



Fall Newsletter
October, November, December, 2014

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

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From the President's Desk.....

This year has flown by, with Halloween just around the corner and Thanksgiving soon approaching. October and November are very busy months at the museum. The big event comes on November 29 when we will kick off Hometown Holidays with tree lighting and caroling at the museum. The cabin and caboose will also be open for tours. I get a kick out of watching young people study what were once modern appliances and equipment. They are intrigued with their new-found knowledge of how Nebraskans lived more than a century ago. For instance, the thought of being a farm kid having to be the last member of the family to take a bath in the same bathwater poured into a tin bathtub placed in the middle of the kitchen is a horrifying thought to them. The hope is that this glimpse of history will make them all more thankful for the modern conveniences we have today. This is one reason historical museums play an important educational role in America. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy Fall.

--Douglas V. Duey, President

Mark your calendars :

Brown Bag Programs: October 14, 24, 28
 and November 11

**Rock Bluffs School Open House and Hot Dog
 Roast,** Sunday, October 19, 2-4:00

Questers Meeting: Monday, October 27, 7 pm

Annual Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 6 pm

Tree Lighting, Saturday, November 29, 6:15 pm

See details inside.....

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.

“Harvest and Festival Memories” through October 26, 2014

In conjunction with the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival, we are exhibiting photographs and memorabilia from past Korn Karnivals. Photos of farm life and harvesting are also on display.

“Cass County Nebraska Archaeology” through November 1, 2014

September was Nebraska Archaeology Month. Archaeology exhibits and programs are taking place across the state. We are displaying a selection of archaeological items collected by Dr. George Gilmore, Col. H. C. McMaken, and Alvin McReynolds.

“World War I: Photographs and Memorabilia” November 4, 2014-January 24, 2015

July 28, 2014, marked the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. We will honor those who served from Cass County with an exhibit of photographs and uniforms.

“Paintings and Drawings”

November 4, 2014-January 24, 2015

We are bringing some paintings and drawings out of storage that have not been on exhibit in several years. Oils, watercolors, pastels and penmanship drawings will be on display.

Questers Meeting

Monday, October 27, 7:00 pm

The Questers will have another meeting in our Conference Room on October 26. Interest has been shown in forming a Questers group in Plattsmouth. Come and learn more!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://www.casscountynemuseum.org/>

Brown Bag Programs

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

Tuesday, October 14

**Basketmaking Demonstration
by Nancy Schultz**

FRIDAY, October 24

**Fossil Collecting
Speaker: Del Stites**

In conjunction with our Archaeology exhibit, board member and amateur archaeologist, Del Stites, will tell us about his fossil collection.

Tuesday, October 28

**Antiques Show and Tell
Speaker: Don Gappa**

Bring an antique from home and Mr. Gappa will tell you more about it.

Tuesday, November 11

**World War I Collection
Speaker: Tony Moreno**

Our speaker will show items from his personal collection of World War I memorabilia.

Rock Bluffs School Open House

Sunday, October 19, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Annual Hot Dog Roast

Have a hot dog, chips and drink, tour the school and enjoy the beautiful Fall scenery.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted to help with maintenance and repairs.

Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 29

Caroling around tree: 6:15 pm

Tree Lighting 6:30 pm

The annual tree lighting in our courtyard will start the Holiday season in Plattsmouth. The museum will be open until 8:30 pm. Hot apple cider and cookies will be served. The log cabin and caboose will also be decorated and open that evening

Thank you 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.

**Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2014**

2015 MEMBERSHIPS

Received between Sept.17 and
Oct.8,2104. Donors live in Neb.
unless otherwise noted

Century

Beverly J. Hirz

Promoter

Dick & Mary Berner
Jim Elworth, IN
Mike Schuldt
Del & Ingrid Stites

Booster

Louis & Lola Austin
Terry & Georgia McCarl, new
Dan & Marlyns Wehrbein

Friend

LaVonne Beil
Jeanie Brookhouser
Joyce Heim, new
Charles & Deborah Korytowski, new
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DONATIONS

Genealogy Donations

Elaine Orvedahl, Canada

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MEMORIALS

In memory of

Donna Meisinger

Dennis L. Keil

Ruth Parkening

Ellyn Meisinger
Margo Prentiss

Minnie Topliff

Beverly Hirz
Margo Prentiss

Murray Christian Church, Murray, NE.

6:00 pm Silent Auction and Social Hour; 6:45 pm Dinner;
7:30 pm Business Meeting; 8:00 Program: Darrel Draper as
"Theodore Roosevelt:Rough Rider President"

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and a silent auction of gift baskets, donated by members and friends. Proceeds from the auction benefit the museum's operating fund. Dinner, served at 6:45, will be catered by Nancy Kiroff. The menu will be Pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans almondine, rolls, apple and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00 Saturday, November 1. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

At 7:30, a short business meeting will be called to order. At the meeting, revised Bylaws will be presented for approval by the membership. The Bylaws Committee has been working for over a year to update the Society's Bylaws. Copies are available at the museum for review prior to the meeting. Also on the agenda are a report from the Foundation, election of board members and officers, recognition of volunteers and the Curator's annual report.

At 8:00, we will move into the sanctuary for a program "Theodore Roosevelt: Rough Rider President" by Living History re-enactor, Darrel Draper. The program is free and open to the public. Major funding for the program has been provided by Humanities Nebraska. Humanities Nebraska receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations.

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

Annual Meeting Dinner Reservations Thurs., November 6, 2014

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ dinners @ \$15

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Please make check payable to Cass County Historical Society

**Deadline for reservations and payment is 4pm Saturday,
November 1. Tickets will NOT be available at the door**

I plan to donate a basket for the silent auction:

Name _____



HUMANITIES NEBRASKA

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 _____

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Phone # and e-mail _____