From the President's Desk......

Now that Autumn comes to a close with most of the leaves off the trees we welcome the holiday season. Once again the Cass County Museum will host the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in the courtyard of the museum on November 28th at 6:30 pm. This event has become a tradition here in Cass County, Nebraska, the event that signals the beginning of the celebratory season for us. I look forward to the Christmas caroling around the tree at 6:15 and the homemade cookies and apple cider. I also enjoy the smell of woodsmoke drifting out of the Cook Log Cabin which will be open for tours that evening. The antique Burlington Caboose located next to the cabin will also be on tour and will no doubt be a hub of activity that evening as well. We hope that our members will join us that evening, after all, isn't that what the holiday season is all about? Good times spent with family and friends, remembering days gone by and building dreams for a bright tomorrow? I personally feel blessed to be living in historic Cass County, Nebraska, and blessed to have the freedoms bestowed upon me as an American. I also feel that our Cass County Historical Society members are a blessing as well, for without their support our mission could not continue. A gift membership to the Historical Society is something that you might consider for family and friends. Thank you and please do join us on the 28th as we celebrate this holy season.

--Douglas V. Duey, President
**Temporary Exhibits**
Throughout the year, we rotate exhibits in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Collection and County History.

"Saturday Evening Post Covers by John Falter"
through January 30, 2016

Plattsmouth native, John Falter, is best known for his illustrations of Saturday Evening Post magazine covers from 1943-1969. We have chosen a selection from our collection of 70 that pertain to the Fall and Winter seasons.

**Future Exhibits:**
February 2 – May 1, 2016
Signature Quilts: Part II

May 3 - July 31, 2016
Celebrating 80 Years:
History of Cass County Historical Society

**Results of Annual Meeting**
Fifty seven attended our Annual Meeting on November 12. The group enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Nancy Kiroff. During the business meeting, Officers re-elected for one-year terms were Doug Duey, President; Susan Rice, Vice-President; Diane Berlett, Treasurer; Pat Meisinger, Secretary. Del Hervey and Nancy McManis were re-elected to three year terms on the board, expiring in 2018. Roger Schuette was elected to the board to replace Eleanor York whose term expires. To fill a two year vacancy on the board, due to the resignation of Harlan Seyfer, members elected Jon Oliver. Volunteers were recognized for a total of 900 hours of service to the Historical Society. The evening closed with a program about Cass County and Nebraska History by Dr. Ron Naugle.

**Tree Lighting**
Saturday, November 28
6:15 pm Caroling around tree
6:30 pm Tree Lighting

After the tree lighting, come inside the museum for hot apple cider and cookies. The museum will be open until 8:00 pm. The cabin and caboose will also be decorated and open until 8:00.

The tree lighting is a highlight of Small Business Saturday and Victorian Christmas on Main in Plattsmouth.

September 26, 1981, Vivian Hild planting the Blue Spruce Tree in museum courtyard in honor of Alice Pollock Perry, first Curator of Cass County Museum.

(This is the tree we will be lighting on November 28. It is now 34 years old and quite a bit taller!!)

**Holiday Schedule**
During the Christmas and New Years holidays, the Museum will be CLOSED:
Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 and Saturday December 26
New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31
New Years Day, Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2

Otherwise, we are open our regular Winter Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
## CORNERSTONE CLUB
- **Granite**
  - Oxbow Animal Health, new
  - John Miller
- **Limestone**
  - N & B Henry Rentals
  - Norm & Betty Henry
- **Sandstone**
  - Jeff Henry Chevrolet
  - Jeffery Henry

## MEMBERSHIPS
- **Century**
  - Duane Hobscheidt
  - Walter J. Smith, TX
- **Promoter**
  - Bill & Susanne Astley
  - Dick & Mary Berner
  - David & Vicki Chebatoris
  - Jim Elworth, IN
  - Butch & Dobey Haws, new
  - Jean Howland
  - Leigh Jean Koinzan and
  - John Sullivan
  - Reuben & Ellen Luetchens, new
  - Mike Schuld
g
  - Bill & Brenda Todd
- **Booster**
  - Eleanor J. Box, TX
  - Maurice & Mary Hammons
  - Terry & Georgia McCarl
  - Martha M. McQuin
  - Roger Schuette
  - Frank & Joyce Swanson

## MEMBERSHIPS, continued
- **Friend**
  - Shirley Adamonis
  - Louis & Lola Austin
  - Jeanie Brookhouser
  - Doris N. Hirz
  - Minnie Mae Sayers
  - June Wagner
  - Patricia Wagner
  - Marlene Wood
  - Bob Wynn, new

## DONATIONS
- **Genealogy Donations**
  - Laura Aldridge, MO
  - Margaret Fintel
  - Carol B. Kehler, PA
  - Richard McClure, UT
  - Charles & Sherryn Talbitzer
- **Special Donations**
  - Carol Alley
  - Joy Haswell
  - Daisy Richards

## MEMORIALS
- **In memory of**
  - Ruth Marker
  - Maxine Hild
  - Shirley Adamonis
  - Bill & Susanne Astley
  - Gene & Evelyn Meier
  - Carl & Jayne Ofe

We have received word that one of our members in California, Rachel Robertson Pallett, passed away in June at age 96. She was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. William Robertson of Plattsmouth and a 1937 graduate of Plattsmouth High School.

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Members:
Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, your membership is due. Please fill out the form on the back and mail or deliver to the museum. Those receiving the electronic newsletter will receive a notice by e-mail when their membership is due.

Thank you for your support of Cass County Historical Society
and
Best Wishes for the New Year!

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**ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 6:30 PM
Cass County Historical Society, organized in 1936, is dedicated to a mission of telling the history of Cass County since 1854, the year the county was opened for settlement. The Society's first permanent displays were housed in two rooms on the third floor of the Cass County Courthouse. In 1960, the present museum was opened at 646 Main Street in Plattsmouth.

Approximately one third of the museum's budget comes from the County. The rest of the financial support is from Memberships, Donations, Gift Shop Sales, Memorials and Grants.

To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill out the form at right and return to the museum.

MUSEUM HOURS

April through October:
Tuesday through Sunday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed Mondays and major holidays.

November through March:
Tuesday through Saturday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays, Mondays and major holidays.

Admission: $2.50 for adults; children under 12 free.

FREE for Museum Members
Donations accepted.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Individuals and Families:
___Patron ($1,000 and up)
___Benefactor ($500 and up)
___Investor ($250)
___Century ($100)
___Promoter ($50)
___Booster ($30)
___Friend ($15)

Businesses (Cornerstone Club)
___Marble ($1,001 and up)
___Granite ($501-1,000)
___Limestone ($251-500)
___Sandstone ($100-250)

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