



# Transcending Time

CARVER COUNTY

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The Minnesota Historical Society Traveling Exhibits Program has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans.

## ***Minnesota Homefront, WWII***

### **Now Open**

**Homefront Saturday  
February 19th**

The Carver County Historical Society is proud to announce that we are hosting the Minnesota Historical Society's Traveling exhibit: *Minnesota Homefront, World War II*.

*Minnesota Homefront, World War II* explores the accomplishments, sacrifices, disappointments and challenges that have shaped the enduring legacy of Minnesota's Greatest Generation through their stories. In *Minnesota Homefront, World War II*, visitors find out what it was like to "make do" with rationing, farm during a severe labor shortage, work on the Iron Range, develop inventions for the war, be trained as a translator at Fort Snelling and endure a starvation experiment for science and the war effort.

This exhibit is on temporary loan from the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul and is traveling to venues throughout Minnesota. It is on display at the Carver County Historical Society until Saturday, March 5th, 2011.

Learn about life on the homefront during WWII. Make propaganda posters, victory garden seed packets, watch films about individuals who lived through WWII, and meet "Rosie the Riveter"! This will be an all day event, but families may come and go as they have time. Everyone welcome!

**10 to 3 PM**

**FREE**





## Annual Message from the 2010 CCHS Board President

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as the President of the CCHS over the last year. It was easy to take over when the past president, Mary Booth, had done such a tremendous job. What I have discovered most of all, is that the Board of the CCHS is a truly gifted group of people with each one having a vast array of expertise. I thank them for making my job so much easier and fun.

The staff at the CCHS is truly a remarkable bunch and deserves so much credit for the many successes in 2010. Some of the highlights are 6 new grants written and won for a total of \$23,799. Add that to the Legacy Veterans Gallery educational grant that was won the previous year but worked on in 2010 and it makes for a busy year. We are very thankful as we are very aware that the competition for grants during 2010 was intense. A most generous bequest from the Grivelli Estate was also received. It allowed us to add a new microfilm scanner and increased the endowment fund along with help funding other much needed areas. We had wonderful events such as the Chanhassen Dinner Theater display, the "Having a Swell time" postcard book, fundraisers, the County Fair and the Smithsonian exhibit, *Journey Stories*.

None of this could have been accomplished without the staff and all the tremendous volunteers that give their all for the CCHS. We have also been fortunate to have a new hire, Heidi Gould, as our Education Coordinator. She brings great enthusiasm to the position. You can tell by just looking at the increase in school numbers, tours, discussions and the like that our visitors love her. I do not want to single out any one particular person, so I ask that all the members of the CCHS take a moment to thank each other and the staff.

Larry Hutchings, our curator. Marlene Magnuson, a tremendous researcher. Heidi Gould, Education. Linda Nelson, what doesn't she do? Wendy Petersen Biorn, our Executive Director, all the Board members and especially our County Commissioner liaison Randy Maluchnik. I have known Randy for many years and his dedication to the Carver County community and its veterans is unequalled. As a Viet Nam veteran myself I can tell you that Randy cares not just with words but by action.

Finally, I am proud to report that the CCHS is fiscally sound and in great shape for the New Year. The only way an organization like ours can work is for everyone to feel as they are part of a big family. Part of my heritage goes back to the Mic Mac Indians of Quebec and there is a saying with all tribes but in the native Dakota language of Minnesota it is "Mitakuye Oyas'in," we are all related.

Peace and blessings for a successful and fulfilling New Year.

John B. Varone, President Carver County Historical Society

## SNIPPETS

**“To hope for the best and prepare for the worst,  
is a trite but a good maxim.”**

**Wendy  
Petersen  
Biorn**

**John Jay, 1813**

At the February board meeting, we review and plan our goals for the coming year. I remember so well, as if it were yesterday, saying my goal for 2010 was to get caught up. That lasted— maybe a month.

To hope for the best and prepare for the worst, is a trite but a good maxim is credited to author, John Jay. Many times I think of it as, “hope for the best and prepare for the worst, then make lemonade when life gives you lemons.” The truth is nothing much fazes me anymore and worrying is bad for your health so I have decided not to do it. The planning for the Smithsonian Institution exhibit *Journey Stories* started a year and a half ago, so when a snowstorm stepped in to cancel the grand opening we sighed, froze the cookies, saved them for another event and moved on. So much for planning. With the school budget cuts, we were lucky to acquire a Target Corporation grant in the amount of \$2,000 which provided free school bus transportation. Our highest visitor count one week was just over 600. Heidi was busy!

A historical society is a place that changes from day to day, depending on who or what donation walks in the door. This is not to mention turning on one’s computer to find a list of emails which demand attention immediately. The North Peterson barn is an example of one such emergency. Late July, about a week before the fair, I received a call informing me the North Barn had almost collapsed following a storm and needed immediate attention. So much for what I had planned that day. Long story short, we received not one but two Legacy grants directed at the North Barn. The first was for emergency stabilization and the second for planning which includes creating a draftsman’s drawing and bringing in engineers to determine the structural stability and work needed to restore the building.

We welcome the arrival of the Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood-Young America. The next Smithsonian exhibit, *New Harmonies*, will be arriving at the old NYA library which just happens to be the location of the new NYA Heritage Center. NYA will be celebrating the 150 year anniversary of Stiftungsfest this August. *New Harmonies* will, just by chance, be at the new history center at the same time. Now how did that happen?

Planning by many people culminated in the long awaited return of the 1910 Chaska fire apparatus. The machine may be viewed at the fire station in Chaska. The CCHS is only to happy to be part of the planning it took to bring this machine home.

Finally, I want to take a brief moment to thank everyone for their help over the last year. It is not possible to mention everyone. Members, volunteers, staff, Board members, county employees, and County Commissioners. It is only as a group, working as one that we succeed.

**Education Coordinator**—We once again found ourselves with a new education coordinator in 2010. Heidi Gould received her Masters in Museum Studies with a focus in museum education from Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. She is a real go-getter and we have heard nothing but good things about her.

**Legacy Fund**-When Minnesota voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, the state legislature created the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (H.F. 1231), a portion of which was appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society for history-related projects around the state. One of those new initiatives is the Statewide Historical and Cultural Grants program, 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."

**Grants**— A total of \$23,799 was received in grant awards in 2010. The grants received were from the Legacy Fund: Veterans storage shelving, Veterans Gallery educational programming, Peterson North Barn emergency stabilization and Peterson North Barn planning and engineering examination. Other grants included: \$2000 Target Corporation grant for school bussing to *Journey Stories*, and the award of *New Harmonies*, the next Smithsonian Institution exhibit.

**Major donations and bequests**- The Leona Grivelli estate distributed a partial disbursement of \$50,000. An additional amount will be distributed at a future date. Mary Erhard donated \$5,000 in memory of Wilfred Schneider. This donation was designated to the endowment fund.

**Journey Stories** – *Journey Stories* is a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution which is visiting us until January 22, 2011. The exhibition opened in May 2009 in Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, North Dakota and Oklahoma. The exhibition explores the mobile nature of Americans -- why we move, how we move, and what that says about us. In tours coordinated by state humanities councils, the exhibition will visit up to 30 states and 180 communities through 2015.

**New Harmonies**— *New Harmonies* is also part of the Museums on Main Street program through the Smithsonian Institution and the Minnesota Humanities Council. The exhibit will be located at the new Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood-Young America. The scheduled opening date is mid August.

**Interns**— In 2010, we hosted four interns. Graham James worked cataloging artifacts in conjunction with the Chaska History Center. James Milne and Adam Smith worked at cataloging in Waconia. Kristi Fordyce worked with the CCHS and Lenny Klevan Schmitz of the Carver County Parks system to design signs which will be installed on the Dakota Rail Regional Trail in Mayer.

**A Fond Farewell**—We lost long term board member and supporter, Emmy Therres in 2010. Her gentle manner and wisdom will be sorely missed. Volunteer Franklin Bahr will also be missed. Franklin was a photography pilot in WWII and spent many an hour working with Erin Anderson and school groups.



For helping us achieve our mission

By the Numbers

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
THE 2010 BOARD MEM-  
BERS**

- John Varone, *President*
- Kari Myrold, *Vice-President*
- David Porath, *Treasurer*
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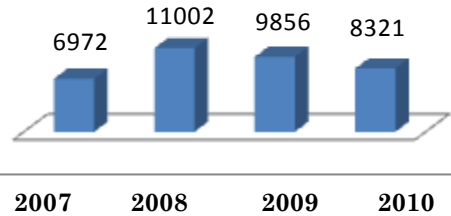
**1-50 Hours**

- Kaitlyn Andersen, *Drawings*
- Kevin Anderson, *Exhibits*
- Kermit Dietrich, *Education*
- Ron and Harriet Holtmeier, *Education*
- Kyle Henning, *Exhibits*
- James Milne, *Exhibits/Collections*
- Marge Murphy, *Library*
- Ali Ross, *Education*
- Mary Lou Teubert, *Library*
- Marina Kurochkina, *Collections*

**51-100 Hours**

- Joanie Buettgen, *Library*
- Andrew Clark, *Exhibits*
- James Mitchell, *Collections*
- Alice Siewart, *Library*

**Total Visitation**



**Memberships**

	2007	2008	2009	2010
CCHS	293	305	422	451
Chanhassen		33	211	217
Chaska	118	126	108	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>766</b>

**2010 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Exhibits	1284+
Collections	230+
Education	555+
Library	889+
Other	58+
<b>2010 Total</b>	<b>2516+</b>
<b>2009 Total:</b>	<b>3354+</b>

**101-200 Hours**

- Kim Johnson, *Library*
- Lois Johnson, *Collections*
- Lois Schulstad, *Library*
- Dianne Strandbberg, *Education/Events*

**201-300 Hours**

- Barbara Fiecke, *Library*

**301-400 Hours**

- Mary Kaufhold, *Library*
- Bret Pearson, *Exhibits*

**889 Hours**

- Wayne Bye, *Exhibits, Wood Shop*

# Education Department News

Heidi Gould

## Join the Fun at CCHS:

- **Saturday, February 19th- *Homefront Saturday*** Family Day! Come and learn about life on the homefront during WWII. Make propoganda posters, victory garden seed packets, watch films about individuals who lived through it, and meet “Rosie the Riveter”! This will be an all day event, but families may come and go as they choose. Date: 2/19/11, 10am-3pm, **FREE** of charge.
- **Saturday, March 19th-*Day of Play Family Day!*** We all play with toys and games. Come and explore the history of toys! Make your own toys, view toys from our collections, and share your favorites. 10 am-3pm. **FREE**
- **Summer Camps -NOW BOOKING –** Looking for inexpensive, fun and educational opportunities for your kids this summer? Sign up for a CCHS Day Camp. Each camp will be a week-long, some full days, some half days. This years themes are: **Decade-A-Day, Pioneer Camp, and New Harmonies!** For further details about these camps, see our website at [www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.com), or contact Education Coordinator Heidi Gould at (952)442-4234 or [hgould@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:hgould@co.carver.mn.us).

## *Journey Stories: What a Success!*

Thank you to all the schools, public and private, who helped to make *Journey Stories* such a successful run here at CCHS! Between school and senior groups alone, we had **1,311 visitors!** Add in 457 walk-ins, and WOW! Thank you! Also, a special thank you to the Target Corporation for their help in funding school bussing to visit *Journey Stories!*

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

EXHIBITS.....	1284+
COLLECTIONS .....	230+
EDUCATION .....	55+
LIBRARY.....	889+
OTHER.....	58+

**2010 TOTAL: 2,516+**

**THANKS!**



Volunteers make our world go round here at the Carver County Historical Society! Without your support, we would never be able to accomplish as many projects and goals as we do each year. Thank you for your dedication and support, no matter in what area—gardening, quilt-making, exhibits, or in the library!

# Special Thanks to CCHS Donors, New and Renewing Members-October-December 31, 2010

## Donations

### Memorials

Mary Erhard - in memory of Wilfred Schneider-designated for the endowment fund  
 Kevin & Pat Florek -in memory of Arthur H. Klobe  
 Tom & JoAnn Gorman -in memory of Sandra Albert  
 Don Leistkow - in memory of Peggy Schroeder  
 Jo Mihelich - in memory of Sandra Albert designated for the Andrew Peterson Farm  
 Georgiana Schafer - in memory of Arthur H. Klobe

### Donations

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 Lindsay Marshall – book  
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 Mark Olson - \$5.00 donation  
 Jean Williams – book  
*This is our Town*

### Annual Fund Drive Donations

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## Q & A

**Q**-If I am a member of the Chaska or Chanhassen Historical Societies, is it necessary to pay membership dues to the CCHS as well?

**A**-While some people choose to pay memberships to both organizations, it is not necessary. If you are a current member of the Chaska or Chanhassen Historical Societies you are automatically a member of the CCHS as well. Both organizations are affiliates of the CCHS which means we work together to help promote our mutual mission of collecting preserving,, and interpreting the history of Carver County.

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- Family \$25.00
- Sustaining \$50.00
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