



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

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

Winter 2018



"Calm Day at Double Lake"

Tom Merchant

Give It Your Best Shot:

**Focus on
Cottonwood
County in
Black & White**

2018 Photo Show

January 21– March 17, 2018

The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery features over 20 photographs of Cottonwood County taken by local photographers. The theme this year is black and white. Great shots from throughout the county! Stop by and vote for your favorite photograph!

2017 Raffle Winner Announced

The 2017 raffle was an Amish Wall Hanging donated by Marilyn Wahl. The winning raffle was drawn the Monday before the Christmas holiday. The lucky winner was Richard Olson from Saint Louis Park, Minnesota.

Congratulations!

Limited Edition Ornament

Fourth in a Series

Mountain Lake Public School

450 – 12th Street

Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Back reads:

The Mountain Lake Public School was built in 1903 and dedicated in 1904. It was the first building on the school lot costing \$32,000 to build and is still the center of the school complex. A succession of carefully planned additions to the original building make up the educational complex today.





First Place



Second Place



Third Place

In the Remick Gallery:

Festival of Trees – A Recap!

Throughout the month of December, visitors enjoyed an array of 19 beautifully decorated Christmas trees in the Remick Gallery. The First United Methodist Church was voted the winner this year with their beautifully decorated tree featuring handmade ornaments of the Nativity. The second place winner was the Mickey D's Red Hatters whose tree was decorated in miniature red hats along with purple & red garland. Third place was awarded to the Windom Cotton Quilters whose theme was "A Dickens' Christmas". They adorned their tree with handmade ornaments reminiscent of the famous play "A Christmas Carol". Each winner received Chamber Bucks with the remaining proceeds benefiting the museum.

Below is the list of the others who participated:

* Heritage Village of Mountain Lake * Cottonwood County Animal Rescue * BARC *
 * Connie Voss * Southwest Crisis Center of Cottonwood County * Windom Service Club
 * First United Methodist Church * A.C.E. of SW Minnesota * Relay for Life * Cub
 Scouts * Windom Area Girl Scouts * Mountain Lake Christian School * Compassionate
 Friends * Robert Remick Tree * Sons of Norway * Windom FFA

Thank you to all who designed a tree, those who visited the museum during December and voted for their favorite.

Gingerbread House "Make & Take" A Big Success!

The first Saturday in December found the museum Meeting Room abuzz with the activity of 15 children decorating gingerbread houses. Pam Gahler spearheaded the activity which included the planning, purchasing the decorating supplies, making the gingerbread houses and assisting the 'designers'. The museum received very positive feedback from the event. Thank you to Pam for her efforts! It was a great Christmas family activity.



Photo credit Dave Fjeld

2017 Chocolate and Bling Fund-raiser Recap

The event Chocolate & Bling was held on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Our theme this year was "A Shimmering Holiday Showcase". We enjoyed apple sparkler while bidding on the silent auction, buying directly off the Bling Tree and the Scarf Tree and taking our photograph at the Photo Booth. There was time before the meal to view the ten beautifully decorated tables. After the meal, the chocolate dessert buffet was a big hit. To wrap up the evening the live auction with Donna Gravely as auctioneer and Lorri Cole as her able assistant sold the higher priced donations. We raised over \$2,000 for museum projects. Thank you to the donors, committee, staff and the many volunteers who helped that evening.



Save The Dates

"Saving & Identifying Your Old Family Photos"

by Linda Heen

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

Co-sponsored by the Sons of Norway and the Cottonwood County Historical Society.

Spring Plant Sale

The museum will hold a plant and bake sale in May. Please plan to make a donation of plants to help our efforts. Contact us for more information!

Work on Research Library/Office is Complete!

The new year of 2018 brought a flurry of activity in the Research Library/Office area. The first job on January 2 was to move the larger items out of the space and cover with tarps all the remaining desks, book cases and file cabinets. The Greg Hanefeld crew began their work of installing the grid for the new ceiling tile followed by Ron's Electric to remove the old fluorescent lights and begin wiring for the LED lighting. Schwalbach's were called in to run duct work for the heating/cooling system, making for a uniform disbursement of air. Two weeks after the start of the project, volunteers Dave Vaupel and Howard Davis helped move back into the space. While we are still dusting and organizing, we are back up and running with a beautiful new ceiling and LED lighting. Thank you to all who donated toward this project over the last two years and to the Schmidt Foundation for their contribution. What a nice improvement!



Speaking of Softball

by Coralee Krueger

Our last newsletter featured girls on 4-H softball teams. However, there was also a town team called the Sunbonnet League, which was active at least 70 years ago. It was organized by Sally Holt Gohman, now 91. She and Helen Maras Haugen were the team's battery. Catcher Sally didn't wear a mask until she was hit in the cheek by the batter's ticked ball. Then she bought one. "Sally was a fast runner," Helen said. "And Helen was a good pitcher, our only pitcher," Sally added. There were three Holt sisters, including Alma and Gladys. Helen's sister, Arlene, was also on the team. (Team members include, from left: Arlene (Maras) Bartosh, Grace (Lillegaard) Peterson, Evelyn (Trapp) Ysker, Sally (Holt) Gohman. Back: Alma (Holt) Bohling, unidentified, unidentified, Sylvia (Johnson) Frederickson, Helen (Maras) Haugen, Gladys (Holt) Thompsen, unidentified.)



Photo taken at Island Park

Board of Trustees Update

Long time board member Wesley Bakker recently announced his retirement from the Board of Trustees in November. Thank you Wes for over 30 years of support and dedicated service to CCHS. Shawn Colbert has agreed to complete the final year of a 3 year term as the representative of the 1st Commissioner's District. Welcome!

CCHS Membership

CCHS Welcomes New Annual Members:

Louetta Masters; Mary Lou Walinga; Jim Guddall; Doris Curry; Judi Ray; Janet Donahue

CCHS Welcomes New Patron Level Members:

Linda S. Taylor; Rosemary Isackson

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Diane Potter; LaVern & Carol Christianson; Don & Jean Hoppe; Ralph Sweigard; Richard & Dorothy Raverty; Dean Larsen; Sharon Evers; Joyce Nielsen; Mary Kellen; Melvin Wojahn; Marilyn Nickel; Lorin & Becky Epp; Dr. Jim Miller & Dr. Mary Olson; Margaret McDonald; Mary Christenson; Janelle Kaye; Marlene Smith; Denise Wolff; Ruth Steinfeldt; Ivan & Signe Pederson; Allen County Public Library; Sandy Peterson; Michael & Marjorie Eichner; Murl & Mary Rupp; Ted & Diane Johnson; Todd & Jody Johnson

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Business Renewal:

Fisher Optometric Clinic

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

Paul Buhler; Cheryl Hanson

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Member Transferred to Lifetime Membership:

Ernest Woizeschke

General Fund Donations:

Donations made between September 9, 2017 – January 18, 2018:

Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Les Evers; Grant & Dorothy Johnson in memory of Betty Morfitt; Paul & Gerry Maras in memory of Dale Rutzen; Cottonwood County Farm Service Agency in memory of Lillian Langland; MN Alpha Delta Kapa-Chapter Alpha Sigma; David & Donna Sippel; Tom & Karen Wickie in memory of Lillian Langland; Larry & Melody Goeman in memory of Tom Peterson; Paul & Gerry Maras in memory of Minnie Fath; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Lillian Langland; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Minnie Fath, Helen Freking, Lillian Langland, Lester & Grace Hewitt, Jackie Swenson, & Donald Glen VanNorman; Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Richard Muller; Melvin & Romelle Wojahn in memory of Nancy Rogers; Karen Kremmin in memory of Richard Muller; Karen Kremmin in memory of Lyle Bennett; Karen Kremmin in memory of Neal Grunewald; Lucille Nelson in memory of Dennis Frederickson; Kathryn Valleau in honor of Fairland Management Co.; Phil Anderson; Jan Wassenaar; Diane Johnson; Tony Thompson; Bill & Marilyn Peterson in memory of Dennis Frederickson; Anthony & Heather Smith in memory of Lyle Ouren; Grant & Dorothy Johnson in memory of Al Meier; Anthony & Heather Smith in memory of Gary Gustafson

Donations in Memory of Merva Fransen:

Lowell & Nancy Tjentland; Lee & Sandy Peterson; Tom & Karen Wickie; Sharon Diemer; Donna Hanson; Howard & Rosie Davis; Duane & Barb Pingeon; Leland & Marilyn Erickson; Lucille Nelson

Donations in Memory of Loy Storey:

Lowell & Nancy Tjentland; Marilyn Wahl; Karen Kremmin; Thomas & Karen Wickie; Larry & Melody Goeman; Wig & Wanda Turner; Duane & Barb Pingeon

Office Lighting Project:

Leland & Marilyn Erickson

Office Copier Fund:

David & Phyllis Werness; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Dennis Frederickson, Loy Storey, Leatrice Underwood Koenig, Brenda Bottin Meyer, Richard Muller, Norma Richardson, Selma Wiens, & Gilbert Johnson Jr.

Year-End Donations:

Merle Sykora; Silliman Trust; David & Donna Sippel; Howard & Rosie Davis; Phil & Mary Anderson; Sharon Diemer; Anthony & Heather Smith; Marilyn Wahl; James & Coralee Krueger; Ernest & Sharon Woizeschke; Barbara Hunter; Phyllis Kuehl; Robert & Pam Lindaman; Dean & Kathleen Kretsche; Judith & Ernest Dellinger; Julie Gudmestad; Amy Gudmestad; Bill & Marilyn Peterson; Betheen Bean; Dorothy Van Norman; Roger & Pat Christensen in memory of Arthur, Norma, Arlen, Curtis & Philip Christensen; Bruce Pankonin; Leland M. & Sigrid Johnson; Dawn Bondhus Mueller; David & Marilee Strom; Jack Elness; LaVern & Carol Christianson; Vera Rachuy; Grant & Dorothy Johnson; Carolyn Bondhus (for roof); Patrick & Maria Fitzgerald; Richard & Norma Loewen; Deidra Steen (Miliary Database); Doug & Char Woizeschke

On-Line Newspaper Project:

Carol Kissner in memory of Jerry Kissner

Choice Dollars through Thrivent Financial:

Harry Schuur; Marlowe Nickel; Tom Wickie

*Thank
You!*

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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

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥