

Historical Society Annual Meeting

to be held on January 20th, 2002 at Gustavus Adolphus College

The 2002 Annual Meeting and Banquet for the Nicollet County History Historical Society will take place on Sunday, January 20th at the Campus Center Banquet room at Gustavus Adolphus College. The afternoon's events will begin at 3:30 p.m. with the Annual Business meeting, during which time a recap of the previous year and election of officers and New Board members will take place. Director Mark Morrison will then address the audience and discuss plans for the coming year. A buffet style dinner catered by Gustavus will be featured following the business meeting. Following dinner, featured speaker Daniel Homstad, author of the book "Horse Dreamer," an historical fiction taking place during the Dakota Conflict, will present a talk on Nicollet County's role in the Dakota Conflict of 1862. Homstad is an author and lawyer based in the Twins Cities and is a Gustavus graduate.



The author of *Horse Dreamer*, Daniel Homstad, is the featured speaker for the 2002 NCHS Annual Meeting.

The cost for the event will be \$15.00 per person, and registration forms should be mailed to the Treaty Site History Center by Wednesday, January 16th. A limited number of walk-ups the day of the banquet will be accepted, but we ask that you register early to allow for space planning and an accurate count for catering purposes. Those members who paid membership dues of \$100 or more received vouchers for free admissions to the banquet—please send these in along with your registration to receive prop-

er credit. It is not too late to receive one or more vouchers to the Annual Banquet by purchasing a 2002 Patron or higher level membership.

If you have not already paid for your 2002 NCHS membership, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. You can still get your membership dues paid in time to enjoy a full year of programs at the Treaty Site History Center and NCHS historic sites. **This will be the last newsletter you receive this year unless you sign on for a 2002 membership, or are a life member.** We welcome you to send your membership dues and banquet registration together on the same check so you can easily take of everything at once.

To find the Campus Center Banquet Room, go up the stairs from the main entrance of the Campus Center or take the elevator located next to the stairway. Then, as you stand in front of the Evelyn Young Dining Room, turn left and walk down the hall a short distance until you reach the Banquet Room. A sign will be placed outside the room, welcoming you to the Annual Meeting.

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Museum Musings by Ceil Headlee

A different location affords opportunities for new adventures. Visiting the past two months in Idaho, with the snow-capped foothills of the Boise Mountain chain (part of the Rockies) within stone's throw of the living room windows, is a sight much different from the prairies of Minnesota.

While here it is my endeavor to learn as much as possible about the area. Idaho, meaning "Light on the Mountains," was the 43rd state admitted to the union in 1890. The three distinct areas of the state are the lakes and forests in the northern panhandle, while below in the Southwest are the rivers and canyons and to the southeast the mountains and desert. There is territory to please all nature lovers and a great enticement for tourism.

While our Treaty Site History Center explores the history and lore of the Dakota Native Americans, the Native Americans of Idaho can be credited for their contribution to the cultural heritage enjoyed today. It is said that Idaho's heritage is regarded more important than corporate enterprise.

A recent visit to the State Historical Museum in downtown Boise was an enlightening experience. I was fortunate enough to have as my personal guide, a family friend, Cort Conley, editor of the University of Idaho Press. He has written the histories of three Idaho rivers, and several books, the latest being *Idaho for the Curious*, a comprehensive historical

guide to the state. Idaho has been his home since 1972 after he graduated from law school. I wanted to learn more about the different native Americans living in the three regions. While the museum supplied some answers, Cort filled me in with some personal tidbits. The Shoshone and Bannock live on a very large reservation at Fort Hall. Although they are two distinct groups, their cultures are treated as one. Some of the earliest occupants of Idaho are the northern tribes, namely the Coeur d'Alene, Kutenai, and Kalispel. The most familiar is no doubt the Nez Perce. Archaeological excavations indicate they lived in the Idaho region about 85,000 years ago. Petroglyphs left by the tribes have been documented to be 2000 years old. The Nez Perce are noted for breeding the famous Appaloosa horses.

Author Robert Beatty said, "No one moves into Idaho, and no one ever will. Idaho moves into you. Many natives leave the state only to return. To know the road ahead, ask those coming back."

With those words clearly in mind, I too will return to Minnesota, the Land of 10,000 Lakes, alive with a history and culture that is as diverse as any other state. As for St. Peter, I agree with Bob Wettergren. You can find "a little bit of heaven" right inside our own back yards. St. Peter and Nicollet County is a good place to call home.

Exhibit Opening slated for January 15

The next installment of the *St. Peter, Then and Now* exhibit will open on Tuesday, January 15. The opening will be at 7 p.m. at the Treaty Site History Center in St. Peter.

St. Peter, Then and Now is an exhibit that focuses on the histories of buildings and their locations in the City of St. Peter. The exhibit is entirely researched and installed by history students from St. Peter High School under the Direction of Bernhard Bidelman. Museum Aide Bob Sandeen has been working with the students, and providing guidance in the area of using primary historical resource materials. Approximately 20 new buildings will be showcased in this installment of the exhibit, which has been an ongoing project for the last several years.

Recent Memorials to Historical Society

For: **Celestine Keogh**
Given by: David & Arlyce Bussman

For: **Delores Hager**
Given by: David & Arlyce Bussman
Cora Sjostrom

For: **Morris Nelson**
Given by: Harold & Lorraine Olson

For: **Dolores Michels**
Given by: Mary Carol Sterner
Paul Campbell
Beverly Bierbusse

For: **Clair Gilbertson**
Given by: Dolores Holteen
Judith Scholl
Agnes & Leroy Stensby
Marilyn Robertz
Judith Hogan
Marit Kvamme
Adrian & Alice Gilbertson

2002 NCHS Member Roll

The following people are Life Members who have purchased an additional Active Life Membership for 2002.

Carl and Lois Annexstad
Paul and Helen Baumgartner
John and Rosemary Braun
Arlyce and David Bussman
Mark Davis
Myron Falck
Lorana Holmquist
Merton and Elaine Kirby
Malcolm and Donna MacKenzie
Beatrice Martinson
Doris Montague
Herbert and Louise Poncin
Arlene Sandeen
Arnulf Ueland
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wettergren
Ilene Wettergren
Val Youngblom

The following people are Life Members of the Nicollet County Historical Society.

Carl Aanonsen
Jack Ahle
Ken and Janet Albrecht
Charlotte Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson
Vince Meyer and Marian Anderson
Carl and Lois Annexstad
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Lois Anthony
Willis and Rachel Anthony
Mrs. Marion Babcock
Paul and Helen Baumgartner
Naime Bergquist
Lavinia Bloomquist
Wilmar Bode
John and Rosemary Braun
Mr. and Mrs. Math Braun
Steven and Becky Briggs
Mr. and Mrs. Don Burch
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Alice Hinnenthal
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Eunice Holz
M. M. Hyduke
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson
Mrs. Emery Johnson
Gene Kind
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Karl Klein
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Marilyn and Bill Robertz

Warren and Marilyn Rodning
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Wayne Schmidt
Judy Scholl
Harold and Emily Schwerr
Peggy Schwichtenberg
Everett Seibert
Mrs. J. D. Sheehan
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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Swenson
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Dr. Henry Thompson
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Pearl Wilkinson
Marilyn Witty
Val Youngbloom

The following people have purchased Nicollet County Historical Society memberships for 2002.

Allen County Public Library
Eric and Sarah Annexstad
Carl and Lois Annexstad
Arts Center of Saint Peter
Paul and Helen Baumgartner
James and Verda Beatty
Stan and Marie Benson
William and Marilyn Bessler
Larry and Judy Biederman
John and Rosemary Braun
Carolyn Brethorst
Milton and Elaine Brostrom
Arlyce Bussman
Taytronics
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Helen Christianson
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Arden and Marilyn De Boer
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Marolyn Kliener
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Ruth Larson
Ardis and Earl Lund
Joy Lutz
Malcolm and Donna MacKenzie
Richard and Kristen Marlow
Beatrice Martinson
John and Sara McKay
Carl and Mary Moline
Doris Montague
Dorothy Mundt
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Douglas and Re Vae Nygard
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Palmer
Carol Peterson
Herbert and Louise Poncin
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Jean Roetman
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Judy and Doug Schultz
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St. Peter Public Schools
Agnes Stensby
Carol and Marty Sterner
Neil Stevermer
Herman and Nel Swenson
Hildur Swenson
Howard and Jane Swenson
Bernadine Thompson
Bradford and Jane Thompson
Eleanor Thompson
Edith and Roland Thorstensson
Arnulf Ueland
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wettergren
Ilene Wettergren
Steve and Barbara Wilkinson
Mary Alice Woolley
Val Younglom
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YES, I am interested in volunteering

COX HOUSE:

Tour Guide Gardening
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 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.

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to begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, 2002
at the Gustavus Adolphus College Campus Center Banquet Room.*



This year's featured speaker will be Daniel Homstad, who will be discussing Nicollet County's role in the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

Daniel Homstad, author of *Horse Dreamer*, during his time as a public defender in Minneapolis, worked with many Dakota people and saw first-hand the severe impact that bias and prejudice—so entrenched after the 1862 conflict—have had upon generations of Minnesota's native people. In writing *Horse Dreamer*, Mr. Homstad not only explored the darkest time in Minnesota history, he also explored a culture that, now largely lost, still contributed mightily to the history of the state.

A buffet style dinner will be provided by Gustavus Adolphus catering services. The cost for the Banquet is \$15, and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Registration forms should be sent or dropped off, along with checks to:

**Nicollet County Historical Society
1851 N. Minnesota Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082**

A limited number of registrations will be accepted at the door on the 20th, but we ask that you get your registration in as soon as possible to help us in planning catering and space configuration needs.

Those members who paid membership dues of \$100 or more received vouchers for free admissions to the banquet—please send these in along with your registration to receive proper credit.

Enclosed is my/our check made out to the Nicollet County Historical Society in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations for the 2002 Nicollet County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Banquet. The event will be held at the Gustavus Adolphus Campus Center Banquet Room and begins at 3:30 p.m. I am also enclosing \$ _____ to cover my NCHS membership dues for 2002 (this is a good time to sign up for your 2002 membership if you have not already done so; please review membership level information in January newsletter).

Name(s) _____

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