

Cass County Historical Society Museum
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Spring Newsletter
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*The Board usually meets the last Tuesday
of the month at 7:00 pm.*

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.

**On April 1, we return to summer hours!
The museum will be open Tuesday through
Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 and closed on Monday
and major holidays.**

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...Memberships...Memorials...Special Donations

Received between February 1, 2014 and March 25, 2104. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted

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Sandstone

John's Appliance Sales
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John Baroni

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*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

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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

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
Historial 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 ccoasm@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



Dee Hogya, at the spinning wheel in 2013

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.

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



Sandra Allgeier, during 2013 Living History Day

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.

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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