

Transcending Time

CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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“If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.”

— *Michael Crichton*

THE EMIGRANTS SERIES BOOK CLUB

You've heard all about them, You have seen them. NOW, is your chance to read them. *The Emigrants* written by Swedish Author Vilhelm Moberg are coming to a book club near you.

Local Swedish farmer Andrew Peterson kept a daily diary from the time he left Sweden to about 2 days before his death. This nearly 50 year diary provides a wonderful insight into the lives of early pioneer farmers and immigrants. After his death, the diaries were donated to the Minnesota Historical Society.

In the 1940's, Vilhelm Moberg discovered the diary at MNHS and used the information contained in them for the basis for a series of novels— *The Emigrants* (1949), *Unto a Good Land* (1952), *The Settlers* (1956) and *The Last Letter Home* (1959). The novels were published in English in 1951, 1954, and 1961, respectively. Two films, *The Emigrants* and *The New Land* were made from these books in the 1970's.

Join us as we explore these books, and the worlds of protagonists Karl Oskar and Kristina. Discover connections to Andrew Peterson as we explore one book per month.

*R.S.V.P.'s greatly appreciated,
but not required.*

Dates: Saturdays— April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23

Times: 10am-12pm

Location: CCHS

Books available at the CCHS
and through local libraries.

 *Friends of the*
Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 14

Time: 10:30am

Location: CCHS

Purpose: to support the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead through volunteer efforts

Come find out how you can support the farm and make a contribution!

SNIPPETS

Down on the Farm

Wendy Petersen Biorn

December, January, and February are statistically the slower months of the year for us. If it weren't for the Annual Meeting, and the massive number of year end reports, budget planning, newsletters, yearly goal setting.... Wait, did I say it was slower? Now that we have closed on the farm, the number of permits and permissions needed almost boggle the mind. Let me give you a couple of examples, of common questions that are asked and their answers. It may help explain why the process is slower than most people expect or want.

When will the farm be open for tours? Well, it is open for general walk ons, but we don't encourage it. It is still private use property. For us to use it as public property, we need to apply for and receive a **Conditional Use Permit** from Laketown Township and Carver County. This is a lengthy process which was started in January. First, Laketown approved the permit. Then, the request was sent to the County who did all the magical legal stuff they have to do, such as publicizing it in the official county newspaper, the Chaska Herald. Once this is done, it goes to a committee for approval, then finally to the County Board. If they approve it, we can give official tours to the public, in early May.

How is the north barn restoration proceeding? As everyone knows we received an \$182,223 Legacy grant to finish the work on the north barn. When the ownership of the north barn changed to the CCHS, the use of the building changed from private to public. The original structural/engineering report five years ago was designed to have the building put back into private use. Now, it will be used for public use. This means that the structural weight load for the floors must be reinforced to 100 pounds per square inch. The short story is that a new **engineering report** and drawing had to be completed. This document was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), for approval, which takes a month. With the drawings we are able to get a **building permit**. With the building permit we will be able to begin construction. After construction is complete, in about four months, the county inspector will take a look and if all passes, he will give an **occupancy permit**. Only then, can we have people enter the building.

Two More Grants!

In February, we received notice that two more Legacy grants were received by the CCHS. One for \$7612 is to microfilm four years of Carver County newspapers starting in 2008. It was in that year that the Minnesota Historical Society stopped microfilming. This grant is the first of several stages and will result in getting all the missing County newspapers microfilmed up to the current date. The last stage will allow us to microfilm several scrap-books we have that are used regularly. This help preserve the original copies. This project will last about three months.

The second grant for \$9729 is to help alleviate the back load of collections items that have not completed accessioning process. This is phase one of three. Diane Ittel has had her position expanded to sort collections items to determine what stage they are in in the process. She will then work to make sure all the documents needed are completed and properly entered into Past Perfect. The end result will be easier access to collections items, and better documentation. Think of it as the same process we completed with our photo collection. Once all the documentation is done, we and visitors will be able to find things in our collection quickly and accurately.

All totaled since December, we have received a total of \$199,663 in grant funds. Most of which came from the Legacy Fund. The Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grants Program has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008. Administered by the Minnesota Historical Society.



News from Around the County

Chanhasen Historical Society Chaska Historical Society

Wilkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America

Watertown Area Historical Society

Join us - Saturday, May 7, 2016 2 pm to 4 pm

A unique interactive experience. Discover the appraisal value of your priceless treasures!!



Chanhasen Recreation Center
(at Bluff Creek Elementary)

Treasures Uncovered™

Presented by
Chanhasen Historical Society

ASM Appraisal Specialists Midwest

Registration Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

Item 1 Description

Item 2 Description

Cost: \$15/item. Please make checks payable to the Chanhasen Historical Society.
Items reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail to P.O. Box 941 Chanhasen, MN 55317 or register online at www.chanhistorical.org. No dolls, jewelry, wristwatches or firearms.

PAYMENT

CREDIT CARD CHECK # of items _____ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
CARD TYPE _____ CARD NUMBER _____
CCV CODE _____ EXPIRATION _____
SIGNATURE _____



Make checks payable to the Chanhasen Historical Society
mail to: P.O. Box 941, Chanhasen, MN 55317
For more information about sponsorship and how you can get involved and support us, please contact us on line at www.chanhistorical.org or call 952-353-4547



Learning may lead
to new insights
and fun!!!

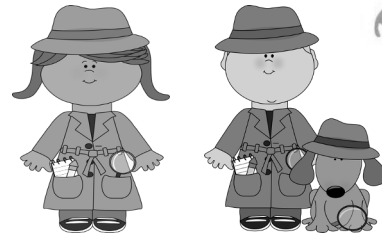
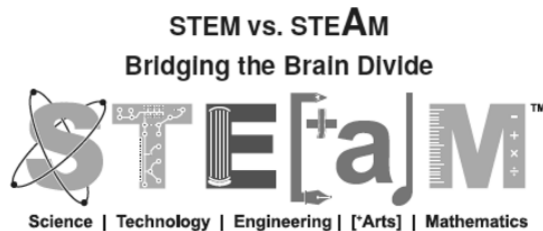
Education and Exhibit News

With Heidi Gould

Summer camps!

Parents, camp registrations will be available towards the end of February— sign up before the spots are gone. Themes this year: *The Name of the Game (K-2)*, *S.T.E.A.M. (K-2)*, *Junior Detective (3-5)* and *The World Around Us (3-5)*. Don't forget the joint *A Kid's Life* with the Parks and Libraries as well.

Don't forget to stop by and pick up this year's Family Events brochure as well!



Let's Play!

Life is more fun if you play games. ~Roald Dahl

Words of wisdom. And, here's your chance to play and learn, in the latest exhibit at the CCHS. "Let's Play!", inspired by Waconia's inclusion on the new Monopoly board, explores the world of games.

Games old, new, high tech and low. Come learn, explore and play in this fun and interactive new exhibit!

Games are the most elevated form of investigation. ~Albert Einstein

learning is
NOT
a spectator
sport.

so let's
PLAY!

Check out the latest Library exhibits!

- Dolls
- Doll Houses, Rooms and Accessories
- Corn Husk Dolls
- Handmade Toys

Now on display at the
Chaska, Chanhassen, Waconia, and NYA
Libraries!

