

Transcending Time

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Images from “Journey Stories,” a Museum on Main Street exhibit coming to the CCHS, will include this photo of Florida migrants.

Provided photo.

Smithsonian Institution, “Journey Stories” comes to the Carver County Historical Society

December 11, 2010-January 22, 2011, the Carver County Historical Society will host a new exhibit titled *Journey Stories*. Part of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street exhibits, *Journey Stories* focuses on tales of how we and our ancestors came to America. From Native Americans to new American citizens and regardless of our ethnic or racial , everyone has a story to tell. The *Journey Stories* exhibit is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything – families and possessions – to reach a new life in another state, across the continent, or even across an ocean.

The CCHS is one of only five locations in Minnesota chosen to host this exhibit. In coming months, watch for a plethora of information and events in conjunction with this program. Teacher lesson plans are available from the Smithsonian Institution web site for this event.

For more information on *Journey Stories* please visit the Smithsonian teacher resource website:
http://museumonmainstreet.org/journeystories/journey_class.htm



Journey Stories is made possible in Minnesota by the Minnesota Humanities Center in partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society.

Journey Stories is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

SNIPPETS

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Time Passages

Al Steward & Peter White

**It was late in December, the sky turned to snow
All round the day was going down slow
Night like a river beginning to flow
I felt the beat of my mind go
Drifting into time passages
Years go falling in the fading light
Time passages
Buy me a ticket on the last train home tonight**

It seems that as I get older, time passes faster. "Like a river beginning to flow" so does time. The past year at the Carver County Historical Society has seemed more like a torrential current at times than a slow meandering river. We have accomplished so much but not without the undercurrents of stresses caused by the economy.

The opening of the redesigned Veterans Gallery has been a dream for ten years. Its redesign could not have been accomplished without the help of many, many volunteers and donors. While we still have approximately \$10,000 to raise, it should be noted that we are thankful for every donation. People contributed as they were able. One twenty dollar donation arrived with a note stating that was all the donor could afford and they wished it could be more. The gallery is a tribute to our Carver County veterans. We had hoped to make it theirs and so it is. One person deserves a special thank you, Dan Steinhagen.

This summer we bid adieu to Erin Anderson, our Education Coordinator. After a long search, Kyle Tredinnick was hired to replace Erin. Kyle is a new Education graduate from St. Cloud State University. Due to budget cuts, we could only offer him 30 hours per week but with the new Legacy grant opportunities it is hoped that we will be able to bring his hours up to 40.

In September of 2008, Minnesota voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. With a portion of these funds, the state legislature created the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund which is designated for history-related projects around the state. These Cultural Grants programs are seeded by a pool of \$6.75 million to be awarded in the 2010-11 biennium for "projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation." The Legacy fund is a state grant program administered by the Minnesota Historical Society. <http://www.mnhs.org/legacy/grants/overview2.htm>

With the beginning of 2010, we say a sad goodbye to nine year board member Val Barlau who has reached her term limit. Val has been instrumental in all aspects of the CCHS. I will always be thankful for her ability to take a job and run with it. She most recently served on the Education and Personnel Committees.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Carver County Commissioners for their stalwart support of the CCHS in these tough financial times. It is not possible to thank them for all their help. I hope a simple thank you will suffice.

Time continues to pass and the river will continue to run. It runs because of all our wonderful members. To all our members, thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you.

Wendy Petersen Biorn

Introducing the New Board Members



Joanie Buettgen - Joanie and her husband Mark have lived in Watertown for 26 years. They raised three children Melissa, Rene and Cary there. Joanie wrote a column entitled “Joanie's Journal” for the Carver County News. There she brought fresh story ideas to the residents of Carver County. She is also a volunteer at the Carver County Historical Society and is a member of the Watertown Area Historical Society, National Society of Newspaper Columnists and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Her goal, as a board member of the CCHS, is to add a missing Watertown link. In 2010, “we will enhance, preserve, and protect, the history of Carver County.”



Janet Fahey— Long time Carver county resident Janet Fahey grew up on a second generation farm just north of Cologne. She currently lives on a century farm in Norwood Young America with her husband John, and her two sons Jack (10) and Jerid (8). She works as the Sr. Director of Human Resources for Young America Corporation, whom she has been with for 15 years. Janet, a self-proclaimed “farm girl,” feels a certain obligation to helping preserve the history of the farms across Carver County that many have spent so much time building up. As part of this she has been working with Ruth Tremblay on a spring barn tour of Carver County. Janet will be a great asset to the Carver County Historical Society board by adding her specific historical knowledge and HR experience.



Dan Lund— Please join us in welcoming long time local-history enthusiast, Dan Lund. Dan has been employed by Chaska Machine and Tool, Inc. his entire adult life, having taken over leadership of the company from his father 15 years ago. Dan has been interested in the local history of the Victoria/Lake Minnetonka area since he was a teenager. Dan and his wife Ann live in Chanhassen with their three children, Hannah, Maria, and Charlie. All three children attend school in the Eastern Carver County School district. He is an avid snowmobiler.

The Minnesota Historical Society Awards Carver County Historical Society—A Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant

Without a concerted effort, our state's historical and cultural treasures are in danger of being lost to time. The Minnesota Historical Society awarded a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5800 to the Carver County Historical Society. The grant was approved by the Society's awards committee on January 4, 2010 and will support its Veterans Collection Storage Area Furnishings.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Minnesota Legislature from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November 2008. The grants are awarded to support projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state.

Veterans Collections Storage Area Furnishings

The Veterans Collections Storage Area Furnishings is a project of enduring value because it will create a safe, secure storage area for military collections, particularly firearms and improve the organization of and accessibility to firearms and military collections. The project begins on March 1, 2010, with an anticipated completion date of October 1, 2010. The project will include storage furniture for a new military collections storage area, including two custom cabinets for firearms and edged armament, three custom wardrobes for military uniforms, and five shelving units for 3D artifacts. This storage area will house military artifacts not exhibited in the museum's new Veterans Gallery, improve security for the firearm collection and, by moving firearms and military collections from other storage areas, create much-needed additional space for general collections.

"It is wonderful to see so many communities and local organizations benefitting from the Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants," said Britta Bloomberg, deputy state historic preservation officer. "Minnesotans should be proud of the unprecedented opportunities these grants provide for organizations to preserve and share our history and cultural heritage. The impact of projects supported by Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants will be felt throughout the state for many years to come."

CCHS Seeks Funding for Veterans' Gallery

Although the remodeling of the Veterans Gallery is almost done, we are still in need of donations to complete the project. It is estimated that gallery construction will cost approximately \$18,000. CCHS is looking for donors to sponsor portions of the display. Donors may choose which section they wish to sponsor and a plaque denoting sponsorship will be placed in the gallery upon its completion. If you would like to donate by credit card, please visit www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org and click on the "Donate" link on the front page. This will allow you to make a secure online donation through the PayPal service. We cannot take credit card donations at the museum. Any amount you feel you can give will be appreciated. Please help us create a memorial to those who have served.

Education and Volunteer Update

Special Interest:

- Summer Camp
- Registration now open
- Coming Events
- School Groups
- Call for Volunteers!
- Journey Stories

Education Department News

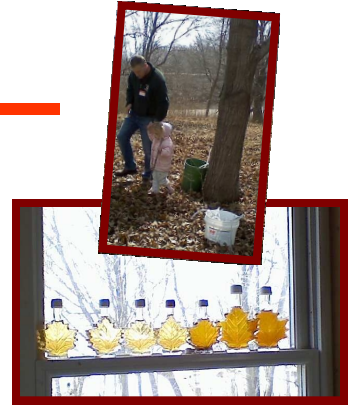
COMING EVENTS

“Maple Syrup Open House”

Saturday March 20th, 10 a.m.– Noon (Baylor Park)

Experience the making of maple syrup from tree to bottle! Join the Carver County Historical Society and Carver County Parks as we visit Baylor Park to explore how real maple syrup is made. We'll take a hike in the woods to learn how to identify a maple tree, the history of maple tapping in Carver County, and what exactly a sugar bush is. You'll even get to try your own Maple Sundae!

Ages: Open to all ages!



“Sherlock Holmes—In Minnesota?”

Saturday April 17th, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Eden Prairie author Jeff Falkingham, whose works of historical fiction have been described as "history disguised as a murder mystery," will talk about what was happening in Minnesota (including Carver County) during the late 1800s, and how and why he decided to bring Sherlock Holmes into his stories.

Ages: Grades 5-8



VOLUNTEER AT CCHS

Looking to strengthen your resume in these hard economic times? Volunteering with the Carver County Historical Society is a great way to gain valuable experience that will give you the edge for your dream job. If interested please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kyle Tredinnick at (952) 442-4234, or by e-mail ktredinnick@co.carver.mn.us

Volunteer Opportunities

General Needs:

- Newspaper Indexing
- Filing

Summer Needs

- Event Set Up
- Summer Camp Staff
- Volunteer with Masonry Experience

School Groups Filling Up!

Teachers needing a fun place to go for a field trip? Carver County Historical Society offers a variety of programs for a number of different age groups. March, April, and May are booking up fast, so call today to secure your spot!



Journey Stories

The Carver County Historical Society is proud to announce that we will be hosting the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit *Journey Stories*. We will need a number of volunteers to help lead visitors through the exhibit. If interested please contact Kyle Tredinnick.

Thank You Volunteers

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

2010 Summer Camps

Climbing Your Family Tree

June 28-30; 1-4 PM

August 23-25

Location: TBA

Cost: \$20/members

\$30/non-members

Ages: Grades 3-5



If you are looking for a way to get your kids interested in your family's history then **Climbing Your Family Tree** is a great way to introduce them to some of the different cultures that make up Carver County, and even get started on their own family tree!

Days of the Dakota

July 26-28, 8:30-11:30 AM

Location: CCHS

Cost: \$20/members

\$30/non-members

Ages: Grade 6-8

Explore what life and a typical day was like for the Dakota in the mid 1800s before televisions, electric heaters, and cars! Discover the mobile life of the Dakota and the challenges they faced.



Becoming a Junior Curator

July 12-16; 1-4 PM

Location: CCHS

Cost: \$30/members

\$40/non-members

Ages: Grades 3-5

Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a museum? Try your hand at being a Junior Curator! (A curator takes care of objects in the museum's collection.) Preserve and protect historic objects, explore your family history, imagine creating an exhibit, take a behind-the-scenes tour, and discover how to preserve things of your own! We'll even take an adventure to an archaeology dig site!



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