



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

Monday—Friday 8 am— 4 pm and Saturday 10 am—4 pm

Fall 2019



118th Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 3, 2019

2:00 p.m. at the museum

“Prohibition: A Grand Misadventure”

by David Jones



Members and guests are invited to attend the 118th Annual Meeting. A short business meeting will begin the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. followed by our speaker, David Jones. His topic “Prohibition: A Grand Misadventure” is timely as the United States remembers 100 years ago when prohibition became the law of the land. In 1920, the United States entered a period in history during which the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors was banned. As it turned out, the U.S. also entered a period of lawlessness and corruption, unequalled in its history. Rather than curing the ills of society, Prohibition is remembered for creating some of the worst possible results – thus, this period is known as one of the greatest misadventures ever. Our featured speaker, David Jones, who now resides in Minneapolis, is a native of St. Peter and a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College. David is an accomplished speaker who enjoys sharing his research on various topics with local schools and civic organizations.

Refreshments provided include sandwiches, homemade bars and coffee. Don't forget...there will be door prizes! Members and prospective members are invited to attend.

New Ornament Arriving in November



The museum started an ornament series six years ago featuring historic sites in Cottonwood County. The first ornament featured the Cottonwood County Courthouse which was built in 1904. The second ornament showcased the Westbrook Depot, which is now part of the Westbrook Heritage House Museum and has been on the National Register since 1986. Our third ornament is a site well known in the county—The Jeffers Petroglyphs. It has the largest concentration of Indian carvings in Minnesota and was placed on the National Register in 1970. Our fourth ornament took us to Mountain Lake where we highlighted the original section of the 1904 Mountain Lake Public School. Our fifth ornament was the Storden Bank, one of the oldest continuous running businesses in Storden. This year we look to Pat's Grove and the Stone house. With the 2019 upgrades of a new roof and tuck pointing, it seemed fitting to celebrate these improvements. Check them out...they make great Christmas gifts!

In the Remick Gallery

Historic Opening

Lines to get into the museum!
Lines to purchase a special edition print! Lines to sign the guest book! Lines to eat! Aaron Horkey and his show brought over 300 people to the museum for a record breaking day. The line-up outside the museum door started before 11:00 a.m. and continued to grow before the doors opened at 2:00 p.m. Guests came from Arizona, Texas, Illinois, New Jersey, Utah, North Carolina, Colorado, and California along with many from Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs. When asked why they came from such a distance the answers from many were "to meet Aaron", "to see nine years of Horkey history", "to purchase the print released at the opening" and "to see where Aaron grew up". Thanks to Aaron for coming back to Windom and sharing his art work with his hometown.

"String Lakes Rag"

by Aaron Horkey

September 22 - November 16, 2019

The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled String Lakes Rag showcases art work by Aaron Horkey. Back for his third exhibition, this show is comprised of a partial survey of his illustrated and printed art work spanning 2010-2019. Around 100 pieces are on display including original drawings, screen printed posters and various ephemeral odds and ends. This show runs through November 16, 2019.

If you are planning a visit to the gallery, our hours are Monday – Fridays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



"Festival of Trees"

December 1-23, 2019

The Festival of Trees opens December 1st in the Remick Gallery. We encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to decorate a tree in the theme of their choice. Visitors vote for their favorite tree throughout the month of December. If you would like to decorate a tree or have questions, please contact the museum at 831-1134 or e-mail us at cchs@windomnet.com.



Upcoming Fundraisers

Coming in December...

Chocolate & Bling

It's time for ***"Chocolate & Bling"*** at the museum on Thursday, December 5 for an evening of fun and relaxation. The evening begins with a silent auction of new and vintage jewelry. Around 35 pieces will be available for a worthy bid. The jewelry tree returns this year with direct sales of items off the tree. Guests will be encouraged to view the Festival of Trees exhibit in the Remick Gallery.



In the meeting room, an extensive appetizer and chocolate buffet is included with the ticket price and will be available between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. at tables decorated for the holiday. Ten women will design tables based on the theme "Puttin' on the Glitz". Items of greater value will again be sold to the highest bidder on the live auction. Winners of the silent auction will be announced to conclude the evening.

Tickets will be available on Monday, November 4 at the museum. Only 80 tickets are available! Cost is \$20. We encourage everyone to 'put on the glitz' and wear your bling!

If you have any jewelry you would be willing to donate, please contact Linda or Sandy at the museum.



Cheesecake Anyone?

Simply Sweet Cheesecake owner Megan Hall of Lakefield offers a fundraising opportunity for area non-profits. The museum will be accepting orders for a "6-pack" of cheesecake cupcakes for \$15. Flavor choices are below or order a variety pack which would include one of each flavor.

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| *Turtle | *Cherry | *Strawberry Swirl |
| *Caramel Swirl | *Plain Jane | *Raspberry Swirl |

These can be picked up at the museum on December 20, just in time to add to your holiday festivities. Call 507-831-1134 — **you must order by December 6!** You will not only be enjoying delicious cheesecake but supporting your county museum! Quick! Easy! No dishes! Great Holiday Desserts!



Locally Made!

Coming in January.....

“2020 Photo Show...Give It Your Best Shot!”

We are looking for local photographers to participate in the upcoming photo show. The theme this year is agriculture..... think Cottonwood County! Where can your camera take you?

The Details...

Pick up a registration form at the museum.

We ask for two 8" x 10" images of the same photo. One will be in the photo show and one will become part of the photograph collection at the museum.

Maximum of one entry per photographer may be brought to the museum until

January 10, 2020. No matting, framing or mounting of the photo! The goal of the show is to promote Cottonwood County and our local photographers. The opening reception is on January 19, 2020 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Cottonwood County's 150th Anniversary in 2020



A small group gathered at the museum in October to begin plans for Cottonwood County's 150th Celebration. Many ideas were brought to the table that could be implemented in next years Sesquicentennial. Some of the ideas mentioned included:

- * Tours of the Courthouse
- * Country School booklet
- * Display board of notable characters
- * A County proclamation
- * A farm day and/or railroad day
- * Coloring booklet for kids
- * Cemetery Stroll
- * Display of 4-H memorabilia
- * Beard growing contest
- * Old-fashioned music

More participation is needed and anyone interested is encouraged to attend our next meeting which is planned for Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the museum.

Fall Recap: Annual Fall Fundraiser



The Cottonwood County Annual Fall Fund-raiser once again was a success with 202 meals served on September 9. The exhibit in the Remick Gallery, "Remick Gallery's 20 Anniversary: Works by Robert Remick", was an added attraction for the evening. Thank you to all the museum supporters who came to the event and to the Board of Trustees, staff, and our volunteers who baked or worked the event. Money raised for the event will go toward museum projects.

General Fund Donations:

Donations & Memorials made between August 21 – October 18, 2019:

Jim Guddal in memory of Wes Bakker; Silliman Trust; Joel & Shannon LaCanne; Dave Hendricks

Donations designated for Handicapped Accessible Doors:

Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Florence Hunter; Evalyn Nemitz; Ardyce "Shortie" Vold; Katharina Wassenaar; Duane Van Norman; Henry Mews; Eugene "Bud" Muller; Louise Wickstrom; Wesley Bakker; Ray Anderson

On-Line Newspaper Project: Carol Kissner & Claude Buettner

CCHS Membership

CCHS Welcomes New Annual Members:

Ruth Tyberg; Linda Mix; Jon Bresemann; Dimitri Papaliolios; Connie Rasmussen; Les Knutson

CCHS Thanks Our Upgrade to Lifetime Member:

Roselyn Friesen

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Zola Wood; Dorothy Fundahn; Sharon Evers; LaVern & Carol Christianson; Louetta Masters; Diane Potter; Don & Jean Hoppe; Richard & Dorothy Raverty; Ralph Sweigard; Mark Sandvik; Mary Christenson; Dean Larsen

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