Treaty Site Hosting Traveling Exhibit

“Electrifying Minnesota”

This spring and summer the Nicollet County Historical Society is once again taking advantage of the Minnesota Historical Society’s Traveling Exhibits Program. This program provides an opportunity to visit your place in history without traveling too far from home. The Minnesota Historical Society develops exhibits with partnering organizations that feature freestanding displays, audiovisual and interactive components, and onsite and online educational programming.

“Electrifying Minnesota” is on display now in the Schmidt Gallery at the Treaty Site History Center. This exhibit illuminates the powerful ways electricity has transformed lives in Minnesota for well over 100 years.

Imagine what it was like, for the first time, to have electricity available at the flick of a switch. Discover what makes the miracle of generating electricity possible. Learn what people thought about electricity in the late-19th and early-20th centuries and how we will generate it in years to come. Period silent films, photography and an interactive electromagnetic generator all reveal the power of electricity and how it shapes our lives as Minnesotans.

Electrifying continued on page 3

Annual HERITAGE Plant Sale

Spring has arrived, and that means it's time to mark your calendars for the Cox House Annual Heritage Plant Sale! The date for this year’s sale is Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This fundraiser for the E. St. Julien Cox House is a favorite of many local gardeners who come to choose from a wide variety of interesting plants, bulbs, shrubs, and more. During this year’s sale, a Master Gardener will be on site to answer your gardening questions.

The sale relies on plants donated by the community so we invite the public help by potting up some plants in your own gardens for the sale. Bring them to the Cox House on Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The volunteers who price and arrange the plants ask that donors

Plant Sale continued on page 7
Members

Thank you to the following renewing and new members of NCHS since the Annual Meeting.

Business Members:
Renewed Champion: Gustavus Adolphus College

Renewed Patron Members:
Janice & Robert Meyer II
Sally Webster
Jerry Welydy

Renewed Patron Members:
Milt & Elaine Brostrom
Eileen Holz
Gayla Lueck Mattson

Renewed Family Members:
Tim Bartelt & Emily Stark
Dr. Bruce & Debra Beatty
William & Marilyn Bessler
Thomas & Carol Brown
Arden & Marilyn DeBoer
Dwight & Geni DeBoer
John & Ruth Hall
Bruce & Liz Power Hawkins
Donald & Rhonda Hermanson
Barbara Jerabek
Thorild & Arthid Nelson
Harold & Louise Rodning
Jeff & Tami Skinner
Jeff Wettergren & Melanie Lynam
Barbara Wilkinson

Renewed Individual Members:
Jim Bartels
Michael Frederick
Grethchen Koehler
Jan Prehn

Renewed Senior Members:
Eunice Amos
Peg Bindner
Alma Forst
Thomas Hagen
Dale Himmelman
Charles Johnson
Marjorie Johnson
Myron Kaduce
Marolyn Kleinert
Mary Long
Harriet Mason
Arnold Nimps
Helen Schauer
Judy Teigen

New Family Members:
Dave Johnson
Mark & Gabriel Roemhildt

Executive Board Officers:
Amanda Frie, President, St. Peter
JoAnn Gieseke, Vice President, Brighton Township
Marie Dranttel, Treasurer, St. Peter
Maria Lokensgard, Secretary, Lafayette

Directors:
Nita Aasen, St. Peter
Tim Bartelt, St. Peter
Tom Brown, St. George
Tom Hagen, North Mankato
Scott Hermanson, St. Peter
Eileen Holz, St. Peter
Ruth Klossner, Bernadotte
Mary Muchow, Lafayette
Mark Ulman, North Mankato
Joe Urban, St. Peter

Contact Information:
Executive Director: Jessica Becker
director@nchsmn.org
Research Coordinator: Kris LeClerc
researchcoordinator@nchsmn.org
Office Manager: Elaine Deschaine
elaine@nchsmn.org
TSHC Museum Staff:
Cindy Freeman, Marsha Heine, Amanda Johnson,
Warren Michels, Graham Skinner,
Loren Sundboom
TSHC Interns & Student Workers:
Michael Collins, Jack Atkins
TSHC Janitor: Ruth Grewe
Harkin Store Manager: Ruth Grewe
Harkin Store Site Guides: Donna Dose,
Justin Grewe, Robin Grewe,
Glen Stryker

Treaty Site History Center
1851 N Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082
Phone: 507-934-2160; Fax: 507-934-0172
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Sun. 1-4 p.m. (Mar.-Oct.);
Archives: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., by appt.
General info via e-mail: museum@nchsmn.org
or research@nchsmn.org

E. St. Julien Cox House
500 N. Washington Ave., St. Peter MN 56082
Phone: 507-934-2160
• For tour and rental information call 507-934-2160.

Harkin Store
P.O. Box 112, New Ulm MN 56073
Eight miles east of New Ulm on Co. Hwy. 21
Phone: 507-354-8666, harkinstore@mnhs.org
Hours:
• May–Sept. & First 3 Weekends in Oct.: Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
• Memorial Day–Labor Day:
Sat.–Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and
Mon. holidays 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Fort Ridgely
72404 County Road 30, Fairfax MN 55332
Phone: 507-508-2848, ridgely@mnhs.org
Hours:
• Sept. and first three weekends in Oct.:
Sat.–Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and
Mon. holidays 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
• Memorial Day weekend–Labor Day:
Fri.–Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Open Mon. holidays

We already have some truly outstanding volunteers. Some, like Loren Sundboom, Brian Oviatt, and Nita Aasen are familiar faces at the Treaty Site who tirelessly donate their valuable time every week. Herb Poncin and Robert Weber tend and care for the Treaty Site’s grounds and landscaping and can take great pride in their work. Steve Hogberg and Cindy Freeman volunteer as docents giving tours to groups and students on field trips, imparting valuable lessons and anecdotes during their visits. Others help out sporadically when we have special projects or events. Of course, there are many others I am leaving out, but you get the idea. The Society runs through the help of volunteers. The real magic and passion you find at our sites start with them, and for that, we are forever grateful.

You don’t have to commit large chunks of time to volunteer with us. We have projects at all interest levels and availabilities. If you’re interested in becoming involved with the Society, please contact Jessica or Kris. We literally could not do all we do with our volunteers. We’d love it if you’d join us.

We love this time of year at NCHS. Spring is a great time to be a part of the Society. There’s always a lot of activity and each day brings something new. You never know what might happen or who might walk through the door. They could be from anywhere in the world or could be your neighbor from down the road. It might be someone from out state researching family history or a member who wants to donate items to the Society. Wouldn’t you like to experience this for yourself? You certainly could if you become a volunteer with us.

Director’s Column

Jessica Becker

2
“Electrifying Minnesota” will be on display through Sunday, August 27.

This exhibit was created by The Baaken Museum in partnership with the Minnesota History Center. It is on temporary loan from the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.

The Minnesota Historical Society Traveling Exhibits Program has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008. The Traveling Exhibits program has created seven exhibits that have been enjoyed by visitors at venues around the state.

Your Sneak Peek to “Electrifying Minnesota”!

Constructed in 1888 southwest of the mill pond in St. Peter, Minnesota, the Power House was demolished in 1987. It contained a well 45 feet deep and pumps to move water to a standpipe above the city. Two dynamos inside the building were used in the process of generating electricity and providing it to city residents for several years. This image was captured in about 1938.

FILMS ON THURSDAYS
Season 8 / 2017 Film Series

Please join us for the culmination of the eighth season of the Films on First Thursdays Documentary Film Series. Films are presented in partnership between the Nicollet County Historical Society and Saint Peter Community & Family Education every month from September through May at the Treaty Site History Center.

The Treaty Site History Center is located one mile north of downtown Saint Peter at Hwys. 169 and 22, across from the Mankato Clinic. Admission to the film series is free for all!

Women Serving in War, May 11, 7 p.m.
From the war zone to life back home: Three generations of Minnesota’s military women share their stories of service from World War II to Vietnam to Afghanistan. Produced by TPT with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. Film Not Rated. Runtime is 27 minutes.

Following the film join us for a program celebrating women servicemembers.
New Faces:

NCHS Board of Directors

Election of 2017 Officers
President: Amanda Frie
Vice President: JoAnn Gieseke
Treasurer: Marie Dranttel
Secretary: Maria Lokensgard

Candidates for a Second Term
Eileen Holz, Saint Peter
Maria Lokensgard, Norseland
Joe Urban, Saint Peter

The Society gained three new board members after the January Annual Meeting. We are lucky and honored Tom, Marcy, and Ruth with us!

Tom Hagen, North Mankato
Tom Hagen taught history and English in Southern Minnesota public schools for thirty years. After retirement he began to teach at Minnesota State University in the humanities department specializing in Asian Studies, and has worked as an adjunct faculty member there for the last 12 years. Tom has also been active in preservation work, restoring and rebuilding four properties, and he received a Stewardship Award from the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota for his work. Tom is currently advising/working on the restoration of the Jos. Schaus house (1857) in Mankato.

Marcy Muchow, Lafayette
Marcy Hacker Muchow was raised on a farm in Lafayette Township and is a graduate of Gibbon High School. She is married to Denny Muchow and the couple has two sons, Dion and Dana. Marcy moved back to the area in 1969 to live on her grandfather’s farm. She went to nursing school and worked as a charge nurse, long term care, Alzheimer’s unit, and assisted living in New Ulm. She is now retired. In her spare time, she taught religion, was a Den Mother, belonged to Lafayette Study Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mary loves to travel and go to Minnesota Twins games.

Ruth Klossner, Bernadotte
Ruth Klossner grew up on a dairy farm near Klossner—which is named after her father’s great-uncle. For 28 years she worked in the world of journalism as reporter, photographer, and editor for the Lafayette Ledger. A self-proclaimed “retirement flunky,” five years ago Ruth jumped back into the world of journalism. Before joining the newspaper staff in 1984, Ruth worked with kids, cows, horses, bugs, foods, and a zillion other things as an extension educator for 13 years; was a wedding photographer 15-plus years; showed horses and cows in several states; and played softball for something like 50 years. As secretary of the New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club and the Lafayette Area Lions, she writes their monthly newsletters, as well as one for Fields of Grace Lutheran Parish. Ruth was a member of the steering committee that founded the Connecting Nicollet County leadership. However, Ruth is best known for living with nearly 17,000 (inanimate) cow items in the Moo-seum in Bernadotte.

Michael Collins, Intern
I grew up in the small, rural town of La Crescent, Minnesota. I am currently a graduate student in History at Minnesota State University, Mankato. What brings me to NCHS is an internship in the archives, where I am learning important skills and learning more about the rich history of Nicollet County. I enjoy spending time with my wife Andrea and my two dogs (named Max and Gus). I also love to read fiction and history. My main historical interest is the political history of Minnesota. I am currently writing a paper on state Senator Val Imm and his contributing to higher education in Southern Minnesota.

Jack Atkins, Service Learning Student
Hello. My name is Jack Atkins and I am a senior at St. Peter High School. Through the work study program, and the generosity of the Nicollet County Historical Society, I have been fortunate to volunteer at the Historical Society. During my time at the site I have typed up and cataloged many books, magazines, leaflets, and other official documents; into the Society’s database. This updated database will make it easier for current and future researchers to study the history of Nicollet County. The atmosphere and especially the workers at the Historical Society were extremely enjoyable. I would like to give a special thank you to both Jessica and Kris for making me feel welcome.
Historical Society Events...

St. Peter Reads Annual Spring Author Talk
Thurs., May 4 | 4–5 p.m. Library | TSHC 7 p.m.
Join St. Peter Reads in welcoming William Kent Krueger back to St. Peter on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Treaty Site History Center. Prior to the author talk, Krueger will sign books at the Public Library from 4–5 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.
This event is made possible through a grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.

Night Hike with Naturalist Scott Kudelka
Thurs., May 18 | 8 p.m. | Free | Traverse des Sioux Historic Site
Lace up your hiking boots and join Minneopa Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka for a night hike on the Traverse des Sioux prairie!
Darkness presents a whole new world to most of us. Very few of us spend extended periods of time in the dark and some people may even become fearful of the night. On the other hand, animals adapt their lives and themselves to the conditions of both day and night.
On this hike we will learn how to use our five senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell) in the dark without using any artificial light.
Please meet in the lobby at the Treaty Site History Center at 7:55 p.m. and be ready to depart at 8 p.m.

Company B Reenactment Weekend
Fri., Sat., Sun., June 10–12 | 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Join Civil War reenactors from Company B, the New Ulm Battery and other groups as they demonstrate what life was like for soldiers during the 1860s. The men will cook their supper over the fire, run musket drills, fire cannons and educate visitors on a typical day at the fort.
The reenactors arrive Friday night and stay through Sunday, so families are encouraged to stay the weekend and camp at the state park.

Fashion & Style in the 1800s
Sat., June 10 | 1–2 p.m. Fort Ridgely
From corsets and crinolines to bustles and boots, learn about the history and myths surrounding 19th century fashion. Join Jayne Becker from MNHS for a look at fashion styles and trends of the past. Discover which items were needed for day-to-day wear and which were the height of frivolity.

Swan Lake Paddle
Thurs., June 15 | 5:30 p.m. | Free | Nicollet Bay access at Swan Lake
Registration Required.
Go for a paddle on Swan Lake with the Minneopa Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka!
Here is a perfect chance to learn how to paddle a canoe and learn about some of the interesting facts and stories about this incredible natural resource. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Nicollet Bay Access (north side) off of Highway 14 west of Nicollet about two miles and plan on being on the water for at least an hour and a half.
** Register for the paddle by emailing scott.kudelka@state.mn.us to participate, space is limited. **
& more Historical Society Events

Kite Workshop
Sat., June 24 | 1–2 p.m. Fort Ridgely
Learn about kites, including different shapes and materials for kite-making, from Dave Herzig of the Minnesota Kite Club. Then make a sled kite to take home and test it out on the Fort Ridgely parade ground.

Wild about Wildlife!
Thurs., June 29 | 7 p.m. | Free | Treaty Site History Center
Badger, and skunk, and mink! Oh, my! Join us at the Treaty Site History Center for Wild about Wildlife to learn about some of the wild mammals that live in Minnesota. Minneopa Area Naturalist, Scott Kudelka, will be here to present about Minnesota wildlife.

What are some of the cool animals that can be found throughout the state? Learn how these mammals have adapted to survive in their natural environment and some of the more interesting characteristics. Using furs from 15 different mammals (badger, skunk, mink, coyote, etc.) gives a different perspective on how these animals survive. You will have a chance to test your knowledge by participating in a number of hands-on activities including “Guess the Critter.”

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission to the event is FREE.

NEW THURSDAY MATINEE DOCUMENTARIES

Nicollet County Historical Society and Community and Family Education invite you to a summer afternoon documentary series. Due to the great interest in these previously shown films in our Thursday evening timeslot, we’ve decided to offer them again as summer matinees at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, in air conditioned comfort. As always, the films are free and open to the public and take place at the Treaty Site History Center. The first two films of the matinee season will be:

John Muir: A Glorious Journey, June 1, 2 p.m.
This film tells the story of John Muir, America’s most famous naturalist and conservationist. Muir shared his love of nature through writing and inspired people to protect our country’s wild places, fueling the formation of the National Park Service and the modern conservation movement. After the film, we invite you to take a walk on the prairie trails next to the Treaty Site. Film not rated. Runtime is 22 minutes.

University Avenue: One Street, a Thousand Dreams, July 6, 2 p.m.
“University Avenue means different things to different people. It’s always been eclectic, unruly, noisy, and gritty. The street has seen its fortunes rise and fall over the decades. Its purpose has always been the same: to provide a vital link between Minneapolis and Saint Paul for people and commerce.” Lou Bellamy’s opening narration sets the stage for this journey down one of the most fascinating and influential streets in the Upper Midwest. Film not rated. Runtime is 57 minutes.
Goodbye Amber

Please help us in wishing Amber all the best in her new endeavor! And Amber’s skills she brought to our organization. Amber has resigned from NCHS to pursue a great new job opportunity as the new Program Development Officer at the Brown County Historical Society. Her spark and personality will be missed! Please help us in wishing Amber all the best in her new endeavor!

Plant Sale continued from page 1

please label them before dropping them off at the Cox House. Need extra pots? Pick up a few at the Cox House by the Skaro Street garden gate two weeks before the sale.

Not only is this annual event a community favorite, but it’s also an opportunity to view the Cox House. The Questers are providing guided tours until 2:00 p.m. the day of the sale. We’re charging regular site admission rates; NCHS members and Gustavus staff and students receive free admission.

We count on our NCHS members to spread the word about the sale, donate plants, and volunteer to help with pricing and arranging plants as well as help the day of the actual sale. It’s a lot of fun, and you don’t need to be a plant expert to help out! If you have questions or would like to donate or volunteer, please call Bev Wetherill at (507) 934-4417 or Susan Stenson at (507) 931-0912.

This year’s plant sale sponsors are the Minnehaha Questers, the Nicollet County Historical Society and Thrivent Financial.

Wish list for Items

The Nicollet County Historical Society needs some things to help its operations! Here are several items which would be put to good use at the Society. We would take them new or gently used. A cash donation works, too. Just let us know for what the cash is intended. Please contact Jessica at director@nchsmn.org or at 507-934-2160 if you have questions. Thank you!

- Wet/dry vacuum (3 gallons or larger)
- 2 watering cans
- Gardening gloves
- Gently used patio tables and chairs
- Desktop computer with Windows 7 or higher
- Computer monitor, 21” or larger
- External hard drives and flash drives
- Monetary donations for technology upgrades
- Fiberglass ladder, between 6’ and 12’ tall
- Paper cutter
Treaty Site is hiring!

Do you like history? Like meeting new people? Have spare time on the weekends? If so you’re just the person we’re looking for! The Treaty Site is looking to expand its weekend staff. Scheduling is flexible but keep in mind this position is weekends only. Please contact Jessica at (507) 934-2160 or director@nchsmn.org for more information.

Fort Ridgeley is hiring!

We are currently seeking applicants for our 2017 Summer Site Guides at Fort Ridgeley! If you’re looking for a fun and interesting summer job Fort Ridgeley is the place for you! We have great visitors and programs. Scheduling is flexible but keep in mind it is a seasonal part-time job and we are only open on the weekends. Fort Ridgeley opens May 26th, 2017 and regular hours of operation are Friday-Sunday through October 22nd. Please contact Jessica at (507) 934-2160 or director@nchsmn.org for more information.

Lend the Society a helping hand!

Do you want to become more involved with the Society? Are you interested in neat historic artifacts, exhibit design, leading tours or maybe you’re handy with a hammer? We love our volunteers and think you should join in on the fun! Perks of volunteering include a free family membership and a great gift shop discount! Not to mention the satisfaction of helping the Society grow and succeed!

We currently have several opportunities available at our sites.

Opportunities include:

Visitor Services: These volunteers assist at the Treaty Site History Center by staffing the front desk, greeting visitors, answering phone calls and basic questions, and assisting visitors with purchases in the Gift Shop. We have openings on Tuesday afternoons from 1–4 p.m., and Thursdays between 10 a.m.–4 p.m., May–August.

Tour Guides: Our guides lead tours for adults and kids alike at the E. St. Julien Cox House, Traverse des Sioux Historic Site, and the Treaty Site History Center. NCHS gives tours to a wide variety of groups including school field trips, scouting troops, and other groups of all ages.

Events & Programming: NCHS strives to provide educational and informative programming for all ages. We are looking for individuals interested in helping plan new educational programming and events at all NCHS sites.

Archives & Collections: Assist NCHS staff with research, digitizing photographs, encapsulating documents, and more! Curatorial volunteers will help with inventory projects, clean exhibits and artifacts, and perform basic data entry.

Maintenance & Handymen: Are you handy with a hammer or like working in the garden? NCHS has plenty of opportunities to work inside and outside on various projects. This might include light carpentry work, weeding, snow removal, and general site upkeep at all NCHS sites.

NCHS staff provides training for all volunteers. All positions are unpaid. If you’re interested send an e-mail to museum@nchsmn.org, or give us a call at (507) 934-2160 to discuss your interests.
Harkin Happenings…

Greetings for Season 2017 at Harkin Store

by Ruth Grewe

The weather has been pretty nice this winter so I’ve been thinking much about the Harkin and the season coming. I have been to the gift mart to order merchandise for the gift shop which really gets me going. I will be cleaning the store and setting the merchandise into the museum soon.

I have setup many programs for the Sunday afternoons. Our first one is “Egg Coffee and Newtons” made on the original stove in the store. Our Mother’s Day program is a hit with moms because it is a display of aprons hanging in the museum. Anyone interested in the river and riverboats enjoy the May 21st program with the information that we have about the Minnesota River and the boats that traveled on it. Our Memorial program is Bob Bovee singing folk and other types of music and playing his instruments. June brings Dairy Day, Flag Day, Father’s Day with displays of crafts that men enjoy, and music on June 25 with Carver Creek music. Carver Creek plays folk, Celtic and old style music. The family of 5 siblings have been coming to Harkin for seven years and have been enjoyed by many.

Our gift shop is filled with many interesting items again this year, toys, books, hand crafted and unique items and also 10 cent candy. Our program listing is on the calendar in the newsletter. See you at the Store this season!

Ridgely Report…

by Amber Bentler

We are gearing up for the 2017 season at Fort Ridgely. This year we will host Company B reenactors for a big weekend June 10 and 11. They will show what a typical day would have been like for the soldiers at Fort Ridgely. There will of course be musket drills and cannon fire! Reserve your campsite so you can be there for the whole weekend.

This year we will host Company B reenactors for a big weekend June 10 and 11. They will show what a typical day would have been like for the soldiers at Fort Ridgely. There will of course be musket drills and cannon fire! Reserve your campsite so you can be there for the whole weekend.

We will also have someone from the Minnesota Kite Club on June 24 at 1 p.m. He will talk about different kites and will have kits so kids can make and fly their own kites. This is not to be missed. The grounds at Fort Ridgely are perfect for flying a kite!

I also have some news for all of you. After four seasons at Fort Ridgely as Site Manager I will be moving on to the Brown County Historical Society as Program Development Officer. This is a full time position and in New Ulm so I will be closer to home. I will miss NCHS and the Fort very much but will still be around and able to help out and partner with NCHS. If anyone wants to stop in and say hello I am located in the old post office on the corner of Center and Broadway. Thank you for all of your support! I will stay on with Fort Ridgely until a new Site Manager is hired. My heart is still there and it will be hard to let it go.

I wish everyone the best.
The Society is again proud to partner with Pediment Publishing, the Blue Earth County Historical Society, and Minnesota State University Memorial Library an all-new hardcover pictorial history book, *Minnesota Valley Memories II: The 1940s, 1950s and 1960s*.

This heirloom-quality coffee-table book will feature a glimpse of the Minnesota Valley from 1940–1969 with a brief reprise of the early years, through stunning historic photos. In addition to images carefully selected from the archives of our partners, we are thrilled to include photographic memories from our readers.

Want to donate images to the project? Bring your photos down to the Treaty Site History Center for public scanning sessions on Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. and Tuesday, May 9, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring us your best photos and we’ll scan them in while you wait. Plus, chances are some other fine folks will show up, so bring your stories to share with one another!
### 2017 Calendar of Events:

#### Event/Program information:

- **Harkin Store and Fort Ridgely:** $6 adults (18–64), $5 seniors (65+) and college students, $4 children (ages 5–17).
  - Free for age 4 and under, MNHS and NCHS members.
- **TSHC:** All Treaty Site History Center events listed on the calendar below are free and open to the public.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event/Program Information</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>Electrifying Minnesota exhibit opens, through August 27</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 4</td>
<td>St. Peter Reads Spring Author Talk with William Kent Krueger, 7 p.m.</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Book Signing at St. Peter Public Library 4–5 p.m.</td>
<td>Cox House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 6</td>
<td>Annual Heritage Plant Sale, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 6</td>
<td>Opening Day at Harkin Store, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 7</td>
<td>Egg Coffee and Newtons, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 11</td>
<td>Documentary Film Series: Women Serving in War, 7 p.m. (see description on page 3)</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 14</td>
<td>Mother’s Day, Apron Display, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 18</td>
<td>Night Hike with Naturalist Scott Kudelka, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Traverse des Sioux</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 21</td>
<td>Minnesota Riverboats, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 26</td>
<td>Opening Day at Fort Ridgely, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.</td>
<td>Fort Ridgely</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 28</td>
<td>Music by Bob Bovee, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 1</td>
<td>Thursday Matinee Documentaries: John Muir: A Glorious Journey, 2 p.m. (see description on page 6)</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 4</td>
<td>Dairy Day, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 10 &amp; 12</td>
<td>Company B Reenactment Weekend, 10 a.m.</td>
<td>Fort Ridgely</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 10</td>
<td>Fashion &amp; Style in the 1800s, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Fort Ridgely</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>Flag Day Display, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 15</td>
<td>Swan Lake Paddle with Scott Kudelka, 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Swan Lake Nicollet Bay Access</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 18</td>
<td>Father’s Day, Hand Crafts, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 24</td>
<td>Minnesota Kite Club Kite Workshop, 1–2 p.m.</td>
<td>Fort Ridgely</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 25</td>
<td>Music By Carver Creek, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 29</td>
<td>Wild about Wildlife!, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 1</td>
<td>An Old-Fashioned Independence Day, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Fort Ridgely</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 2</td>
<td>Independence Day with the New Ulm Battery, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 6</td>
<td>Thursday Matinee Documentaries: University Avenue: One Street, a Thousand Dreams, 2 p.m. (see description on page 6)</td>
<td>TSHC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 9</td>
<td>Day in the Life of a Pioneer Woman, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 16</td>
<td>Shopping with Laura Ingalls, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Harkin Store</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 20</td>
<td>Minnesota River Paddle, 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Seven Mile Creek park</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Please watch the NCHS website, Facebook & Twitter and MNHS website for further events and details for additional programming.**
Your membership dollars at work…

NCHS Membership Application

Name _______________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
Phone ( _______ ) _____________________________________________
E-mail _______________________________________________________
My check is enclosed □ Please debit my credit card □
Acct. Number __________________________________________________
CVV Code ___________________ Expiration Date _________________________
3ths on rev –VISA®, MC®, Disc®, 4ths on rev –AE®
Authorized Signature _____________________________________________

Yes! I would like to support my Nicollet County Historical Society in 2017 at the following level (please check one).

□ Senior (65+)                                      $ 30
□ Individual                                         $ 40
□ Family                                             $ 50
□ Sustaining                                         $ 75
□ Patron                                             $ 100
□ Supporter                                          $ 200
□ Benefactor                                         $ 500
□ Life Member                                        $ 1,000

Business Memberships

Please make checks payable to:
Nicollet County Historical Society
Membership applications should be mailed to:
Nicollet County Historical Society
1851 North Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

□ Please save mailing costs, I will read my newsletter online.