



**WINTER NEWSLETTER
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**2020 Board of Directors
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Roger Wehrbein, Plattsmouth

*The Board usually meets the fourth
Tuesday of the month.*

**CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY FOUNDATION**

Pat Meisinger, Secretary

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Dave Pankonin, Board Member

Bruce Wiles, Board Member

MUSEUM STAFF

Margo Prentiss, Curator

Linda Duncan, Registrar

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.*

REMEMBERING DOUG DUEY....

We are all in a state of shock over the sudden passing of our Board President, Doug Duey, on December 20. Doug was first elected to the board in 1984. When George Miller retired in 2010, Doug was elected President of the Board and has been re-elected every year. When we were trying to think of ways to expand our membership in 1999, Doug came up with the idea of the "Cornerstone Club". A category for businesses. The Cornerstone Club has donated an average of \$5,000 a year to our operating funds. Doug also served on the board of the Cass County Historical Society Foundation which was formed in 1991. He became President of the Foundation in 2010. His friendship with Dr. John Gilmore, resulted in the Gilmore Endowment Fund. Interest from the Endowment Fund helps with our operating expenses.

When funds were needed for special projects, Doug was usually one of the first to donate. A few years ago, we had to replace carpeting on the porch. Doug knew someone who could do the work, then came in with a check to pay for the carpeting and labor to lay it. This past year, he donated funds, in memory of his parents, to purchase a life size replica of Lewis and Clark's Pirogue.

He also donated his time. In October, he served hot dogs at our Rock Bluffs School open house. During our November 30th tree lighting, all dressed up and wearing his father's black fedora, he helped to host the cabin and caboose and gave out brochures about the pirogue.

When Doug became President, he inherited the job of writing a "President's Column" for the newsletter. Many of our members have said how much they enjoyed his columns. What people do not know is that he complained every time I asked him to write something! "Oh, no, not again! I don't know what to write! I'm not a writer. The deadline is when???" I would sometimes suggest a topic. Then in a few days, an e-mail would pop into my computer with a clever piece on a topic much more interesting than anything I had suggested.

Doug will be missed, not only here at the Historical Society but throughout Cass County.

.....Margo Prentiss, Curator

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

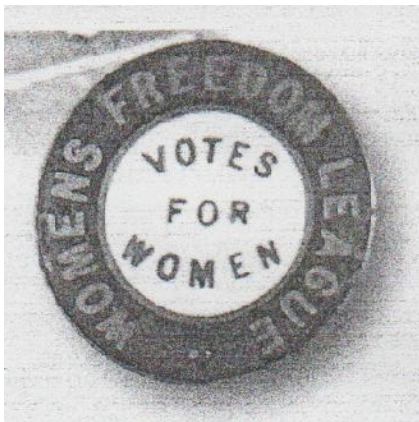
Exhibits are rotated in our Davis Conference Room and highlight different aspects of our Permanent Collection and County History.

"Rightfully Hers"

A pop up exhibit from the National Archives

January 21 - May 31

This display commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. It spotlights history of the amendment, women's voting rights before and after the 19th amendment and its impact today.



Women's Suffrage Movement in Cass County 1866-1920

In conjunction with "Rightfully Hers" we have installed a small exhibit about the women's suffrage movement in Cass County.

Did you know that Susan B. Anthony spoke in Plattsmouth in 1871?

Did you know that a woman from Plattsmouth served on the first Woman's Equal Suffrage League in Lincoln?

SPECIAL EVENTS

Brown Bag Programs

Our next Brown Bag series begins on February 11, The programs start at 12:00 and are over by 1:00. Cookies and Coffee will be served.

Tuesday, February 11

"Hospice is Living"

Speaker: Laura Lea Fossenbarger

Laura Lea will provide educational and inspirational stories to share the truth of how hospice can be a beautiful journey for clients and offer support for families.

Tuesday, February 25

"Presidential Gravesites"

Speaker: Margo Prentiss

Using slides taken by George Miller, the Curator will talk about Presidential gravesites from Washington to Nixon

Tuesday, March 10

"Equality is the Sacred Law of Humanity: A Look Back at the Women's Movement"

Speaker: Kirsten Wood

Plattsmouth Library Children's Librarian will give a book talk with add on information about the movement's leaders.

Tuesday, April 14

"Notable Women In Cass County"

Speakers: Sandra Allgeier and Pat Meisinger

Tuesday, April 28

"Nebraska Women Artists"

Speaker: Lonnie Dunbier

Tuesday, May 12

"The Phoenix Log Cabin"

Speaker: Butch Bouvier

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 24 and 31

"History for Fun: Why they Marched: The Centennial of Woman Suffrage"

Instead of brown bag programs on March 24 and 31, we have teamed up with Southeast Community College for a two-day class about the suffragist movement.

The classes will be on March 24 and March 31 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Dr. Spencer Davis will be the instructor. Tuition is \$29 and you must register with Southeast Community College. Go to: www.southeast.edu/PlattsmouthLC and select "Register Now" button or call 800-828-0072.

RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual meeting on November 7, Doug Duey was re-elected President.

Other officers elected were:
Del Hervey, Vice-President,
Pat Meisinger, Secretary and
Alicia Garbers, Treasurer.

Alicia is replacing Diane Berlett who retired as Treasurer.

Since Doug has passed away, Del will serve as Acting President until the Board appoints an interim president to fill Doug's term.

Elected to 3 year terms on the Board were Diane Berlett, George Eledge and Don Gappa. Diane is replacing Bev Hirz, whose term ended in 2019. George and Don have been serving on the board and agreed to another 3-year term.

Volunteers were recognized for their help throughout the year. A total of 44 volunteers donated 1260 hours.

The evening ended with a program by the Lemon Twist Quartet from Omaha.

Membership Renewal Time?? Is the date highlighted on your address label? If so, it means 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 via e-mail will receive a notice when your membership is due.)

Memberships, Donations and Memorials

Received between October 1, 2019 and January 10, 2020. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

MEMBERSHIPS for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 CORNERSTONE CLUB

Limestone

N & B Henry Rentals
Betty Henry

W-M.Farms, Inc.
Robert Meisinger

Sandstone

Brian P. Harvey Funeral Home
Brian P. Harvey

Duane L. Hobscheidt

Henry Hobscheidt Motors
Jeff Henry

McKnight Family Dental
Dr. James McKnight
Dr. Douglas McKnight

Pankonin's Inc
David Pankonin

MEMBERSHIPS Century

Tom & Kathy Copmann, FL
David & Sharon Lybarger
Roger Wehrbein

Promoter

Roger & Linda Behrn
Diane Berlett
Kevin P. Bertrand, CA
Kathleen Bestor, CA
Larry & Elly Biederman
James E. Case
Glenn & Sharon Eager
George & Arlene Eledge
Kristin Friedrich, CA
Evan F. Holly
H. Margo Prentiss
Dr. Bill & Marilyn Rishel
Michael Schuldt
Tom & Della Sullivan
Frank & Joyce Swanson
William M. Wehrbein
Virginia Wickham, MO

Booster

Louis & Lola Austin
Phyllis Buell
Jerry & Carol Burgess, FL
Mike & Marilyn Cahalane (new)
Cindy S. Drake
Renee Hart-Thakur
Herb & Nancy Heil, CA
Terry & Georgia McCarl
Garry & Becky Martin
Gene & Evelyn Meier
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein
Deb Woster

Friend

Karen Allen, gift
Judy Andres
Jim & Alice Miller Bryant
Rob & Melissa Church, gift
Dan & Patty Cunningham, gift
Linda Duncan
Terry & Julie Duncan, gift
Myrna Esluer
Jean M. Gammell
Carol Gray
Fran Guthrie, OR, gift
Greg & Rita Hartel
Carroll Hudson
Nola Marcy
Ruby Moss, gift
Carl & Jayne Ofe
Pam Osthus
JoAnn Pryor, CA
Betty Altschaffl Root, CA
Minnie Mae Sayers
Patricia Wagner
Bruce & Annette Wiles
Donna Work, IL (new)

DONATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary
Betty Holmstedt
Daisy Richards

Genealogy Donations

Larry Baird
Anabel Graetz, MA.
Gina Sammis, CO
Cynthia Trygstad, CO
Donna Work, IL

Donation toward

Annual Meeting Silent Auction
Jan Matisco, CA

Capital Improvement Grant
for Pirogue Shelter
Cass County Tourism

MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of

Anne Begley

Bill & Sandra Allgeier
Bill & Sally Babbitt
Diane Berlett
Fred & Pat Meisinger
Paul & Susan Rice
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Richard "Dick" Berner

Mary Berner
Maxine Hild
Fred & Pat Meisinger
Steve & Marlene Rishel
Diana Strokan
Tom & Della Sullivan
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Douglas V. Duey

Bill & Sandra Allgeier
Diane Berlett
Jim Case
David & Vicki Chebatoris
Betty Henry
Russell & Kim Kathol
Paul & Nancy McManis
Ellyn Meisinger
Fred & Pat Meisinger
JoAnn Neu
David & Lori Pankonin
Plattsmouth Optimist Club
H. Margo Prentiss
Paul & Susan Rice
Tom & Della Sullivan
Charles & Irene Warga
Dan & Marlys Wehrbein

Edward Jones

Maxine Hild

James Kraeger

Fred & Pat Meisinger

Harry Charles Marker

H. Margo Prentiss

Dorothy Meisinger

Thomas Carneal, MO

Jackie Zajics Redden

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

Rock Bluffs School Fund in memory of Penny Moore

Tom & Della Sullivan

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 _____

Zip _____

Phone # and e-mail _____