



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

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

Summer 2019

Cottonwood County's 150th Anniversary in 2020



In 1958, Minnesota celebrated its centennial. I was in 6th grade and remember dressing up in a long skirt and bonnet that my mom made for me. I read something historical to a crowd in what is now the BARC auditorium. Times have changed and memories faded. However, 2020 is another year for

creating historical memories. 150 years ago, Cottonwood County was established.

"The county was created on May 23, 1857, named for the river in Germantown Township ("cottonwood" is the English meaning of the Dakota Sioux word "Waraju"). Minnesota Governor Austin appointed three county commissioners when the county was established. They met at a home about six miles northwest of Windom on the Des Moines River at Big Bend. During this meeting, they designated the commissioners' districts and changed various county officers. The county organization was completed on July 29, 1870. The first general election was held in the county that November. The first deed of record was filed on January 10, 1870. The first land assessments were made in 1871, and the first taxes were paid in 1872." Wikipedia

Article was written by Janelle Kaye, researcher and author for the Cottonwood County Historical Society.

Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in helping to write articles about the history of Cottonwood County? Anyone interested in planning some events/exhibits/media/works or art/music/drama? Other ideas?

Contact Linda Fransen
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or

Janelle Kaye at
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with your ideas.

We at CCHS are thinking about projects and possibilities for the year-long celebration or focus. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer time/energy please, let us/me know. We are just now beginning to get the creative juices flowing. Let's create some great new historical memories!

You can go to <http://mnpedia.org/search/site/cottonwood%20county> to find out more about Cottonwood County's history.

In the Remick Gallery:

“The 20th Anniversary of the Remick Gallery: Works by Robert Remick”



Brown Swiss cattle used to call their home the land now dominated by Remick Ridge Estates.

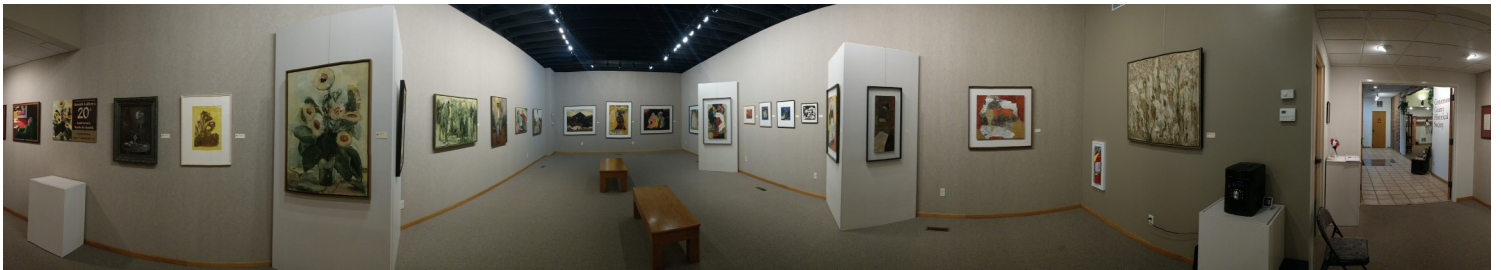
One of Windom's local artists exhibited and won prestigious awards in a variety of art galleries throughout Minnesota, Arizona, and Alaska.

A librarian and a farmer/artist have touched the lives of thousands in southwestern Minnesota.

What do these three statements have in common?

The name Robert Remick.

On July 7th Remick Gallery celebrated the 20th Anniversary of its opening. Many of Remick's paintings which are archived at CCHS, were on display for all to admire and remember. Participants at the opening included 40 guests and many shared some of their own memories and admiration for Remick. A keepsake art book, *Robert Remick: His Life, His Art, His Legacy* was available for perusal and to purchase. Janelle Kaye, (writer), David and Marilee Strom, (artists), and Mona Leverenz, (photographer), produced the book with the guidance of Linda Fransen. A grant from the Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust assisted in paying for the writing and publishing of the book. Each book includes a narrative about the life of Remick, 50 of his paintings, and a summary of the work of the Remick Foundation. Copies of the book are available at CCHS for sale for \$20. Pick up your copy soon. His art will be on display until September 14th. Come and remember/learn more about a local man who touched the lives of thousands through his art and philanthropy.



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.

Coming in September...

“String Lakes Rag” By Aaron Horkey

Opening reception on September 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Back for his third exhibit in the Remick Gallery is Aaron Horkey with his exhibit entitled “String Lakes Rag”. This exhibition is comprised of a partial survey of his illustrated and printed art work spanning 2010-2019. Upwards of 100 pieces will be on display including original drawings, screenprinted posters and various ephemeral odds and ends. A limited, screenprinted poster commemorating the exhibit will be available at the opening reception. Stop by and meet the artist!



Annual Fall Fundraiser

September 9

The Cottonwood County Historical Society invites you to attend their Annual Fall Fundraiser on Monday, September 9 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 on the night of the event. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 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.

Archaeology Program

**Sunday, September 29,
at 2:00 p.m. with Tom Sanders**



The summer's survey on the Red Rock Ridge by the Red Rock Ridge Research Group has produced new insights into Indige-

nous people's activities on the Ridge. Tom Sanders will give an overview of the survey's findings and focus on the new insights into ancient life on the Ridge.

2019 Museum Raffle

This year our annual raffle item is a Hudson Bay blanket donated by Shawn & Jessie Colbert. The label in the bottom corner reads: "Trapper Point Blanket/Made in England for Eaton's/All Wool". The tickets are \$2.00 each with the winning ticket to be drawn December 16, 2019.

Buy your ticket today!



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

All proceeds benefit the museum! Hurry in today to buy your raffle ticket or mail a check!

Summer Recap

Book Now Available

The 2019 photo show which was in our Remick Gallery this winter is now available in a book entitled "Give It Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County's Doors and Windows" featuring 36 photographs. Hard cover is \$35 and soft cover is \$25. Stop by and pick it up!

Give It Your Best Shot

Focus on Cottonwood County: Doors and Windows

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Cottonwood County Fair

August 14-17

The Cottonwood County Historical Society booth at the County Fair featured the exhibit "Celebrating 100 Years of the American Legion". The five Legion posts in Cottonwood County were highlighted along with snippets of history regarding the Legion.



A Scandinavian Excursion Bus Tour

Our third history bus tour set out to Minneapolis to see a temporary exhibit at the American Swedish Institute entitled "The Vikings Begin". On the way, we enjoyed a stop at the Norway House and a tour of the Mindekirken Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church where services are still held in Norwegian. This tour was co-sponsored by the Sons of Norway.



American Swedish Institute Stained Glass Window

General Fund Donations:

Donations: Donations made between June 11, 2019 – August 20, 2019

Joan Iverson; Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Caleb Hanson; Karen Kremmin in memory of Bonnie Acton Freking; Jerry & Deanne Thompson in memory of Wes Bakker; Lowell & Nancy Tjentland in memory of Wes Bakker; Maria Schneider; JoAn Bakker in memory of Wes Bakker; Tom & Karen Wickie in memory of Pat Miller; Tom & Karen Wickie in memory of Bernece Sykora; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Ed Grunewald; Anthony & M. Heather Smith in memory of Ed Grunewald; Anthony & M. Heather Smith in memory of Kay Evans Scott; Joseph & Barbara LaCanne in memory of Ed Grunewald; Doug & Priscilla Jacobson in memory of Ed Grunewald; Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Ed Grunewald; Elizabeth Richardson; Meredith Vaselaar; Betty Grenig

Donation Designated for Handicapped Accessible Doors: Melvin & Romelle Wojahn

Donations for Flower Pots: Howard & Rosie Davis; Marilyn Wahl

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CCHS Welcomes New Lifetime Member:

Deborah Polzin

CCHS Welcomes New Patron Level Member:

Eugene Hanchett

CCHS Welcomes New Business Member:

John & Judy Holt

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Martin & Anita Skow; Joan Iverson; Patrick & Maria Fitzgerald; Melanie Dunlap; Dean & Kathleen Kretsch; David & Carolyn Van Loh; Norma Loewen; Vay & Arleen Rodman; Patricia Holmes; Jack Kelly; Michael & Jean Foley Judy Kielty; Roxanne Potter; Kate Schneider; Laura Williams; Herman & Lylas Eigenberg; Eileen Cushing

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Vera Rachuy; Judith Hintze

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewals:

Maria Schneider; Ernest & Judith Dellinger

CCHS Thanks Our Upgrade to Lifetime Member:

Judy Woizeschke



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"String Lakes Rag"

by Aaron Horkey

September 22 - November 16

Minnesota Archaeology Month "New Insights into Ancient Lifeways on the Red Rock Ridge"

by Tom Sanders

September 29 at 2:00 pm

CCHS Annual meeting

"Prohibition: A Grand Misadventure"

By David Jones

November 3 from 2 to 4 pm

Chocolate Bling 2019

Festival of Trees

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