



*Maple Grove*  
*Historical Preservation Society*

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## **Happenings**

**Historical Society dues are due in January: Students/Seniors(65 and over) \$10 Individual; \$25 Family; \$15 Individual; Supporting Member \$100. Please include the flyer on last page.**

**Next Historical meeting is August 20, 2015, at 6:30 PM, 9030 Forestview LN. This is our annual Potluck Picnic. So bring something to share, a good appetite, and stories to tell. We eat inside so we don't have to fight the mosquitoes.**

## **Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society**

President- Open Position

Vice President- Don Kisch

Secretary-Joyce Deane

Treasurer-Patty Reuter

History Group Coordinator – Caroline Schaefer

Board Members - Virginia Hoppenrath & Earl Hoppenrath

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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 both a reality and 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.**

The Museum is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in the remodeled Public Works building at 9030 Forestview Lane.

### **A brief synopsis from the July 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society:**

The Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society met Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. .

Guests attending our meeting from the Osseo History Society included Dorothy Clarke, Kathleen Gette and Patty McLain. They are interested in getting their Osseo History group more active and also to preserve the 100 year old Osseo water tower.

The secretary's and treasurer's report were given and approved as reported. \$50.00 in dues was turned in. We hope to establish a budget for 2015 – to be talked about in Sept.

### **Old Business**

The June Open House had one visitor who very much enjoyed the private tour by Mary and Patty with their personal touch.

Display cabinets at the government center need to be updated.

Patty is look into selecting a metal plaque to be installed on the rock at the historic site.

Al Madsen said the MG History signs on 89th and Cty.Rd 30 will be installed this week.

### **New Business**

Maple Grove Days Business Expo is July 11 and the Open house here is July 12.

Volunteers are needed to ride in Don's antique cars. Earl and Virginia will consider it.

Business Expo is on Saturday from 10-4 at the Community Center. Caroline will be there all day but will welcome others to take a 2 hour shift so she can be relieved. Our Open House the next d ay will be promoted, photos will be on display as well as a laundry display.

Very old recipes will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Kitchen area.

A fur hide is needed for the ox cart, and very old clothes, hats, etc. for the hooks in the kitchen.

Inventory progress is continuing, but is on hold for the need to complete the displays.

New computer with printer has been installed.

Floor in this room will be cleaned Wednesday, August 24. The company who cleans city offices will take care of it.

Alicia Miller from the Osseo Press will be out to take pictures and do an article on our displays for the newspaper... She will be here August 25 or 26 depending on her work schedule.

Joyce will do an evaluation survey to be completed by visitors... Upon completion they will receive a Maple Grove pin.

There is a possibility that Mark Pruhs will consider helping us with our website.

**A brief synopsis of July 16 meeting minutes of the Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society:**

Guests included Elaine Morris and Jody Solum. They are both interested in history and attended our open house last Sunday.

The Secretary's report and treasurer's report were given and approved. Our goal is to establish a budget for 2016—to be discussed in September.

**Old Business**

Several member's articles have been placed on the Maple Grove History website. Pictures would be very appropriate and interesting to include with the articles.

Marilyn from the Fire Department has done an excellent display in one of the Display cabinets at the Government Center.

The plaque to be placed on the rock at the historic site is a work in progress.

New signs have been placed on 89<sup>th</sup> and City Rd 30 listing public works and history center. A sign will be placed at the public works directing people to take the next driveway to arrive at the history center.

Maple Grove Days was a huge success. Caroline, Patty and Roger managed the table at the Business Expo. Most members were available on Sunday at the History center. When asked what interested our guests the most the replies on the evaluation were

- Peoples' stories! You get a better idea of how people lived. Drama and emotion draw us in
- Ambulance, Fire Equipment, -3, fire truck - 1
- Cameras -3, Maps – 1, Photos – 3
- Washing demo – 1, toys-6, dolls- 2
- Quilts, sewing – 5, school – 1, food recipes – 1

- Victory garden info – 1, milk testing equipment –my dad used to use that,
- Town of Osseo pictures

When asked what they would like to see included in the museum, comments included old house and or old school, DATES on items for identification, instruments, clocks, local family history, working demo of sewing machine, more pictures, more demos, actual stories of the olden days.

**People are very interested in pictures showing an action. They always look at the albums. I am asking all members to bring a picture of themselves from the 40's or 50s, 60s so I can scan and create an album page. Your picture will be returned to you.**

Cyd Haynes from Maple Grove Magazine is interested in doing another article on the museum. Caroline met with Chanel 12 for the news clip which was on cable.

August Open House will be hosted by Joyce Deane and Don Kisch.



House July 12, 2015

A Step Back In Time was the theme of the 2015 display at the Maple Grove History Center which brought in well over 200 visitors. Adults enjoyed seeing the country kitchen with the iron cook stove, 1935 refrigerator and baking utensil displays. Children could send a towel through the antique wringer outside. Don Kisch's antique vehicles were viewed by everyone as they went into the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display of the Maple Grove Fire Department. Large display boards showed many of the fires the department handled. Cookies and lemonade were enjoyed by all on this very hot afternoon.



Patty Reuter helps a young visitor to experience laundry the old-fashioned way!

A museum visitor found some familiar toys!

## **OLD SAYINGS (Unknown Author)**

“A fool and his money soon part.”

“Every dog has his day.”

“A penny saved is a penny earned.”

“If the devil doesn't come his self he sends his grandmother.”

“Too big for your britches.”

“Birds of a feather flock together.”

“A bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush.”

“It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.”

“One smile will make another.”

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory that no one can steal.”

“Right from the horse's mouth.”

“It's no disgrace to be poor, just inconvenient.”

## **MY BICYCLE**

*By Joyce Deane*

After learning to ride my brother's bike, it was with great anticipation that I awaited the time when I would have my own, saving up for weeks until I had the right amount in my savings account. Finally the day arrived when I could go

seo and  
bicycle.



It had to be ordered, as stores did not carry a large selection of bicycles like they do now. Finally after what seemed like forever the call came saying that it was in. First to the bank to withdraw the exact amount - \$39.95 and then to the store. They had assembled it and made sure it fit correctly. How excited I was as I pedaled down main street in Osseo, down the service road to my home. My brother, Buddy and I would bike up the big hill to hope to come flying down, across county road 18 and the railroad tracks all the way back home. I loved the wind in my hair – no bicycle helmets then. That bike with coaster brakes lasted for years and even came with me when I became a wife and mother. Eventually I discovered bikes had shifts and hand brakes and watched the want ads to purchase one. My friend, Bev and I put hundreds of miles on that first set of wheels. The bicycle I ride now - a yellow Schwinn Collegiate came for Christmas when I was 30. Jim had purchased it, delivered it to my parents' home in Osseo. While we were at Mass, they delivered it so it would be by the Christmas tree when we came home. What a surprise! It was truly one of the best Christmas presents I ever received... Now that warmer weather has finally arrived I have my daily route around the neighborhood – not without a helmet on my head.

## ***THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 1946 – 47 - 48 -----.***

*By Joyce Deane*

I wonder how did we make it – knowing what we needed to buy for the school year - as I wander through the stores and see preprinted lists of each school indicating what each grade needs to survive the year.

I loved the thought of the return to school. It usually meant a shopping trip to get a much coveted pencil box. There were compartments for the pencils, and eraser and sometimes even a drawer with a pull tab (that always pulled off within a month) on the front of it for crayons. It could hold everything we needed for the school year - a ruled tablet and lunch box completed our needs. Getting a metal lunch box was a treasure we were expected to keep for several years. This meant we did not have to use paper bags.

The lumpy Montgomery Ward package which would arrive by truck was always fun to open. Mother would sort all the new clothes out – a pile of socks for Billy, one for Buddy, Jerry and I. Underwear, striped t-shirts and blue jeans were for the boys. Sometimes I got a dress. Girls were dressed in skirts and blouses or dresses. No jeans for girls at that time. Usually a new sweater was included – no polar fleece like today.

The start of the school year did not mean the picture at the bus like one sees today. We went off with a hug and a wave and a wish to have a good day!

## ***Excerpt from Osseo Review September 2, 1908***

*Submitted By Mary Moyle*

*Country News: Long Prairie: Threshing is almost done, 4 machines were in the neighborhood, threshing from 3 to 5 jobs a day.*

## ***Excerpt from Osseo Review April 22, 1908***

*Submitted By Mary Moyle*

"TAKE NOTICE That from the date of publication of this notice all cows, horses and chickens found running at large within the village limits of Osseo, will be promptly taken to the pound. By order of E. H. Chandler, poundmaster.

Also, all bicycle riders take notice that you will be arrested and prosecuted if seen riding a bicycle on a sidewalk. Bicycle riding on a sidewalk is in violation of the village ordinance.

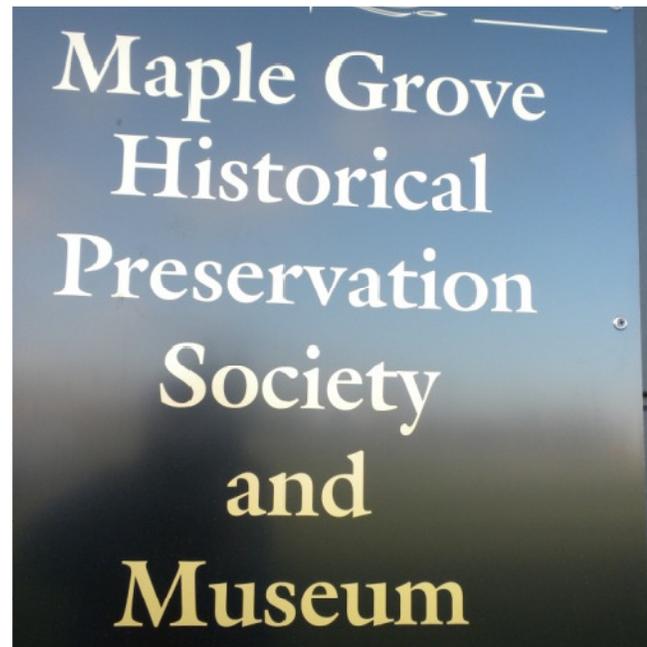
And further, all ball playing must cease on the main street of Osseo, under penalty of arrest.

*E. H. Chandler, Marshal  
Dated Osseo, Minn. April 22, 1908"*

**NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES**

Call me at ph. 763-420-8834. The best way is through email at [straightshooter45@comcast.net](mailto:straightshooter45@comcast.net). This newsletter is published quarterly with the next expected to come out by mid-November. How about more "Sayings"? Photographs? Or other events/items you want included in the newsletter.

Your Editor, Scott Smith  
November, 2015.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that meeting are now held at the museum – 9030 Forestview Lane.

