memory of Lenora Muller; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Lenora Muller; Jeffers Community Chest; Joe & Barb LaCanne; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Howard Clark; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Howard Clark; Becky Wiens; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Joyce Severance; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Warren Beihoffer; Bill & Ruth Steinfeldt in memory of Shirley Flaskegaard; Windom FFA; Roger Formanek

### “Singing for the Cows”:

Helen & Robert Remick Foundation; Sons of Norway Stavanger Lodge; Larry & Melody Goeman

Office Computer Updates: Leland & Marilyn Erickson

Lighting: Virginia Galle in memory of John Galle

Exhibit Hall: Marilyn Wahl

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## CCHS Membership

### CCHS Welcomes New Annual Members:

Ralph Sweigard; Marlene Smith; Kathy Hanson

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Mary Christenson; Joyce Nielsen; Dean Larsen; Melvin Wojahn; Richard & Dorothy Raverty; Janelle Kaye; Jane Ross; Mary Kellen; Margaret McDonald; Bill & Ruth Steinfeldt; Yvonne Knutson; Ivan & Signe Pederson; Sandy Peterson

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Sponsor Renewals:

Bernice Dick; Ernest Woizeschke

### CCHS Thanks Our Member Upgraded to Lifetime Membership:

JoAnn Vander Meulen

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### 2016 Remick Gallery

**“Student Art Show”**  
April 3-24

**“Facets of Inner Strength”**  
By Jolene Wirkus  
May 1 – September 3

**“An Artful Life”**  
by Anita Skow, Marget Floyd  
& Mary Christenson  
September 18 – November 19

**“Festival of Trees”**  
December 1-23