Greetings, from the President's Desk:

It's been a rather long Winter here in Cass County, Nebraska, and today the Winter chill is still with us. I have noticed signs of Spring, however, with much greater activity around my backyard bird feeder. Cardinals, Blue Jays, Woodpeckers and many other varieties of birds bring color to the landscape. Their chatter breaks the silence of otherwise quiet mornings. Soon we'll see the first colors from the crocus and tulips and daffodils will be peeking through the soil. The buds on my Red Bud trees are full and preparing to open. Cass County is awakening again from the long sleep of winter.

Our Museum will be awakening again this Spring to new activities (not that we've been sleeping really) including Living History Day which is scheduled for April 26. Third graders will once again be enjoying tours of the Museum in May and children will be making May Baskets with the help of our volunteers on April 26. Our monthly Brown Bag presentation schedule is also a very interesting one, try to attend if you can.

June 30th brings our Fiscal Year to a close. It has been a good year but will be an even better one if you encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Historical Society. The memberships are extremely reasonable. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do, and perhaps increase your contribution if you can. We very much appreciate your support and cannot survive without it.

Enjoy Springtime in Cass County, Nebraska!

Douglas Duey, President

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
Throughout the year, we rotate exhibits in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Collection and County History.

“Beverly Gottsch Iron Collection”
March 25 through June 1
Beverly Brown Gottsch, a Plattsmouth native who now lives in Lincoln, recently donated her collection of 38 irons. Included are sadirons, charcoal irons, travel irons, children's toy irons and electric irons. They will be displayed in the Davis Conference Room beginning March 25.

“From Sea to Shining Sea: Bicentennial Prints” by John Falter
March 25 through June 1
This display features six prints created by John Falter for the 3-M Corporation in 1976 to commemorate the American Bicentennial.

“Remembering Beautiful Merritt Beach”
June 3 through August 24
Last summer we exhibited a few photographs of Merritt Beach that were donated in 2013. This year we will expand the exhibit to include more of the photographs and memorabilia (such as a basket from the concession stand!). Merritt Beach was a popular recreation spot in Cass County from the 1930s to 1989.

“Maps of the Mouth of the Platte”
June 3 through August 24
In conjunction with the 300th anniversary celebration of the Mouth of the Platte discovery, we will exhibit a series of maps showing the development of the confluence area. Included will be a copy of Bourgmont's 1714 map of the Platte, an 1856 Nebraska Territory map, and an 1887 map of Plattsmouth.

Brown Bag Programs
The programs begin at 12:00 noon, are free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring your sack lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.

Tuesday, April 8
“Civil War Veterans Buried in Elmwood Cemetery”
Speaker: Bonnie Brewer
Mrs. Brewer, Curator of the G.A.R. Museum in Elmwood, has researched over 40 Civil War Veterans buried in the cemetery in Elmwood.

Tuesday, April 22
“Antique Show and Tell”
Speaker: Don Gappa
Bring an antique from home and Mr. Gappa will tell you more about it.

Tuesday, May 13
“Let's Document Plattsmouth Main Street”
Speaker: Dan Rohan
Bring your camera! After a brief introduction by Mr. Rohan, we will walk down the street photographing buildings along the way. The program will end at the museum, where everyone will compare what they documented.

Special Events:
Living History Day and May Basket Workshop
Saturday, April 26, 2014
12:00-5:00 p.m.
Museum, Cabin, Caboose open
(See Insert for details)

300th Anniversary
Discovery of the Mouth of the Platte
Sunday, June 22, 2014
Schilling Wildlife Management Area
Speakers, Activities for children, Period Music

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!
http://www.casscountynemuseum.org/
CORNERSTONE CLUB
Sandstone
John's Appliance Sales & Service
John Baroni
Rishel & Pfeifer, PC
Steve Rishel
Steube's Thriftway
Donald Steube

Thank you for your support!

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 with your check to:
Cass Co Historical Society
646 Main Street
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

(If you are receiving your newsletter via e-mail, there will be a separate e-mail when your membership is due.)

Logo Contest Winners
We will debut the new logo in our next newsletter. Carl Reichart of Plattsmouth won 1st and 2nd Place for his logo designs. Third Place went to Susan Rice of Nehawka. We thank all of those who entered the contest. With 26 entries, it was a hard decision for the board to make.

2014 MEMBERSHIPS
Patron
Douglas V. Duey

Century
Paul & Susan Rice
Dick & Margie Spangler, CA
Richard Wassinger

Promoter
Kevin P. Bertrand, CA
Dennis & Donna Keil
Steve & Marlene Wehrbein

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Kenneth & Marcia Hostetter, new
Steve & Marlene Rishel
John Schleicher

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paid through 2024
Robert L. Gaines, NM

MEMORIALS
in memory of
Janet Bomberg
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Norm & Betty Henry
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Sam Pierce
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Eleanor York

MEMORIALS, continued
in memory of
Doug Study
Fred & Pat Meisinger

Karen Waters
Paul A. Waters and Family

SPECIAL DONATIONS
Donation in honor of
Eva Krings
on her 99th birthday!
Bill & Sally Babbitt

In honor of Doug Duey on his Retirement from
Cass County Bank
Doris Landon
H. Margo Prentiss
Charles & Irene Warga

Donation toward
New Roof for
Cook Log Cabin
Jerry & Mary Reinholt

Genealogy Donations
Linda Bailey, MI
Ann Root

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New Roof for
Cook Log Cabin
One of our goals for 2014 is to put a new roof on the Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin. The cost estimate is $4,000. If you would like to make a donation to help with this expense, please send a check to Cass County Historical Society and indicate that it is for the Log Cabin Roof Fund.

Thank you!

If you have e-mail and would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, please send us an e-mail at ccohsm@windstream.net and in the subject line put “electronic newsletter”.

Cass County Historical Society Museum, Plattsmouth, NE.
LIVING HISTORY DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014
FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS ACCEPTED

IN THE MUSEUM, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

ORGAN MUSIC
with Florene Nickles, organist
playing the 1893 Packard Reed Organ.

WEAVING
by Linda Barnard Duncan of Plattsmouth
on the Mathilda Soennichsen Pein Loom
(Children will also have an opportunity for a "hands-on" experience using small table looms)

SPINNING by Dee Hogya of Omaha

OUTSIDE IN THE COURTYARD, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

ROPEMAKING
by William Duff
of Weeping Water

QUILTING
by Sandra Allgeier of Plattsmouth

IN THE DAVIS CONFERENCE ROOM
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
May Basket Workshop for Children ages 5 to 10.
Cass County Retired Teachers will tell children about the May Basket tradition and help them make a basket. It takes about 20 minutes to make a basket. The last session will start at 2:30.

AT THE END OF MAIN STREET
BY CABOOSE:
10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m.

BLACKSMITHING
by Ron Rookstool of Plattsmouth
and Larry Hogya of Omaha
The Cook Log Cabin and Burlington Northern Caboose will be open for tours 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

New this year: Display of farm equipment in renovated shed in courtyard.
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.

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)

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.