

CASTLE TALK

NORTH ST PAUL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SPRING - SUMMER 2020 EDTION

Museum Hours: Your museum is open on Fridays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Special tours are also available by contacting our curator, Paul Anderson at 777-8965.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Sue Springborn

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers! We have been able to keep the museum open every weekend even with our numbers declining. Jim Schroeder has been great keeping our sidewalks cleared, what a blessing. Bruce Fisher arranged to have the carpet cleaned and it looks so nice.

We have been blessed for a number of years with a particularly wonderful volunteer. Everyone loved talking to Donna Clevenger when she made her monthly calls to remind us of our meetings. Donna passed away on February 10th and she will be sadly missed by us all. I have been trying to contact all our members asking if they would like to be contacted by phone or email from now on. If I have not yet talked to you, please let me know what your preference would be. We will make sure you get a call or email going forward.

We have some new volunteers to help at the museum. Don and Cathy Suchomel, Bill and Alice Stahlmann and Sheila Hause. We will be working at getting these folks oriented to the museum. We make sure that the Friday/Saturday volunteers are fully trained before they start. I'm looking forward to an interesting summer.

Fridays at the museum this summer may be more interesting than in the past. Due to the construction on 7th Avenue at Margaret Street, the car show will be moved eastward on 7th Avenue. It will come up to Henry, right next to the museum. The Board is considering doing a little more promoting in front of the museum during the car show. We haven't decided what we will be doing yet, we need some more discussion. We will be open on Fridays until 7 pm as we have been in the last few years.

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUE

Your 2020 membership dues are due by **April 1st**. Thank you if you have renewed your membership already. We appreciate all our members.

MEETING SCHEDULE

March 11 Board Meeting 1:00 pm

March 24 General Meeting 7:00 pm

At our January meeting the Dreyer brothers told the very entertaining story of streaking through North High as a prank in the 70's. There was a lively discussion following about other pranks, it was great fun just reminiscing. Our March meeting is going to be a gathering to continue reminiscing about growing up here and different events and experiences. We would like folks to come with stories to share. If you have photos or memorabilia to share that would be welcome also. Come to listen or share and enjoy the fellowship we have with one another.

April 8 Board Meeting 1:00 pm

April 28 General Meeting 7:00 pm

Our April speaker will be Dr. Jeremy Neinow. Dr. Neinow is an archeologist consultant and educator. He has worked for the past five years studying areas in Ramsey County including Fish Creek and Lake Vadnais. For the first half hour, Dr. Neinow will give a summary of recent archeologist surveying of Ramsey County and the insight that brings into Native American life in the last 2,000 years. For the last part of the program attendees are invited to bring in objects and artifacts they may have found in their yards or anywhere in Ramsey County, for Dr. Neinow to identify. The objects MUST be from Ramsey County. We encourage you to bring artifacts for identification.

May 13 Board Meeting 1:00 pm

May 28 General Meeting 7:00 pm

Our May speaker Tim Cole, member of the North St Paul Park and Rec Commission will speak about what is happening in our Parks now and this Summer. Learn what great parks we have in our community.

***Note: No General Meeting in June, July or August**

SPRING CLEAN UP AT THE MUSEUM

We will be gathering at the museum on May 9th from 9 am to 1 pm to clean the inside and the outside of the museum. Call Sue if you are interested in volunteering to help out.

THE VILLAGE IN THE PAST

The history of North St Paul includes a wide range of opinions, incidents and accidents. Much of it covered by the first newspaper, the Sentinel, published by Charles McKenny. He was also the builder of the historic home at the northeast corner of 18th Avenue and Margaret Street.

Events covered by the Sentinel included word use seldom used today such as from April 1891: “Joe Luger from the Luger Furniture Company family is skirmishing about southern Minnesota”. Other articles included the sad news” Herman Waskow, who fell from a wagon and of whose injuries The Sentinel made mention last week, died Wednesday evening. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife and several small children.

Some articles might be considered comical. From May 1889 “The Sentinel desires to inform the City Council that a horde of hungry tramps, beggars and rag pickers almost daily visit the homes of those who live about the lake frightening the inmates by hanging about the premises. Our homes as well as our business places need protection.

Health reports were a common topic: From 1891 bank cashier, Murray, has been kept within doors a portion of the week with an attack of the grip(influenza).

Public notices were usually published. From April 1891: “Notice is hereby given that on and after April 15th, all cattle and horses found running at large in the Village of North St Paul, east of Indiana Street (2nd St) will be impounded. Signed G.L. Struup, Pound Master

So, old news can be fun. Let me know if you wish to see more in future newsletters.

Paul Anderson

