



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

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

Fall 2018

117th Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 4, 2018

2:00 p.m. at the museum

“Minnesota’s First Village Blacksmith Shop”

by Thomas Sanders

Members and guests are invited to attend the 117th Annual Meeting. Our featured speaker is Thomas Sanders, local archaeologist and former Site Manager of the Jeffers Petroglyphs. He was the head blacksmith at Historic Fort Snelling from 1988-1998.

During this time, he did the work of an early nineteenth-century village blacksmith, making and repairing a broad section of ironwork from nails to wagons. This presentation is the result of his studies of the written and archaeological records of the first blacksmith shop at Historical Fort Snelling. He will tell the story of the men who worked there and show the archaeological remains of their shop along with examples of their work.



History Bus Tour: Destination New Ulm



Our second history bus tour is headed to beautiful New Ulm on Thursday, October 4, 2018. A full itinerary is planned including tours at the Brown County Historical Society, Schell’s Brewery and Turner Hall. In addition, a tour guide will join our bus for 2 hours showcasing the historic places of the city. Lunch is on your own with the evening meal at Turner Hall included in the fee of \$60. Please call the museum to reserve a seat and send your check to the museum by October 1st. Don’t miss the fun!

In the Remick Gallery



Rosa Maria and her father Ramos Cerda at the opening.

“Reflections of a Dream”

***By Rosa Maria
Cerde Rodriguez***

September 16-November 17, 2018

The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled ***Reflections of a Dream*** showcases art work by Rosa Maria Cerda Rodriguez. Rosa Maria is a self-taught artist who was born in Mexico. She along with her husband and three children moved to Windom in 2015. She works mostly in oils with an occasional acrylic painting. Her inspiration to paint came from her father Ramos Cerda, who is also a painter. Two of his works are also on display in the Remick Gallery. She paints portraits, landscapes and still life images. This show runs through November 17, 2018.



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 January ...

“2019 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 doors & windows ...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 12, 2019. No matting, framing or mounting of the photo! The goal of the show is to promote Cottonwood County and our local photographers.



Special Events at CCHS

New Ornament Arriving in November

The museum started an ornament series four years ago that began with historic sites in Cottonwood County. The first ornament features 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 is the largest concentration of 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. This year we look to Storden with the First State Bank having a most impressive building along with it being one of the oldest continuous running businesses in Storden. Check them out...these make great Christmas gifts!



Coming in December...

"Festival of Trees"

December 1-22, 2018

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



A Christmas Activity:

Gingerbread House – Make & Take

Join us at the museum for a fun morning making and decorating a gingerbread house for the holidays. The event is Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Meeting Room. An adult must accompany the child (must be 5 years of age and up). Due to space limitations, please call and reserve your spot. Cost: \$5.00.

Don't miss this opportunity for family fun!!!



Update on the CCHS Veteran's Project

By Janelle Kaye

With the coming of fall and Veteran's Day, CCHS would like to remind you of our county's veterans. For several years, volunteers at CCHS have been working on a database that includes all the veterans from the Civil War onward who have at some time lived in (or very near to) Cottonwood County. (About 6,200 names) This database is available for public viewing in the exhibit hall of the museum and online. It is our hope to not only pay tribute to our county's 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. 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 to help you decide what to include 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.

Once you have accessed your information, please note if there are any corrections or additions that need to be made. If there are, please inform CCHS about them. We are happy to make any needed changes. We have tried to compile sufficient biographical information to give a sampling of a veteran's military and civilian life including military pictures. We have completed the database for over 4,100 veterans, but we are still a work in progress. We have not found much or any information for some veterans, have not yet included all the pictures available, and perhaps have not included someone you know about in our database. Please inform us if any of this is true for you and help us be accurate and informational by keeping us updated. Periodically, check the database if there are some missing pieces to see if we have updated our information.

How to access information about a military veteran online:

Go to <http://cchsmn1901.org> or <http://cchsmn1901.org/social-media>

Click on Research Center and then on Military Veteran

Click on Military Veterans of Cottonwood County

Click on Veteran Database

On the veteran database search box, type in the name of the veteran you seek.

(You can type in both first and last names, or just the last name. You can also search by war.)

By this fall, we will have a significant part of our project completed. However, since we will always be accumulating new information, the project will never be complete! The stories that each veteran has to tell are worthy of documentation and tribute. Help us create an accurate and complete database by updating your family information soon. Thank you!

Fall Recap: Annual Fall Fundraiser



The Cottonwood County Annual Fall Fund-raiser once again was a success with 235 meals served on September 10. A sneak preview of the next exhibit in the Remick Gallery, **Reflections of a Dream**, was an added attraction for the evening. Thank you to all the museum supporters who attended and to our volunteers who baked or worked the event. Money raised for the fund-raiser will go toward museum projects.

General Fund Donations:

Donations & Memorials made between June 22, 2018 — September 20, 2018

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Jack Kelly

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