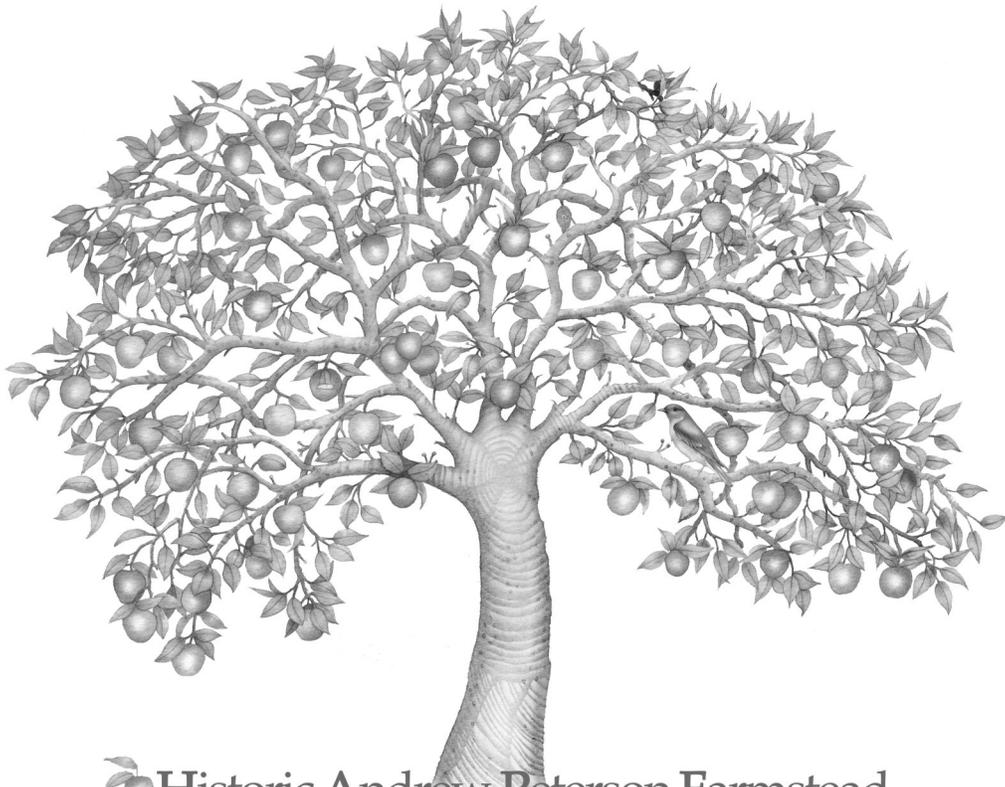




2016 Annual Report



 Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

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TO COLLECT, PRESERVE AND INTERPRET

THE HISTORY OF CARVER COUNTY

The Carver County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit 501(C)3 organization serving the residents of Carver County and beyond. We are located across the street from Bayview Elementary School in downtown Waconia. We have four affiliate groups: Chaska Historical Society, Chanhasen Historical Society, Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America, and the Watertown Area Historical Society. In 2015, it celebrated its 75th anniversary. That same year, it added the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead to its collection.

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By any standard, 2016 has been a banner year for the CCHS. Building on the significant successes of the past and under the wonderful leadership of our Executive Director, Wendy Petersen Biorn, we have seen the successful conclusions to a number of initiatives and made significant progress on others. The following is identification of our greatest achievements:

Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

- The historically correct restoration of the north barn is largely accomplished. Final painting and shingling will see the job completed in the spring and summer of 2017.
- An archaeological study was conducted by University of Minnesota student Joe Pnewski at the Peterson farmstead.
- The septic system was completed, allowing for occupation of the house and premises.
- We have contracted with MacDonald & Mack to write a Historic Structure Report. While this is an expensive project, it is indispensable for our future planning and activities at the farm.

Society Resources

- The Society received a grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation in the amount of \$49,700 toward the Historic Structure Report (HSR). They also pledged to match one dollar for every two dollars raised with a maximum donation of \$1M, during a three year capitol fundraising campaign, following the completion of the HSR. All funds to be applied to the building restoration.
- The Society received support and funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$10,000 and \$20,000 from the Sando Foundation. All funds twill be applied to the Historic Structure Report.
- Ms. Petersen Biorn received a scholarship from the American Swedish Institute to study 19th Century Farms in Sweden for a month, in the summer of 2017.
- Grant and large fund donations totaled \$281,310 in 2016.

Society Management

- Four years of area newspapers have been recorded on microfilm for storage and access.
- A digital inventory of our collections has begun under the capable assistance of Diane Ittel who was contracted for that purpose.
- The Resource Management Software, Salesforce, has been acquired and will be used to more efficiently manage our member and financial resources.

We are hugely indebted to the competent and inspiring leadership of our Executive Director, Wendy Petersen Biorn, who continues to amaze in her abilities and energy. The future of our Society holds great promise as we honor the past of Carver County, Minnesota.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peter Gustafson, Board Chair



"And te tide and te time þat tu iboren were, schal beon iblesecet."

St. Marher, 1225

The English version of this quote is "the tide abides for, tarrieth for no man, stays no man, tide nor time tarrieth no man". This quote has evolved into the version heard most often today, "time and the tide waits for no man." The tide will come no matter what we do. Just as time will march on; it cannot be stopped.

There are times I wish we could stop time, and then there are times I wish it would move faster, so we can proceed to projects that are more fun, or move time faster to finish projects that are overly taxing and stressful. This last year was one of transition that moved from the taxing and stressful to the more positive and optimistic. As usual, the staff of the CCHS needs to be commended for overcoming the bumpy spots with a positive and optimistic attitude. The CCHS Board of Directors need to be commended for their direction and support of the staff, without which we could not operate effectively.

Each staff member and the Board of Directors President has contributed a page to this Annual Report with their thoughts about what they have accomplished this year. I consider my job successful if each of them has succeeded. It is my job to provide the resources to make their job easier and make projects happen.

As of this writing, we have received \$281,310 in grant, large donor, or scholarship funding. In the past, I have written all the grants, but this year, Heidi wrote and received one for \$7612 to microfilm four years of Carver County newspapers, and Erika and I wrote one jointly, to hire Diane Ittel to do collections data entry as the first step of three, to organize the collections. This grant was for \$9729. The other grants or donations can be broken down as follows: the north barn grant (\$182,223) was awarded in 2015, but the funds were received in 2016-17, Minnesota Council for Nonprofits (\$99), MAM conference attendance for Wendy and Erika (\$1947), Jeffris Family Foundation (\$49,700), The National Trust for Historic Preservation (\$10,000), and Sando Foundation (\$20,000).

The highlight for me this year was the Peterson Farm being vetted and accepted by the Jeffris Family Foundation. The Jeffris Foundation agreed to pay for half the cost of the Historic Structures Report which is needed to restore the buildings and long range planning, at the farm. Once the document is complete we agreed to conduct a three year capitol fundraising campaign for building restoration work. During the campaign, they will donate \$1 for each \$2 we raise, up to a total maximum match of \$1 million. One project would not happen without the other. I applied for the other half of the funds for the HSR from the Legacy fund, but the grant request was turned down. After discussion with the Board we decided the Jeffris gift was too important to let drop, so we took a deep breath and committed to raising the other half of the funds needed on our own. This was a big commitment, but one which we knew if not completed would mean more work to raise funds for restoration, as Jeffris would be not in the equation. A number of requests and a fundraiser letter was sent out. In about a month, we had received a positive answer from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$10,000. Funds from members came in and as of this date we are within \$2,900 of our goal, with a number of requests still out there.

Tide and time will move on, with or without us. In an artist's concept, I'd like to think of us as surfing or riding that wave, instead of trying put up a dike, trying to stop it. It is our job to preserve and protect our history. Thank you to everyone from the bottom of our hearts, for all you do, have done and will do in the future to support the Carver County Historical Society. Your faith in us is heart-warming and greatly appreciated. On a personal note, this year marks my 10 year anniversary...and the tide and the time continue.

Wendy Petersen Biorn

Curator's Report



It's amazing to think that I celebrated my one year anniversary with the museum in September. It's almost difficult to believe it!

It has been a busy year, but with the help of volunteers and my fellow staff members, it has been delightfully manageable.

In March, Diane Ittel began her work on our grant for collections management, step one of three! She has been working on data entry non-stop since then, which will result in all collection items being entered into our data base. Once this grant is complete we will begin stage two, a full collections inventory, with the third stage being focused on more, and better, collections storage. I am proud to be part of the process, designed for better care and inventory control of our collections.

Aside from working with Diane on many of our older collections, I've kept myself busy with both new and old donations, as well as various tasks on the Andrew Peterson Farm. I've supervised volunteers with the clean-up of the North Barn, and moved around quite a few carriages including the eight which we decided to keep, from the Holasek donation.

I had the wonderful opportunity to supervise an intern, Brittany Andrews, over the summer. She was a junior attending Crown College, who is working toward obtaining a degree in History. She helped me with many of the collections, as well as designed, labeled, and put together this year's granary exhibit on the fairgrounds. Her display was about the agricultural and horticultural feats of our very own Andrew Peterson. It was a joy to be able to nurture her love for history and give her an insight into how museums function.

Aside from working on collections, I helped Heidi put together an exhibit about the history of games. We're already hard at work repainting the area outside the board room, for a traveling exhibit from MNHS that will arrive in March, 2017. A brand new exhibit that we began work on earlier this autumn will focus on newspapers of Carver County. A wonderful donor, Mary Carlson, gave us a roll-top desk that her father, Elmer F. "Biffer" Miller, owned. He was the former owner and editor at the Waconia Patriot. I'm excited to see this exhibit come together and can't wait to have it up and running. This display will be presented in the annual meeting space.

I also had the chance to do some traveling over the past year! In April I attended the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museum's conference in Willmar, on April 27th-28th. In July I attended a joint conference between the Association of Midwest Museums (AMM) and the Minnesota Association of Museums (MAM) from July 27-30 in Minneapolis. Both conferences were educational and enjoyable, with boundless opportunities to meet other museum-like individuals.

First, and foremost, however, is my enjoyment of working with collections. Nearly 90 donations have come in throughout the year. Thank you, donors, for choosing the Carver County Historical Society to preserve your precious memories. It is truly an honor.

Erika A. Hildreth

Right- Diane Ittel hard at work entering the massive number of collection data sheets. This is stage one of three designed to improve our collections management. Funds for this project are made possible through a grant through the Legacy fund.





First and foremost, heartfelt gratitude goes out to our very dedicated volunteers. We have 10 who come in on a regular basis, 1 snowbird, 1 in Sweden and 5 on-call individuals. Besides assisting walk-in clients and helping to keep our department running smoothly, most in this group also took a shift at the CCHS display during the Carver County Fair. Together, they average about 30 hours per week. We would not be able to supply all that we do - for the number of people we serve - if it weren't for this special group.

2016 Accomplishments:

The Research Library Client Sign-In sheet has been revised, adding a space to keep count of Digital Copies taken.

Obituary Cards and Orders of Service for Funerals have been entered into our research database and filed into their proper locations.

The County Indexes for Birth, Death and Marriage are now in smaller 3 ring binders for ease of handling and to increase the life of the binders.

We have streamlined the process of indexing our 1 monthly and 5 weekly newspapers. One person marks articles and a 2nd person writes them up. The idea is that 2 heads are better than one.

Through a grant, we were able to have these same County Newspapers Copied to Reels for the years of 2009-2012.

In September, we welcomed visitors from our sister County of Ydre, in Ostergotland, Sweden, assisting them as possible during their stay in MN. They are members of the Andrew Peterson Society in Sweden, from the area where Andrew Peterson, who emigrated to Waconia was born and raised.

The Family Tree Bookshelves have been reorganized, which led to reorganization of the Family and the Personal File Drawers, causing relocation of certain items from one area to the other. Each respective Index card for relocated items was corrected to show location, as was our CCHS web site.

We invite you to visit our Research Library where one can read the weekly newspapers and other publications located on the rack directly inside of our door.

Marilyn A. Braun



The Swedish visitor group at the Gammelgarden Museum near Lindstrom

Office Manager's Report



Here we are again; another year has come and gone. It seems to go faster every year.

Every January, I start the year by paying the Minnesota Sales Tax, reviewing insurance policies, updating the Federal & State Labor Law posters. There are plenty of end of the year reports to be written including: the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust payroll audit and estimate, the Electronic Data Processing and Risk Assessment reports, and the Public Employees Retirement Association Annual Exclusion report. The beginning of the year also means purging the 2016 files following our document retention and destruction policy, to start fresh for the New Year.

At the closing of 2016, Carver County Historical Society's membership reached 749 members. This number includes our wonderful affiliates and can be broken down as follows: Chanhassen Historical Society, 167 members, Chaska Historical Society, 116 members, the Watertown Area Historical Society with 20 members, the Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of NYA with 54 members, and CCHS members with 392.

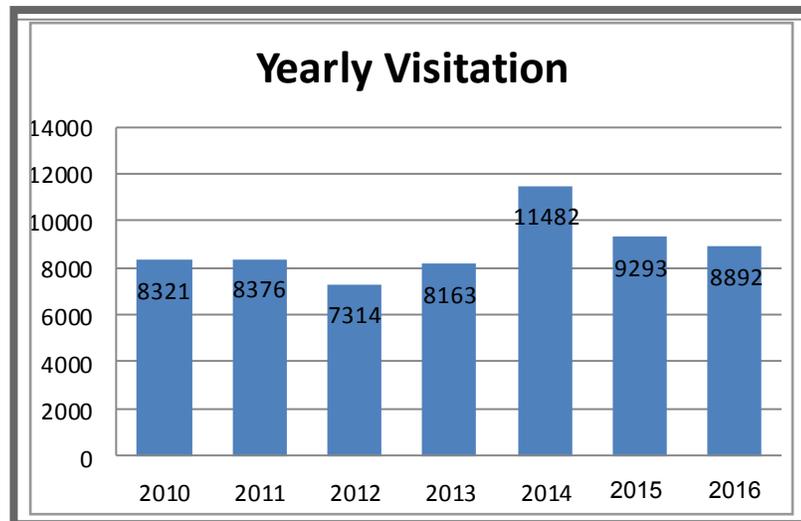
The Annual Fund Drive was mailed in November, and concentrated on raising funds for the Historic Structure Report for the Andrew Peterson Farm. We usually receive donations for the fund drive well into the New Year. Thank you everyone for supporting us!!

We are finding that more members are using our website to pay their annual dues and to buy items from the gift shop. This saves everyone a lot of money. For members who prefer regular mail, I send renewal letters with the coupon to renew their dues.

Two Wars on the Frontier is available on Amazon.com. Barnes and Noble picked it up for their website sales as well. The gift shop has the following new items: Andrew Peterson postcards, *Early Swedish Pioneers to Carver County* (Anders & Christina Olson), *Northern Slave Black Dakota, Relationship Matters*, and the Emigrant Series: *The Emigrants, Unto a Good Land, The Settlers*, and *The Last Letter Home*. *Two Wars on the Frontier* is now being sold at Dakota Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society and American Swedish Institute. Jan Hermelin's book, *Andrew & Elsa Peterson: The True Pioneers* is sold at Minnesota Historical Society and American Swedish Institute as well.

I will be entering into my 10th year of working here this spring, and I have seen the membership double since I started. This leads me to believe that we are doing good things for the community and our members outstate.

Linda Nelson





2016 Education and Exhibits in Review

What a busy year! Schools, homeschools, and summer camps, not to mention Scout groups, have kept me busy throughout the year! Last year was the second year the CCHS, Carver County Parks, and Carver County Libraries have teamed up to host a joint weeklong summer camp- it was so successful we are moving into a third year! For Scouts, I have been able to create a few specific programs/badges for completion: a Detective badge, based on previous CSI camps; a Playing the Past badge, featured around a specific time like pioneer times; and an Energy badge featuring my Renewable Energy program. All have proven very popular, and new Scout groups have booked them in 2017.

Also of note, many homeschool groups and schools have begun inviting me out monthly or visiting the museum monthly, to enjoy more of our unique program offerings! I delivered programs to 4739 students and 714 adults and families in 2016!

Opening in early 2017 is a new exhibit all about the newspapers of Carver County. Early in 2016, Mary Carlson donated a desk owned by her father, Elmer “Biffer” Miller, former owner and editor of the Waconia Patriot. The CCHS has an image of the desk in use all the way back in 1917. This was the jumpstart to creating this exhibit. Thanks to Curator Erika Hildreth and the Carlson family for their help and support. Also in 2017, the CCHS will play host to the Minnesota Historical Society Traveling exhibit, Minnesota Fur Trade.

In December, Erika and I emptied out the 4 displays in the libraries, and installed the new exhibits I’ve been working on, make sure to check them out: Keeping Time, Lost Relics: Found in Carver County, Embroidery Handicrafts, and The Art of Beading!

Our volunteers have been amazing in 2016, donating 1985.9 hours of the time and expertise. A special thank you goes to all who choose to volunteer with us, for all your hard-work and dedication over the previous year. Thank you from the staff of CCHS!

I have also been hard at work in the office on a number of projects. Work moves forward on a few new adult programs and planning 2017 family and adult programs. I have been working with Wendy on the creation of a brochure booklet for the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead. I am also working with a Swedish student on a new English translation of the Peterson diaries for potential publication. I am preparing an initial Interpretation outline and guide for the farmstead. And of course, I keep up to date on current museum trends and practices reading new publications and articles!

As always, a warm thank you to all volunteers, Board and members for your continued support!

Heidi Gould, Curator of Education and Exhibits

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YOU!

Statement of Financial Position - unaudited

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>	<u>Dec 31, 15</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Checking/Savings				
100 · KleinBank	152,483.97	101,092.10	51,391.87	50.84%
101 · Building Fund	12,148.31	12,148.31	0.00	0.0%
10100 · Petty Cash	37.86	37.86	0.00	0.0%
102 · Museum Collection Fund	3,573.11	3,520.63	52.48	1.49%
10822 · Museum CD #7711148	<u>11,795.89</u>	<u>11,795.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	180,039.14	128,594.79	51,444.35	40.01%
Other Current Assets				
12100 · Inventory Asset	130.96	130.96	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	<u>130.96</u>	<u>130.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
	180,170.10	128,725.75	51,444.35	39.96%
14000 · Peterson Farm	277,400.00	918,758.15	-641,358.15	-69.81%
15000 · Furniture and Equipment				
15001 · ScanPro2000	10,604.34	10,604.34	0.00	0.0%
15000 · Furniture and Equipment - Other	<u>40,202.17</u>	<u>40,202.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 15000 · Furniture and Equipment	50,806.51	50,806.51	0.00	0.0%
15050 · Exhibits	19,789.50	19,789.50	0.00	0.0%
15900 · Farm Improvements	170,750.00	21,018.26	149,731.74	712.39%
17100 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-75,068.92</u>	<u>75,068.92</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
	518,746.01	935,303.50	-416,557.49	-44.54%
10110 · Paypal	-0.16	-0.16	0.00	0.0%
1021 · Acquisitions	316.25	316.25	0.00	0.0%
10900 · Endowment Fund Investment	150,018.00	157,037.00	-7,019.00	-4.47%
10905 · Gain (Loss) on Endowment Fund	-7,019.00	-4,993.00	-2,026.00	-40.58%
18600 · Other Assets			0.00	0.0%
18700 · Security Deposits Asset	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,750.00</u>	<u>-18,750.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
	<u>143,315.09</u>	<u>171,110.09</u>	<u>-27,795.00</u>	<u>-16.24%</u>
	<u>842,231.20</u>	<u>1,235,139.34</u>	<u>-392,908.14</u>	<u>-31.81%</u>
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
18900 · Damage Deposit A. P. Farm	0.00	-40.00	40.00	100.0%
24100 · Accrued Leave and Payroll	2,135.02	2,237.51	-102.49	-4.58%
24200 · Accrued Expenses	0.00	4,934.87	-4,934.87	-100.0%
24300 · Security State Bank				
89900 · Interest Expense Security Bank	0.00	-134.16	134.16	100.0%
24300 · Security State Bank - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>51,134.16</u>	<u>-51,134.16</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total 24300 · Security State Bank	0.00	51,000.00	-51,000.00	-100.0%
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	<u>93.78</u>	<u>98.95</u>	<u>-5.17</u>	<u>-5.23%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2,228.80</u>	<u>58,231.33</u>	<u>-56,002.53</u>	<u>-96.17%</u>
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	2,228.80	58,231.33	-56,002.53	-96.17%
30000 · Opening Bal Equity	0.00	-3.78	3.78	100.0%
31300 · Perm. Restricted Net Assets	150,018.00	157,030.00	-7,012.00	-4.47%
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	77,984.88	114,908.00	-36,923.12	-32.13%
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	560,407.51	950,873.53	-390,466.02	-41.06%
Net Income	<u>51,592.01</u>	<u>-45,899.74</u>	<u>97,491.75</u>	<u>212.4%</u>
	<u>840,002.40</u>	<u>1,176,908.01</u>	<u>-336,905.61</u>	<u>-28.63%</u>
	<u>842,231.20</u>	<u>1,235,139.34</u>	<u>-392,908.14</u>	<u>-31.81%</u>

Our Volunteers Rock!

By the Numbers

2016 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Exhibits.	223.25
Collections	148.75
Education.....	.20
Library	1658.9
2016 Total	2050.9
2015 Total	1983.45
2014 Total:	2278.70

1-50 Hours

Kayla G, 1.5
 Ellie H., 11.5
 Peyton M, 18
 Hannah N, 24.25
 Sue N, 6.5
 Lois S, 29.5
 John M, 21.75
 Kim J, 37.25
 Virginia M., 20

51-100 Hours

Judy A, 95.5
 Jim J, 82
 Ann S, 65
 Gladys W, 81
 Mathilda F., 45

101-199 Hours

Orville M, 144
 Lowell D, 151.95
 Mary L, 169.25
 Mary Lou T, 118.25



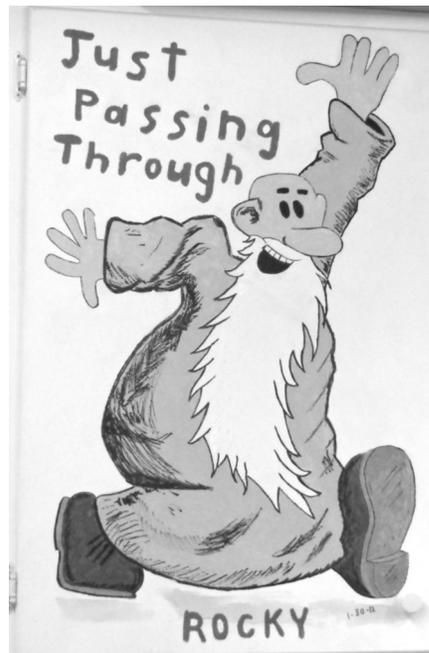
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200+ Hours

Rocky B, 223.25
 Adrian B, 200
 Elaine W, 203.75
 Laurel M, 307.75



This year long time volunteer Rocky Bye, retired due to health issues. While he may no longer be gracing the shop, he checks in often with us to say hi and find out what is going on. We are so very appreciative of his 6 years of volunteer carpentry time.

A Year In Photos



We were bequeathed 42 buggies, carriages and sleighs, by Ward Holasek. After a racing sulky was confirmed, by the Dan Patch Society to be authentic, it was donated to the Society. The sulky now resides in a display case at the Library in Savage. An accompanying sign, notes that it was donated by the Carver County Historical Society in loving memory of Ward Holasek.

A horse drawn oil wagon was sent to the NW Carriage Museum in Oregon.

Year End Highlights

The North Peterson Barn gets a Face Lift, and More



Above—2012



Below and left

With the help of a Legacy grant, during the Summer of 2016, the north barn was restored. It will be painted and roofed during the spring of 2017.



In Loving Memory

Valeria (Val) Barlau was a long term board member of the Carver County Historical Society. She was a teacher and an avid supporter of the CCHS. Val passed away on December 21, 2016. She is survived by her sister Marlaine Gnan.



Buildings are altered many times over the years, as evidenced by the variety of nails found in the north barn.



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1/15/17/WPB