

# the Crossing

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The newest exhibit at the Nicollet County Historical Society, "Early History of Nicollet County" opened on March 6, 2001 and will continue until January 2002.

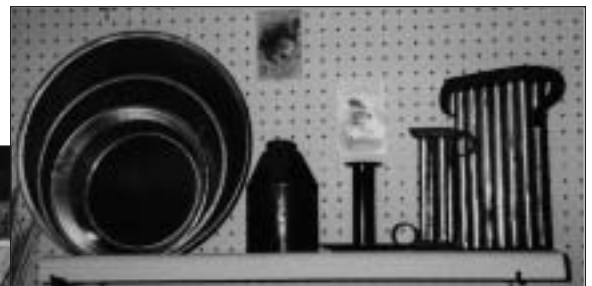
On March 5, 1853, the Minnesota territorial government appointed officers for the newly formed Nicollet County. On April 27, 1858, the county was divided into nine townships. Come and read about the histories of these townships and the people who came to this

## Early History of Nicollet County

*The story of the people, events and communities that shaped*

*Nicollet County  
1858-1900*

county. On display are trunks filled with interesting items brought to this county from Norway, Sweden and Germany. Visit the **General Store** and see the post office, sewing supplies and candle making molds. The **Creamery, Barn, and Blacksmith** tell the story of tools used on farms of that time period.



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## President's Message

by Edi Thorstensson

One beautiful Sunday afternoon last summer, while driving home from a fine program at the Harkin Store, I came to Lafayette. Having enjoyed the exhibit at the Treaty Site History Center, "Lafayette: Days Gone By", I had new interest in the town and decided to pay a visit. Quiet streets, no one on the sidewalks. But I could picture its citizens, past and present, the work and play that had gone on there, the events that had brought people together, and the ways in which the community continues, and why. Thanks to the exhibit, I had learned its story.

On I drove, toward St. Peter, on a road that curved around farmsteads, then straightened out and passed miles of fields covered with ripening crops, the land strong and beautiful. I thought to myself, what all has gone on here? Buffalo grazing, flocks of swans and passenger pigeons casting shadows on the tall grass as they fly over, native people moving about in search of game and seasonal campsites. Settlers breaking the prairie, working hard to stay put, changing the world they have come to. Farm kids walking miles to school, school teachers walking miles to work. Lightning and falling stars finding their way to the earth, and even a town kid sees them, because no other lights are brighter.

It wasn't so hard for me to think of these things on my way home. I'm 57 years old, and I grew up with parents, aunts, and uncles who told stories that made the past come alive. They were much closer to a time when more people lived on the land and in small communities than in cities. Even my dad, who had grown up in Chicago and was a second-generation Swift & Co. employee at the Union Stock Yards, had an understanding of life on a smaller scale and a deeper level. I had good teachers.

Now the responsibility rests on my shoulders to see to it that my children and my neighbors' children and grandchildren have the chance to understand how we have come to where we are and why, and how the past affects the future.

As newly-elected President of the Nicollet County Historical Society, I am committed to helping the Society tell the full story of this very historically rich county and serve the interests of all its people, from the very young to the very old. It is only with the support and involvement of members like you that the Society can carry out its mission. As members, as tellers of stories, as volunteers, as financial supporters, as people who believe in the Society and tell others—you are the life of this organization and the promise of what we can do.

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## Going to America: *what to take?*

April 29, 2:00 P.M. • Treaty Site History Center

Guest Speaker: Lynn Bloomstead Moratzka, from  
Gammelgården Swedish Immigrant Museum  
Scandia, Minnesota

\$3.00 Admission (program & museum)  
children 12 and under,  
and NCHS members FREE

a family program sponsored by the  
Nicollet County Historical Society  
Refreshments served

~ of special interest to young people reading the *American Girl Series*™ and *Kirsten*™ in particular ~

# Executive Director's Report

*from the desk of Mark Morrison*

The last three months have been very busy for the staff and volunteers of the Nicollet County Historical Society. Several public programs and exhibit openings were offered at the Treaty Site History Center from January through March, in addition to the Society's Annual Meeting held on January 20.

The Annual Meeting featured a fun and informative presentation by Jim Gilbert, Executive Director, Linnaeus Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College. Gilbert's talk focused on winter in Minnesota, and included numerous slides of one of his recent field trips to Northern Minnesota. The terms of two long-time board members, Eunice Holz and Carl Aanonsen, ended in 2000 and each bid farewell and gave thanks to the membership during the meeting. The Society's staff wishes to thank Eunice and Carl once again for their tireless efforts over the years, and we look forward to their continued support as committee members. Two new Board members, Sam Gault Jr. and Marie Dranttel, were added to the roster at the Annual Meeting. We are very happy with their involvement in the Society, and look forward to working with them over the next few years.

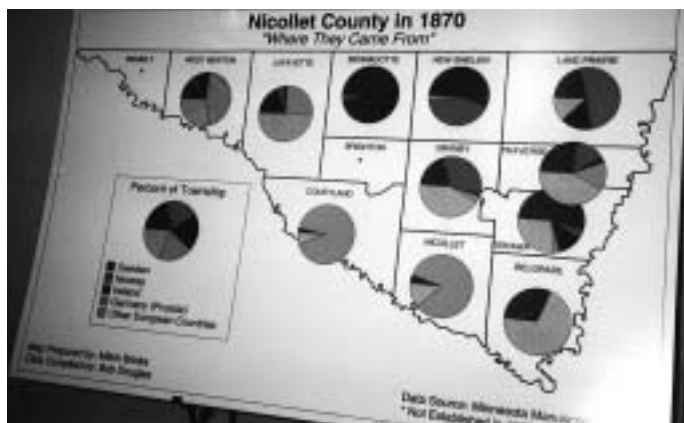
Two exhibits were opened in the last three months, with the first being the latest installment of *St. Peter Then and Now*. This exhibit was put together by students from St. Peter High School, working with the Curator/Archivist Jessica Potter, and details the history of many of

St. Peter's historic buildings. We had a nice turnout for the opening of the exhibit, with about 50 people in attendance.

The latest exhibit entitled *Early History of Nicollet County* focus-

turnout for this event and look forward to many more programs in the coming year.

In the upcoming weeks and months, the staff and volunteers of the Historical Society will be



Map researched by Bob Douglas, professor of geography at Gustavus and prepared by Mitch Brinks, student at Gustavus, for the *Early History of Nicollet County* exhibit.

Below: Scott Sparlin entertains a capacity crowd.

es on county history from a township perspective from 1858–1900. The exhibit includes historic artifacts, maps and photographs pertaining to the townships, and features information about the various ethnicities of Nicollet County immigrants. Thanks go out to the Department of Geography at Gustavus for providing historic ethnic distribution and population maps for the exhibit—these have contributed a great deal to the public's understanding of the settling of the County.

In February, Scott Sparlin of the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, presented the program *I Love the Minnesota River*. Nearly 70 people were in attendance to hear Sparlin talk and sing about the Minnesota River, conservation, and steps that are being undertaken to preserve this historic water resource for the State. We were very pleased with the



preparing for the busy spring and summer seasons. A lot of coordination is going into our July 22 Treaty Sesquicentennial event—one that we know will be of great interest to the public. Planning for our September conference is also in full swing, and presentation proposals have already started to arrive.

Thanks to all who have taken advantage of the diverse programming of the Nicollet County Historical Society, and we hope to see even more participation in the coming year!

# News of the E. St. Julien Cox House

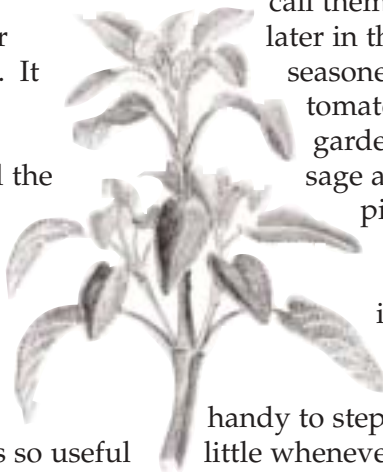


## *Mariah's Kitchen Garden* by Jane Thompson

**N**ext time you visit my garden, look for sage in the herb garden. It's a shrubby plant, about a foot and a half in height with pebbly gray leaves. Come in the late spring when it blossoms and you may see honey bees around the violet-blue flowers.

The botanical name for sage is *Salvia officinalis*. It comes from two Latin words, the first word meaning "to heal" and the second word indicating it comes from the apothecary shop. Sage tea, mixed with honey or vinegar, makes a good gargle for a sore throat. I grow sage because it is so useful in the kitchen.

Use it fresh in the summer and dry a goodly supply for use over the winter. Poultry stuffing wouldn't be complete without



sage, and back in Nantucket and Martha's Vineland, where my family lives, folks prepare fish for baking with sage-seasoned stuffing. My neighbors who make their own sausage, season it with sage. I like it rubbed on a fresh pork roast. If you make French egg cakes (some people call them omelets) try one later in the summer seasoned with a fresh tomato from the garden, a pinch of sage and a generous pinch of thyme.

The herb garden is right by my kitchen door because it is handy to step out and snip a little whenever I am cooking. My garden also gives out a wonderful fragrance after a refreshing spring rain. You can join us on Thursday mornings and learn all about fresh herbs from the garden.

## *A Night at the Movies*

**I**n 1977, Greg Mason, Gustavus Adolphus College, students and community members made a film called the "Sandman." The thirty-eight minute melodrama was filmed at the E. St. Julien Cox House. Greg has graciously offered to show the movie on April 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Treaty Site History Center.

A discussion of the film and a chance to meet the actors are also in the planning. If you were one of those involved in this film, please call Greg at 507/933-7398 or Gerry Tostenson at 507/625-1768. Refreshments will follow this fun evening, so please mark your calendar and plan on joining us.

## Heritage Plant Sale May 12

**A**fter a long, cold winter, the E. St. Julien Cox House committee is "thinking spring" and is making plans for its annual plant sale. They need the help of NCHS members to donate plants and come purchase items on the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 12, 8:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M. Please put this date on your calendar. Last year's sale was a great success and benefited the E. St. Julien Cox House and gardens. There was a wide variety of old-fashioned perennials available such as: hostas, phlox, mums, dahlias, coreopsis, sedum, columbine, iris, day lilies, bee balm, lilies-of-the-valley, plus rhubarb and raspberry plants and much, much more. We have some unique varieties that are difficult to find elsewhere.

If you can donate plants, please bring them to the E. St. Julien Cox House (please plant in containers) by noon Thursday or Friday, May 10 or 11 so the committee can price them and set up for the sale. It would help greatly if you can identify the plants and also leave your name. For more information or assistance, please contact Barb Olmanson 934-2828 or Marilyn Robertz 931-3883. Please spread the word and bring your friends to make our sale a big success again this year.

Marilyn Robertz,  
Plant Committee

# The Gothic Revival Cottage

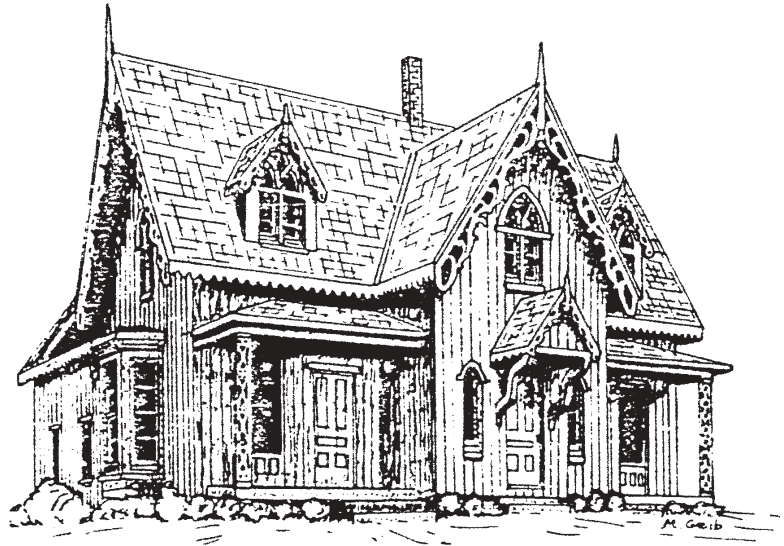
**D**uring the third decade of the 19th century, United States saw the introduction of Victorian domestic architecture. The first widely popular Victorian house style was the Gothic Revival Cottage.

Because it contrasted so strongly with the classical styles which were prevalent at the time, the Gothic Revival Cottage became an instant success. During the second quarter of the 19th century, there was a revivalist religious sentiment moving across the country and this led to the rapid success of this style of housing. Gothic Revival cottages offered a theocratic alternative to the aristocratic classical revival house styles.

The vertical linear form is the distinctive form that makes this house style easy to recognize. Among the architectural features that help to emphasize height by accentuating narrowness are: steeply pitched gables, narrow windows with elongated panes, vertical siding with prominent vertical battens, and most importantly, the pointed Gothic arch. There is no standardized floor plan for this style housing, but each one will have a variant of a formal parlor, living room, dining room, and kitchen on the first floor with four bedrooms and center hall on the second. The greatest number of homes were constructed of wood, fewer were of brick and stone. The major identifying feature of some houses is the "gingerbread," wooden, scrollsaw art devices. "Steamboat gothic" and "carpenter gothic" are terms used to designate this extreme.

Through the years the popularity of the Gothic Revival house encouraged wide variation with carpenters and the Gothic decoration was added to many houses not Gothic at all.

beautiful condition in the State of Minnesota. As members of the Nicollet County Historical Society, you can be very proud of the beauty of this property and the work done to restore it



Above: an illustration from December 1974, *Places*, Vol 1, No. 4, pg. 7. Allen G. Noble and M. Margaret Geib, and below our own "classic" example of this type of architectural style.



Visit the E. St. Julien Cox House, a variation of the 1870s Gothic Italianate type of architecture, to see one of a few left in such

after the 1998 tornado. The house is located at Skaro and Washington Streets in St. Peter.

## Site Information:

### Nicollet County Historical Society and the Treaty Site History Center



1851 N. Minnesota Avenue, Saint Peter, MN 56082

(507) 934-2160 • FAX: (507) 934-8715 • [www.nchs.st-peter.mn.us](http://www.nchs.st-peter.mn.us)

Mark Morrison, Executive Director mark@mnic.net

Reta Casper, Assistant Director reta@mnic.net

Jessica Potter, Curator/Archivist jessica@mnic.net

**Hours:** Year Around Monday–Saturday 10 A.M.–4 P.M.  
Sunday 1 P.M.–4 P.M.

Consider the History Center as a unique meeting place for your group or organization. Contact our staff for information and reservations. Tours and programs are also available.

### E. St. Julien Cox House 500 N. Washington Avenue, Saint Peter, MN 56082 • (507) 934-4309



**Hours:** May & September Saturday and Sunday 1 P.M.–4 P.M.  
June, July & August Wednesday–Sunday 1 P.M.–4 P.M.  
Closed October–April

**Admission:** each site NCHS Members No Charge  
Non-members \$3.00  
Center and House  
on same day Non-members \$5.00  
Children 12 & under Free

### Harkin Store

P.O. Box 112, New Ulm, MN 56073 • Phone (507) 354-8666



**Hours:** May Saturday and Sunday 10 A.M.–5 P.M.  
June, July, August Tuesday–Sunday 10 A.M.–5 P.M.  
September–October Friday–Sunday 10 A.M.–5 P.M.  
Closed 3rd Weekend in October–April

**Admission:** NCHS Members No Charge  
Non-members \$1.00

# Museum Musings

by Ceil Headlee

A glance at the calendar announces spring has arrived. It can be many things to people—such as kites flying in the winds, tulips reaching for the sun, birds building nests and the earth throbbing anew with life. It is indeed a renewal of earth, body and soul. The museum store is also undergoing an awakening to outdoor happenings. For those interested in wildflowers and native plantings, a favorite book we stock, *Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers*, offers a valuable guide to the identification of prairie plants. With a scientific text and colored photos, this is a most informative addition to a library collection. Many visitors to the museum tell how they have incorporated the grasses and wildflowers into their existing landscaping, thus eliminating a great deal of maintenance to their surroundings.

Digging into past history is both intriguing and enlightening. The question we all would like answered, "Who are the prehistoric peoples of Minnesota?"

Written history of Minnesota can be traced back to the 1600s when the first European visitors wrote of their thoughts and experiences. Instead of a written history, prehistoric peoples of Minnesota left a record of their existence buried in the earth. It was the archaeologists who excavated and uncovered artifacts that provided an answer to our question. The booklet by



Weekend Docent and *Crossing* columnist, Ceil Headlee

Elden Johnson, *The Prehistoric Peoples of Minnesota*, provides insight into our first migrants of Minnesota. Ask to look through this publication when you visit the museum store.

Calling all Civil War history buffs to check out our newest addition to the book shelves. Kenneth Carley gives us an illustrated history, *Minnesota in the Civil War*. Diaries, letters, journals and newspaper accounts tell of our Minnesota men who fought for the Union cause. From the first volunteers to the final bugle call as troops were mustered out at Fort Snelling, the story of Minnesota's role in the Civil War will keep you captivated.

The tough winter months slowed down the number of visitors to the museum. Enough cabin fever! We anticipate seeing you soon to rekindle your enthusiasm for reading as a journey back to the past or a step ahead into the future.

*Welcome sweet  
springtime!*

## Gifts to the Collections and Archives

**Gustavus Adolphus College** - Polk Directories

**Karen Humphrey** - Family history

**Minnesota Historical Society** - Book: *Cooperative Commonwealth*

**Marilyn and Bill Robertz** - Photographs, sewing patterns

**Robert Sandeen** - Telephone directory 1948

**Sharon Wasserzieher** - Portraits

**Phyllis Kohl** - Kohl family photographs

**Dean Phelps** - Genealogy Book

**Judy Hanson** - Miner family papers

**City of St. Peter** - Sanborn fire insurance map

*Thank you!*

## Volunteers/Interns

**Kristin Boehne** (SPHS student) - Courthouse research

**Ann Denn** (SPHS student) - Courthouse research

**Shelly Harrison** - Photograph project

**Eunice Holz** - newspaper clipping

**Bob Douglas, Mitch Brinks, Ben Puder, Jon Bjork** - "Early History of Nicollet County" exhibit research and mapping

**Bob Isenberg** - exhibit construction

**Herb Poncin** - exhibit construction

**Jennifer Senn** - (Gustavus volunteer) exhibit research

*Thank you to all who help!*

## Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are much needed in many areas. Please consider lending a hand. In return for your help, you will receive training, a chance to work with people who share your interests, and an invitation to a volunteer thank you event. Here is where assistance is needed most:

**Archives** Help visitors find information about Nicollet County, towns in the county, or their families. The Archives has files of information, microfilmed newspapers, and many primary sources, such as maps, to aid the drop-in researcher. You can provide both assistance and an insider's understanding of our county!

**Collections** The Society's large holding of artifacts is extremely important. This collection of material culture has been well cared

for, but it deserves ongoing attention. You can help identify, label, and organize objects for storage.

**Docents** Serve as a guide when visitors come to the Treaty Site History Center, especially on weekends.

**Refreshments** Are you willing to help provide refreshments for a program? Tell us which month or months you would like to be on call. Baking, bringing snacks, helping out with serving, or donating money that can be used to purchase treats—all of these are important and your help is very much appreciated.

**To volunteer, call 934-2160 weekdays between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. Other opportunities will be announced as they become available. Thank you!**

## The Evolution of Old Glory

By law, a star is added to the U.S.A. flag on the Fourth of July following the admission of a state(s) to the Union. Over the years, many people have believed that the "Betsy Ross" with 13 stars in a circle was the first documented U.S.A. flag. However, the first official flag had a staggered star pattern. "Artistic interpretation" of the earlier star patterns resulted in many variations. During the years 1848–51 there were 30 stars with Wisconsin being added and 1851–58, 31 stars with California becoming a state. It is important to know that no U.S.A. flag ever becomes obsolete. Each flag is still "legal" and is entitled to the same respect shown the current flag.

Clip and drop off or mail to:  
Treaty Site History Center

### YES, I am interested in volunteering

#### COX HOUSE:

- Tour Guide                       Gardening  
 Lawn Care  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### TREATY SITE HISTORY CENTER:

- Docent                                 Retail Sales  
 Archives                               Refreshments  
 Collections                          Other \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Training will be provided.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I would like to become a member of the Nicollet County Historical Society.

[PLEASE PRINT]

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### 2001 Membership dues may be paid now!

Please check (X) the membership level you desire:

- |                                     |          |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student    | \$ 10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family     | \$ 30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business   | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron     | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life       | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$ 20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation   | \$ _____ |

Member's benefits include free admission to the Treaty Site History Center, the E. St. Julien Cox House, the Harkin Store, free archival time in the Archives/Research Center, and a free subscription to *the Crossing*, our quarterly news and information letter.

# Harkin Store NewsNotes

by Opal Dewanz, Site Manager



Opal Dewanz, site manager of the Harkin Store, hawking some of the many original wares found in this 1870s-period general store.

On Saturday, May 5, historic Harkin Store will open its doors for another season. For those of you who are not familiar with the site; the store was built in 1870 in the small riverboat town of West Newton and operated as a general store until 1901. The building, all of its furnishings and about 40 percent of the merchandise is original to the 1870s.

The store will be open weekends and by appointment in May; Tuesday through Sunday, in June, July and August; then back to weekends in September and early October, also open Memorial and Labor Day. Hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The first program on May 27, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. is bluegrass music by Bob Bovee and Gail Heil. This couple is well-known in the bluegrass

music field, playing throughout the United States and on public radio in Minnesota and Iowa. We are very fortunate to have them performing at the Harkin Store.

Other programs are:

- June 3 Spinning, weaving and sheep
- June 10 Dairy Day
- June 17 Quilting
- June 24 Dulcimer music
- July 1 Patriotic Celebration
- Aug. 5 22nd Annual West Newton Day
- Sept. 2 Back to School
- Sept. 30 Preparing for Winter

Watch your local newspaper for other programs.

If you are looking for a unique gift or souvenir the Harkin Store gift shop is the place to visit. The shop has many books on history for both adults and children. Also available are the reproductions of items that would have been sold in the store. Gift Shop hours are the same as the site. Admission is \$1.00 for adults, children 12 years and under are free as are Nicollet County Historical Society members. Admission for some programs will be \$2.00.

Come and see us this summer and get a glimpse of what life was like in the 1870s. Also anyone interested in volunteering as an interpreter or helping in the gift shop or with admissions, please contact the Nicollet County Historical Society at 507/934-2160 or Opal Dewanz at 507/359-9808.



Well-known bluegrass musicians Bob Bovee and Gail Heil will perform at the Harkin Store May 27 in the first event of the 2001 season.

## Donations to the Society:

Willis & Rachel Anthony,  
St. Peter, MN  
Helen & Paul Baumgartner,  
St. Peter, MN  
Mrs. Naime F. Berquist,  
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Don & Barb Olmanson,  
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Wayne Schmidt, St. Peter, MN  
Robert Webster, St. Peter, MN  
Ilene Wettergren, St. Peter, MN  
Val Youngblom, St. Peter, MN

**Government Donations**  
Brighton Township, Nicollet  
County

*Thank you.*

**Memorials** have  
been received for the following...

*In memory of Dr. Robert Dahleen*  
Given by  
Judith Scholl  
Marian Olson Babcock

*In memory of Diane McHutchinson*  
Given by  
Eleanor Thompson

*In memory of Joseph Sheehan*  
Given by  
Malcolm MacKenzie

*In memory of Corinne Awes,*  
Aitken, MN, sister of Beatrice  
Martinson  
Given by  
Delores Gregory Stark



## We remember...

...with honor the following  
members who have been lost to  
our Society and to our  
Community since our last  
newsletter.

Richard Paulson, Member

Les Peterson, Life Member,  
Fund Drive Chair

**Winners of the Annual  
Meeting Door Prizes  
January 20, 2001**

**Jo Zambino**, Traverse des  
Sioux book

**Marian Johnson**, Box of  
salt water taffy

**William Harvey**, Treaty  
Site History Center  
sweatshirt

## Membership Update

**T**hank you to all NCHS mem-  
bers who have renewed  
their 2001 annual member-  
ships. (Please check your address  
label on the newsletter to see if a  
"01" appears after your name.) We  
are pleased to welcome these new  
members to the Society

**Janice E. Holts**, St. Peter, MN

**James & Molly Lundgren**,  
Nicollet, MN

**Jim & Barbara Menton**,  
North Mankato MN

**Carol M. Peterson**, St. Peter MN

## Renewed Business Memberships

Thank you to the following busi-  
nesses who have chosen to con-  
tinue their support in the Society  
through their membership.

**First National Bank St. Peter**

**Goodrich Construction Company**

**Nelson Printing**

# NCHS / TSHC Events Calendar

## On-Going Exhibits

<b>Early History of Nicollet County, 1851–1900</b> <i>Open through January 2002</i>	TSHC Exhibit Room
<b>St. Peter, Then and Now</b> , St. Peter's historic buildings	TSHC Audio-Visual Room
<b>They Came to the Crossing</b>	TSHC Crossing Room
<b>Traveling the Old Fort Road</b>	TSHC Central Exhibit Room
<b>The Treaty of Traverse des Sioux</b>	TSHC Central Exhibit Room

## Up-Coming Events

April 10, 2001 7:00 P.M.	<b>"The Sandman"</b> , screening of melodrama filmed at Cox House with discussion following	Treaty Site History Center
April 29, 2001 2:00 P.M.	<b>Going to America: what to take?</b> (see page 2 for details)	Treaty Site History Center
May 2, 2001	Open House at TSHC in connection with MAYDAY! Peace Conference at Gustavus	Treaty Site History Center
May 5, 2001	<b>Cox House opens</b> for the season	E. St. Julien Cox House
May 6, 2001 2:00 p.m.	<b>Dr. William Lass, lecture on the Treaty Rock</b>	Treaty Site History Center
May 12, 2001 8:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.	<b>Heritage Plant Sale</b> (Plants may be donated May 10 and 11 at Cox House)	E. St. Julien Cox House
May 27, 2001 2:00 P.M.	<b>Bob Bovee and Gail Heil, bluegrass music</b>	Harkin Store
June 3, 2001	<b>Spinning, weaving and sheep</b>	Harkin Store
June 10, 2001	<b>Dairy Day</b>	Harkin Store
June 17, 2001	<b>Quilting</b>	Harkin Store
June 24, 2001	<b>Dulcimer Music</b>	Harkin Store
June 24, 2001	<b>Open House</b> celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Cox House being open to the public as a museum	E. St. Julien Cox House
July 1, 2001	<b>Patriotic Celebration</b>	Harkin Store
July 22, 2001	<b>Sesquicentennial of the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux</b>	
August 5, 2001	<b>22nd Annual West Newton Day</b>	Harkin Store
September 2, 2001	<b>Back to School</b>	Harkin Store
September 9, 2001	<b>Preparing for Winter</b>	Harkin Store
September 14, 2001	<b>Traverse des Sioux and the American Frontier Experience</b>	Gustavus Adolphus College
September 30, 2001	<b>Buttonbox Jamboree</b>	Harkin Store

*Please clip and post or mark your calendar today and join us for these educational, history-filled, and fun events.*

# Nicollet County Historical Society

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