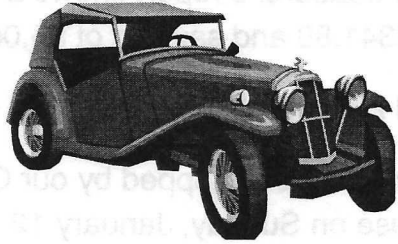


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Maple Grove

Historical Preservation Society

No. 74 February 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 of each year:
Students/Seniors(65 and over) \$10 Individual; \$25 Family; \$15 Individual; Supporting Member \$100.

Next Historical meeting is February 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 Historic Preservation Society

Vice President- Don Kisch

Secretary-Joyce Deane Treasurer-
Patty Reuter

President- Open Position

Board Members- Virginia Hoppenrath & Earl Hoppenrath Editor- Scott Smith
763-420-8834

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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. With the help of the City of Maple Grove and Al Madsen we have 2000 square feet of space in the newly remodeled Public Works building. We have a room for storage and display as well as an office. 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 Museum. **Our monthly meetings will now be at this location.**

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 secretary minutes of January 16th, 2014, meeting:

Those in attendance included Don Kisch, Roger McHugh, Jim and Joyce Deane, Mary Moyle, Karl Hirdler, and Walter Schumacher.

Membership Dues are due in January - \$15.00 – member, \$10.00 – Senior, \$20.00 – family.

Dues were paid tonight by Walter Schumacher, Mary Moyle, Karl Hirdler, Diane Hewitt,

Caroline Schaefer, Jim & Joyce Deane, Judy Erickson and Sharon and Carl Pheil.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$341.88 and savings of \$5,062.99.

Old Business

Seven visitors stopped by our Open House on Sunday, January 12. Khalid ElHassen who lives in MG, was very interested in seeing our tools... He said in his country of Africa, they are still using ones similar to the ones on display. He has relocated to Maple Grove and loves it here. . One of the visitors came as a result of the flyer in the utility billing. He plans on returning with his family. One person wants to return with friends from her senior housing unit. Volunteers are needed to host the February 9.. Who would like to volunteer? ? Thank you to Roger for setting up the signs as well as picking them up.

A discussion was held on the need for articles for our newsletter --- this proceeded into the turtle article and all the different meats which are eaten from the turtle—Maybe we will have another article .

The pictures of Dorothy Schoenmann as a child have been returned to Jean Morehouse.

Earl and Virginia Hoppenrath have purchased a table similar to the one on display in our kitchen. They are

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donating it to the History Center to allow us to continue the unique display of a 1930's kitchen.. The one in the display belongs in their home and was on loan. Virginia will paint it green and we must try to get a picture of this venture.

We feel very fortunate to have 4 mannequins and an assortment of feet donated by J Crew in Arbor Lakes . A thank you has been sent to the store and "Thank You" to Pat Kisch as well for making them aware of our needs.

New Business

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) are scheduled to visit our Museum on February 20 at 1:00 p.m... There could be 25-30 which means we could use 5-6 volunteers to host them.. Don and Roger said they would be there as well as Caroline.

Officers for the next year are needed – especially a president-manager-co-ordinator. This position requires time and willingness to see the total picture of our museum's future. At this time Caroline will dedicate time to managing our History Museum – provided she has a willing group of volunteers to call upon.

Our Maple Grove Days Open House will be Sunday, July 13 - 1:00 – 5:00 p.m... Joyce will update MGCO on the publicity article.

At our Brain storming session last Sunday we tossed around many ideas such as:

- Display of Bridal gowns over the years. We will do this! Caroline will ask her friends who love doing displays to help out on this one.

- Old time games for children

- Photo-ops for parents (bath tub, old plow, antique cars, etc

- Gardening demo – talk – Walter Schumacher

- Serve cookies and punch

- Display of Gravel Pit history --- Would this be possible???? New people are so interested in what was it like previously –When we see all the businesses it is almost unbelievable to think it was mostly gravel pits. We would still love to display the stone snow man which is in the pits. Hope it does not come apart.....

- We need to get our items organized and stored properly. When the new space becomes available for storage we have work to do.

- When we have our Sunday Open House should be demonstrating something????

- Publicity is a necessity --- We need to have a yearly planned promotion calendar and tag on to any possible free advertising. Karl suggested we might

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do a short u-tube video before our open house... We all think it is a good idea – just who will do it?????? AI sent a CD that we tried to play without success.

-Mary suggested we set up a “review Board” for articles which are offered to be donated.. We realize we might not need duplicate s of many of the larger items. This position will be 1 year and will rotate... Roger McHugh, Don Kisch and Mary Moyle will serve in this position for 2014.

If These Walls Could Talk ***By Joyce Deane***

If these walls could talk, they would be a buzzin’

This fall the farmhouse that witnessed my own birth as well as the births of my mother, Bernadine Trombley, and my brother, Jerry Scherber, was torn down. As I watched the glass windows shatter and the sturdy walls cave in, I found myself reflecting on all the events that occurred in this little house since it was first constructed before 1900.

If these walls could talk, they would tell of life’s great sorrows and joys. My mother’s brother, Gordon Trombley, 6 years old, died at home from pneumonia

. Later this humble Dayton homestead served as a ‘reception hall’ when my parents got married. The wedding dinner was served in the kitchen, and their pictures were taken outside. Thru the years family picnics were held on the hillside.

I remember my grandma cooking dinners for the threshing crew of neighbors who helped to harvest the crops. Over the years many loaves of freshly baked bread—baked in the iron cook stove—adorned the kitchen table. And the pantry was home to the little blue granite can with its tight cover where Grandma kept her brown sugar.

As a child I remember that house held countless treasures like the buffalo skin hide on the day bed. It was originally used for warmth by my Grandpa when he transported Bernadine and the teachers who boarded upstairs to school in the cutter sled. On laundry day, my grandmother rolled out a gasoline-powered washing machine to clean the family’s clothes.

The living room was furnished with a piano, a mohair sofa and chair. In later years, a space heater added additional warmth to the room. Holidays at the farm were especially magical. Our anticipation of Thanksgiving dinner was only topped by our eagerness to slide down the big snow-covered hill toward the creek on our sleds. Each Christmas a freshly cut tree was placed inside near the porch, but no presents would appear

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until the children were nestled snug in their bed. Then Santa would arrive.

While life played out on the first and second floor, the attic held a mystery all its own. It held the odd piece of furniture or the long discarded trunk. Best of all was the wonderful Victrola complete with the old-time records. Both Jerry and I remember escaping into the attic's solitude, cranking the Victrola's handle and listening to Al Jolson – a voice unfamiliar to us now.

Eventually my grandma left her Dayton home and came to live with us in Osseo. However, the house continued to provide shelter for many renters throughout the next decades before it was abandoned. For the past several years, it stood empty—or at least we thought it was.

This fall as that old farmhouse was being demolished, the last guests made their departure. After we heard the unmistakable buzzing of bees, several local beekeepers were called in. Clad in their beekeeping gear – masks and suits – they removed siding from the house. Each time they carefully extracted chunks of honeycomb from the house— with a swarm of bees following.

For two nights in a row, they pursued the queen bee and prepared to transport the colony. When their work was done, they had uncovered three places where the bees had lived—by the chimney, in the roof and in the living room ceiling. Three queen bees and their respective drones were transported from the site in their new hives.

And now, for the first time in its 100-plus year history, the house is silent and its walls are no more. (Ed.-The house was located on Rush Creek Rd just off of Territorial Road)



HISTORY CENTER DISPLAY REQUEST

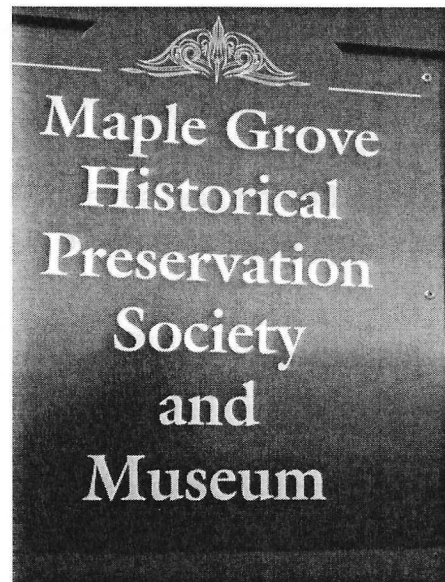
With the weather changing to spring-sometime-- we think --- our thoughts are turning to changing our MG History Center displays... We are considering bridal gowns... We have 4-5 offers, but would like more.. Do you have a gown with a short story you would be willing loan to the History Center ? It will likely be on display 6 months .

We want to begin to set up this display in April, so every thing will be ready for our Open House on July 13. Please let us know if you are interested in showing your gown by calling Joyce @ 763-420-5745

**Open House each month is on the
Second Sunday --1:00 – 4:00 p.m
Volunteers are needed to host on
February 9.....**

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 mid May 2014. Please get me your articles by May 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" \$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**