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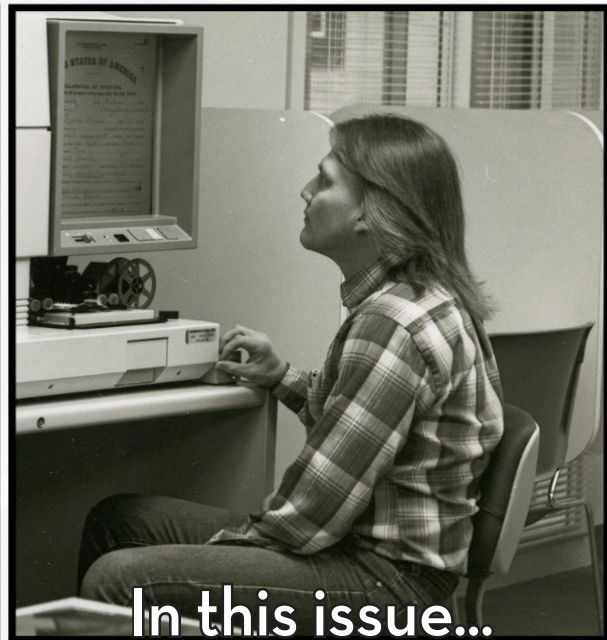
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# 37+ YEARS

## OF DEDICATION

### MARK PEIHL IS NOW RETIRING

SAT., FEB. 24, 1-3PM AT HJEMKOMST CENTER



*Please join us Sat., Feb. 24, 1-3pm for an open house with remarks at 2pm to honor Mark Peihl's 37+ years of service as Clay County Archivist.*

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# President's Message

from Jim Steen

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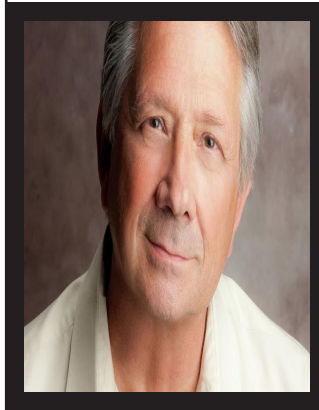
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Another change of seasons is upon us. We've had our first little taste of winter, and the Holiday Season is soon upon us. Lots of exciting things are going on here at the Museum located at the Hjemkomst Center. Come and check out all we have to offer.

This December comes with some mixed feelings here at the Museum. Our long time Senior Archivist Mark Peihl is retiring. Mark has been inspirational in our mission here at the Museum. His vast knowledge of our county's history, its people, its towns, its infrastructure, and all the items that have brought us to where we are today have added so much to everything we have to offer to our members and visitors.

There will be a reception here at the Hjemkomst February 24th at 1pm. Please come and join us and help celebrate his next chapter of his own life history. Thank you, Mark, for all your years of service; we appreciate you more than we can ever express.

Administrative Assistant/Archives Assistant Petra Gunderson-Leith will be taking over as our new Archivist. She has been working with Mark, and we are excited to have her continue to deliver what we have to offer to our members and guests.

Also, November 18th we had our Pangea Celebration. If you've never attended, you've missed some great food and culture that we have in our own community. We have become more and more a culturally blended area, come enjoy this great experience. Again, I'd like to thank our members for your continued support. You are so very important to us. That support gives us the ability to tell our story and protect and preserve the history of our great County.



Our thanks to Clay County and the City of Moorhead for their support of HCSCC's work.

# HCSCC News & Events

## HARDANGER FIDDLE CONCERT



Bud Larsen playing a hardanger fiddle

Do not miss this holiday treat: Fargo Spelemannslag, Bud Larsen, and renowned hardanger fiddler Loretta Kelley will perform in a **concert of hardanger fiddling at the Hjemkomst Center starting at 1pm on Sat. Dec. 2.** Kelley will be flying in from Maryland. She is also current president of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America.

The apprenticeship and concert are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund and through general operating grants from the F-M Area Foundation, the Alex Stern Family Foundation, and The Arts Partnership with support from the Cities of Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo. The expenses of master fiddler Loretta Kelley are supported by the Arts Midwest GIG Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

## INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL EXPERIENCES PANEL



A combination of Strings Carlisle Indian Industrial School of Music

On November 14, Dr. Denise Lajimodiere presented her book *Stringing Rosaries: The History, the Unforgivable, and the Healing of Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School*. The event was a success and we are grateful to announce another event that depicts the history of Indian Boarding School experience..

Delores Gabbard will share her father's experiences at a Canadian Indian Boarding School and Canada's formal apology. Other panelists TBA.

**The event will be held on Tuesday, January 2, starting at 6pm at the Hjemkomst Center.**

## SAVE THE DATE! GIVING HEARTS DAY IS FEB. 8, 2024.



Our mission is to share the many histories and cultural heritages of the people of our region. Donations are the fuel that keeps our fire burning. The support of donors make all our programming, collections work, and outreach into the community possible. We have been making great steady progress with this special day of online giving, and we are so grateful for your generosity!

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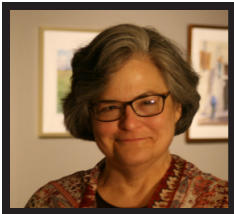
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# Letter from the Executive Director

Maureen Kelly Jonason

With Mark Peihl's retirement looming, I have been reminded to look back at our fifteen years together and marvel at all the changes. My December 2009 newsletter column highlighted the 2009 spring flood which kept us closed for 30 days and frayed our nerves for longer. I wrote about how the recession of 2007-2009 had impacted us financially. We were celebrating our first Clay County exhibit as a combined staff called *Two Photographers: OE Flaten and SP Wange*, which had been a dream of Mark's to create. I summarized the particulars of the merger of CCHS and HHIC that had taken place, and I looked forward to a busy and varied 2010.

The years since then have been rich and diverse. It has been gratifying to work with such a consummate professional as Mark Peihl, to have his wisdom, guidance, and affability to rely on in good times and bad. He has been our anchor, our rock, our calm, quiet voice of reason during turbulence. He has been our moral, professional, and intellectual compass, and we cannot express enough our appreciation as a staff whose members have grown, matured, and blossomed under his tutelage. He will be sorely missed.

But if there is ever one constant on which we can all rely it is change. Looking back shows us how much we have changed over the years as an organization and as a society. Looking forward allows us to imagine how much change there is to come. I read recently that although Wall Street continues to be nervous about the economy, most Americans are forging ahead with optimism, and so shall HCSCC. We are a project-oriented staff, and so 2024 promises to be

as rich and full as every other year when it comes to exhibits, events, and collections work. Traveling exhibits will include a beautiful color photography exhibit *Working America*, capturing striking portraits of Americans at their jobs (Jan-March); *The Needle's Art: Embroidered Treasures from the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection* (March-June), *Quilt National '23* (July-Sept), and *Home of Memories: Iraqi Minnesotans*, which will include a local component of our Iraqi and Kurdish neighbors (Oct - March 2025).

Throughout the year, the historians on staff will be researching and writing the new Clay County-centered exhibit due to open in 2025 tentatively called *Land to Table*, which will deal with foodways and recipes.

In our ongoing efforts to care for 12,000+ artifacts, we will be rehousing textiles in new grant-funded equipment, continuing the long process of photographing every object, cataloguing new donations, and figuring out what objects need conservation treatment and following up as funding allows. Plans are underway to replace logs and the roof of the Bergquist Cabin and to determine what the Rollag One-room Schoolhouse most needs for its conservation.

Preserving and sharing the history and culture of Clay County, MN, will never be done. As I have often said, we have a lifetime of work ahead of us.

-MKJ



# HCSCC Exhibitions

## ***Ihdago Manipi: Clay County at 150***

Through December 31, 2024  
4th-floor Gallery

***Ihdago Manipi*** explores the dramatic transformation that occurred in the early years of Clay County, Minnesota.

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## ***At Last: 10th Anniversary of Marriage Equality in Minnesota***

August 1, 2023 – August 20, 2024  
3rd Floor West Hall Case

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of marriage equality in MN! In this new exhibit brought to you by the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and the Red River Rainbow Seniors, learn about the ceremony in which eighteen couples were married at midnight in Moorhead on August 1, 2013. Explore the road to marriage equality in Minnesota and the impacts of the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Support has been provided to HCSCC from the *Lavender Magazine*, Gjesdahl Law, and the FMCVB.

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## ***Away from Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories***

November 11, 2023 - January 7, 2024  
3rd Floor Gallery

Beginning in the 1870s, the US government attempted to educate and assimilate American Indians into “civilized” society by placing children—of all ages, from thousands of homes and hundreds of diverse tribes—in distant, residential boarding schools. Many were forcibly taken from their families and communities and stripped of all signs of “Indianness,” even forbidden to speak their own language amongst themselves. Up until the 1930s, students were trained for domestic work and trade in a highly regimented environment. Many children went years without familial contact, and these events had a lasting, generational impact.

## ***Working America***

January 28, 2024 to March 17, 2024  
3rd Floor Gallery

In the photography exhibition *Working America*, artist Sam Comen presents American immigrants and first-generation Americans at work in the small, skilled trades as icons of the American experience. The subjects share stories of economic independence and struggle, belonging and exclusion, faith and fear, and service to both community and family.

A variety of themes are explored in the portraits and accompanying interviews, including the dignity of work, inequity among immigrant nationalities, the political relevance of labor migrants, the intergenerational legacies of inherited skills, and the learning of new skills to adapt to the new land of opportunity; and the relationship between a nation’s identity and the identities of the individuals who comprise that nation.

This body of work has particular relevance today in a political landscape where anti-immigrant and pro-worker sentiments figure prominently. Comen has revisited some of his portrait subjects more recently, to update their stories in the extraordinary context of the global pandemic and subsequently devastating economic hardship, adding new dimensions and timeliness to the project.

*Working America* is a meditation on American belonging and American becoming; it poetically acknowledges the lives and contributions of working men and women make as a part of our country and our collective experience.



Sam Comen, *Chris Capizzi and Jenny Yang, Booksellers*, 2019; digital photograph on Dinbond, 36x24 inches.

# Member List, 2023

This is the active MEMBER list (not donors) of everyone who has paid for a 2023 membership as of Sept. 1, 2023. If you do not see your name, please contact Petra.Gunderson-Leith@HCSmuseum.org or call 218-299-5511, Ext. 6739. Thanks to all our continuing members for your support! \* = new members in 2023

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- Ornaments
- Norweign Chocolate
- Books & Bookmarks
- Viking Shield Replicas
- & much more!



Hand crafted ornaments

## HCSCC Collections Spotlight

### *Baskets From Tatley Family by Lisa Vedda*

In early October, we received a very interesting donation of handmade willow baskets from the Shasky family, descendants of the Tatley family in the Ulen area. According to the donor, the three baskets were given to Olise Tatley over a period of several years by an Ojibwe family to thank her and the Tatley family for food that was provided to them. Olise Iversdatter Lund was born in 1862 in Norway and came to Minnesota with her parents and siblings in 1883. She married Hans Johannessen Tatley in June of 1884 in Clay County, and they had five children who survived to adulthood.

The baskets were used by Olise and her daughter Hilda and handed down in the family. A grim side to the story of the baskets, though, is that they represent a time when many Ojibwe people in Minnesota experienced severe food insecurity due to the loss of their traditional ways of life and food sources, and unreliable promised food provisions from the U.S.

These baskets are the first items to be donated to the HCSCC permanent artifact collection that represents this aspect of Clay County's history.



HCSCC Collection, baskets

# Meet the New Archivist - Petra Gunderson-Leith



HCSCC Thorvedt Family Collection, paint set,

When Mark Peihl retires at the end of the year, he will leave, as the saying goes, pretty big shoes to fill. We are fortunate that we have had an archivist-in-training with us for quite some time. Meet Petra Gunderson-Leith, our new Clay County Archivist.

Petra first came to us as an undergraduate at MSUM. She started working here as a General Museum Assistant in 2013 under the Work Study program. As a cultural anthropology major with a minor in history, she also studied Norwegian language and culture at Concordia College through Tri-College University. While here, she also had an internship in the archives under Mark Peihl's tutelage.

After graduating in 2016, she worked as a contract genealogist and for the West Fargo Library Historical Center where she put together a small exhibit on Tony England, taught a class in caring for family history, researched and wrote a brief history of West Fargo, and archived and digitized city records.

She then went on for a Master's in Public History at North Dakota State University. While taking classes, she was assigned to work half-time here at HCSCC as a graduate assistant, and we benefitted highly by her skills in cataloguing and photographing the 3-D collection and helping with exhibit installations 2019-2022. In June of 2022, she joined the staff half-time as administrative assistant, processing memberships and donations and helping as needed in customer service and continuing to work half-time in collections cataloguing and photographing through

a Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) grant.

In January of this year, she moved back into the Archives half-time under a grant from MHS to assist Mark with the backlog of archival records and to learn more about Mark's job. She has also been working on her master's thesis which is entitled *Delusions of Political Influence: A Biography of The Minnesota Blizzard- Maria Jane Blaisdell 1838-1918*, and she plans to complete that in 2024.

In the meantime, she and her husband Ian recently bought an old house in Sabin and even have chickens on site. It was a natural fit, then, to offer the position to Petra as she has had an entire decade of experience with us and has proven herself to be a flexible, amiable, and knowledgeable team member. She will take an even greater role in researching and writing the upcoming *Land to Table* in Clay County exhibit under development and plans to have many happy years serving the public as the new Clay County Archivist, a position she calls her "dream job."

She has already begun to develop public programs to give out in the community including the topics of Orabel Thortvedt, Concordia College, West Fargo, and Maria Jane Blaisdell.

Petra will be on maternity leave January and February, and HCSCC staff will do their best to assist archive researchers in her absence.

Welcome Petra to the staff when you get a chance!

# HCSCC Winter Events and Exhibits Calendar

Find us online for updates or event registration at [www.hcsconline.org/events](http://www.hcsconline.org/events). HCSCC offers ASL interpretation for all of our online or live events by request with two weeks notice

## December 2, 1PM

Hardanger Fiddle Concert  
Hjemkomst Center -  
Auditorium

## December 4, 6PM

History on Tap  
Junkyard Brewing Company

## December 20, 4PM

HCSCC Board Meeting

## December 24-CLOSED

Christmas Eve  
Hjemkomst Center

## December 25-CLOSED

Christmas Day  
Hjemkomst Center

## January 1-CLOSED

New Year's Day  
Hjemkomst Center

## January 2, 6PM

Indian Boarding School Panel  
Hjemkomst Center  
Free admission

## January 7, 5PM

Hjemkomst Center - 3rd  
Floor Gallery  
*Away from Home* closes  
Admission

## January 17, 4PM

HCSCC Board Meeting  
Hjemkomst Center - Elm

## January 25, 6PM

Hjemkomst Center - Oak  
Best of Spain Wine Class  
\$60 per person

## January 27, 9AM

*Working America* opens  
Hjemkomst Center - 3rd  
Floor Gallery

## February 5, 6PM

History on Tap!  
Junkyard Brewing Company

## February 21, 4PM

HCSCC Board Meeting

## March 4, 6PM

History on Tap  
Junkyard Brewing Company

## March 17, 5PM

*Working America* closes  
Hjemkomst Center - 3rd  
Floor Gallery

## March 20, 4PM

HCSCC Board Meeting  
Hjemkomst Center - Elm

## March 26, 5PM - 7PM

ERHCC Exhibition -  
opening reception  
Hjemkomst Center  
3rd Floor Gallery



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