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Carver County Historical Society

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Veterans' Gallery to open November 11th at 11 AM

The Carver County Historical Society proudly announces the opening of the redesigned Veterans Gallery. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place November 11th at 11am in front of the Carver County Historical Society at 555 West First Street in Waconia.

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The opening program will begin with an honor guard, welcoming speech, flag raising, 21 gun salute, a moment of silence and taps. The ribbon cutting will take place at 11:15 am. Refreshments typical of food available in WWI and WWII will be served.

The gallery will be open to the public Monday thru Friday from 9:30 to 4:30 pm and Saturday from 10 to 3 pm. There is no charge to visit the gallery but donations are appreciated.

Fred T. Lambert
Spanish American War

A special educators day will be held on Saturday, November 14 to acquaint teachers with the resources available to them through the gallery.

Everyone is welcome!

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Civil War photos

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courtesy of

Arlo Kellerman

SNIPPETS

Wendy Biorn
Executive Director

VETERANS GALLERY

A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING !

To say that the wait for the new veterans gallery has been a long one, would be an understatement. The journey has been one 12 years in the making.

The Veterans' collection was assembled by former Veterans' Service Officer Dan Steinhagen and originally displayed in the Waconia Legion building. In 1997, the museum acquired the collection.

Last spring, an ad hoc Carver County Historical Society committee met with Dan Steinhagen to determine the next step in displaying the collection. An agreement was made and a group of veterans recruited to serve as consultants to ensure proper respect was shown in the display.

We are now asking for your help. You may help in several ways.

1-We are still in need of funds to finish the gallery. Any donation is appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities for particular portions of the gallery are available including flags and furniture.

2- Flags in triangular boxes from those who gave the ultimate sacrifice are needed for the exhibit.

Please note: if you are looking for a permanent home for these flags we would love to have them but under no circumstance do we want someone to donate a flag that still belongs with family.

3- Please join us for the opening of the gallery on November 11 at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome A special donor sneak preview will occur November 10th between 5-7 PM.

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THANK YOU to everyone who has help make this long awaited dream come true.

CCHS Seeks Funding for Veterans' Gallery

Although renovations are nearly done in the Veterans' Gallery at the Carver County Historical Society, we are still in need of funds to complete the project. It is estimated that gallery construction will cost approximately \$15,000. CCHS is looking for donors to sponsor portions of the display. Donors may choose which section they wish to sponsor and a plaque denoting sponsorship will be placed in the gallery upon its completion. Any amount you feel you can give will be appreciated. Please help us create a memorial to those who have served. If you would like to donate by credit card, please visit www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org and click on the "Donate" link on the front page. This will allow you to make a secure online donation through the PayPal service. We are unable to accommodate credit card donations at the museum.

Welcome Kyle

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My name is Kyle Tredinnick and I have recently been hired as the new Education/Volunteer Coordinator here at the Carver County Historical Society. I am a recent graduate of St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. I graduated with a major in Social Studies Secondary Education with a History Emphasis. My main area of study within history is Minnesota History. After completing my student teaching at Zimmerman High School, in Zimmerman, MN, I completed the necessary requirements to obtain my Social Studies Teaching License for grades 5-12 from the state of Minnesota.

I am originally from White Bear Lake, MN, but graduated High School from Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, MO. After high school I decided to escape the heat of the south and head north again. At St. Cloud I remained highly active as an Officer of the Social Studies Education Club, a member of the History Club, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), Gamma Theta Upsilon (Geography Honor Society), and the club Lacrosse team. Along with those events I participated in numerous Intramurals, my favorite of which was an Ice Hockey team some friends and I put together.

As part of my teacher preparation I taught Civics and American History at Buffalo High School in Buffalo, MN. Later I taught Economics, American History, and World Geography at Little Falls Community High School in Little Falls, MN. I ended my teaching preparation by doing 16 weeks of Student Teaching at Zimmerman High School where I taught World History. While at Zimmerman I also took on the role of the Assistant Coach for the Elk River/Rogers/Zimmerman Boy's Lacrosse Team.

During my fifth year at St. Cloud State I also became highly involved in volunteering in a number of different ways. I volunteered a couple of times a week at the Stearns County Historical Society where I primarily helped in archives, but I also helped with their Education programs. While at the Stearns History Museum I also wrote an article for their bi-monthly magazine "Crossings" about the origins of hockey in Stearns County. In October I participated in a voter registration drive as part of an initiative by the student government to get more students involved in the 2008 election. Along with Stearns County I also did some volunteer work for the Minnesota State Historical Society, as part of their education department.

I now live in Rogers, MN with a couple of friends from college. Although I am not originally from Carver County I am quickly becoming acquainted with its places and its people. From what I have seen thus far I am very impressed with both. I am very excited to be a part of the Carver County Historical Society and I hope that I can serve the community just as well as those before me.

A Treasure Trove at the Veterans Gallery

By Joanie Buettgen

Have you ever come across an old, dusty, steamer trunk up in the attic? If you have you'll have been amazed that it survived all this time. As you open it the smell of history hits you. You start to notice that the family treasures and artifacts inside have been waiting to be opened by you. Then, slowly your thoughts wander to another time; and in your mind the owners of this trunk are now begging you to tell their stories.

Well, there are such memories right here at the Carver County Historical Society. There will be many military artifacts to share, and along with them, many stories will unfold. After this experience, you'll want to linger and plan another get-together, long after our exhibit lights go out.

The Carver County Historical Society, in Waconia will be opening the new "Veterans Gallery" on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009. The hours of the exhibit will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The excitement is mounting in anticipation of this local event. With the sound of hammers in full swing, the glass display cases spit-shined, and with numerous books standing at attention, all is ready. So, come in and experience your gallery, meditate your mind in a quiet corner, you'll be glad you did.

CCHS acquired a collection from Dan Steinhagen, a Veterans Service Officer in 1996. In 2008 all hurdles were cleared to redesign the gallery to better reflect the stories of the people of Carver County.

As I prepared this newsletter, I needed a little background on this memorial. When I sat down to speak with Larry Hutchings, Curator at CCHS, he kept working on a special project for the gallery. Hutchings was busy as a beaver at his work bench. As he measured twice and cut once he feverishly prepared for the Grand Opening of the Veterans Gallery.

I asked Larry, "How did the gallery come about?" He answered, "This private collection was acquired from Dan Steinhagen. In 1995 funding was made possible through the Veterans Gallery, with an addition on to the museum building being added in 1997."

The process of installing this exhibit has been in the works for the last year and involved different phases of preparation and construction:

Planning-Nov. 2008-March 2009

Fund raising-Jan. 2009-April 2009

Research Jan. 2009-April 2009]

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Text Development-April 2009-July 2009

Design Nov. 2008-March 2009

Marvin Mackenthun

Fabrication April 2009-Sept. 2009

Gallery prep. Dec. 2008-Feb. 2009

Some of the goals of the Veterans Gallery were to create a more personalized collection of objects that are representative of different conflicts and that tell the personal stories of the veterans involved. A committee consisting of board members and Hutchings approached Steinhagen about making changes, Steinhagen thought it was a great idea and gave CCHS his blessings.

Hutchings stated that local labor unions (AFL/CIO) from Minneapolis came in to create a storage area which allows CCHS to properly store the contributions they receive and make room for future contributions. The construction materials were donated by Carver County.

Wendy Biorn, Executive Director of CCHS noted, "When people first walk in they will see a smaller volume of artifacts and may wonder where things have gone. I want to reassure **people** that nothing has been sold. Everything is here. We have changed the gallery to focus more on the personal stories of Carver County residents and less on the mass."

The exhibit will cover the 150 years of Carver County History; of that one-third will cover the following wars: Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf Wars.

The themes of the exhibit will be: A Introduction/Interaction area, an Interpretive Exhibit; one that will tell the stories of our veterans, a Memorial Exhibit will be displayed to express our gratitude by acknowledging and thanking the veterans for their years of service, a Veterans Library with facilities for multimedia presentations, and finally a storage area.

Hutchings also wanted to send a big thank you to the four summer interns who did extensive research on the local stories for this exhibit.

In this gallery there will be objects that are representative of different conflicts, and personal objects that will tell the stories of Carver County servicemen and women. Along with these will be photographs and some brief descriptive text, which will provide tangible evidence of the military conflicts experienced by our residents. Because objects are tactile, and touching is a more memorable experience than seeing, a certain number of objects will be available for limited interaction.

In addition to the tactile experience of touching objects or printed names, the exhibit will provide a way for individuals to comment or leave something behind to memorialize themselves. Notebooks for leaving comments will be available, along with maps to mark areas of service. Some individual portraits of servicemen and women will be available to stimulate memories and conversation. American flags will be displayed proudly.

At the present time \$8,000 is still needed for the Veterans Gallery, and donations are still being accepted. In addition, CCHS is still looking for Vietnam sponsors.

Is there any way to express the gratitude to these veterans for their years of service? Perhaps a great quote from legendary Ernie Pyle, a World War II correspondent, in a book written by Lee G. Miller, "The Story of Ernie Pyle." "The discomfort is perpetual. You're always cold and almost always dirty. Outside of food and cigarettes you have absolutely none of the little things that make life normal back home. You just sort of exist, either standing up or working or lying down asleep. There is no pleasant in-between. The velvet is all gone from living."

We at CCHS invite you to come browse, read and reflect you'll be glad you did.

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Gilbert Hartman



Carver County Historical Society Education and Volunteer Update

Education Department News

Veterans Gallery:

The Veterans Gallery is set to open November 11th at 11am. Special events planned throughout the day to mark the occasion. As part of the opening we will be holding a special educators' day on Saturday November 14th. Details to follow. For more information please call (952) 442-4234. We are working on offering CEUs for attending this program.

MEA Day Camps:

Parents are you looking for somewhere for your kids to go for MEA? Look no further than Carver County. We are planning a two day camp to exhibit pioneer life. MEA is the 15th and 16th of October. One day will be geared toward the teaching of life on pioneer farms in the late 1800s. The other day will be geared toward showing students what the life of Dakota Indian families was like in the late 19th Century. For more information please call us at (952) 442-4234. Limited spots available.

School Groups:

Teachers needing a fun place to go for a field trip? Carver County Historical Society offers a variety of programs for a number of different age groups. Visits to the museum are free, but an educator is available to come to your school as well (driving charges apply). October and November are booking up fast so be sure to call now to secure your reservation.

Kyle Tredinnick
Education Coordinator

Special Interest:

- Opening of Veterans gallery Nov 11th, at 11am.
- MEA Pioneers and Dakota Day Camps
- School Groups starting to book up
- Call for Volunteers!

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the museum on any number of tasks. With the opening of the Veterans Gallery fast coming we are still in need of volunteers to help us put the finishing touches on the gallery. We are also looking for individuals to help with the actual opening of the gallery to help us ensure that the opening ceremonies go smoothly

Volunteer Needs

General Needs:

- Newspaper Indexing
- Indexing and filing
- Book cataloging— (Swedish and German)

Veterans Gallery Opening

- Set up
- Gallery Construction
- Help with opening ceremony

Looking to build up your resume in these hard economic times? Volunteering with the Carver County Historical Society is a great way to gain valuable experience that will be helpful in a number of fields. If interested please call us at (952) 442-4234

Special Thanks to CCHS New and Renewing Members

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Theodore Wetzel
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Olvern Vinkemeier

Veterans' Gallery Donations

Robert & Carolyn Durbin*	\$ 20.00
Geraldine Beckmann	\$ 20.00
Roger A. Leistiko Estate (Robert W. Leistiko)	\$ 596.00
Jo Mihelich	\$ 1000.00
Kermit Ohlsen	\$ 100.00
Celeste Schug	\$ 15.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Melchert	\$ 1000.00
Jeanette Lieske	\$ 100.00
Marian Berg	\$ 50.00
Kenneth & Keith Kohls	\$ 5.00
Fabrion of Greater Mpls (Myron and Ginny Karki)	\$ 200.00
Margaret Tillman	\$ 75.00
Ted Wetzel	\$ 20.00

* amount corrected from the Summer newsletter

JOIN the Chanhassen Historical Society for a SPECIAL EVENING

At the *Chanhassen*
Dinner Theatre

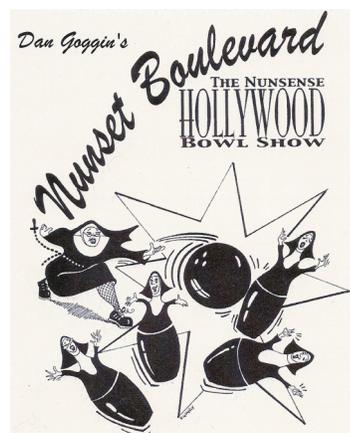
Wednesday

November 11, 2009

6:00 p.m.

DINNER and SHOW

\$40



For reservations and
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