



**Special Newsletter
June, 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.....

Last weekend I drove to Colorado on I-80 along the Platte River. It's a beautiful drive really. Along the way I saw what were deep gouges in the landscape which appeared to have been created from wagon wheels and I thought about the vast migration that occurred during the 1860's and 1870's following the passage of the Homestead Act. Cass County Nebraska was deeply involved in that westward expansion as many pioneers took riverboats from St. Louis or New Orleans upriver to Plattsmouth where they began their westward trek on the South Platte trail. Others came from the east by train and crossed with their wagons by Ferry boat across the Missouri River in Plattsmouth.

The bulk of our collections at the Cass County Historical Museum is from that great westward migration era and helps to tell the story well. It's important to future generations that we preserve and make available our valuable collection and the history that they tell so well. To accomplish our mission it is essential that we have your continued membership support. Please renew your annual memberships if you haven't already done so and please consider increasing your level of financial contributions. We depend upon your loyalty and appreciate your support.

--Douglas V. Duey, President

100 years ago in Cass County, June, 1915:

S. J. Reames opened an Ice Cream Parlor in Cedar Creek

The movie "The Spoilers" opened at the Air Dome and Gem Theatres in Plattsmouth. Tickets were 25 cents.

Roy W. Knorr was getting ready to open a new business in Plattsmouth and sell goods ranging in price from 5 to 50 cents

The District Convention of the Cass County Sunday School Association took place in Mynard.

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.

**"Remembering the Greatest Generation:
World War II"**

March 31 - June 28, 2015

August of 2015 will mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. We have had many items donated recently that belonged to Cass County veterans who served in World War II. One of the most interesting is a scrapbook compiled by Charles Tasler who was a prisoner of war.

**"John Falter: Painting and Prints"
March 31- June 28, 2015**

John Falter was born in Plattsmouth in 1910. He is best known for his Saturday Evening Post cover illustrations. This exhibit will include a selection of his works from our collection: an egg tempera painting of his grandfather's house "the Heights", lithographs from his Amish series, and prints from the "Sea to Shining Sea" bicentennial series.

**"Wildflowers of Cass County:
Photographs by Linda Barnard Duncan"
June 30 - August 30, 2015**

This exhibit was originally created for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial in 2004. It includes color photographs by Linda Duncan of plants native to Nebraska and mentioned in the journals of Lewis and Clark.

**"Take Time Out and
Learn about Cass County History"
continuing through August 30**

Pocket Watches are displayed along with photographs from each town in Cass County.

Special Event

**Annual Summer Open House
at Rock Bluffs School
Sunday, July 19
2:00 - 4:00 pm.**

Mark your calendars for an afternoon at Rock Bluffs School on July 19. The one room brick school house opened 145 years ago as Naomi Institute.

News about Past Events

Nebraska Museums Association Conference

A total of 76 people from 26 Nebraska towns attended the Nebraska Museums Association Conference in Plattsmouth April 13 and 14 !

Third Grade Tours

During May, 111 third graders from Plattsmouth Elementary visited the museum. Our thanks to Susan Rice, Diane Berlett, Jerry Blackwell, Marilyn Meisinger, and John Williams for helping with the tours. Some of the students sent us letters after the tours; here are a few of their comments:

"I was so glad to be at the cool tour with you. I wish I could visit some other time."

"History Rocks"

"Thank you Cass County Museum for teaching Plattsmouth history. That was so cool because I got to see pictures of Abraham Lincoln. Thank you so much"

"It was awesome."

"You rock. Thank you for the tour and thank you for teaching me. It was really fun.

"Thank you for showing the old stuff from the old days!"

Volunteer Opportunities

**We are in need of volunteer receptionists on
Tuesdays from 12:00 to 4:00 and Saturdays or
Sundays from 12:00 to 4:00. If you are
available, please call the museum.**

Cornerstone Club.....Memberships.....Donations.....Memorials
Received between March 27 and June 4, 2015. Donors live in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

CORNERSTONE CLUB

Sandstone

Harvey Funeral Home, new
Brian Harvey

Murray State Bank

Joyce E. McCoulla, VP

Pinnacle Bank, Louisville

Allan Mueller

Plattsmouth Main Street

Association, new

Charles Jones

Steube's Thriftway, #909

Donald Steube

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In honor of Jerry and Mary

Reinholt on their 50th

Wedding Anniversary

Fred & Pat Meisinger

MEMORIALS,

In memory of

Steve Lewis

Ted & Carol Wehrbein

Clark Wiles

Maxine Hild

Dean & Marilyn Meisinger

Paul & Susan Rice

Diana Duey Strokan

Charles & Irene Waga

A long time member of the Historical Society, **Robert Gaines**, passed away May 2 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1947 and had a long career in the Marine Corps. Later, he became an English, Speech and Drama teacher in Las Cruces.

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. **Our fiscal year ends June 30. Your renewal before June 30 will help us end the year without a deficit.**

E-newsletter

If you have internet and would prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please send us an e-mail and put "electronic newsletter" in the subject line. Those receiving the electronic newsletter will receive a notice by e-mail when their membership is due.

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)**

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- _____ **Marble (\$1,001 and up)**
- _____ **Granite (\$501-1,000)**
- _____ **Limestone (\$251-500)**
- _____ **Sandstone (\$100-250)**

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