



**Special Newsletter
December, 2015**

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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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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

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.

"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....Memberships....Donations....Memorials

Received between September 23 and November 19, 2015. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

CORNERSTONE CLUB

Granite

Oxbow Animal Health, new
John Miller

Limestone

N & B Henry Rentals
Norm & Betty Henry

Sandstone

Jeff Henry Chevrolet
Jeffery Henry

McKnight Family Dental
Dr. James McKnight, DDS

MEMBERSHIPS

Century

Duane Hobscheid
Walter J. Smith, TX

Promoter

Bill & Susanne Astley
Dick & Mary Berner
David & Vicki Chebatoris
Jim Elworth, IN
Butch & Dobby Haws, new
Jean Howland
Leigh Jean Koinzan and
John Sullivan
Reuben & Ellen Luetchens, new
Mike Schuldt
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

**Donation for use of
Conference Room**

Cass County Retired Educators

**\$50 Gift Card to help
with expenses for Hot Dog Roast
at Rock Bluffs School**
Casey's General Stores

**Hot Dogs and Buns for
Hot Dog Roast at Rock Bluffs**

School

Pat Meisinger

Rock Bluffs School Fund

Charles & Irene Warga
Steve Warga

Apples for Halloween Parade

Plattsmouth HyVee

MEMORIALS

In memory of

Ruth Marker
Maxine Hild

Pat Moreno

Shirley Adamonis
Bill & Susanne Astley

Joan Solomon

Gene & Evelyn Meier
Carl & Jayne Ofe

Vera Solomon

Bill & Sandra Allgeier

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.

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!*

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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