

Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Raffle

The Scott County Historical Society quilt club has organized a raffle to benefit the museum. The grand prize is a Sunbonnet Sue quilt and pillow made by the Crazy Quilters.

Each quilter chose the pattern and fabric and hand sewed her square. The quilt was assembled by Sandi Andersen who also donated the backing materials.

During the month of March, raffle tickets will be sold at the museum and by the SCHS Crazy Quilters. Tickets are \$1.00. The drawing will be held April 8, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

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Celebrating Sunbonnet Sue's 100th Birthday

Bertha Corbett, an illustrator for the *Minneapolis Journal*, first drew the sunbonnet baby figure to prove that a face is not necessary to make a figure expressive. In 1902, she self-published *The Sun-Bonnet Babies*, a book of illustrated rhymes. Her primers, featuring the sunbonnet girls, were very popular until the 1930s.

Alice Brown Covell, of Amboy, Minnesota, made the first Sunbonnet Sue quilt in 1915. A gift for her sister's grandchild, she is responsible for developing the only quilt pattern that is believed to have originated in Minnesota.

It is because of the importance of Sunbonnet Sue to Minnesota history



Audree Sells and Lori Gillick

that it was chosen for the 2002 SCHS quilt exhibit in honor of Women's History Month. The exhibit features quilts from around the county. During March you can visit the museum and quilt on a special Sunbonnet Sue quilt. Thank you to the Eagle Creek Quilt Shop in Shakopee for providing the backing, batting, and other supplies.

Public Invited to Historic Preservation Meeting

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is hosting a public meeting on preserving local historic properties at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Shakopee.

SHPO staff members will lead a discussion to review the goals of the statewide preservation plan. Public input is needed to help identify preservation issues, to share ideas for future projects, and to answer questions like, "How should we plan to preserve our downtown?" and "Are there buildings, neighborhoods, or settings that have special meaning to your community?" A 20-minute slide show, "Preserving the Past:

Planning for the Future," will also be presented.

As tangible reminders of the past, historic places strengthen community identity and enrich the lives of Minnesota citizens. One of the central programs administered by SHPO is the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Properties in Scott County that are listed on the National Register include, among others: the Julius Coller house, the Jordan Brewery, and St. Wenceslaus Church.

For more information, call the State Historic Preservation Office at 651-296-5451.

There Is Always Something Happening at the History Museum

If you haven't visited the Scott County Historical Society in the last few months you missed some wonderful programs. Working to become an Eagle Scout, George Webster planned the January History Happening. He developed publicity, provided refreshments, and trained fellow scouts to interpret the exhibits. The scouts, wearing their uniforms, did an excellent job answering questions from the 45 visitors. George fulfilled his goal of exposing the museum to new people in the community.



The first Lunchbox Lecture in January featured Gene Simpkins and the history of Prior lake. Gene showed a video of the lake and shared maps of the area. The visitors enjoyed hearing about the resorts and shared many of their own stories. Jay Whiting shared the early history of Shakopee for a crowd of 35 in February. The Lunchbox Lecture series continues the third Wednesday of each month at the museum in Shakopee.

What were 14 women doing Valentine's Day in the parlor of the Stan's house? They were drinking tea, eating sandwiches and scones, learning a little history, and enjoying great conversation. Megan Schaack shared the history of tea and brewed a variety of choices for guests to sample. Judith Hentges explained the restoration of the Stans' 1908 Dutch Colonial Revival home. Sandi Andersen of Prior Lake set the tone for the afternoon by reciting her original poetry. It was hard not to join in when she began singing some old love tunes. The second annual tea will not be the last. Thanks to Cathy Isles, Shakopee Community Education adult programmer, for coordinating the event.

Collecting Our History: Recent Donations to the Historical Society

- Roger Huss: History of the Lenz Family.
- Judy Jorgensen: Wilson Family History.
- Scott County Visitors Bureau: Postcards of Stage Coach Museum and Carson City Parlour.
- Constance Notermann Johnson: Marriage certificate and photograph of wedding of Alphonse Notermann and Alvira Weinzierl, communion certificate and ribbon, Allen Power-Tune course certificate owned by Alphonse Notermann.
- Betty Dols: St. Mark's Christmas ornament in box.
- George Friedrich: Fish Point and Schrader metal resort signs.
- Leo Albrecht: Book, *The Spectator in Miniature*, owned by Judge Chatfield, photograph of four generations of Chatfield women, 1954 Belle Plaine Centennial Button.
- Carver County Historical Society: Jordan High School graduation invitations, graduation programs, and class play programs.
- Marquette Bank: Ledgers and banking equipment from First National Bank in Shakopee.
- Claude Sinnen: Shakopee post office grate.
- Margaret Elftmann: Book, *Racing Down Memory Lane: Raceway Park and Elko Speedway*.



Recognition Luncheon in Honor of Historical Society Volunteers

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and in honor of the volunteers at the Scott County Historical Society a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is being held. Volunteers will be treated to a lunch on April 6 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. They will also be presented gifts to show that their hard work and dedication are much appreciated by the staff, the Board of Directors, and the citizens of Scott County.

Many of our volunteers come and work on projects vital to the success of the research center and museum. Some of our volunteers have been helping us for more than 5 years; others have just begun. Indexing newspapers, building exhibits, helping at special events, writing articles, researching, making contacts around the county, participating in clubs and on committees, tending the Stans Garden Park and helping visitors are some of the areas where volunteers participate and their help is appreciated.

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 445-0378.



Volunteer Mary Beckrich

Our wonderful volunteers:

Sandi Andersen	Harriet Pink
Winnie Anderson	Irene Powers
Mary Beckrich	Fran Ramsden
Betty Dols	Bob Sorensen
Ethel Jacobson	Doris Wermerskirchen
Tom Melchior	Melissa Whiting
Nicole Murray	Jay Whiting
Mike Murray	

And everyone who helps and supports SCHS!

Sides Reach Accord on Stans Museum Display: Judge's Preliminary Stand Prompts Agreement

By John Mueller

A preliminary ruling of a District court judge has prompted representatives of the Scott County Historical Society and the Stans Foundation to reach a settlement that ends the dispute over control of the display space and artifacts from Maurice Stans' life and career.

The agreement would give the Historical Society more display space for displays directly related to Scott County as well as control of the Stans artifacts. The agreement assures the Stans Foundation prominent positioning of artifacts from Maurice Stans' personal and professional life. The foundation is also assured that some form of a three-dimensional display from Stans' Africa safaris will remain for 10 years, although the makeup of the diorama may periodically change.

The settlement of the civil lawsuit brought by the foun-

dation against the Historical Society came after two days of court proceeding on Dec. 12 and 13. Historical Society attorney Loren Gross said Scott County District Court Judge Jean Davies offered a preliminary ruling indicating she was inclined to award each side 50 percent of the museum, with the society determining where items could be displayed. Davies was also expected to rule that the society would have total control of the care and display of the artifacts, said Rod Krass, the attorney representing the foundation.

Both Gross, a longtime member of the society's board of directors, and Krass agreed that the settlement was likely more desirable to their clients than what Davies was expected to implement. Although the pact has yet to be filed with the court, the basic framework is in the court record, Krass said. He said

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Disagreement with Stans Foundation Resolved With Compromise

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Davies accepted the preliminary settlement and said she would rule on any ensuing disagreements.

The foundation feared it would lose the prime display space it has enjoyed since the museum opened in 1996. The artifacts at the museum have not changed since that opening date. Litigation between the foundation and the Historical Society began when the society announced plans to rotate Stans artifacts into storage to prevent further deterioration and reduce the size of the Stans display. Unwilling to accept that proposal, the foundation and the society took the issue to district court.

The agreement reduced the amount of space dedicated to Maurice Stans' professional and personal life from about two-thirds of the available display space to just under half. However, the foundation will retain the space near the front of the facility. The Historical Society will see its available display space increase from about 33 percent to just over half. The society will have complete control of the type of displays presented on Stans' life, although it agreed to give the foundation a 30-day, non-binding comment period, Krass said. The foundation had contended that the contract with the society gave it implied control of the artifacts and displays.

"The judge told them, you don't get a vote," Gross said. "We've agreed that we'll listen to them, but that they can't tell us what we have to do.":

The two sides agreed that the Historical Society would receive the fifth and final \$40,000 installment of the \$200,000 the foundation promised toward the upkeep of Stan's boyhood home at the intersection of Fuller Street and Second Avenue, adjacent to the museum. That money had been placed in an escrow account shortly before the start of the civil trial. The non-payment was one of the points the society offered claiming that the foundation was in breach of contract.

Krass said foundation members-primarily Stans' sons, Steven and Ted- think the terms of the settlement are "an excellent idea." He said the displays relating to the safaris were particularly important and the agree-

ment honors Stans' values and benefits of hard work he promoted to Scott County youth.

"They just wanted to make sure their dad's life would be displayed, that his message to your people would be presented," Krass said.

John Gutteter, the society's executive director, said no timetable has been set for when the Stan's displays could be adjusted and artifacts placed in storage. Gutteter said an additional 20 percent of the displayed collection is in storage. The settlement will allow the Historical Society additional flexibility to focus on specific aspects of Stans' life.

Gutteter said the opportunity to change displays could draw more visitors to the museum. He said the amicable agreement could leave the door open to future foundation funding for improvements to the museum, the Stans house and also programs in the county. Society members feared the disagreement would bring and end to contributions from the foundation.

The foundation filed suit against the Historical Society earlier this year, claiming it has violated its contract with the foundation. The foundation sought permanent control and outright possession of the artifacts and property the foundation donated to the county, including a museum that houses the Historical Society and Stans' boyhood home. In May, the foundation won a restraining order when Scott County District Court Judge Thomas Howe ruled against and changes to the Stans collection. Krass argued in court that Maurice Stans paid \$1 Million to develop the museum.

The society has sought to rotate the artifacts under what it says are recognized museum standards and to meet the society's mission to preserve and share the county's history.

The late Maurice Stans was a cabinet member for two U.S. presidents and a longtime benefactor to his hometown of Shakopee and Scott County.

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Moving Forward: What's In Store at Scott County Historical Society

Now that the disagreement with the Stans Foundation has been resolved, you might be wondering "When will there be changes to the exhibits?"

No doubt exhibits are an important part of the Society's activities. Expanding the number and frequency of exhibits is one of a number of goals and objectives the SCHS board has set to ensure future success of the organization. Others goals are to improve organizational communications and to develop and strengthen collaborative partners.

The agreement with the Stans foundation allows the Society to make changes to the Stans exhibits, but at present, the current exhibit schedule is being guided by previous commitments. We are working with Scott County Extension to create an exhibit to honor 4-H's 100th Anniversary. Other exhibits include Scott County Communities, Albright Circus, and Belle Plaine Baseball. Changes to the Stans exhibits are in the elementary planning stages and are scheduled to take place beginning in early 2003.

Another important goal is to improve organizational communications. Besides installing a new telephone system, we received a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to create a new web site that will have a searchable database of the society's photographs, objects, books and archival material.

We are reaching out to the community to develop and strengthen collaborative partners. We want to continue our relationships with organizations like the Scott County Library system and area schools. The fourth annual City to County Tour is being planned for September, an ongoing project with the Scott County Extension. We are also reaching out to communities and local historical societies to work on the communities exhibit and soon will be partnering on projects to celebrate Scott County's sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in 2003.

In moving forward, the Board of Directors and staff are taking steps to ensure that SCHS continues to be a valued resource for members and visitors.

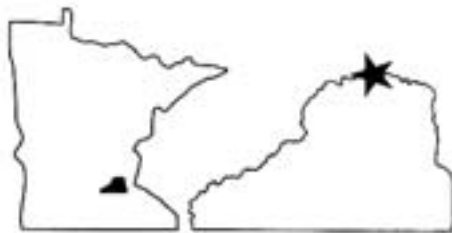
Help Us Identify Unknown People in Society's Photograph Collection



The Werner Studio in Chaska recently donated many photographs to the Chaska Historical Society. The Chaska Historical Society, in turn, gave the Scott County Historical Society all the photographs believed to be of people from this side of the river. Unfortunately, none of the photographs are identified. If you recognize the children in these photographs or would be willing to help identify others, please call SCHS at 445-0378.



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Get Out and Enjoy the Spring Weather With These Society Events

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| March 20 | Lunch Box Lecture: Jordan
Bring your lunch to the history museum and learn while you eat. From noon to 1:00 p.m. Paul Sunder will share the history of Jordan. Free. | May 18 | Minnesota River Walk
Take a walking tour along the MN River. Learn about plants, animals and the historical sites along the way. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Register by May 10 with Shakopee Community Education at 496-5029. \$7 fee. |
| April 6 | Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
SCHS is celebrating the work our volunteers do with a special lunch at the museum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | June 1 | Circus Opening and Family Day
Join SCHS as it tells the story of the Albright Circus. Day includes treats and fun in the Stans Garden Park. Stay tuned for more details. |
| April 17 | Lunch Box Lecture: New Prague
Join Ethel Jacobson as she shares the history of New Prague. From noon to 1:00 p.m. at the museum. Free. | June 8 | Historic House and Church Tour
Leave from Shakopee and travel to the Strait House in St. Lawrence Township. Continue to Belle Plaine and tour the Hooper-Bowler-Hillstrom House and the Episcopal Church. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Register by June 1 at 496-5029 with Shakopee Community Education. \$15 transportation fee. |
| May 15 | Lunch Box Lecture: Lydia
Another lunch time presentation, this time about the community of Lydia and presented by Don Beuch. Noon to 1:00 p.m. Free. | | |
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