

# MCHS Newsletter

MURRAY COUNTY HISTORICAL

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

## Another successful Parade of Trees

The Historical Society once again pulled off a very successful Parade of Trees. This was the eighteenth year for the annual event and we had over twenty five trees decorated this year at the museum and Dinehart/Holt House. Approximately 150 visitors came and viewed the trees along with the MCC first grade classes. Voting for your favorite tree was

once again a big hit with the Lake Wilson Study Club winning with \$60.56. The Fulda Reading Club came in second with \$23.00. Thanks to all who voted as the money helps out with museum projects. Another highlight brought to us by Lola Rambosky was a revolving, musical tree stand that was from Buckles "V" Store and had belonged to Edna

Galles who worked there. We are pleased to have this addition to our Christmas decorations.



- *If you have a yellow mark on your address your membership is due - \$10 per person or \$125 for a lifetime membership. Married couples count as two so their fee would be \$20 together.*

## Dinehart/Holt House Happenings

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Our second attempt at Vendor Splendor went well with ten different vendors displaying their wares. This included the bake sale by the historical society which was very successful. Thank you to those that brought baked goods. We will have this again next year so if you know of anyone who would like to participate let us know.

We have had three showers at the house and a chocolate party.

The county is now advertising to get the shingling and painting done so hopefully we can have that all over with by the fair. The house will look so nice when it has color on it. We've received all the paint from our Valspar grant and it's already mixed and ready to go.

The society has purchased a beautiful display case made by Joe Schreier of Currie.

Jolene has been doing some more painting in the piano room, judges room and in the kitchen so things are looking different around there. The historical society now charges a \$3 fee to tour the house unless they are hosting an open house. We feel it is a worthwhile charge for all the work that has been done to make it look like it did years ago. Rental fees for using the building go to the county.

## 2nd Annual Spring Fling Table Tour to be held



We had so much fun last year with our table setting tour we decided to do it again this year. The table setting tour will take place on Friday, April 23 in the 4-H Building at

the fairgrounds in Slayton. Tables can be decorated any way you want from fancy to fun! Last year we had 12 tables decorated and we would like to double or triple that number. If you got some interesting dishes or an idea for a theme table give us a call at the museum and sign up - 836-6533. We welcome anybody to do a table, groups, individuals, clubs, businesses, lets make this a competition.

There will be voting for your fa-

vorite table and a door prize along with raffled prizes. As a hostess you will need to sell five tickets to your friends or family for \$10 each and the sixth ticket is free for you. A delicious meal will be served with an Italian theme this year.

So get your dishes out and give us a call to sign up as host or hostess, we welcome anyone to decorate a table. This fundraiser will go towards the new front on the museum so please help us out.

## *What's happening at the museum*

It's been a long, cold, snowy winter here at the museum. Hopefully with new doors and windows installed, next year will be toastier! We have been working hard to raise funds to fix up our front and thanks to all who have given us donations towards that, we really appreciate it. The commissioners have given us the go ahead with ordering material and finding contractors to do the work. The county has agreed to help defray some of the costs so it is full steam ahead.

A grant that had been submitted by Diane and President Chris Hansen to the Minnesota Historical Society has been approved. We asked for \$13,000 to help with the roof at the Dinehart/Holt House and we will receive the full amount. This was good news for

us.

The museum received an upright display case with lights from The Hut in Slayton. It's very fancy and looks good here, thanks to them for thinking of us! VIP Floral will be donating an army surplus generator when the weather straightens up and it can be easily moved to the Sierk Building. Thank you to them. Paul Kurtis from Roseville has contacted us about donating the sign that stood in front of the Chandler Air Base and making a display of all who served there. We are excited about getting that in the museum. He will be visiting us in May.

Our Shalom Hill Farm tour was cancelled this year because of the weather - imagine that! Hopefully they can travel here next year.

Approximately 40 MCC students visited the museum one morning and listened to Bill Bolin, Earl Halverson, Orv Grieme and Tom Pryor tell old sports stories from their school days. Ryan Beers from MCC lined up this venture and the students looked through old scrapbooks and visited with the goat, who is resting comfortably in a plexiglass case. The guys had a good time reminiscing and the students enjoyed their stories.

With the huge accumulation of snow and ice on the museum roof the top portion of the garage door in the back of the museum started to crack and cave in. Rick Manderscheid has braced it up with boards and it will be repaired when the weather permits. Hopefully the door will be replaced with a roll up garage door, much easier for us.

## *Upcoming events for the historical society*



In connection with the 100th Murray County Fair we will be hosting a wedding exhibit at the Dinehart/Holt House. This event will be happening from Wednesday, August 18 through Saturday,

August 21 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The house will be filled with all different types of wedding attire from new to old and in between. Of course cake and coffee will be served daily. The charge for this event will be \$3 per person. If you have an old or unique wedding outfit and would be willing to loan it please give us a call at the museum. We are also looking for ways to display them, if you have a form for clothing or dress displays that we could borrow please let us know.

During the city of Slayton's Days of 87' in July we will once again have a lawn social at the Dinehart/Holt House after the parade on Saturday. This will be a fundraiser for the museum and all proceeds will go towards the front renovation. Over at the museum that day we are setting up another Old Tyme Photo Shoot for that afternoon so look for more information to follow.

## **New members wanted**

Membership numbers have been shrinking lately at the Murray County Historical Society. We need new members as well as renewals from our current members. Check your address label and if there is yellow on it your membership has run out. Please renew once again and help out the society, we need that revenue to keep us going strong. We are thankful that the county helps us

out as well as other organizations who donate to us, but we still need membership money to keep us going. If you know someone who would be a good member tell them about us! The dues are still a bargain at \$10 a person or \$125 for a lifetime membership. Couples, make sure you send \$20 as it is per person.

*Volunteer Dinner was held on March 18 at the Dinehart/Holt House. Board members provided the meal. Thanks for helping us out in 2009!!*

## ***Rent the Dinehart/Holt House for your next party!***

Have an event coming up? Why not have it in a beautiful, historic house. The Dinehart/Holt House has been the setting for many showers, meetings and tea parties. The rental fees are: up to 15 guests - \$25, 16 to 25 guests - \$50, 26 to 50 guests - \$75 and 51 to 100 guests - \$100. We ask for a damage deposit of \$150 before

the event when the rental agreement is signed. As this wonderful house is on the National Register of Historic Places and it is a county building some restrictions do apply. No alcohol is allowed unless through a licensed caterer, no lit candles and no touching or re-arranging of furniture. Chairs

are available for fifty and banquet tables are available. We also have a microwave, refrigerator, luncheon sets, plates and cups, unless you prefer paper you can bring your own. Give us a call at the museum if you would like to reserve the house for your party.



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***Murray County Historical Society Membership Dues Notice***

The mission of the Murray County Historical Society is to collect, preserve and promote the history of Murray County. Be a part of this exciting historical experience by becoming a member of the MCHS or renewing your current membership. Membership entitles you to:

- \*FREE museum admission
- \*FREE in-house assisted research
- \*DISCOUNT on photocopies
- \*FREE seasonal newsletter

Individual membership dues are a bargain at \$10.00 per year and run from January to December. Lifetime memberships are \$125.00. Please mail a check payable to the Murray County Historical Society and send to P.O. Box 61, Slayton, MN 56172.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Our records indicate that your membership is valid through \_\_\_\_\_