



Museum Hours:
Monday-Friday
8am – 4pm
Saturday
10am – 4pm

SPRING 2014



UPCOMING

2014 Events and Programs

- Riverfest Activities
- A Century of Hats
- 2014 Raffle
- Cottonwood Co. Fair



Deluge, Kim Horkey

COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Century of Hats with Heather Edgington

Come join us as we celebrate *A Century of Hats* from the delicate sunbonnet to the sporty Boater to the jazzy Cloche to the classic Pillbox. Every decade will hold a tale of the past that is sure to evoke fond memories. This entertaining show is for all who love history and fashion.

The presenter, Heather Edgington, is from Spring Grove, Minnesota. She is a vintage clothing and hat collector. While she knows the facts about hats, she is also a remarkable presenter that will both educate and entertain.

When: Saturday, June 28, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

“Wearing a hat versus not wearing a hat is the difference between looking adequate and looking your best.”

-Martha Sliter

Cottonwood County Student Art Show Winners Announced:



The Cottonwood County Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of the Cottonwood County Student Art Show which closed April 26, 2014. The “Best of Show” this year was awarded to Sarah Moller a home schooler with her painting entitled *Peace of Mind*. The “First Place” award went to Hannah DeSmith from Westbrook Walnut Grove Public School with her relief print titled *Being Bullied*. This year the “People’s Choice Award” goes to Carlos Lopez, Red Rock Ridge Alternative Learning Center, with his oil painting entitled *Spawn*.

Those receiving honorable mention include Tristan Joel of Westbrook Walnut Grove Public School, Andrew McDaniel of Red Rock Ridge Alternative Learning Center, Julia Vetter & Yulitsa Santibanez of Windom Area Public School, and Nataly Ruiz, Laura Kastner & Tyra Missling of Red Rock Central High School.

The exhibit featured art work of senior high students from throughout Cottonwood County. More than 40 works of art were displayed this year! Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to the teachers and students who participated.

2014 Raffle

Each year the museum chooses an item for the annual raffle. This year Aaron Backman donated a print by Jim Hansel, one of America’s premier wildlife, nature and landscape artists. The artist was diagnosed at age 12 with a degenerative eye condition which left him legally blind. In spite of his limited vision, he paints using low vision devices continuing his passion for painting. The print entitled *Winter Haven* measures 29” x 40” matted and framed. The tickets are \$2.00 each with the winning ticket being drawn on December 22. Get your tickets today!



Number of tickets _____ @ \$2.00 each
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State & Zip Code: _____

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

The winning ticket will be drawn on December 22, 2014. All proceeds will go to benefit the museum. Hurry in today to buy your raffle ticket or mail a check!



Kim Horkey

IN THE REMICK GALLERY “EARTH & SKY”

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KIM HORKEY
May 4 – August 30, 2014

The exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled Earth & Sky: Photography by Kim Horkey opened Sunday, May 4. The exhibit features 20 photographs by Windom native Kim Horkey. For the past 10 years, Kim has lived in South Dakota taking photographs of the local landscape. From farm sites to back roads, he captures the beauty in nature.

Tour through County History

The 3rd graders annual visit to the Cottonwood County Historical Society, Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center took place on May 6th & 7th. This year 200 school students from throughout the county plus 20 parents and teachers visited the Archaeologist, the Pioneer Lady, the Aristocratic Lady, the Rural School Teacher, the Fireman and the Fur Trapper here at the museum. Thank you to our volunteers for making this a great experience for the 3rd grade students.

Artist Statement:

My vision has always been to use my camera to create stunning images, whether they were landscapes, portraits, wildlife or still-life. Dramatic images of Mother Nature doing her own form of artwork has always been a passion of mine; and now, living in the West I can indulge my love of the monumental skies, open prairies, and grand mountain scenes in the photographs I create. I am always grateful to be able to share my vision of nature with others who appreciate it...

Kim Horkey, 2014



Kate Roberts,
Pioneer Lady



Sharon Diemer,
Aristocratic Lady

Remembering the Civil War

George Downs

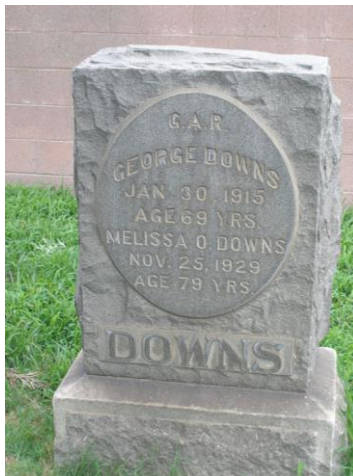
At the age of 18, George Downs joined Company D of the 2nd MN Light Artillery in January of 1864. He served 20 months and 17 days and his only injury was that he hurt his side falling off a horse while drilling at Bluff, Arkansas. The 1890 Civil War Vets Census was the only source of information of his enlistment. George Downs does not come to our attention because of any heroic deed but because he was the 5th member of his family to enlist.

The Downs family had come from England about 1852 and by 1860 were farming in Nicollet County, MN. Thomas Downs joined Co E 2nd MN Inf. in July of 1861 and rose to the rank of Sgt. Three other Downs brothers, Henry, William and John all served as Privates with Co K 8th MN Inf. William was killed in action in the Battle of Cedars near Murfreesboro, TN. After the war only George came to Cottonwood County. Thomas Downs became sheriff of Nicollet County and later moved to Minneapolis to join his brothers in the occupation of building contractor and mason.

George Downs married Josephine Randall in 1878 at St Peter, MN. They homesteaded the SW ¼ of Section 10, Storden Township close to Josephine's family who had homesteaded in the same neighborhood. They had several children. In 1899 Josephine died and is buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom. In the early 1900's George and his two youngest sons moved to Long Beach, CA. George married Melissa Bergen. He died in 1915 and is buried with his second wife in Long Beach who passed away in 1929. Records show that George applied for a soldiers pension in 1907 and that his wife applied for a widow's pension following his death.

George still has a great-grandson, Waverly Engeswick, living in Storden Township. His grandson, Lloyd Downs was a long time businessman in Windom.

Article was written by Lowell Tjentland, local historian. Sources include: FindAGrave website, Book: Minnesota in the Civil War, Ancestry.com, Cottonwood County Historical Society Archives



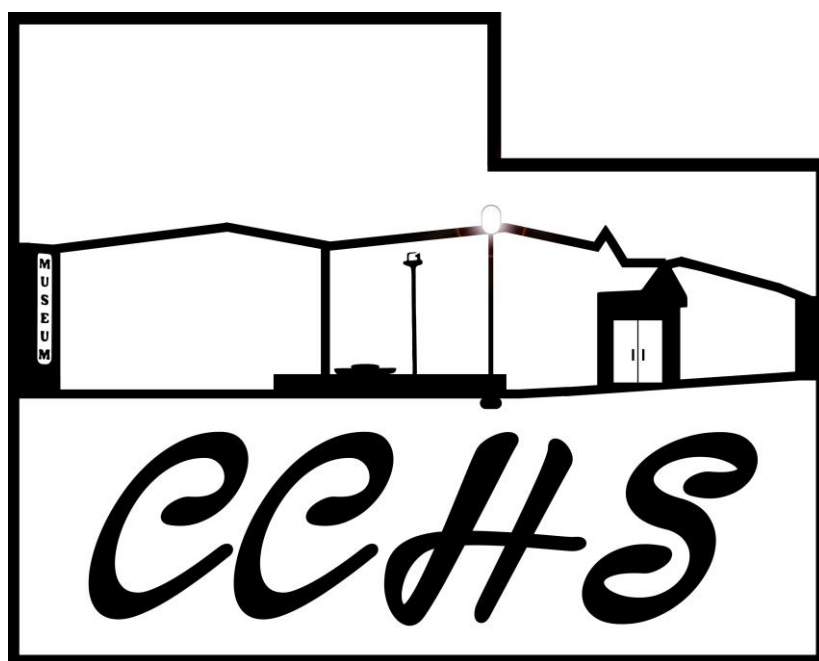
RIVERFEST ACTIVITIES

This year Riverfest activities are centered at Tegels Park on Cottonwood Lake. The museum will have a small table there to promote the gift shop and upcoming programs.

At the museum, the Sons of Norway will provide Scandinavian delicacies in the Meeting Room. In the Exhibit Hall, Interpreters in the vignettes will visit with people who walk through to see the exhibits.

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Coming in August.....
First CCHS Cookbook
Museum Favorites

Donations made between February 12 – May 20, 2014

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Friends of the Windom Library; Donald & Patricia Miller

Grant Match for Social Media Specialist

Judith Dellinger; Anthony Smith

Donation for program "A Century of Hats"

Marilyn Wahl

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Joanne Kaiser

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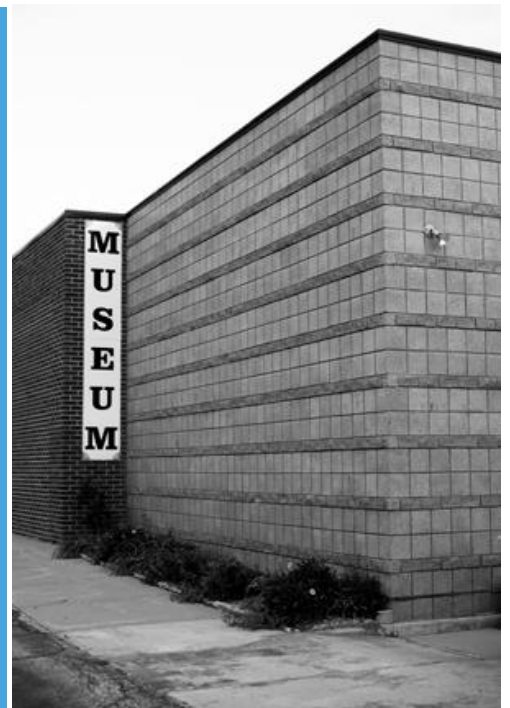
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