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# COTTONWOOD

## County Historical Society

### ANNUAL FALL FUND - RAISER

September 14

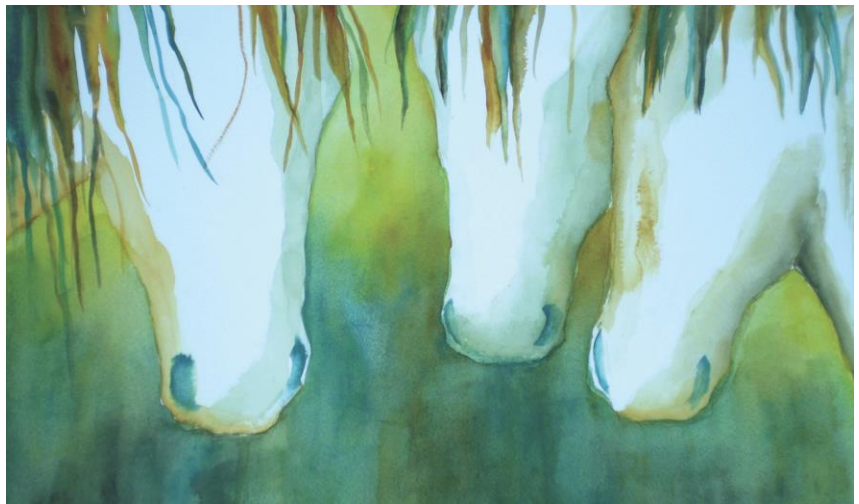
The Cottonwood County Historical Society invites you to attend their Annual Fall Fund-raiser on Monday, September 14 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the museum located at 812 Fourth Avenue. Join us for our traditional roast beef on a bun served with coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert and beverage. Take-outs are available.

Pick up your tickets at the museum or purchase them the night of the event. Tickets are \$7.00 for adult and \$4.00 for children (10 and under). While at the museum purchase your raffle ticket, take time to view the exhibit in the Remick Gallery and check out the Exhibit Hall.

## Horses of Many Colors

by: Deborah Meyer  
Exhibit Dates: September 20 – November 21, 2015

The coming exhibit in the Remick Gallery is entitled *Horses of Many Colors* by artist Deborah Meyer, a Windom graduate. The opening reception is Sunday, September 20 from 2 – 4 pm. The artist has always had a great love for animals, especially horses and dogs. She turns to nature for inspiration looking for colors, patterns and textures. This exhibit features images relating solely to horses. The medium used is watercolor, gouache and watercolor crayons. This exhibit runs through November 21, 2015.



If you are planning a visit to the gallery, our hours are  
Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Cottonwood County Fair: August 19-22nd

Come visit the Cottonwood County Historical Society booth at the County Fair, which will feature the exhibit "Celebrating Cottonwood County Parks". Find out about the history, the amenities and the location of each of the parks. Those to be featured include Red Rock Falls, Dutch Charley, Mountain Park, Talcot Lake, Pat's Grove, Sara Park and Schoper-Bush Reservoir.

## Update on the CCHS Veteran's Project

Written by Janelle Kaye

For the past 2-3 years, volunteers at CCHS have been working hard to get a database ready for public viewing that includes all the veterans from the Civil War onward who have at some time lived in (or very near) Cottonwood County. This database will be available to the public for viewing in the exhibit hall of the museum and online. It is our hope to not only pay tribute to our local veterans, but also to increase the capacity of CCHS to make available its resources and information to those who are not able to physically access it. We plan to unveil our database during the fall of 2015. Many of you have already contributed your family information and military stories to our database. Thank you!

We would also like to encourage those of you who haven't, to please send us your military information. We have some forms available at the front desk at CCHS, or they could be sent to you via e-mail or hard copy. Let us know if you would like a form sent to you. Information about the unveiling will be revealed at a later time.

Amazing Facts: (The numbers listed below are approximate.)

There have been nearly 5,000 veterans from Cottonwood County since the Civil War.

- 300 veterans of the Civil War
- 28 veterans of the Spanish American War
- 830 veterans of WWI
- 1700 veterans of WWII
- 700 veterans of the Korean War
- 1250 veterans of the Vietnam War
- Many veterans who served during peace time.

We have already published over a 1000 stories and are ready to publish over 2100 more. By this fall, we should have a significant part of our project up to the present time completed. However, since we will always be accumulating new information, the project will never be complete!

The stories that each veteran has to tell is worthy of documentation and tribute. Help us prepare for our unveiling by updating your family information. Thank you!

## Landscaping project nears completion

With the coming of summer, the landscape project north of the museum started in earnest. Private donations and a small grant from Crystal Valley Co-op and the Land 'O Lakes Foundation provided the necessary funds for the project. To-date the costs are as follows: banner pole (\$2,185.91), drainage w/downspout (\$1,021) and pavers w/city and township names including installation (\$6,006). The costs yet to come include the banners (one for the museum and one for the Remick Gallery), bench and flower planters. The bench and planters were designed and made by Jeremy Hall, a local artist. The banners will be designed by our social media specialist, Jessica Bak. Many donors contributed to the project with Larry and Becky Stevens contributing all the funds for the pavers. We thank you! Stop by and check our progress!



Before



After

## 2015 Raffle Ticket



This year our annual raffle item is a wonderful wall hanging by local textile artist Carol Christianson, which is pieced, hand-applied and quilted by the artist. The title of the piece is *Jacob's Garden* designed by Lydia Quigley. It measures 36" x 36" and is ready to hang on your wall. The tickets are \$2.00 each with the winning ticket to be drawn December 21, 2015. Buy your ticket today! All proceeds benefit the museum! Hurry in today to buy your raffle ticket or mail a check!

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your checks to:  
Cottonwood County  
Historical Society  
812 Fourth Avenue  
Windom, MN 56101

## Strolling Photographers Needed

By: Marilla Whitney

A group of volunteers have been systematically documenting county cemeteries onto a website called Find a Grave. All the smaller cemeteries have been done up to 2010 and Mountain Lake will be finished this year. However, the photographing of Lakeview Cemetery in Windom has proven a daunting task. If new volunteers would be willing to photograph, experienced ones could crop and post the photos, or the photographers could learn how to post for themselves. Individuals are welcome and small groups like Boy Scout troops might work together for a badge. Please contact the Rev. Marilla Whitney at 831-0254 who can provide plat maps and information to prevent duplication of effort. She would also collect and crop photographs for posting. Thank you!



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## New Lighting in Remick Gallery

Thank you to the Remick Foundation for the grant received to replace the white track lighting with black in the Remick Gallery. In addition, the lights were changed from incandescent to LEDs. Ron's Electric completed the project in late spring and we are happy with the end result. Stop in and see the difference!

## Thrivent Financial Offers Opportunity for Giving to CCHS

Thrivent Financial members have the opportunity to participate in a member-advised charitable grant program called "Choice Dollars." This program lets eligible members recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable funds go. How does it work? You have three avenues to pursue:

1) Go online to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

-log in and click on "Direct Choice Dollars."

-Search the catalog of organizations for Cottonwood County Historical Society then check the box to direct all Choice Dollars or enter an amount then click on "Direct Now."

2) Or by telephone at 800-847-4836

-Say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

3) Visit your Thrivent Financial Representative for assistance

The Cottonwood County Historical Society applied for eligibility six months ago and to-date has had over \$1,000 donated to the museum. Thank you Thrivent members!

## General Fund Donations:

### Donations made between May 1 and July 31:

Lucille Nelson; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Roxie Grandprey; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Roxie Grandprey; Wes Sweigard in memory of Nancy Sweigard; Anthony Smith; Marilyn Wahl in memory of LeiLani Klassen; Lee & Sandy Peterson in honor of Tom & Karen Wickie's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; Lucille Nelson; Zola Wood in memory of LeiLani Klassen; Loy Storey in memory of Lois Kingery

### Donations Designated for Lighting Project in Meeting Room:

Sharon Goldstone in honor of Tom & Karen Wickie's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## CCHS Membership:

### CCHS Welcomes New Annual Members

Eileen Johnson; Jon Ross; Maxine Duncan; Sharon K. Hesebeck; Doris Schneider, Sonya Buller (sponsor level)

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals

Linda Fransen & Tom Sanders; Debra Haar; Kathryn Tewes; Fritzie Stemm; Neil Henry; Martin & Anita Skow; Dean & Kathleen Kretsch; Glen & Joan Iverson; Norma Loewen; Terry & Jackie Jurgens; Marilla Whitney; Harvey & Esther Buller; Ernest & Judith Dellinger

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals

David Mathiason; David & Carolyn Van Loh; Judy Woizeschke; Vera Rachuy; Lynne Kessler

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewals

Charles & Ruth Reid

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### Save the Date

\* Cottonwood County Fair  
August 19-22

\* Annual Fall Fund-raiser  
September 14

\*Horses of Many Colors  
September 20 – November 21

\* Minnesota Archaeology Week  
September 12 – 20

