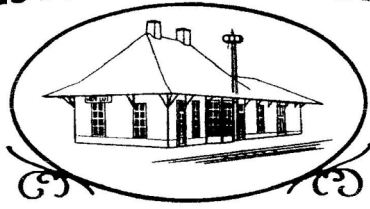


MOOSE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT OUR DEPOT & FIRES OF 1918 MUSEUM?

Exhibits include:

*Moose Lake State Hospital
History of the Fires of 1918*

Railroad

Agates

Nemadji Pottery

Logging

And much more!!

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Opening Weekend

Opening weekend will be Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30. The hours for the season are 10am-4pm Monday-Saturday and Sunday 11 am-3pm.

On May 30th, Memorial Day, the program at the school will have Brigadier General David J. Elicelio as the featured speaker. He is the Commander of the 34th Infantry Division, known as the "Red Bull" from the Minnesota National Guard based in Rosemont, Minnesota. After the school program people will process to Veteran's Park for the 21-gun salute and the raising of the flag. The American Legion Auxiliary will then serve coffee and cookies at the Depot Annex.

The Historical Society will have a display of uniforms from all of the wars/conflicts from the Civil War to Iraqi Freedom and many other items of military interest.

Membership

As of April 27th our membership is at 209, last year we had 215 and we would like to achieve that goal again. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining please let us know.

The categories of membership are as follows:

Benefactor 7 @ \$200.00 = \$1400	Sponsor 8 @ \$100.00 = \$800
Friend 15 @ \$35.00 = \$525	Business 31 @ \$30.00 = \$930
Family 89 @ \$20.00 = \$1780	Individual 52 @ \$15.00 = \$780

Total received from memberships = \$6215

Life members - 2

Exchange member - 1

Honorary members - 4

These funds are the "lifeblood" of our organization. Along with the admission fee and gift shop sales, pays for office supplies, security system, internet connection, telephone, insurance, website upkeep, copy machine costs, and wages for our three part-time employees. This allows us to concentrate our fundraising effort on completion of the building. Those efforts include the spring plant sale, Depot Fest, Fall dinner, raffle, Christmas open house and meals prior to the quarterly meetings. Any non-specified donation used for whatever is necessary for the running of the organization. Any donation that has a specified use is kept in a separate fund for that purpose.

A huge thanks goes to all of you members, we need you and we have been showing positive growth for the past few years. Thank you!

Antique Appraisals

The Moose Lake Area Historical Society hosts Antique Appraisals with Steve Wesely of Crescent Auctioneering once monthly, February through November. Last year we had 88 participants attend the monthly sessions. We wish to thank Steve Wesely for continuing this volunteer activity.

One of the "Stars of the Show" for November was a 1924 Montgomery Ward Catalog, volume # 100. It was in close to mint condition. Great graphics. Estimated value was \$100-200.

In September, one of the "Star" items was a simulated hand written note to all of the American GI's entering WW I, in

1918, thanking them for their service. It was on Buckingham Palace notepaper, and signed by King George of England. Estimated value \$100-300.

In April a Bavarian Garnet Brooch was shown. The stones were set in sterling silver, and it seemed to be a quality piece of jewelry. This item is circa 1900-1910. Its estimated value was \$300-700.

Also in April, one of the earliest electric mixers was shown. It was a Universal, still ran. Estimated age 1930. Estimated value \$150-300.

One of the more unusual items presented was an opened box of "Gold Dust" washing powder. This item was circa 1940. Powder inside of box had not become a solid block. Estimated value \$40-60.

Another unusual item shown was a piano music book from 1922. It was stamped "Glass Block" on its' inside cover. Its original price had been \$2. Estimated value \$6-8. In the Duluth Area, for someone wanting items from this landmark store, it could go higher.

"Star" items are pictures and shown on our website for the month, along with the written article about items presented.

Come up and watch the presentation. You don't have to bring something to be evaluated. Just come to see what is being brought in for evaluation.

Summer sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings: June 7; July 5; and August 2 at 7:00 p.m. They are held at the Depot/History Center, and weather permitting, will be on the patio.

Steve has said on multiple occasions we have items that would make it on the TV program Antiques Road Show.

Donations in 2011

Monetary donations

Joyce Fagerness

Pat Martinson

Lil Evenson

Ed & Donna Dahlberg in honor of Grace Schjedahl

John Wolforth & Ruth Pfaller-for trail construction

Memorials

In memory of Chuck Chase—John Thompson

In memory of Arnie Tuomi—Ross Anderson

Vendors and Crafters wanted for Depot Fest

Depot Fest will be held on August 6, 2011. Vendors and crafters are needed for outside booths. We will also be collecting items for our flea market, so when you are doing your spring cleaning, be sure to remember us.

The Bear is back

Do you remember the large bear that used to be in the museum at the old hospital? When the building was to be torn down, the bear went into storage but no one could remember where he went. Our special detective, Dean Paulson, went on a search and finally found him at Lawrence Kachinski's house. He is now residing in the entry of the new building to greet you as you come in the door. We are not sure he will remain there permanently but we welcome him back. There has been some discussion about naming the bear contest and a welcome home party, so watch for further information regarding his homecoming.

Christmas Open House, Boutique and Bake Sale

The Christmas open house held on November 26 & 27 was well attended and was a big success. We took in over \$2000.00 in sales and had over 100 people visit, plans are already under way for 2011. If you have a special craft you would like to share or would like to bake something for the bake sale, please call the Depot at 218-485-4234

Charging admission

In 2010, the board made the decision to begin to charge admission to the museum. The admission price is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children from 5-10 and \$5.00 for a family. By the end of the season, we had taken in \$2538.00. We compared this to 2009 donation box and it was more than double so we feel it was a very good decision and will continue for 2011.

Volunteers needed

Since the new building opened in the 2010 season, we have been using volunteers for 3 hours shifts to staff the new building and our employees work in the Depot. If you like visiting with the public, have a good knowledge of the history of the area and have some free time we could use you. It's a fun and interesting and helps us by not having to pay staff. If you are interested in helping, please call Natalie Frohrip at 218-485-4679, Marlene Berube at 218-485-6022 or the Depot at 218-485-4234. Thank you in advance.

Fall Dinner

The fall dinner will be held on Sunday, September 25th at Holy Angels Catholic Church. There will be a silent auction, entertainment along with a wonderful meal. This is one of our major fund raising events so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Quilt Raffle

There is a large twin size baseball theme quilt hanging at the First National Bank that will be raffled off on Memorial Day. The tickets are \$3.00 each. If you have a young boy in your life and he loves baseball, especially the Twins, this would be a great gift for him. Please stop in the bank and purchase your ticket.

New Displays

The exhibit committee has been meeting on a regular basis all winter and there will be lots of new things to see by the opening weekend. The first display in the Annex is one regarding Native Americans and includes arrowheads, stone hammerheads and other rocks of interest. We then have a multi-faceted display with early railroad, logging and the military road. Next is a pictorial display of early Moose Lake with some very interesting pictures from before the fire. There is also an extensive display of information about the 1918 fire, the relief effort and the rebuilding of the town. There are two display cases about the industry that helped the town recover, the State Hospital and Nemadji Pottery. The rest of the displays in the Annex will be some that will change throughout the year, first with the military display honoring veterans of the area.

The Depot will have some changes done also. We will be setting up a 1920s era kitchen in half of the men's waiting room and the other half will have our organ, pulpit and pew for a small chapel. We will be doing work in the railroad room as soon as we are able so things are more visible. The freight room will have an expanded telephone display and another one featuring our local photographers, Les Blacklock and Clarence Folz with some of their work and some early cameras. The large fire map has been framed in plexiglass and is now outside on the patio. There will be lots for you to see so be sure to come and visit us this summer.

Grants

We have received a grant from Carlton County Development for an area map featuring points of interest that will also be outside on the patio. We will also be getting a sign for the back of the parking lot that will indicate trail parking with symbols of an ATV, snowmobile, bikers, and walkers. Hopefully this will help keep the area nearer to the buildings free for museum visitors. We have also applied for some grants to obtain funds to finish the building. At this point we have not received any feedback so stayed tuned.

Perennial Plant Sale

We had originally planned to have the plant sale on May 28th, but because Mother Nature seems to be reluctant to give up on winter, we have changed the date to June 4th from 8am to 12pm. When you are cleaning out your garden and you have plants that need to be split or you just don't want any more, remember us. Please bring your plants to the Depot on June 3rd from 10-4. And don't forget to come back shopping on the 4th.

A note from the President-Dean Paulson

Happenings around the Depot and Annex

We have been working with different contractors on bids for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning for the new building and restrooms. Henry Gretsfeld and I have met with 6 different contractors regarding the work that needs to be done. There have been a lot of questions in regards to the original design and how the code has changed. Henry and I will be meeting within the next week with the Plan Reviewer to see what needs to be done and updated.

The new telephone line will hopefully be put in the week of May 9, 2011. We need the new line as we have trouble with damage to the original line. It has been taken down at least 2 times and the pole that services the buildings is a very old telegraph pole and isn't safe to climb. We have also had trouble with the existing line. Our security system and credit card system are also on that line. We need a minimum of a 4 pair line.

Peter Steen has donated a 48-foot van to use for storage. This will be located at the south end of the new building. Items that we will store in the van will be those that won't be affected by weather. We have a number of donations that we don't have the space to store. When you see Peter, please thank him for his donation! We are waiting for the Variance from the city and then we will be able to move the storage unit in and have it painted to match the 2 buildings.

If you have some free time, and want to get involved, please contact the Depot. It gets very interesting and you will learn a lot about the area.

2012 Calendar

For the last two years, we have had a then and now calendar of building and businesses for sale and they have been very popular. There are not enough businesses left to do another year, so for 2012 we are going to have one on area churches. Previously, the pages have been sponsored by the business but this year we are asking anyone who may be interested to sponsor a page. At this time, we are not sure which churches we will be including. If you are interested, please call the Depot after opening weekend for the list. Thank you in advance.

2011 Board Members

Dean Paulson-President	485-0298	Judy Blomquist	485-4470
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The mission of the Moose Lake Area Historical Society is to collect, preserve and promote the history of Moose Lake and the surrounding areas.



Depot & Fires of 1918 Museum & Gift Shop opens Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-30) and will remain open thru Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.

Depot hours are:
 Mon. – Sat. - 10 am - 4 pm
 Sun. – 11 am - 3 pm

Open on all Holidays during the Season
 After Labor Day, open Fri. – Mon. according to hours above.

For information call 218-485-4234 (seasonal)
 Chamber of Commerce 218-485-4145 or 1-800-635-3680.
 Website: www.mooselakeareahistory.com

“Past events are history...Future events are the making of history.”