



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

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

SPRING 2018



Cottonwood County Newspapers Now On-Line

The Cottonwood County Historical Society is excited to announce the digitization of the Windom Reporter, 1871-1894, through the Minnesota Historical Society. A longtime member of the museum, Carol Kissner, is instrumental in funding this project.

A donation in 2017, provided the funds to have 23 years digitized of the Windom Reporter, our earliest county newspaper. Through the Minnesota Historical Society website, these are now available on-line for you to read and enjoy. A donation by Ms. Kissner in 2018 will provide the funds for digitization of the next 10 years of the Windom Reporter from 1895 – 1905. These will be on-line through the Minnesota Historical Society website in September. If you would like to help with this on-going project, please contact the museum.

Riverfest Activities

Saturday, June 9

At the museum, enjoy Scandinavian delicacies made by members of the Sons of Norway located in the Meeting Room. In the Exhibit Hall, Interpreters share historical information about their life with visitors who walk through to see the exhibits.

Coming Soon in the Remick Gallery

“Minnesota Memories” by T Carter

Opening Reception on Sunday, May 6th from 2-4 p.m.

The next exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled *Minnesota Memories* opens Sunday, May 6th. An opening reception will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with an artist talk at 3:00 p.m. The exhibit features over 30 works of art by Mountain Lake native Tamara Carter, who now resides in Alexandria, Virginia. She is a national award winning quilter, author, historian, researcher and activist. Through quilting, T Carter expresses her love of the Minnesota prairie and woodlands as well as telling stories about hidden histories and ordinary people. This exhibit is the summer show and runs through September 1, 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.

In the Remick Gallery:

Winners of the “Give It Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County in Black & White”

Our theme this year was Cottonwood County in Black & White, of which 23 photographers submitted images. Visitors to the exhibit were asked to vote for their favorite photograph for the duration of the show. The first place winner was Darlene Michel with her photograph entitled “The Thunder Rolls”, a view of storm clouds rolling across the prairie near Jeffers beyond a landscape of wind generators. The second place honor went to Adam Perrizo with his photograph entitled “Deer Crossing” which featured a pair of fawns posing perfectly for the camera. The third most popular photograph was by Peggy Jurgens with her photo “Rocket – Wild & Free” taken of the family pet raccoon. The photographers were asked to provide two images – one for the show and one to be entered into the museums permanent photograph collection. Thank you to the all the photographers who participated this year. A book containing the photographs of this show will be available in June.



Cottonwood County Student Art Show in April:

Every year in April we feature the Cottonwood County Student Art Show in the Remick Gallery. Teachers from throughout the county bring in the best work from their senior high art students. Many different mediums are displayed including photography, acrylic painting, scratch art, pencil drawing and mixed media. Something for everyone! It is always exciting to see the talent of the local young people. The opening reception for the show was held March 25th. This five week show runs through April 28, 2018.

The schools participating this year are Mountain Lake Public School, Mountain Lake Christian School, Red Rock Central Public School, Westbrook Walnut Grove Public School and Windom Area Public School. The Remick Committee judges this show picking the Best of Show, First Place and 6-8 Honorable Mentions. Visitors to the show can vote for a favorite in what we call the “People’s Choice Award”. The winning students are rewarded as the The Best of Show receives a \$50 Hobby Lobby gift card, First Place receives a \$25 Hobby Lobby gift card and the People’s Choice Award along with Honorable Mention winners receive art supplies. Support these young artists and visit the gallery. Don’t forget to vote for your favorite!



Tour Through County History

The 3rd grade annual visit to the Cottonwood County Historical Society, Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center is planned for May 9th and 10th. Students from throughout the county visit the museum to see the Archaeologist, the Pioneer Lady, the Aristocratic Lady, the Rural School Teacher, the Fireman and the Fur Trapper. They then walk to the Cottonwood County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. Thank you to our volunteers for making this a great experience for Cottonwood County 3rd graders.

Project Update:

Large Flat Storage Cabinet Purchased

After completion of our drop ceiling and new LED lighting in the Research Library/Office area, we purchased a new large flat storage cabinet with a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society. With the help of willing volunteers, the cabinet was unpacked and assembled in February in the Research Library. Since then we have gathered our blueprints, maps and large photographs to be flattened, inventoried and properly stored with acid-free materials. Work continues on the project. Once completed, these items will be more easily accessible to staff and researchers.

Plant Sale/Bake Sale Fund-raiser

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



The Cottonwood County Historical Society will be having our Plant and Bake Sale Fund-raiser on Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Wahl located at 608 3rd Ave., Windom. If you are interested in donating any baked items or plants to sell, please contact the museum!

Our bake sale will have available breads, pies, muffins, cookies and bars. Mark your calendars today! This event is sponsored by the museum volunteers and Thrivent Financial with proceeds dedicated to upcoming projects at the museum.



Upcoming Programs:



“Saving & Identifying Your Old Family Photographs”

by Linda Heen

Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

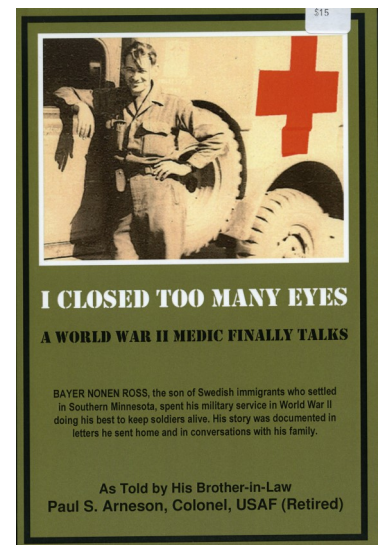
Workshop provides a practical lesson on how to organize photographs, identify “mystery people” and manage photographs in the future. Sponsored by Sons of Norway, Thrivent Financial and CCHS.

“I Closed Too Many Eyes”

by Paul Arneson

Saturday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Program and book signing by author Paul Arneson. His newly released book is the story of Bayer Ross, the son of Swedish immigrants who settled in Mountain Lake. During World War II, he spent his military service doing his best to keep soldiers alive. His story is documented in letters he sent home and in conversations with his family. The author is a brother-in-law to Mr. Ross and is himself a retired Colonel, United States Air Force.



Cottonwood County Historical Society Awarded Monsanto Donation



A big thank you to Marilyn Nickel for directing \$2,500 to the museum as part of the **America's Farmers Grow Communities** program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The museum will use the funds to upgrade the Agriculture Display in the Exhibit Hall.

Since the program began in 2010, the Grow Communities program has partnered with farmers to support nonprofit organizations important to them in their local communities. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit they care about in the community. To-date the Grow Communities program has given more than \$29 million to nonprofits across rural America.

General Fund Donations:

Donations made between January 19, 2018 – April 12, 2018:

Marilyn Wahl in memory of Adelia “Sis” Woizeschke; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Pat Fisher; Mickey D’s Red Hatters; William & Marilyn Peterson in memory of John Gary Gustafson; Sharon Diemer in memory of Pat Fisher; Sharon Diemer in memory of Gary Sturmer; Anthony & M. Heather Smith in memory of Gerald “Gus” Gustafson; Larry & Melody Goeman in memory of Richard Menken; Jay Grenig

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WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



You have donated to us your most precious thing, your time and your talent. Thank you for volunteering at the museum.

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2018 Exhibits

in the Remick Gallery:

*** Cottonwood County Student
Art Show**

March 25 - April 28

*** "Minnesota Memories"
by T Carter**

May 6 – September 1

*** "Reflections of a Dream"
by Rosa Maria Cerda Rodriguez**

September 16 – November 17

*** Festival of Trees**

December 1-22