

Maple Grove

Historical Preservation Society

No. 77 November 2014

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 November 20, 2014, at 7:00 PM, 9030 Forestview LN.

Oxcart Site

Bricks for the Territorial site are for sale at \$50 for 4"X8" brick and \$100 for an 8"X8" brick. Contact Historical Preservation Society for details.

Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society

Vice President- Don Kisch

Secretary-Joyce Deane Treasurer-
Patty Reuter

President- Open Position

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 a reality and is currently a work in progress. We have 2000 square feet of space in the newly remodeled Public Works building. It is located at 9030 Forestview Lane N. There is a door for the public to enter on the south side of the building. Artifacts have been moved from the Government Center to the newly painted space in the former public works facility, adjacent to the Museum. The inventory system is to be updated as well. **Our monthly meetings are now held at this location.**

Volunteer artists Lois Foggia and Beth Giefer are creating a "Country Christmas Parlor" scene. Tree is up with toy wicker buggy and a hobby horse setting nearby. This cozy scene has a round oak stove in the middle with comfy chair for guests. Toys from over the years will be on display.

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 minutes , Maple Grove Historical Preservation Society :

Thursday , October 16, 2014 at the History Center, submitted by Secretary Joyce Deane.

The treasurer's report showed income of \$100.00 – brick sales, \$40.00 membership, 43.00 –book sales and a donation of \$25.00. Expenses included paver installation and printing \$323.84, trash bags, command strips, frames, flyers for last display - \$126.23 and \$43.00 to replenish the petty cash. The balance in the checking account is \$846.81

Money market balance is \$5,064.16.

Old Business

The plexiglass has been replaced in the kiosk at the history site – Special thanks to Al Madsen and the public works staff. The new pavers should be in place this weekend.

Hosts are needed for the November 9 Open House – Patty volunteered – Thank you to Patty for coming to our rescue hosting the October open house with 8 guests attending.

New Business

The move from the government center has been completed with lunch being provided for the movers. Three very heavy display cases were moved which were very heavy. And they

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required a fork lift to get them off the truck. We need coverings for the shelves in the new storage area. Henry volunteered to check with Lowes for scrap linoleum to put on the shelves. Work days will be set up the end of October – an e-mail will be sent requesting help. New displays will begin next week. We are looking for a Christmas record for the Victrola.

We will be doing a presentation at a Rotary Meeting, on November 18 and would like to do a power point presentation... Need Help!

The sleigh which has been donated by the Ziebarth family will be on display at the December 14th open house. Don and Roger will explore the possibility of having it on a platform with wheels for ease in movement. Carl and Sharon volunteered to host this Sunday. Sharon had many ideas – let the people climb into the sleigh for a picture, interview them, publicize through the many senior living centers in the area. Their memories would be living history of their past experiences riding in a sleigh. The question arose as to safety and liability of them climbing up and down. Will city insurance permit this? Is the sleigh even strong enough to allow this to happen? This will be discussed further at the November meeting. Another possibility would be to have straw bales adjacent to it allowing

people to have their pictures taken with the sleigh as a background.

While meeting with the District 279 staff, Al Madsen was asked if a tour could be available for them. The answer is a definite yes, after the next display is up.

Roger talked to a teacher at Elm Creek Elementary regarding Pierre Bottineau and history. This teacher would like to incorporate this history into her curriculum for the school year.

The Maple Grove Magazine contacted Caroline seeking information on the bridal display for an article next spring. They wanted to interview someone who had their gown on display and that will be Virginia Hoppenrath. The magazine was contacted several times in hopes of an article during the display time period, but this did not happen.

Mileage compensation for Caroline was discussed and agreed upon. The vote was unanimous to compensate at the current recommended amount - .58 per mile. Caroline makes many trips for the necessary needs to keep the history museum functioning. The motion was made by Sharon and 2nd by Patti.

Roger shared information on the Dictaphone from Butch Ziebarth (no relation to the sleigh family). He also received two small stoves which were used in the produce trucks as they transported produce and fruit to Canada- to keep the contents from

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freezing. Butch was a part owner in this company.

The question arose as to the air environment of our new storage area. Perhaps a cabinet for clothing could be built – a possible Eagle Boy Scout project. Caroline will talk to Steve.

Gables which are to have been from the Bottineau house are in the storage area... Questions arose as to did they really belong to that house? Also the very long windows. All of this has been moved to our new area.

Roger asked about the Radintz donation of the 1935 refrigerator. After discussion it was agreed to accept it for a future Home appliance display.

There is a piece of farm equipment of which the name and use is unknown. It was suggested it be pictured in our news letter or the Osseo Press asking for this identifying information.

Roger said the background in one area of our new display sign might be better if there was contrast. He will talk to Al Madsen regarding this.

The door into the garage area was ajar with a wooden block when Roger arrived on October 12. We presume it was a one-time happening, perhaps when the paint smell was very strong.

A Christmas Article by Mary Moyle

Here is a short story that my 101 year old aunt told recently.

The family would have a tree. There were not many gifts. Usually the gifts were something all the kids could use like skis one year. Her favorite Christmas food was pfeffernusse cookies. The family all piled into the sleigh and they went to church on Christmas Eve. When they got back from church, they all had to wait in the sleigh while her father went into the house "to see if Santa had been there". She said sometimes it took him quite a while to find out!

Editor: A Pfeffernusse Cookie recipe:

**½ C molasses ¼ C honey ¼ C shortening
¼ C margarine 1 tsp ground nutmeg 2 eggs
1 ½ tsp baking soda 4 C flour
1 tsp ground cloves ¾ C sugar
1 tsp ground ginger ½ C brown sugar
2 tsp anise extract 1 ½ tsp cardamom
2 tsp ground cinnamon 1 tsp black pepper
½ tsp salt
1 C confectioners' sugar for dusting**

Stir together the molasses, honey, shortening and margarine over medium heat, cook and stir until creamy. Remove from heat and cool at room temperature. Then stir in the eggs.

In large bowl combine flour, sugar, brown sugar, nutmeg, cloves, cardamom, ginger, cinnamon, anise, baking soda, pepper and salt. Then add the molasses mixture and stir until combined. For at least two hours refrigerate.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Form the dough into acorn-sized balls. Arrange on cookie sheets at least one inch apart. Bake 10 to 15 minutes. Then cool on rack. Once cooled, dust cookies with confectioners' sugar.

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A Christmas Memory by **Dorothy Schoenemann**

This was written by Dorothy in 2005 --- at which time she titled it "Ninety-One Christmas's Ago".

The day after Thanksgiving our mother opened the brown cook book to the page about Peppernuts. No, there was no pepper in the recipes. Perhaps there was way back in Germany as they were then called pfeffernusse. This special dough had to ripen for about six weeks. A familiar crockery bowl held a round greased ball of spicy fragrance. To prevent drying or cracking during the ripening period, warm melted lard was rubbed on top; then came the day to bake this heralded Christmas treat. These tiny nut-like cookies rattled as they were pushed off the baking pans. They filled the corners of a few cookie boxes that were given away.

Oh yes, let's not forget mince meat stirred in a large bowl. Cooked beef tongue and heart ground, mixed with raisins, sliced citron, dates, cherries, honey added to a certain dark cake dough, moistened with mother's home made wild grape wine. That special cake was well received at visits and give aways. For a couple of months our home smelled of baking and the wood stove burning.

Our Wisconsin Grandmother's box was a treat and a blessing, as it contained beautiful hand knitted sweater, scarves, caps and mittens that her nimble fingers created. In our lower grades those long, black stockings were great protection from the cold as we walked two miles from the old Eagle Lake School.

A week before Christmas, Pa would bring home a nice green evergreen tree. We all took turns trimming the branches. One year we had an all bird tree. Another time it was a Christmas card tree. I liked these variations.

My saddest Christmas was the year I saw Ma and Pa putting presents under the tree, when I should have been asleep. I had to know, but my Santa dream was shattered.

The year flocked trees became the "in" thing, my imagination went to work. I walked to one of our idle fields, cut a young red cedar tree, dragged it up a hill, and set it in a wooden tree stand in the dining room corner. I then sprayed it with artificial snow. It was a pretty tree, but it was July before the carpet showed no more flakes.

Memories are jewels of the mind! Dorothy

(Photograph: Dorothy Schoenemann as little girl)



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My Christmas Story by

Walter Schumacher

After I was discharged from the army in 1953, I lived with my father, mother, three brothers and one sister on a farm near Dayton, Minnesota. On Christmas eve, my father and mother asked me to go with them to my older brother's home where there were three little children. This was at the adjoining farm.

After visiting and eating lunch, my mother signaled me to come with her to the kitchen where she said "Put this Santa Suit on, YOU are Santa to the children... Having been in the service I was a very lean one but I did what mother saidHere is the Red Santa Bag of Christmas presents ..do like Santa does....."

I went in calling Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and proceeded to pick gifts and call names. "Tom this is your present and I continued on. No one even noticed that Santa was not a jolly old elf.

MONTHLY OPEN

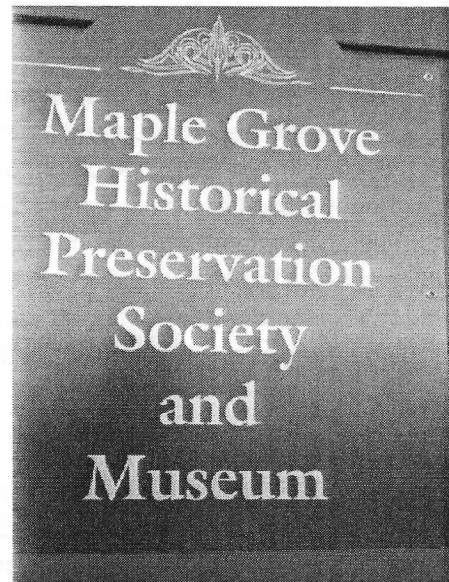
HOUSES We have our museum open every second Sunday of the month. The cutter sleigh will be on display. Bring a camera for a picture of you standing nearby. It was donated by the Ziebarth and they wanted it to remain in the community in which it was used.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

DINNER Mark your calendar. The annual potluck holiday dinner will be at our regular monthly meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 18, 2014. Please bring something for potluck to share.

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES Please forward me any articles, events/items and historical Maple Grove photos that you might want included in the newsletter. Your Editor, Scott Smith 763-420-8834 or email at straightshooter45@comcast.net. This newsletter is published quarterly with the next one to come out by mid February, 2015. Please get me your articles by February 1st at the latest.



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.

DISPLAY 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" \$3.00
- 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**