

Maple Grove

Historical Preservation Society

No. 78 February 2015

Happenings

Looking for volunteers to organize display cases at city hall. If interested contact Caroline ph.763-425-2279.

Historical Society dues are due in January: Students/Seniors(65 and over) \$10 Individual; \$25 Family; \$15 Individual; Supporting Member \$100. Please help out treasurer by paying early.

Next Historical meeting is February 19, 2015, at 7:00 PM, 9030 Forestview LN.

Oxcart Site

A plaque is being designed to be placed on the bolder which has been placed at the site.

Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society

Vice President- Don Kisch

Secretary-Joyce Deane Treasurer-
Patty Reuter

President- Open Position

Board Members- Virginia Hoppenrath &
Earl Hoppenrath Editor- Scott Smith
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President's Position

Open This position on the board is open for anyone willing to donate their efforts and passion to history in Maple Grove.

HISTORY MUSEUM

The dream of a Museum is a reality and is currently a work in progress. We have 2000 square feet of space in the remodeled Public Works building. It is located at 9030 Forestview Lane N. **Our monthly meetings are now held at this location.**

A reminder that the Museum is always open the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 PM.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

We meet monthly on the third Thursday at the new Museum located within the remodeled Public Works building at 9030 Forestview Lane

Brief synopsis from the minutes, Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society:

Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the History Center, submitted by Secretary Joyce Deane.

The Secretary's report was summarized and approved. The treasurer's report included membership of \$155.00, Expenses included newsletter copies and stamps- 54.17, Cider for Open House - \$5.98, Mileage expense for Caroline - \$77.72, Website – GoDaddy - \$143.66. Balance is \$790.35, Money Market Balance is \$5,066.11.

Old Business

Membership renewal month is January... Please send in your dues.

The December 14th Open House had 28 guests attend. The cutter sleigh was outside but moved inside when it started to rain. The thin banner sign which Sharon Pheil made was on the sleigh. Sharon supervised the children's activity of making a chain of paper rings. We served warm apple cider and cookies.

Three guests attended the January 11th open house. One young man, a student at the U, had been asked to try to find trees in MG that are still standing and have an interesting history. We will refer him to the arbor committee. His article is for the MG Magazine of which Cyd Haynes is the editor.

Patty Reuter and Mary Pruhs will host the February 8th Open House.

Current displays will remain through summer. The Christmas tree will come down but the parlor scene will remain – perhaps with a trunk, sewing machine, quilt

The fire department will have a display in the truck bay at our July 12 open house during Maple Grove Days... Caroline will be in contact with the Department inviting them to attend one of our meetings prior to this event.

Inventory of our collection will begin next week- Inventory on shelves should not be moved unless it is tagged. Caroline

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and Beth Giefer will begin the process on January 23.

In working with our laptop computer we have found it to be incredibly slow –It is more than 10 years old. The amount of computer resources for this computer to run on are not adequate. The memory that the computer has built in cannot run the operating system and the programs needed to manage the inventory system.....that is unless one has hours and hours to sit with it. We are wondering if we should invest in a new computer.....to be discussed at next meeting.

Our website is active since the fee has been paid for two years... We need content to keep it interesting and current.

New Business

A decision was made to accept the Radintz family donation of the iron kitchen cook stove. Roger will coordinate the delivery with city help and Dick Radintz to help in reassembling it.

The plaque for the rock at the historical site should be ordered in the near future so it is ready by *summer*. *Do we want a picture of an oxcart?* OX Cart Trail – to be decided at next meeting.

Bob Herskovitz of the Minnesota Historical Society met with us January 13 on a very snowy day. Caroline has been communicating with the Society explaining our inventory situation. He offered to come out in a very timely manner. Roger, Don, Caroline and I attended. Highlights of our meeting were

- We need a budget, yearly audits are important – grants may be available
- To receive grants a budget and audit is a necessity, Many history groups work with city to obtain grants
- We have more storage than most- cold is better than heat for proper storage
- Items should be off floor – to avoid possible water damage
- Props (not inventoried) can be stored in different location
- May use bathroom to house 3 large shelving units currently in meeting room
- Textiles(garments) should be hung on padded hangers and covered with 100% cotton drape
- Inventory tags for each year begin with year (2015) – number of donation, number of items in donation -----2015 – 1(name of donor) – (1,2,3,4,)- a different number for each item but with the same prefix. Each item has a sticker or tag...

Roger commented on the need to inventory items coming in. He has been working on this diligently.

Patty provided the paper work which Wells Fargo requested to acknowledge

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the use of photos on the wall of the bank.

Patty said she was contacted by a company wanting to put together a book which would be published using our pictures....???????????????? More on this at the next meeting

Mary Moyle will bring treats for the next meeting on February 19, 2015.

District 46 – Fish Lake School – by Sharon Hopkins Wolma

Remembered 1948 and 1949

The first day of school in 1948 was a busy one at our house. Sharon, me, the oldest child of five, was starting 1st grade. My mother had made arrangements with the lady, across the road, Mrs. Seibert, known as Grandma Seibert to all us kids, to come sit with the younger kids while mom walked me down the dirt road, approximately a mile, to District 46 Fish Lake School's one room school house.

Not to be late we started out early as Mom wasn't sure how long it would take us to walk that far. We arrived early... fine by me, as it gave me a few minutes to familiarize myself with the school room and find the toilets. As I was

walking around the room exploring I heard my Mom say to the teacher "Mrs Schiffmann, you certainly have a lot of books here". Books? I loved books. I wandered over to where the teacher Mrs. Schiffmann and my mom were and heard Mrs. Schiffmann say to my mom "Oh do you enjoy reading?" My Mom answered her by saying "Oh yes, very much". Then Mrs. Schiffmann did a wondrous thing. She opened a door on a cabinet that was almost as high as the ceiling and said "well then perhaps you would like to borrow one of these books and return it when you are finished." Mom decided on one titled Robinson Crusoe" During the following weeks, in the late afternoons, and just before supper had to be started Mom would get us together and read aloud from the book always reminding us that Mrs. Shiffmann, Sharon's teacher, had so kindly loaned it to us. We all enjoyed Robinson Crusoe. It was a great book, about a great man, who had a great adventure and was loaned to us by a very great teacher, Mrs. Shiffmann, of Maple Grove Dist. 46 Fish Lake School.

I Remember by Lillian Weber Havel-age92

When I was 4 years old I used to ride in a cutter sleigh. In Early 1920 it was our only means of transportation for our family. Occasionally on Sunday morning if the weather was nice, my

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parents would dress me in my winter coat, cap , mittens and overshoes and wrap me in a blanket. They would sit me between them in the cutter and cover the three of us with a buffalo robe. Then we would ride up to Rogers to our parish church and visit my aunt and uncle who lived at a nearby farm. It was always a very cold ride.....



Cutter Sleigh that has been donated by the Ziebarth family and has been on display at the museum. (This is similar to the sleigh referred to by Lillian Havel)

MONTHLY OPEN HOUSES

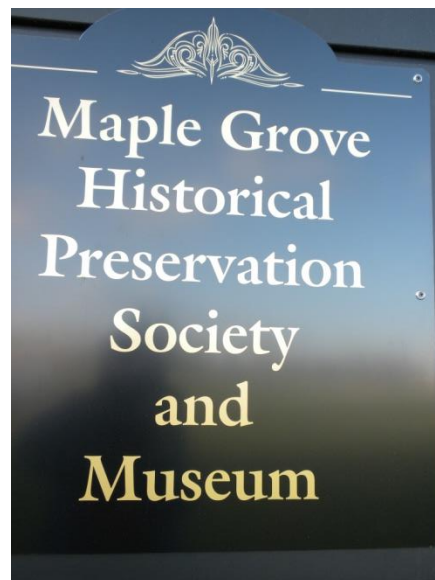
We have our museum open every second Sunday of the month.

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES Please forward me any articles, events/items and historical Maple Grove photos that you might want included in the newsletter to your Editor, Scott Smith ph. 763-420-8834. The best way is through email at straightshooter45@comcast.net.

This newsletter is published quarterly with the next expected to come out by mid May , 2015. Please get me your articles by May 1st at the latest.

****Your articles and photographs are what make this newsletter interesting! I am always looking for your input. If unable to submit electronically, call me and we can get your submissions another way. Editor****



Maple Grove Historical Preservation Sign Posted at 9030 Forestview Lane outside the Museum (May 2013)

**MAPLE GROVE
HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

PURPOSE: To collect and preserve information and artifacts and to educate the community of the history of Maple Grove, Minnesota.

CURRENT PUBLIC DISPLAYS:

THE HISTORIC SITE

Located on Territorial Road
(1 mile west of Fernbrook Ln.)
This is along the Ox Cart Trail that was traveled by Pierre Bottineau on the way from North Dakota to St. Anthony.

DISPAY CASES

Located at the
Maple Grove Government Center
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway
Open Govt. Center hours
These displays show some of the many artifacts we have from the early history of the area. Changes are made periodically.

**Ways to volunteer
your time and talents:**

- Write Newsletter articles
- Design the displays in the cases
- Design educational programs
- Garden maintenance at historic site
- Help with publicity of the organization and its events
- Help with cataloging artifacts
- Periodic calling of members
- Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at the Maple Grove Government Center (12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway) (August & December special events)
- Be a part of Maple Grove History -- purchase a paver brick to be placed at the historic site. (order forms available)*
- Booklets available:*
 - "Maple Grove Memories" \$8.00
 - "100 Years of Osseo History" \$8.00
 - "The Story of Pierre Bottineau" \$5.00
 - Set of all three booklets \$20.00

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MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Renewable each January)

- Annual Membership:
- \$15 Individual
 - \$25 Family
 - \$10 Seniors/Students
 - \$100 Supporting Member

- I am interested in helping with:
- Writing articles
 - Historic site maintenance
 - Displays
 - Educational Programs
 - Publicity
 - Cataloging artifacts
 - Calling

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Note: Actually meeting is at the Museum, 9030

Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN