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Exhibit Opening

From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics

Scott County Historical Society

September 18, 2006 at 6:30pm

(SHAKOPEE, MN 9/02/2008) — Join us as we inaugurate our new gallery space with a new exhibit *From the Hill to the Valley: A Landscape in Politics*, exploring politics from the 1950s to today. Investigate the biting humor of political cartoons, get a feel for speech writing, cast your vote for the next exhibit theme, and much more.

Today, most of us take for granted the right to vote, but for years, large sections of the population were excluded from the franchise. What were their struggles? How did they achieve success?

Passionate speeches can move us to tears and action. What is it about speeches that inspire us – or turn us off? What exactly is rhetoric?

Many cartoons make us laugh, but what makes up a good political cartoon? What components can transform an ordinary cartoon into an iconic image?

For decades campaign finance reform has been a hot political topic. How does someone conduct a fundraising campaign? What goes into financing a run for office? Do you have to be a millionaire?

Our latest exhibit *From the Hill to the Valley* answers these questions and explores the influence of art, voting, rhetoric and accounting on politics in this county from 1950 to today. These connections run deep and change the way citizens participate in government. *From the Hill to the Valley* looks at our political past and tells the story of the people that participated in government from the local to the national level.

Special Opening Night Activities include : Caricature artist, create your own political cartoon, make a political button, hear inspiring speeches, view 1950s political videos, and more.*

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Location: Scott County Historical Society is located at 235 Fuller Street South, Shakopee, three blocks south of the intersection of Hwy 101 and Fuller Street.

All inquiries are welcome 952-445-0378. Visit us online at www.scottcountyhistory.org.

* Activities subject to change

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