



WINTER NEWSLETTER

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

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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....

As I mentioned in the Fall Newsletter, we have decided to move ahead with plans for major renovation and expansion of the museum. We have been quietly working with some possible major donors and have already some significant amounts. The Board is fully committed to this growth and expansion to our museum. We have had the proceeds from the sale of land donated by Dr. John Gilmore since 2000 and have decided that the time is to do it now or forget it. That \$1 million has grown to \$1,200,000 now and we have since added to it. We also had a bequest from him that established a Perpetual Endowment Fund totaling \$1,700,000. The principal cannot be used, but the interest can be used for operating funds which will help to maintain and preserve our future.

We will soon be launching a broad financial drive for all who are interested in supporting and remembering our heritage, particularly our rural and small town culture in Cass County. (We must show local support before foundations are interested.) We definitely need more display and storage area. The proposed architectural plan is for a two story addition, approximately doubling our present facility. Various levels of giving will be recognized, as well as naming rights for individual projects. It is our hope that many pioneer families in the county would want to proudly remember and display their individual pioneer history which would be shown in display panels, as well as in book form.

Sandra Allgeier has a power point presentation about our plans if you are interested in a program for a group.

Roger Wehrbein, President



Donations for the building fund should be made payable to the
Cass County Historical Society Foundation.

Memberships, Donations, and Memorials
Received between Sept.30,2023 and January 10,2024
Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

Exhibits & Programs

There is always something new to see in the museum! Exhibits are changed quarterly in our Davis Conference room and in the front display case.

Victorian Art: Pyrography
on exhibit through March 23,2024

On view in the cases on the West wall will be Pyrography (wood burning) .

Most of the pieces are by Luvenia Grimes Comer. Displayed with the Pyrography are examples of lace,embroidery and crocheting also from the Victorian Period

Prints & Paintings by John Falter
January 30- March 23, 2024

On the East wall will be two paintings and a selection of prints by John Falter who was born in Plattsmouth

Front display case: Valentines
January 9 – March 23

Brown Bag Programs

The programs start at 12:00 and are usually over by 1:00.

Tuesday, February 13

“History of Pankonin's Inc”

Speaker: David Pankonin

Dave will talk about the history of the Pankonin five generation farm equipment business which was established in 1883 and is Cass County's oldest family business.

Tuesday, February 27

“History of Plattsmouth Public Library”

Speaker: Pat Meisinger

Tuesday, March 12

To be announced

Tuesday, March 26

“Presidential Birthplaces”

Speaker: Ken Beckman

From log cabins to luxury mansions and everything in between, this presentation will feature photographs and unique historical insights about the birthplaces of U.S. Presidents by the speaker who has visited all of them.

MEMBERSHIPS

Cornerstone Club

Marble

Mark E. Leibman

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Pankonin's Inc.

David Pankonin

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Benefactor

George Ebersole, IL, new

Century

Bill & Susanne Astley

Larry & Debra Baird, new

Roger & Linda Behrns

Craig & Marjorie Buescher

Edward & Susann Dellinger

Butch & Dobey Haws

Shirley Beine McDonald

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Sharon Smith

Diana Duey Strokan

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Richard Wassinger

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

MEMBERSHIPS, continued

Promoter

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Sharon Cook Chamberlin,NM

Dan & Patty Cunningham, gift

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Myrna Esluer

Andrew & Madison Garey, new

Fran Guthrie, OR, gift

Don Jacobson, IA

Nola L. Marcy, TX

Ruby Moss, gift

JoAnn Pryor,CA

Kristi Shotkoski, gift

Larry Vallery, IA gift

Laura Weakley, gift

**Donations, Memorials & Building fund donations received
between September 30,2023 and January 10,2024**

Donation to Log Cabin Fund
Marjorie Bock, CA

Donation to Pirogue Fund
Owen Benson

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of
Bill Babbitt,Deloris Gall,
Duane Heim, Doris Hirz,
Clyde Thompson,
Norma Wiles
and Walt Williams
Mary Sullivan Berner

Eilene Brannon
David & Sharon Lybarger

Dee Gall
Lawrence & Kristine Shotkoski

Wanda Hudson
Doris Landon
Carl & Jayne Ofe

Sharon Pohlmeier
Dave & Sharon Lybarger

Donations
Genealogy Donation
Katie Schwieger, WY

Donation
from drawing held at bank
Citizens State Bank

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. There is also an option to use PayPal to pay your membership or make other donations. To use PayPal, visit our website

www.casscountynemuseum.org
and go to the page "Make a Donation"

DONATIONS TO
CCHS FOUNDATION
FOR THE
NEW BUILDING FUND
Pioneer

David & Paul Pankonin
Pankonin's Inc

Homesteader
H.Fred & Pat Meisinger
in memory of
Hugo, Dora & Bob Meisinger

Cass Countians
Roger & Linda Behrns

Mark E.Leibman
Mark E. Leibman Trust

Leigh Jean Koinzan
& John Sullivan

Roger Wehrbein
in memory of Jeanene Wehrbein

New Building Friends
Bill & Sandra Allgeier
Bill & Susanne Astley
George Eledge
Mel Luetchens
David & Sharon Lybarger
Maureen E. McGrath
H. Margo Prentiss

Jim & Carol Elworth
in memory of Herb & Joey Elworth

Alicia Garbers in memory of
Henry & Sophie Vinduska

Lanny Glup
in memory of Nolan C. Glup

Roger Hild
in memory of Vivian Hild

Annual Meeting Results

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The Annual Meeting was held on November 9 at the Murray Christian Church. Fifty-one members attended.

After a dinner that was catered by Jennifer Sommer,a business meeting was held that included an election of officers and board members. Elected

to one year terms were
President: Roger Wehrbein
Vice-President: Brad Ksiazek
Treasurer: Alicia Garbers
Secretary: Pat Meisinger

Elected to three year terms expiring in 2026 as board members were Sandra Allgeier, Roger Behrns, and Del Hervey.

A silent auction was held and brought in \$480.00.

The evening ended with a program by Debby Greenblatt about the music and poetry of McGinnis Churchill.

Debby played songs on her fiddle and poetry was read by Pat Meisinger and Ashley Mueller, great-great-grand-daughter of McGinnis Churchill.

Did you know that there are
21,588 history organizations in the
United States?

The American Association for State and Local History just released the results of their 2022 National Census of History Organizations. It revealed a total of 21,588 history organizations(that's more than the number of Walmarts, McDonalds, Starbucks and public libraries.)

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.

MUSEUM HOURS:

Open All Year

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

To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill out the form below and mail with your check to the museum. There is also a PayPal option on our website.

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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