



## Fall Newsletter October, November, December, 2016

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*The Board usually meets the fourth Tuesday  
of the month at 7:00 pm.*

### CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

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**Margo Prentiss**, Curator

**Linda Duncan**, Registrar

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

This morning, I noticed a flock of Mallard Ducks on my small pond, beginning their migration south. The trees around the pond are beginning to put on their autumn colors and soon all of Cass County, Nebraska, will be a blaze of multicolored autumn shades. This beauty is perhaps representative of what makes America beautiful, a colorful blend of many cultures. Recently, I visited with our Curator about our next exhibit which is an assemblage of election campaign memorabilia, an exhibit that I encourage you to see. It covers a long history of presidential campaigns in the United States. Curiously I wondered if immigration issues were a subject of debate in previous campaigns and found that they were. The United States has had periods of massive immigration and some times brought a large influx of Europeans into Cass County. Our museum has records of the 1870 census and when examined we find that we had lots of immigrants from Ireland, working as stone masons, working in general stores, as blacksmiths, plasterers, laborers and painters. Also from Canada and Scotland were farm laborers, from Prussia were laborers, tailors and painters. Bavaria brought in carpenters. Bavaria, France and Switzerland brought in farmers and Denmark brought forth farm laborers and railroad workers. The English were stone masons, carpenters, merchants, and railroad clerks. In the 1870s, the Czechs started arriving and settled in west Plattsmouth. Many of them worked in the Burlington Shops. So it is that each of these groups, from different nationalities brought forth different skills and ethnic cultures that enriched our beautiful county. Once again, it is historical museums like ours that provide a glimpse into the past, valuable reference points as we look to the future. Enjoy Autumn in beautiful Cass County and please visit our museum when you can. We deeply appreciate your support.

--Douglas V. Duey, President

#### Coming Events:

**Rock Bluffs School Open House & Annual Hot Dog Roast**  
Sunday, October 16, 2:00 to 4:00

**Halloween Parade**  
Monday, October 31, 4:00, Log Cabin Open

**Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner**  
Thursday, November 10, 6:00 (See details on page 2)

**Tree Lighting & Hometown Holidays**  
Saturday, November 26, 6:30

**Mission Statement:** *The Cass County Historical Society shall collect, preserve, and study materials to document, interpret and present the history of Cass County Nebraska to the public.*

**Temporary Exhibits**

Exhibits are rotated in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Collection and County History.

**"Bohemian Town in Plattsmouth" thru October 23, 2016**

In the 1870s, there was a large influx of Czech immigrants into Plattsmouth. The western part of town from about 12th street to what is now Highway 75 became known as "Bohemian Town".

**"Karnival and Harvest Memories" thru October 23, 2016**

The exhibit includes photographs and memorabilia going back to 1916.

**"Political Campaign Souvenirs" October 25, 2016 - January 7, 2017**

Photographs of past Presidential candidates who visited Cass County will be displayed along with campaign buttons, ribbons and newspaper ads.

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**Brown Bag Programs**

The programs are at 12:00 and are usually over by 1:00. They are free and open to the public. Coffee and cookies are served.

**Tuesday, October 11**

**"Family History Month"**

**Speakers: Pat Meisinger and Margo Prentiss**

Since October is Family History Month, Pat and Margo will talk about genealogy resources available at Cass County Historical Society and through the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society.

**Tuesday, October 25**

**"Pioneer Woodworking Tools"**

**Speaker: Butch Bouvier**

In this "hands on" program, Butch will talk about the tools used by pioneers, such as those used to build our Cook log cabin

**Tuesday, November 8**

**"Lewis and Clark"**

**Speaker: Butch Bouvier**

**Tuesday, December 13**

**Caroling around our 1893 Packard Reed Organ**

**Annual Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, November 10**

**Murray Christian Church, Murray, NE**

**6:00 pm Silent Auction, 6:45 pm Dinner**

**7:30 Business Meeting; 8:15pm Program:**

**"Historical Flag Presentation"**

**Speaker: Colonel Ed Nolte**

At 6:00, there will be a social hour and silent auction of baskets donated by society members and friends. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the operating fund. Dinner at 6:45 will be catered by Nancy Kiroff. The menu will be Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almondine, dinner roll, apple or pumpkin pie, coffee, iced tea or water.

Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00 Saturday, November 5. Tickets will not be available at the door.

At 7:30, there will be a short business meeting and election of officers and board members.

We will move into the sanctuary at 8:00 for a program by Edward Nolte. Col. Nolte graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1971 and retired as a Colonel in 1997. He developed his Historic Flag Presentation in 2002 and has given it to numerous audiences to promote "Americanism and Patriotism".

Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver to Cass County Museum, 646 Main, Plattsmouth with your check, made out to Cass County Historical Society.

**Meeting Reservation, November 10, 2016**

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ dinners @ \$15**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for reservations and payment is 4 pm, Saturday, November 5. Tickets will not be available at the door.**

**I plan to donate a basket for the silent auction:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Cornerstone Club....Memberships....Donations....Memorials**

Received between August 5 and September 28, 2016. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

**CORNERSTONE CLUB**

**Sandstone**

**Steube's Thriftway#909**

Donald Steube

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**Century**

Dr. Thomas & Kathy Copmann, FL

Alyce Green

Jim & Colleen Peterson

Grace Wiles Simard

**Promoter**

Dewayne & Mary Prince

Charles & Irene Warga

William M. Wehrbein

**Booster**

Roger & Linda Behrns, new

Jerry & Carol Burgess, FL

Herbert & Nancy Heil, CA

Joyce Heim

Linda Ries, ID

John & Carol Schreiner

Paul Waters

**Friend**

Karen Allen

Cindy Drake

Jean M.Gammell

Renee A.Hart-Thakur (new)

Portia Iverson

Richard Kalvineck (new,gift)

Pamela S. Osthus

Jon & Dee Schuetz

Chuck & Sherry Talbitzer (new)

Chris Trost (new)

**Members:**

Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, your

membership is due. Please fill out the form on the back and return to the museum. An e-notice will be sent to those who receive the newsletter by e-mail.

**DONATIONS**

Kira Gale

Joy Haswell

Nancy Merritt Martin

Lucy Rathgeber, NM

Dan Rohan

Don Rhoden

Paul & Susan Rice

Daisy Richards

**Paper Cups,Napkins,Plates**

**Toilet Paper and Soap**

Paul & Susan Rice

Patsy Sawyer

**Coffee, Cream, Paper Cups**

H. Margo Prentiss

**Cash Donations for Pie Sale**

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

Daisy Richards

Bill & Brenda Todd

**Genealogy Donations**

Beverly Cook

Carla Cook, KS

Kelly R. McCoy

**Caboose Restoration Fund**

Alyce Green

Joy Haswell

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**Rock Bluffs School**

**Open House and Hot Dog Roast**

**Sunday, October 16, 2-4:00 pm**

Bring a friend, tour the 1870 one room schoolhouse, enjoy the fall scenery and have a hot dog and chips! The event is free but donations are accepted to help with maintenance costs.

**Halloween Parade**

**Monday, October 31, 4:00**

Volunteers will give out apples at the Cook Log Cabin

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**In memory of**

**Phyllis Bauerkemper**

Betty Henry

**Janice Freeburg**

Bill & Sally Babbitt

Joyce Heim

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**John Holdridge**

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**Sharon Knake**

Richard Alexander

Josephine Crofton

Richard Mougey

Paul & Susan Rice

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**Tree Lighting**

**Saturday, November 26**

**Caroling at 6:15**

**Lighting of tree at 6:30**

The museum, log cabin, and caboose will be decorated for Christmas and will be open until 8:00pm

Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the museum after the tree lighting. If you have not seen the log cabin or caboose lately, be sure to come. Restoration of both have now been completed!

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)**

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*City, State* \_\_\_\_\_

*Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone # and e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_