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Vologda Lace

The hair wreath to the right is an example of a hand-craft that was popular in the 1800's. Hair weaving was a method of keeping the memory of a person alive. Women wove hair tightly around wire, then bent the wire to form shapes. Common shapes were flowers, leaves, and butterflies. While this may seem strange to many, and to some downright weird, we still collect hair. For example, how many parents keep a lock of their child's first haircut? The hair weaving collection of the CCHS is large and rarely viewed. Learn more about hair weaving and other hand-crafts at *Hand-Crafted*, coming soon to the CCHS.

Beauty Will Save the World: From the Russian North to the North Star

Beauty Will Save the World: From the Russian North to the North Star highlights Russian folk art and lace making from the Vologda region of northern Russia. This exhibit features paintings, handmade lace, birch bark carving, birch bark painting, and wood carving, to name a few. The vibrant colors and intricate details make this display one you will not want to miss!



This collection is on loan to the museum from Gennady Nezhdanov and his wife, CCHS volunteer, Marina Kurochkina, Russian who recently immigrated to Carver County.

To compliment the exhibit, the Carver County Historical Society will showcase local arts and hand-crafted pieces. **Hand-crafted** will highlight the wide variety of styles and forms of hand-crafted items. Showcasing a mix of utilitarian and decorative pieces, this exhibit is sure to catch your eye. Highlighting the handmade arts and crafts of Carver County residents, this exhibit covers a wide range of time.

This exhibit will highlight such styles and forms as: hairart, tatting, fretwork, wood carving, knitting, and yarn art. This is sure to be something for everyone!

The exhibit is scheduled to open in mid-April. Stop by and check it out!



SNIPPETS

Wendy
Petersen
Biorn



Norwood Young America
Pavilion

The 2010 census records have been released. Carver County has grown by 29.7%, making it the second fastest growing county in Minnesota, only behind Scott County. The population of Carver County has grown from 47,915 in 1990 to 91,042 in 2010. We are growing as well and we announce that the newly formed Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America is now an affiliate. Working together allows our voice to be stronger as we work together to preserve the history of Carver County. The WHPSNYA will be open for business at the old NYA library beginning April 30th. The current plans are to be open on Saturdays and Thursdays between 9 and noon and on Tuesday from 1 to 4. An exciting event this year in NYA is the 150th anniversary of Stiftungsfest. The Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, *New Harmonies*, will be on display at the Society between August 6th and September 15th, to help celebrate the history of music. *New Harmonies* will highlight the history of music. The WHPSNYA is located in the old library across the street from the Willkommen Heritage Park.

The next big event at the CCHS is the opening of *Beauty Will Save the World: From the Russian North to the North Star*. This exhibit is planned to open mid April and will be on display throughout 2011. When Russian immigrant Gennady Nezhdanov and his wife Marina Kurochkina moved to Chanhassen they brought along a wonderful collection of artwork from Vologda, Russia. Gennady asked Curator Larry Hutchings if we would be willing to display his collection. One thing led to another and a display was born. Vologda, a city between St. Petersburg and Moscow, is known for its beautiful bobbin lace work. As the display developed, we received an invitation to lead a group to visit the museums of Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vologda. There is space for only 20-30 people. At this time, the estimated cost is between \$2500 and \$3000 per person, for 10 days. If you are interested in visiting the museums of Russia, please contact the CCHS at 952-442-4234.

At the last board meeting, the CCHS board voted to increase all membership dues by \$5. The reason for the increase was two fold: the need to increase museum revenue and the fact that an increase is long overdue. The increase will take effect immediately.

This spring we are putting new displays in the Carver County Libraries. The displays will highlight different topics from our Veterans Gallery. The Chanhassen library will receive, "Poem & WWII"; Chaska, "Faith Salden"; NYA, "Ralph Opperman"; Waconia, "Alfrieda AmEnd"; and Watertown, "Kenny Dressel". The displays will rotate approximately every six months.

One last note, we have another wine tasting fundraiser coming up in June. I hope we have better weather this year. You can also visit us at the Mac Shack at Mackenthun's the Fourth of July weekend.

Q & A

Q-If I am a member of the NYA, 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 an affiliate organization you are automatically a member of the CCHS as well. All three 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.

New Harmonies is coming!

**Wilkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of
Norwood Young America**

**August 6th through September 15th
Located in the old NYA library**



The Wilkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America will host a new exhibit titled *New Harmonies*. One of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibits, *New Harmonies* focuses on America's music and the story of freedom that is heard when one listens carefully. It is the story of people who were already here, but whose world was remade. It's the story of people in a New World, places they have left behind, and ideas they have brought with them. The distinct cultural identities of all of these people are carried in song—both sacred and secular. Their music tracks the unique history of many peoples reshaping each other into one incredibly diverse and complex people—Americans. Their music is the root of American music.

The music that emerges is known by names like blues, country western, folk ballads, jazz, and gospel. The sounds are as sweet as mountain air, and as sultry as a summer night in Mississippi delta country. The instruments vary from fiddle to banjo to accordion to guitar to drum. But a drum in the hands of an African sounds different than one in the hands of a European. And neither is the drumbeat of an American Indian. Yet all the rhythms merge, as do the melodies and harmonies, producing completely new sounds -- new music. The music merges because this is America. New waves of music ride ashore in the hearts and heads of new immigrants and they create still new sounds from what they have brought with them and what they find here. And nothing expresses the tensions -- or the triumphs -- of this journey into democracy quite like the music that it spawns.

The main beat of the exhibition is the on-going cultural process that has made America the birthplace of more music than any place on earth. The exhibition provides a fascinating, inspiring, and toe-tapping listen to the American story of multi-cultural exchange. The story is full of surprises about familiar songs, histories of instruments, the roles of religion and technology, and the continuity of musical roots from "Yankee Doodle Dandy" to the latest hip hop CD.



This work is funded with money for the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4th, 2008.

News from Around the County

Chanhassen Historical Society Chaska Historical Society

Wilkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America

The logo for 'Now Open' features the words 'Now Open' in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline and a slight 3D effect. The letters are slanted upwards from left to right.

Wilkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of

Norwood Young America

Located in the old Library in NYA

Regular hours beginning April 2nd

Saturday 9-Noon, Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00

Thursday. 9:00 - Noon

Volunteers are also needed to operate the facility on the days open and during New Harmonies. Contact LaVonne Kroells at 952-467-4227 or 952-467-3214.

Chanhassen Historical Society General Membership Meeting

Tuesday April 19, 2011

Camp Tanadoona – 3300 Tanadoona Drive, Chanhassen
(for directions log on to www.campfireusamn.org or call
952-934-0501)

6:00-6:30 Social Hour

6:30-7:15 General Meeting

7:15-8:00 entertainment- Wonder Weavers Story Tellers



The Chanhassen Historical Society and the Carver County Historical Society invite you to join the fun at the Chanhassen Library to learn all about Minnesota's Homefront. Come meet Rosie, a wife and mother who went to work in a factory to support her family while her husband was off at war. Learn how to use a ration book and make your own. Learn about Victory gardens and propaganda posters and much more. Also listen to Minnesota's Greatest Generation tell their stories in their own words with a series of documentary videos. This is a multi generational event for Grandmas, Grandpas, parents and children. Light refreshments will be served.

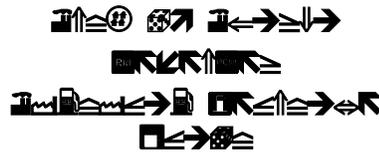
Date: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Chanhassen Public Library

Open to all ages!

Cost: FREE!!!!



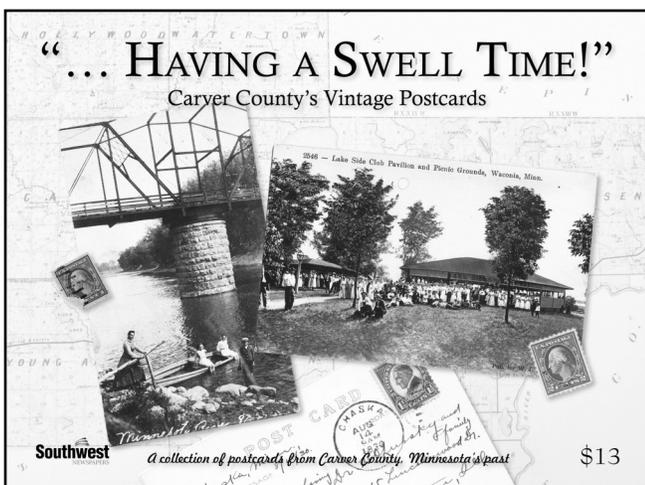
The Minnesota Historical Society awarded a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$6,610 to the City of Chaska to fund the creation of a walking tour map of the historic buildings and sites in Chaska. The grant was approved by the Society's awards committee on December 9, 2010.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Minnesota Legislature from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November 2008. The grants are awarded to support projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state.

Chaska's Historic Walking Tour map is a project of enduring value because it will inform residents and visitors of the importance of the historic buildings and sites in Chaska. Last month, city staff met with representatives of MFRA, the planning/engineering firm that will manage the project for the City. MFRA expects to complete the project by the end of April, 2011.

Chaska's current historic walking tour map, produced in 1993, is difficult to use and is printed in black and white. The proposed new map will be more user-friendly, printed in color, and include more historic buildings. From the two Klein Mansions to Fireman's Park, the map will highlight Chaska's history for residents and visitors alike.

The Minnesota Historical Society will award a total of \$6.75 million in Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants to non-profit and educational organizations, government units and tribes during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. The Historical Society is a non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1849. Its essence is to help illuminate the past as a way to shed light on the future. The Society collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and book publishing.



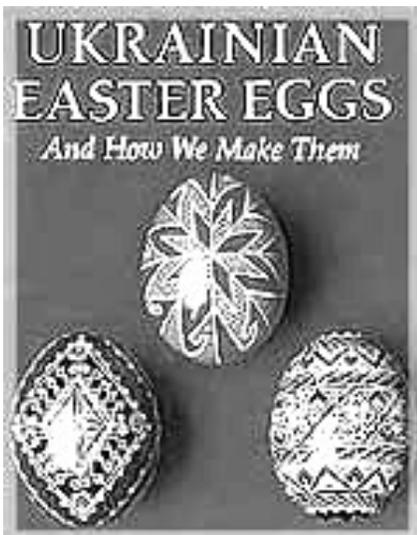
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Carver County's
Vintage Postcards
Now available!

Education Department News

Heidi Gould

Summer Camps– Get'em while there is still room!

- **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 web-site at www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.com, or contact Education Coordinator Heidi Gould at (952)442-4234 or hgould@co.carver.mn.us.
- Now planning our Spring Family Day trip for the month of June. June is Dairy month, so we will be planning a trip to one of the local working farms. See the website and monthly e-blasts for further details as June approaches! Also, throughout the month, visit the Carver County Historical Society to learn about the history of farming and butter making in Carver County!
- **Anyone looking for volunteer opportunities? Become a CCHS volunteer!**
- **Current Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Planting at the log granary, May 14th (Saturday) from 9am-11am.
 - Looking for volunteers for school groups and summer camps!
 - The Fair is coming up quick– plan now to set aside time to volunteer!



Join us April 19th for Ukrainian Egg Painting

While Heidi occupies the kids, join Wendy for Pysanka or Ukrainian Easter egg painting.

A **pysanka** is a Ukrainian Easter egg, decorated using a wax-resist. The word comes from the verb *pysaty*, "to write", as the designs are not painted on, but written with beeswax. The word *pysanka* refers specifically to an egg decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs, and is not a generic term for any egg decorated using wax resist. (Wikipedia)

The class will include the use of an open flame, hot wax and dyes, therefore it is not appropriate for children under the age of 12. The \$15 class fee includes the Kiska, dyes, wax, 2 eggs and patterns.

Preregistration is required in order to ensure enough kits are available.

To register, please call: 952-442-4234

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