



CONNECTIONS

Fall 2008

Serving Scott County

- Belle Plaine
- Blakeley
- Credit River
- Elko
- Lydia
- Jordan
- Marystown
- New Market
- New Prague
- Prior Lake
- Savage
- Shakopee
- St. Benedict
- St. Patrick
- Belle Plaine Township
- Blakeley Township
- Cedar Lake Township
- Credit River Township
- Helena Township
- Jackson Township
- Louisville Township
- New Market Township
- Sand Creek Township
- Spring Lake Township
- St. Lawrence Township

New Exhibit!

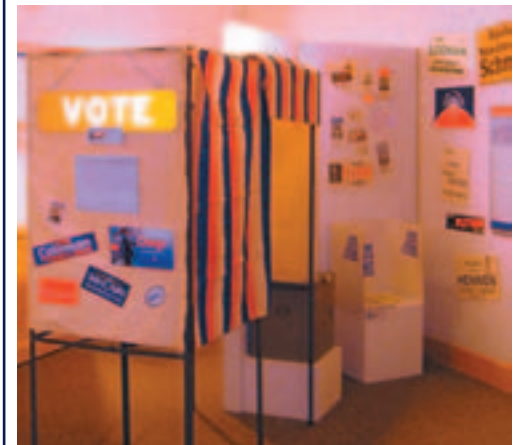
In past newsletters we noted the changes to the African and Central galleries. On September 18 the work on the galleries was completed. Stop in and have a look at the new “face” of SCHS!

Central Gallery: From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics.

As children we are told that it is impolite to talk about money and politics. Never ask someone how much they earn, whom they voted for, or whether they thought a joke about the president was funny. *From the Hill to the Valley* asks just those questions. It also raises questions about what our elected officials

are saying, how much money parties are spending, what political cartoonists are drawing, and who in America should be voting. The theme in this gallery will change on an annual basis.

African Gallery: Items from the Stans Family collection that have never been on display before are incorporated into the new exhibit displays.



Voting - cast your vote for the next exhibit topic!

From the Research Library article is not in this issue, it return in the Winter issue *Connections*.

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*Rhetoric - Podium & speeches
1950s Living room - early TV campaign ads*

From the Director's Chair

By Kathleen Klehr

Now that the summer is over, the new exhibit is open, and the dust is settling, we look forward to implementing related and seasonal programs. Cut out & tape the calendar (on the back page), to your fridge for future reference!

This is also the time of year we review our annual budget. When we plan our budget, our mission goals are at the forefront. Education programs, conservation / preservation activities, and exhibits are designed to further our mission, while at the same time be fiscally responsible. We evaluate our success on achieving mission goals.

A business can increase its fees to offset increased expenses or when the cost of living rises. As a non-profit, we rely on county and foundation grants, corporate and individual donations, membership dues and program fees to help us make ends meet.

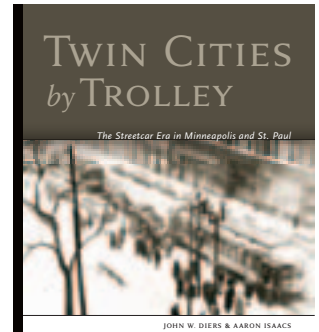
This year when you receive our annual fund letter, please consider increasing your donation in support of the Society's mission to professionally preserve and interpret the history and cultural heritage of Scott County.



Oct - The Landing
 Nov - Scott County Historical Society
 Jan - Carver County Historical Society

The Minnesota River Valley History Roundtable is a consortium of the Carver & Scott County Historical Societies, and The Landing Minnesota River Heritage Park, who work to bring together historians, volunteers, history buffs, veterans, and those with a general interest in history for monthly educational programs.

ANNUAL MEETING
October 9, 2008
6:00 Open House
6:30 Business Meeting
7:00 Speaker
John Diers Presents
Twin Cities by Trolley



John Diers, with Aaron Isaacs, is the author of *Twin Cities by Trolley, The Streetcar Era in Minneapolis and St. Paul*, published by the University of Minnesota Press, 2007.

Twin Cities by Trolley is the story of the great Twin City Rapid Transit Company and how its streetcars shaped the growth and development of Minneapolis and St. Paul from the 1890s until the buses took over in 1954.

Mr. Diers was born in St. Paul and has many fond memories of riding the streetcars with his grandparents in the late 1940s and early 1950s. He is a history graduate of the University of Minnesota and, while attending the University, was a reporter for the *Minnesota Daily*.

Now a writer and transportation consultant, Mr. Diers has worked in the transit industry for thirty-five years, including twenty-five years at the Metropolitan Transit Commission in the Twin Cities. He has served on the board of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and the Minnesota Transportation Museum, where he was its chairman. He presently serves on the Editorial Board of the Ramsey County Historical Society and on our board as treasurer. His articles have appeared in *Trains Magazine*, *The Scott County Scene*, and *Ramsey County History*, among others.

As you read through the newsletter, take note of the activities we have planned for the fall.
**Cut out the calendar on the back for your fridge
 - or share it with friends!**

SCHS strives to ensure our member and donor lists are accurate. We sincerely apologize if your name was missed. Please let us know so we may make a correction.

**THANK YOU
New and Renewing
MEMBERS!**

(May 31 - August 31, 2008)

Business:

Jack and Mary Hennen

Sponsor

Household:

Tom and Patti Daly
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Mike Huber
Carol Majerus
Dick McCarthy
Mike and Nicole Murray
Connie Romo

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DONORS for Your
Generous Support**

(May 31 - August 31, 2008)

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Other:

Charlene Scheffler

In-Kind:

Hirschfield's
Rose Patchen & Dennis Vogt

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Volunteering Benefits at
SCHS**

It's great fun

*Meet with your friends &
make new ones*

Share your expertise

Learn a new skill

*Contribute to your
community*

*Support an organization
you believe in*

Become a Time

Philanthropist

Training Provided &
Fun Guaranteed!

Volunteers Needed for...

- * Education Programming
- * Subject File Research
- * Collection Inventory
- * Exhibit Research
- * Grant Writing

Let us know how
you want to be involved.

952-445-0378, or

info@scottcountyhistory.org



**HELP SAVE A
GENERATION OF
HISTORY!**

**We need INTERVIEWERS in the
Savage and Elko/New Market areas,**
to collect stories from Scott County residents in an
effort to preserve community history from 1930 to
early 1950.

Contact Kathy Klehr at the Historical Society
(952-445-0378, or
kklehr@scottcountyhistory.org).

ARE YOU A COLLECTOR?

Display your collection at SCHS.
Recently SCHS acquired three secure display
cases, one of which is dedicated to displaying
Scott County Resident Collections.

Call to schedule your display!

952-445-0378

From the Programs Desk

The new exhibit *From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics*, has much to offer and our staff can work with teachers to tailor a visit to the individual needs of their students, including helping to match our offerings with state standards. The exhibit runs from September 2008 to July 2009.

In addition to the new educational programs listed above, SCHS continues to offer our popular “settlement” field trips for elementary grades.

The SCHS has been working with Kids Voting, Shakopee and other groups to supplement our newest exhibit “From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics.” Stay tuned for more information about upcoming county commissioner and state representative debates and a coloring contest. Groups of all kinds are always welcome to tour the exhibit. Other programs include:

- SCHS Annual Meeting October 9. Open house at 6:00 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by special guest speaker, John Diers presenting “Twin Cities by Trolley”.

- NEW Ghosts & Goblins Galore! Saturday, October 11. Dare to try your hand at creating spooky ghosts and goblins at this fun hands-on workshop. Register through Shakopee, Eklo/New Market Community Education. (Oct 21 in Belle Plaine)
- Girl’s Halloween Tea Party! Saturday, October 25. Fun hands-on activities on how to create your own Spook House, followed by tea in the historic Stans House. Registrations required
- Gingerbread House! Tuesday, November 25. Special hands-on workshop – learn how to create a holiday gingerbread house. Registrations required.
- Christmas Teas! SCHS is hosting Christmas teas for adults and youth again this December. Call SCHS for more information and to make reservations.

Registration and fees for some events. Contact SCHS for details or to Register, 952-445-0378 or email at info@scottcountyhistory.org

Crazy Quilters

Come & join us as we stitch! Learn how to crazy quilt or bring any hand-stitching project to work on (quilting, cross-stitch, knitting, etc.). Lots of free fabric, trims, threads, tips, fun and friendship, all for just annual dues of \$15 - includes individual membership at SCHS! For more information contact Sandi at (248) 868-4058. (Fourth Thurs. of each month 6:00-8:00 p.m..)

2008/9 Meeting Dates

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| October 23 | November 20 |
| December 4 | January 22 |

All Things Minnesota Book Club

Cool, crisp Autumn days just beg you to enjoy a hot cup of tea and a great book!

Here is this fall’s book list:

October: *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich

November: ?? by Will Weaver

December: *Party!!*

(Join in lively book discussions at SCHS, the third Thurs. of each month 6:30 - 8:00 p.m..)

Curator Corner

Artifacts previously on display in the Stans Government Gallery have been catalogued, numbered, and rehoused and a new exhibit featuring pieces from our African collections are now on display in that space. Highlighting the story of Maurice and Kathleen Stans' African travels, the exhibit shows off many objects that had never been put on display.

With the changing of the government gallery to the African gallery, a new political exhibit opened in

the society's large, center room. Titled "*From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics*," this exhibit explores the central themes of speeches and rhetoric, campaign finance, political cartoons, and voting and the roles each have played in the United States, Minnesota, and Scott County since the 1950s. Using text, photographs, three-dimensional objects, and numerous interactives, the exhibit has a little bit of something for everyone.

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS, MORE HISTORY SAVED, PRESERVED, SHARED

- Two black and white photographs of a one room schoolhouse from the early 1900s (donated by Linda Solheim).
- An 8th grade diploma issued by Shakopee Public Schools (donated by Cindy Hennen).
- Papers and campaign memorabilia from Judge Lawrence Lenertz (donated by Oliver Wittenberg).
- Black and white photographs of New Market (donated by Doris Wermerskirchen).
- Knick knacks and other collectibles from Prior Lake and Shakopee (donated by Don Beuch).



Donations help to tell our story. Please consider donating items to help fill in the gaps in the SCHS collection. Give us a call. We accept most items that have a Scott County connection.



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 Th 9am - 8pm
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Staff

- Kathleen Klehr, Executive Director
- Theresa Norman, Curator of Education & Collections

What's Ahead at the Scott County Historical Society

Oct 2 - Candidate Debate - Michael Beard and Sue Bruns at 7:00 p.m., and Mark Buesgens and Taylor Kristoffe-Jones at 8:00 p.m. (tentative)

Oct 9 - SCHS Annual Meeting

Oct 9 - Twin Cities by Trolley - Special Presentation
 by Author John Diers at 7:00 p.m.

Oct 11 - Ghosts & Goblins, Hands-on-History, Shakopee & Elko/New Market

Oct 15- Candidate Debate - Chris Olson and Tom Wolf at 7:00 p.m., and Chad LeMair and Barbara Marschall at 8:00 p.m.

Oct 21 - Ghosts & Goblins, Hands-on-History, Belle Plaine

Oct 25 - Girl's Halloween Tea, Registration required.

Nov 11 - SCHS Closed for Veterans Day

Nov 25 - Gingerbread House - Hands-on-History

Nov 27-28 - SCHS Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 13 - Girl's Christmas Tea, 1:00 p.m.

Dec 11 & 20 - Adult Christmas Teas (11th at 6:30 p.m., Dec 20 at 1:00 p.m.)

ON-GOING

All Things Minnesota Book Club – meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month.

Scott County Crazy Quilters – meets at 6:30 p.m. in the fourth Thursday of each month

WISH LIST

The following items would make wonderful in-kind donations! Contact us at 952-445-0378, email at info@scottcountyhistory.org, or stop by!

- * LCD Projector
- * HP Photo paper
- * High Bias 90 minute cassette tapes