



Transcending Time

CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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“To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?”

~Marcus Tullius Cicero



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The CCHS receives \$160,000 from the State of Minnesota for Restoration of the Peterson Farm.



Executive Director, Wendy Petersen
Representative Jim Nash

It would be easy to say that Representative Jim Nash is our best friend. After all, it was he who introduced the bill that resulted in our getting \$160,000 over two years, for the Peterson Farm restoration. But, that would leave out way too many people who have continued to support our efforts to restore the Peterson Farmstead.

In early 2017, Representative Nash introduced a bill that resulted in our being awarded \$80,000 each year for two years, a total of \$160,000. The funds received came from the Legacy fund. Normally, we would receive funds by writing a grant, as we did with the north barn. The problem with a grant however, is that a grant is not guaranteed funds. Why was that important? Simply put, following the completion of the Historic Structures Report (HSR), currently underway, we will start a capitol fundraising campaign in connection with

the Jeffris Family Foundation. We need to tell them how much we plan to raise. Jeffris will give us one dollar for each two dollars we raise, up to a total donation of \$1M. If we fall short even one penny of the committed fundraising amount, we loose all the match. Stated another way, we cannot count on the Legacy fund grants for fundraising. The bill Representative Nash introduced is guaranteed funds that will jump start our fundraising campaign.

The campaign will begin once the HSR is complete and approved by The Jeffris Family Foundation, approximately September of this year. If you or someone you know are interested in contributing to the fundraiser we are allowed to take commitments. Commitment letters are available by contacting the CCHS at 952-442-4234 or emailing Wendy at wbiorn@co.carver.mn.us.



Learning may lead
to new insights
and fun!!!

Education and Exhibit News

With Heidi Gould

Changing Trends in Summer Fun



Camps across Carver County institutions have seen declining numbers in enrollment in the last few years. The cause? Many institutions have to maintain higher camp fees to meet income and supply cost needs. Others have to deal with society's ever-increasing safety regulations. How many kids climb trees for fun or build a fort in the woods for fun anymore? Also consider the ever-changing world of technology. Kids don't want to play outdoors, they want their video games and tablets, to text friends.

Yet, summer camps through learning institutions and other educational opportunities continue to be important to a child's education and development. They prevent the "summer slide", a loss of learning over the summer months that leads to a need to play catch-up and provide more review time when school resumes in the fall.

CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WACONIA, MN – \$2,000

JUNE – DECEMBER 2017

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Andrew Peterson Diaries, publication: This project will fund the professional editing, formatting and partial printing costs of the English translation of Peterson's 48 year diary, which will make the diary and its vital pioneer era details more readily available and accessible to researchers, historians and the general public. Andrew Peterson was the most historically significant Swedish immigrant to Carver County, MN. His 48 year diary that was used as a basis for the Emigrants books by Swedish author Wilhelm Moberg, and his role in founding the Swedish Baptist Church in Minnesota, his contributions to local history are many.

The artifact pictured below is one of the latest pieces donated to the Education Collection of the Carver County Historical Society. While most artifacts donated to the museum are put in the regular collection, and then stored away safely until needed for a display, some choose to donate a different way.



When you donate to the education collection, that means the artifact will be available for use in educational programs and tours. You want your artifact to be touched, handled and used by children. This physicality makes the history being taught and the artifact itself so much more real to the child participating.

This particular artifact is a black walnut or butternut crusher, used to crack their shells. It is intended for use at the Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead.

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