



FALL NEWSLETTER October, November, December, 2018

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*During the Winter Season ,
the Board will meet the fourth Tuesday
of the month at 4:00 pm.*

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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.*

From the President's Desk..... by Douglas V. Duey, President

Autumn is upon us here in Cass County, Nebraska. The leaves will be turning their autumn hues of red, yellow and orange quickly now. The smell of autumn is in the air too which reminds me of when I was young and raked leaves into gigantic piles so that I could jump into them then worm my way down to the bottom of the pile. My brother and I made fun out of most of our work projects, including leaf raking.

This is the time of the year that is ideal for weekend drives through the county and I hope that you have an opportunity to do just that. I've decided that I'm going to pay close attention to the surviving farm barns on my drive. I've been thinking a lot about 19th century barns lately. My Grandmother lived her first few years in a sod dugout until her father had constructed a large barn that then became home for the family and also the livestock. She told me that it was much larger than the dugout, providing a bit of privacy for her family of seven. However, she said that the barn wasn't nearly as warm during winter blizzards as the earth insulated dugout. I wonder if many young people today have spent any time inside an old barn. The great cavernous space is perfect for exploring, discovering a mother cat in the hay mow with a litter of kittens, watching the barn swallows dart in and out of the large hay mow door which is just beneath the roof gable. Even now I can smell the aroma of fresh cut hay, can hear the mooing of cows ready for milking. I can hear the great beams moaning against a winter blizzard. I can remember the moment of my first kiss too, which happened in the hay mow of an ancient barn! During my teenage years I found myself spending lots of time in an old barn. Although I was a city kid I talked someone into letting me use his old barn to raise pigs. At 14 I bought 17 gilts (young female pigs) and a boar (male pig). When piglets were about to be born I began sleeping on the straw in one corner of the barn. I had a kerosene lamp and transistor radio so it wasn't all that rough. That first year my pig family increased by 135 baby pigs. I really had my hands full with that big family. Hauling water in our old jeep in 4 milk cans before school, feeding the animals and having to clean the floor of the barn each week. All in all, the four years of animal husbandry taught me so much about hard work and its rewards.

Cass County has lost so many of its great old barns. There is very little livestock production here now and many of the old barns just deteriorated from lack of maintenance and were torn down. They simply had little value to the farmers. There are a few great examples left, however. I can think of one that you should drive by to see if you haven't. It's a very large barn constructed entirely of native limestone. The farmhouse is constructed of limestone as well. The farmstead is west on highway 66 out of Plattsmouth and then south approximately one mile on the county road that leads to Copper Dollar Cove. The farm is on the west side of the road. Enjoy your autumn adventures in Cass County, soak in the beauty! Please try to attend our annual meeting banquet the evening of November 8th if you can, its always a wonderful meal and we have an interesting guest speaker again this year. See details on page 3.

Temporary Exhibits

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

World War I:

**Remembering those who served
October 2, 2018- January 5, 2019**

November 11, 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. We have on display some recently donated photographs, uniforms, and other items used by Cass County soldiers who served in the war.

Special Events

Rock Bluffs School Open House and Annual Hot Dog Roast

Sunday, October 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Take time out on October 21 for a drive to Rock Bluffs and tour our one-room brick school house. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be served! The building was constructed in 1870 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Children's Halloween Parade Friday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.

Plattsmouth's annual Halloween parade will begin at 4:00 on October 26. The children will visit our Cook Log Cabin where they will receive an apple. A special treat will also be given out at the museum.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 8

See details on next page!

Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1

Caroling at 6:15 p.m.

Tree Lighting at 6:30 p.m

Mark your calendars for the Annual Victorian Christmas on Main and the lighting of the tree in our courtyard.

Brown Bag Programs

The programs, free and open to the public, begin at 12:00 noon and are over by 1:00. Bring a sack lunch if you like. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Tuesday, October 9

"Nebraska Memories of World War I"

Speaker: Emma Sundberg,

Ms. Sundberg, Curator at the Durham Museum, will talk about the Durham's current exhibit of artifacts, documents and photographs that tell about Nebraska's contribution to the war.

Tuesday, October 23 "History Walks!

Uncovering, preserving & Sharing the past"

Speaker: Shannon Lewis

History Walks LLC, in Omaha, provides guided tours through cemeteries and basic cemetery preservation services such as repairing cracked or broken monuments. Owner Shannon Lewis will discuss their services and more!

Tuesday, November 13

The program planned for November 13, "Nebraska Women Artists before 1945", has been changed to March 26, 2019.

New Acquisitions

Here are just a few items added recently to the collection:

Cradle, belonged to Stephen and Kate Winslow Davis, first used in 1874. Transfer by gift from Nebraska State Historical Society.

Lap desk, 1862, belonged to Sarah Putnam Chapman, donated by Sandy & Ramsay Stallman of Oakton, VA.

George Comer's Uniform, photographs and other World War I memorabilia, donated by his son Glen Comer.

Membership Renewal Time???

Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, it means that your membership is due! Please fill out the form on the back and mail with your check to the museum. (Those who receive the newsletter by e-mail will receive a notice when your membership is due.)

Memberships....Donations....Memorials
Received between July 1 and Sept. 30,2018.
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, November 8
Murray Christian Church, Murray, NE

MEMBERSHIPS

Century

Spencer & Vivian Davis

Promoter

William & Susanne Astley
Kevin P. Bertrand, CA
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Bill & Sally Babbitt
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Betty Reichart
Paul Waters

Friend

Karen Allen
Jean M. Gammell
Portia Iverson
Nola L. Marcy, TX
Pam Osthus
Orville Philpot, Jr., OR

THANKS to everyone who helped
during the Harvest Festival!
The pie sale brought in \$829

DONATIONS

Daisy Richards

GENEALOGY DONATIONS

Fran Howe, CO
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DONATIONS

Caboose Fund
Joy Haswell

DONATION FOR USE
OF CONFERENCE ROOM

Red Hat Ladies
Carol Tilson, Princess

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In memory of
Bob Bogle
Douglas Duey

Jack Fullerton

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Richard Jackson

Doris Landon

Stephen Stastka

Doris Landon

Alan Wiles

Douglas Duey
Eugene & Evelyn Meier
Betty Reichart
Dr. Charles & Bev Stoehr

Eleanor York

Douglas Duey
June Ann Wagner

6:00p.m. Social Hour
& Silent Auction

6:45 p.m. Dinner
7:30 Business Meeting
8:00 Program

For the Silent Auction this year, we are asking for donated baskets or holiday wreaths (such as Thanksgiving or Christmas) There will also be a 50/50 raffle with tickets available for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Nancy Kiroff will cater the dinner which will include: Baked pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almandine, dinner rolls, pie and drinks. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by 4:00 Saturday, November 3. Tickets will not be available at the door.

At 7:30, a short business meeting will include election of officers and board members and an annual report. At 8:00, we will move into the sanctuary for the program:

"The Successful Triumphant
Return of the White Pirogue"

Speakers will be Shirley Enos, Project Coordinator; Sterling Fichter, portraying John Colter of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and Butch Bouvier, builder of the White Pirogue replica.

Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver to the Museum.

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION

November 8, 2018, Total enclosed \$ _____ for _____ dinners @ \$15

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ I(we) will donate a wreath or basket for the Silent Auction.

Deadline for reservations and payment is 4 pm, Saturday, November 3.

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:

November through March:

Tuesday through Saturday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays, Mondays and major holidays.

April through October:

Tuesday through Sunday: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Closed 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 _____

