



## SPRING NEWSLETTER

April, May, June, 2024

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

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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.*

### From the President's Desk....

WOW!! What a wonderful turnout from across the county for our kickoff dinner at the Cass County Fairgrounds on March 18. Over 100 attended and it was very encouraging to see the interest expressed in our proposed renovation and addition to the museum. Campaigns like this are slow and deliberative but we are optimistic that the momentum will continue to grow and our goal will be reached in a timely manner.

Thank you to all of you who came and your interest in this project. Your continued supported will be appreciated, and will help us in seeking grants from other sources.

On another note, we are continuing to have local programs at the museum and the caboose. There will also be a new sign erected in commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804 courtesy of the Mouth of the Platte organization. Dedication will be **June 15** during our Living History Day.

We welcome Lisa Grotrian to the Board. We also welcome Roger Behrns as Vice-President upon the resignation of Brad Ksiazek.

We appreciate the interest in our activities and the support we have from the community. Once again, Cass County has a rich history going back to the native Americans and our pioneers. Preserving our heritage and ancestry is important

*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 January 11 and April 1, 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.

**The Art of Pyrography**  
**(Woodburning)**

**continuing through April 20**

Most of the pieces in the exhibit are by Lavenia Grimes Comer. Examples of lace, embroidery and crocheting are also on display.

**The Plants of Lewis and Clark**  
**April 23 through July 27**

Photographs by Linda Barnard Duncan In 1804, Lewis and Clark camped in what is now Cass County. For the Bicentennial of their visit in 2004, Linda Duncan gathered specimens and took photographs of plants that are native to Cass County and are mentioned in the journals of Lewis and Clark.

**Beautiful Merritt Beach**  
**April 30 through August 24**

This annual exhibit of photographs and memorabilia from the popular recreation area that closed in 1989 always brings back many memories.

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**Brown Bag Program**  
**April 23, 12:00**

**“The Plants of Lewis and Clark”**

On the opening day of our exhibit, Linda Duncan will tell about her search for plants native to Cass County and mentioned in the Journals of Lewis and Clark.

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**Living History Day**  
**Saturday, June 15, 2024]**

See enclosed flyer  
And mark your calendar!

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**Cornerstone Club**

**Granite**

Citizens State Bank  
Julie Schmale

**Sandstone**

American Exchange Bank  
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Leigh Jean Koinzan and

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Dan & Marlyns Wehrbein

**MEMBERSHIPS, continued**

**Booster**

Jeanie Brookhouser  
Jerry & Carol Burgess, FL  
Diana Wiles Capaldi, PA  
Terry & Georgia McCarl  
Garry & Becky Martin  
Scott & Lynette Roberts, new  
Irene Warga  
Cynthia Wilcox  
Loris Wiles  
Deb Woster

**Friend**

Ken Beckman  
Marie Gregorie, new  
Sherrill Konfrst  
Barb Krejci  
Ellyn Meisinger  
Carl & Jayne Ofe  
Sheryl Parshall, new  
June Ann Wagner  
Brian & Amanda Wagner, gift  
William & Lisa Wagner, gift  
Jacquelyn Zimmer

**DONATIONS**

Susan Dellinger  
Dave Nielsen  
Scott & Lynette Roberts

**DONATION IN APPRECIATION**  
**FOR TOUR**

Nebraska Wander Freunde  
Trailblazers

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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](http://www.casscountynemuseum.org) and go to the page “Make a Donation”

**Special Summer Hours**

Again this summer, June through August, the farm building and shed in the courtyard and the cabin, caboose and pirogue at the end of Main Street will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00 to 4:00.

**Donations, Memorials & New Building Fund Donations received  
between January 11 and April 1, 2024**

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**In memory of  
Buster Baxter**

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

**Benne Rae Speck Beins**

June Ann Wagner

**Millard Carnes**

Diane Berlett  
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Diane Berlett  
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**Donation to**

**Rock Bluffs School fund**

**in memory of  
Ruth Merklin**

Jim & Alice Miller Bryant  
Ellyn Meisinger

**DONATIONS TO  
CCHS FOUNDATION**

**FOR THE  
NEW BUILDING FUND**

**Cass Countians**

David & Mary Nielsen

**New Building Friends**

Bill & Susanne Astley  
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Elbie & Darlene Lamb

Ellyn Meisinger

Ronald Nolte

Scott & Linda Sparks

Violet Sparks

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

Jacquelyn Zimmer

**Donation in memory of  
Fred & Gladys Buell**

**to the New Building Fund**

Frances Elaine Buell

**Donation in memory of  
Merle Buell**

**to the New Building Fund**

Phyllis Buell

Ken & Julie Buell

Mark & Sondra Buell

Carolyn & Brian Geschke

**Donation in memory of  
Maynard Ramge**

**to the New Building Fund**

Larry Vallery, IA

**Donation in memory of  
The Bergmanns of Cass County  
to the New Building Fund**

Ken & Joan Aylor & Family

**Donations in Memory of  
Della Sullivan  
to the New Building Fund**

James & Stephanie Ball

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Randall & Candace Rehmeier

Paul & Susan Rice

Sharon Smith

Tom Sullivan

Irene Warga

Roger Wehrbein

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

and numerous cash donations.

**Donation in Memory of  
Buster Baxter**

**Bill Faris**

**Norman Manley  
to the New Building Fund**

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

**Donations in Memory of  
Millard Carnes  
to the New Building Fund**

Janice Carnes

Carol Gray

Dave & Sharon Lybarger

**Donations in Memory of  
Vernetta Gochenour  
to the New Building Fund**

Jerry & Carol Burgess, FL

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**

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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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