

Transcending Time

CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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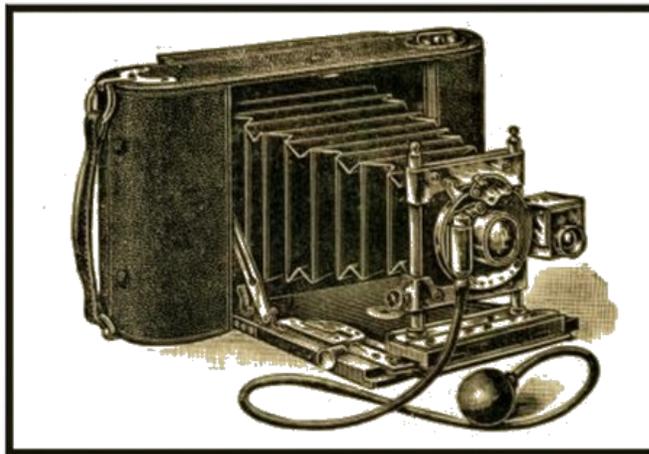
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Can you help us reach
775 in honor of our
75th anniversary?



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

HELP US CELEBRATE ANOTHER 75 YEARS!



To celebrate our anniversary, we will be creating a time capsule, to be opened 75 years in the future. We will be including photography, documenting Carver County, in this capsule. *Contest Dates: April 1-July 1.*

This contest will be open to adults (16 and up) and youth (15 and younger). A one-page essay on why the subject was chosen should be included.

- Nature or Landscape- natural habitats, farmland, parks, open spaces.
- Technology- being used by someone- cell phones, computers, MP3, Ipads
- People- for example generational photos
- Entertainment- what we do for fun and leisure time, music, sports, books, relaxation
- What does history mean to you?- What represents history to you?
- Buildings- architectural features, importance of, material used to build. Change in buildings or building that might no longer exist.
- Businesses- which will be around in 75 years, why or why not?
- Fashion- changing fads, returning styles- what was popular in 2015

For further details on the contest or on making a submission, contact Heidi Gould @ (952)442-4234 or hgould@co.carver.mn.us.

SNIPPETS

Wendy Petersen Biorn



WE WON!



A year ago, I heard the following statement. “Your website has holes large enough to drive a Mack truck through it.” This is something no one wants to hear. Our website had more than serious problems. We were running a real risk of losing the newspaper database, 29 years of work. Two years ago we had begun the process of surveying members and visitors in preparation for rebuilding the website. The results of the survey were clear: people wanted more research tools, access to photos, and history articles. Through the help of a Legacy grant, a new site was designed with the visitor in mind: books and memberships could now be purchased on-line, and plat maps could be researched. Unique features included satellite images with 1880 plat map overlay, and access to the CCHS photo collection. Creating a more up-to-date and user-friendly website has allowed the CCHS to maintain an online presence and allowed people from around the world continued access to our collections and resources. The whole process took just short of three years.

This spring we nominated the website for a Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Dot.org Award. It was to our great excitement to hear that we won in the category of website redesign. With any project, many people are involved. It would be impossible to mention each one, but know this is an award that needs to be shared with many people. If you have not yet checked out the site you can find us at www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org. Members received a passcode to access the photo indexing. However, if someone you know is not a member, they can access the photos for free at any Carver County Library or at the CCHS.

On March 23rd I received notice from our attorney that the settlement agreement for the farm had been signed by Ward Holasek’s sons. The document arrived the week of March 30th and was signed by us. Now we wait for the judges’ final signature and that of two charities listed in the will.

The day after Ward Holasek died, we received notice that we had won a Legacy grant for a Master plan for the Andrew Peterson farm. This plan was deferred until we knew the property swap was progressing. The plan will be completed no later than the end of April. I have been taking the opportunity to visit groups and people to see what they want to see happen at the farm. So far we have 18 organizations who would like to partner with us. The most prevalent desire expressed in surveys is for agricultural education followed closely by a venue for larger events.

This is our 75th Anniversary and we have many things planned. One thing that we have never done is send out a fundraising letter in the spring. This spring a letter will be sent out asking for funds to ensure there will be a 150th anniversary celebration. You can expect the letter by early May.

The Governor's Task force on the Civil War will be commemorating Civil War soldier Andrew Mattson. Mattson was interred in the deadly prison camp, Andersonville. He died shortly after returning to Laketown Township. He is buried in the Scandia Cemetery. The event will be held in July. No date is confirmed at the time of this printing.

This summer at the fair we are hosting a blacksmith demonstration. The granary will host photos of blacksmithing shops and blacksmithing artifacts.

On a sad note, our Curator has moved on to bigger and better things. We wish her only the best in her new endeavors.



Learning may lead
to new insights
and fun!!!

Education Department News

With Heidi Gould

Summer Camp Fun is Coming Soon

Sign Up Today!

Space is limited to 12 kids. Held at the CCHS- 555 W. 1st St., Waconia



The World Around Us Camp, Week of June 22-26

Come explore the world around you in a unique blend of science and art.

Who: those going into grades 6-8

When: 12-4pm daily.

Cost: \$50/members, \$60/non-members.



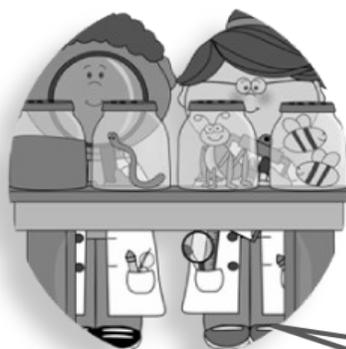
History Explorers Camp, Week of July 27-31

From preserving and repair of items to storing your favorite collection. From cursive writing, to basic German and Swedish, to family genealogy. Put your history skills into practice by becoming an detective of history.

Who: children going into grades 3-5

When: 12-4pm daily

Cost: \$40/members and \$50/non-members.



Ugly Bugs! Camp, Week of July 20-24

Bugged out history! Full of art, science, and fun, this camp is for those who love creepy, crawly things!

Who: children going into grades K-2

When: 12-4pm daily **Cost:** \$40/member and \$50/non-member.

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4234!

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Thank You, Members!



Optometrist Lazy Eye machine

What is that thing?

History museums were [and still are] the most trustworthy source of information about the past, topping personal accounts by relatives, eyewitness accounts, college professors, high school teachers, nonfiction books, and popular media.

~ Rick Beard, in *AASLH History News*, Winter 2015

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CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW MEMBER FORM

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I understand a letter will be sent to the recipient
announcing my gift.
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annual fund drive.

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