



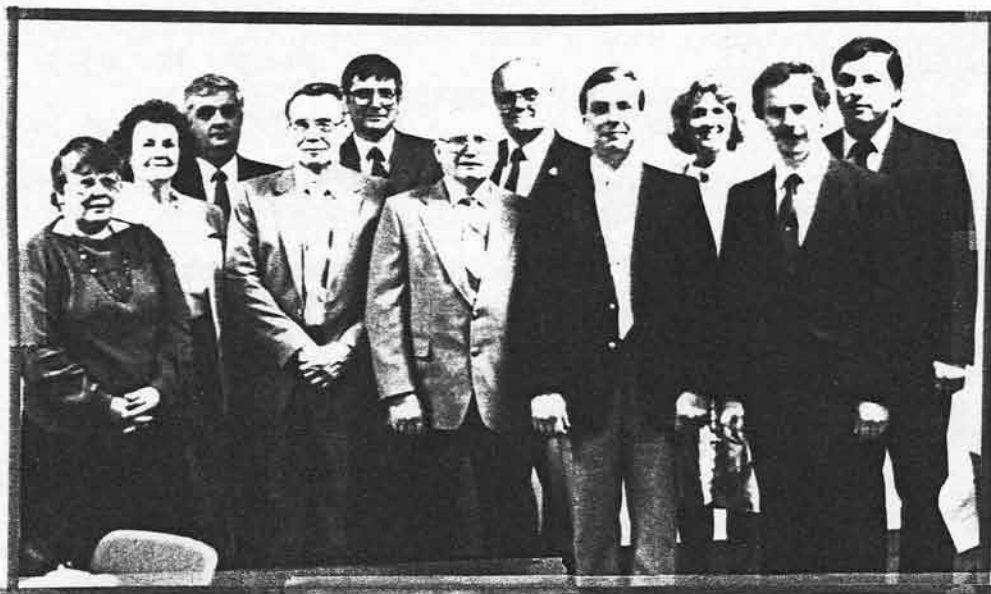
CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 28, 1988

The Annual Meeting of the Clay County Historical Society was held March 28, 1988 at the Heritage-Hjemkomst Interpretive Center. The evening began with a guided tour through the "Dinamation" exhibit at 5:30 and social hour from 5:30-6:30. At 6:30, dinner was served. Dan Skolness gave a welcome to the membership and the dinner blessing. Following the dinner, the business meeting was called to order by acting president, Mercedes Roos. The Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were approved as read. Then the new board members, John Butze and Lee Richards, were elected. Mercedes Roos then introduced the present and retiring board members along with the staff. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, Pam Burkhardt gave a presentation on the PAST Trunk Project. She mentioned what is in the trunks and what kind of educational materials are offered. Doorprizes were drawn after her presentation and many of the members did not go home empty handed. In conclusion, Mark Peihl gave a slide show on the "Stockwood Fill". Following the program, everyone was free to tour the "Dinamation" exhibit at their leisure. A total of 86 were in attendance.



Back Row L to R: Sherwood Peterson, Vern Pederson, Willis Kingsbury, Beth Iverson, Lee Richards. Front Row L to R: Mary Knopfler, Mercedes Roos, Loren Helmeke, Norman Bjordahl, John Butze, Dan Skolness.

"The West That Was"

The Heritage-Hjemkomst Center will be featuring the exhibit "The West That Was" this summer May 14 - September 18, 1988. Included in the exhibit will be a brief history of the history of the west and how it turned from no-mans-land into the land of dreams for many. We will explore everything from the cowboys clothing to the cowboys past times and the artifacts associated with the trade. We will be featuring a collection of firearms developed by the Winchester Company during the last decades of the 19th century from the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming. There will be a variety of western videos being shown. The exhibit will surround "live" stage area where the center will be hosting special performances throughout the summer. These are just a few of the highlights. Don't miss this exciting exhibit!!!



LINENS AND LACE

The Clay County Museum's summer exhibit will examine what it took to look nice in the good old days. Apparel from hats to shoes and many decorative accessories will be featured. One section will detail what wash day was like and another will look at the fine art of shaving. A bath is necessary, too, before getting dressed-up. This exhibit will open the second week in June.

DOORPRIZE WINNERS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Sherwood Peterson - Country Basket
Bob Larson - Country Basket
Bette Haring - Country Basket
Dan Skolness - Country Basket
Aubrey Thomas - Country Basket
Evonne Anderson - Country Basket
Dewey Possehl - Country Basket
Ted Herbranson - Country Basket
John Butze - Country Basket
Evelyn Langlie - Country Basket
Lorraine Langseth - Herbergers \$30
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Dorris Skolness - Book from the
HHIC Gift Shop
Norman Bergscid - Book from the
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Thoreson and Irene Bellmore all of
Moorhead.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members:

On April 26, 1988, the board of directors unexpectedly asked me to serve as your president for the next year. With some apprehension, I have accepted and I will do my best to serve the society as effectively as I can.

First, I would like to thank you for your support of the society and urge you to continue your support, as well as, encourage others to support us.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on some of the boards activities and some of our plans for the summer:

1. Our plans to hire a Director are on hold and we are going to discuss and study all aspects of our relationship and cooperation with the heritage center. Our goal is to have an association arrangement that is workable

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MAY 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18



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REWARD

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION & MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!

- MAY 14 - Exhibition Opens
- MAY 28-30 - Grand Opening
- JUNE 22-26 - Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival
- AUGUST 1 - Canadian Weekend
- AUGUST 18 - Regional Saloon Night
- SEPTEMBER 8 - Valley Fest Kickoff
- SEPTEMBER 18 - Exhibition Closes

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YOUTH . . . \$1.50
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College Students \$3.00
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HOURS:
Monday-Saturday
9:00 to 5:00
Sunday
Noon to 5:00

HERITAGE EDUCATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

by Pam Burkhardt

The workshop focusing on "Museums as Educators" was held at the Moorhead State University April 9. The morning session consisted of three speakers pointing out various aspects of education. Elizabeth Hannher made a presentation dealing with the museum and its audience. She also presented ways to gauge results of programs and exhibits. Grace Landin than spoke on the docents and their role in the museum. Finally, Bernice Richardson presented ideas to prepare the children for their visit to the museum. Planning seemed to be the theme which drew the talks together. The students must be prepared to attend the museum, the museum must plan exhibits that students can use, and docents must be prepared by the museum to educate using the exhibits and programming so all can benefit.

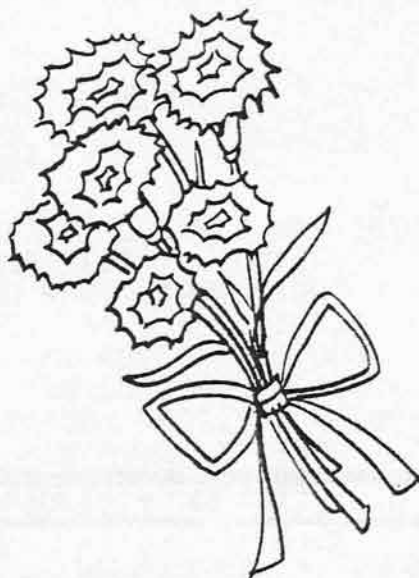
Following lunch, the afternoon involved a round table discussion with representatives from the Plains Art Museum, Comstock House, Bonanzaville, Barlage Nature Center and myself. Each person gave a short review on their educational programming. Last, questions from the floor were answered covering many aspects of museum education including funding, artifact use, organization and personnel.

Dr. Verlyn Anderson chaired the workshop and did a splendid job. There were approximately 20 people in attendance.



IN MEMORIAM

A \$5.00 memorial was given to the Clay County Historical Society for the District #3 School in Rollag in memory of Cliff Bang, who past away recently. He was involved with the renovation and upkeep of the Dist. #3 School in Rollag. The CCHS staff and board send condolences to the family.



CCHS HOSTS WORKSHOP

On May 5, the Clay County Historical Society hosted a Minnesota Historical Society workshop at the center dealing with collecting contemporary materials. About a dozen area museum professionals attended.

Many people imagine that museums collect only old things, but museums also should be collecting items that we use today that will not be here tomorrow.

Marcia Anderson, curator of collections at MHS and Kevin Britz of the Stearns County Historical Society gave presentations dealing with the tricky issues of which contemporary items to collect and how to go about collecting them. Later, participants took part in exercises designed to help clarify these issues.

MHS workshops are great learning experiences for staff and board members of local history museums. They also provide opportunities for local museum people to get together and discuss problems and share ideas.



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- () Individual \$25.00 (includes One Individual Annual Pass)
- () Family \$50.00 (includes One Family Annual Pass)
- () Patron \$75.00 (includes One Individual Annual Pass)
- () Life \$300.00 (includes One Individual Annual Pass every year)
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