

Heritage Happenings

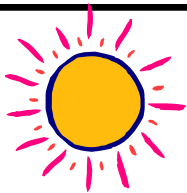


Woodbury Heritage Society

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We are very pleased to announce that Shirley Walker is our new Sunshine Coordinator. If you have news about members, please let Shirley know at: 651-731-3928 Cell 612-849-2007 or email skwalker@usfamily.net

Heritage Village Movin' On

Heritage Village Update

On April 5th, members of the Woodbury Heritage Society accompanied the mayor, City Administrator and members of the City Council and Parks Commission on a tour of several city-owned sites. During the tour we were able to present information about two sites in particular, the Miller Barn and the Woodbury Community Club, highlighting their historical significance and value. The information was well received, and the Parks and Recreation Commission has already begun talking about plans to include these two sites in future budgets with an eye toward preserving the structures and developing a plan to use the sites in ways that would make it possible for the Woodbury Heritage Society to work with the city to develop some displays about Woodbury's history. These are encouraging steps and we thank Bob Klatt and the Parks Commission for their willingness to include these sites in their recommendations. There is a long way to go before money is definitely earmarked for any such project though, so this is a great time to talk it up to your neighbors and let your local representatives know of your support for preserving these historic structures that represent so much of Woodbury's history.

Kathryn Ho

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Council Member Christopher Burns studies the WHS proposal at the Miller Farm

Annual Members Meeting

On April 14, 2011, about 40 members attended the annual meeting at Salem Lutheran Church. The highlight of the



Presenter Sara Jean Minehart and Board

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evening was a presentation by Sara Jean Minehart about the Woodbury Community Club. Sara brought many of the WHS records from the Woodbury Community Club to share as well as photos and stories and many from the audience chimed in their memories of events at the club such as dances and parties. A Wood Tick Ball, you say? Well! Sara even charmed volunteers from the audience into reenacting a drama that was performed years ago. Which reminds us--if you have photos from the Woodbury Community Club that you would like to donate to the Woodbury Heritage Society, please contact our office. We'd love to be able to add them to our collection.

The treasurer's report was given by the WHS treasurer, Richard Pribnow, and nominations were asked for to fill a vacancy on the board, however, no nominations were made. (Dick Bielenberg has since been recruited to fill the vacancy and we are thrilled to have him on the board!)

Kathryn Ho

Annual Report

Here is a short list of the Woodbury Heritage Society's activities for the last year:

Woodbury Heritage Society Activities 2010

January

Members Holiday Pot Luck with presentation from Emily Wolterstorff on 4H History

February

First "Moment in Time" segment airs on Woodbury CityStyle and continues monthly

March

Woodbury Citizen's Academy Presentation

April

Annual Members Meeting and presentation on "Finding History in Suburbia" by Fred Johnson.
WHS display at History in Your

Backyard at Stillwater Historic Courthouse

May

Garden planted

June - September

Heritage House Open Houses
2nd grader field trips for Middleton and Red Rock Elementary Schools in September

October

Antique Appraisal at Central Park
Tiger Scout tour at Heritage House

November

WHS hosts Washington County History Network
Lion's Club Presentation

December

Heritage House decorated by Rath's Family

Woodbury Heritage Society Activities 2011

January

Holiday Pot Luck with presentation by Brent Peterson on "An Ode to Stillwater: The John Runk Films"

February

Woodbury Citizen's Academy Presentation

March

April

WHS display at History in Your Backyard at Stillwater Historic Courthouse
Tour with City Council of City-owned spaces
Annual Members Meeting & presentation by Sara Jane Minehart on Woodbury Community Club
History workshops at Footprints Academy
Woodbury Expo Display
Kathryn Ho

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Board News...

At the May meeting of the Board Wayne Schilling was elected as the new president. Outgoing president John Seemann will move to the position of assistant treasurer. Richard Pribnow was reelected as treasurer and Patty Minehart was reelected as secretary. Ruth Duncan was elected vice president. Dick Bielenberg was elected to fill the board vacancy created by departure of Vonnie Stutzman as her term expired. Dick was elected to a three year term. The board expressed their appreciation to Vonnie for all of her work for the society, especially in keeping our Heritage House in tip top shape. Our best wishes for the future and we still hope to see Vonnie from time to time.

Very special thanks to John Seemann who has served a long tenure as our president. Under his leadership the society made much advancement in promoting the awareness of Woodbury's heritage to the community. Recently, John spearheaded the efforts to establish the charter tree exhibit located in City Hall. And through the years he saw to it that the Heritage House and site was maintained at a high level. We will need his continued counsel and participation as we go forward with our latest projects.

Heritage House Summer Schedule

The Heritage House is located in Marsh Creek Park, on the corner of Radio Drive and Lake Road. The Woodbury Heritage Society will host open houses on following dates:

**July 24,
August 14 and 28,
September 11 and 25**



Love is in the Air at our Heritage Garden

Oftentimes you can see professional photographers in the Heritage Garden taking advantage of the beautiful scenery. This summer, we've been contacted three different times about using the garden for wedding pictures and there may even be a wedding that takes place there in August. It truly is a beautiful, peaceful place where you can feel the love. Best wishes to all!

Woodbury Heritage Society now on Facebook



In addition to our website, www.woodburyheritage.org, now interested parties can find the latest Woodbury Heritage Society news by visiting our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/WoodburyHeritageSociety. The page is accessible to everyone, even if you don't

have a Facebook account. It's a great way to see the latest photos and catch up on breaking news. If you do use Facebook, be sure to "like" our Facebook page, it's a fast and easy way to spread the word about the Woodbury Heritage Society.

Kathryn Ho

Plans are Mooooving Right Along for Addition to Open House Display

We are hoping to soon have completed a model cow that children will be able to try and "milk" at our Heritage House open houses. Woodbury was a big dairy producing area during its agricultural past, and so will make an excellent addition to the displays we have at the Heritage House and Garden. The wooden cow is being built by Bill Schrankler with help from Wayne Schilling and Patty Minehart. Watch for announcements of its unveiling in the garden soon.

Kathryn Ho

Correction

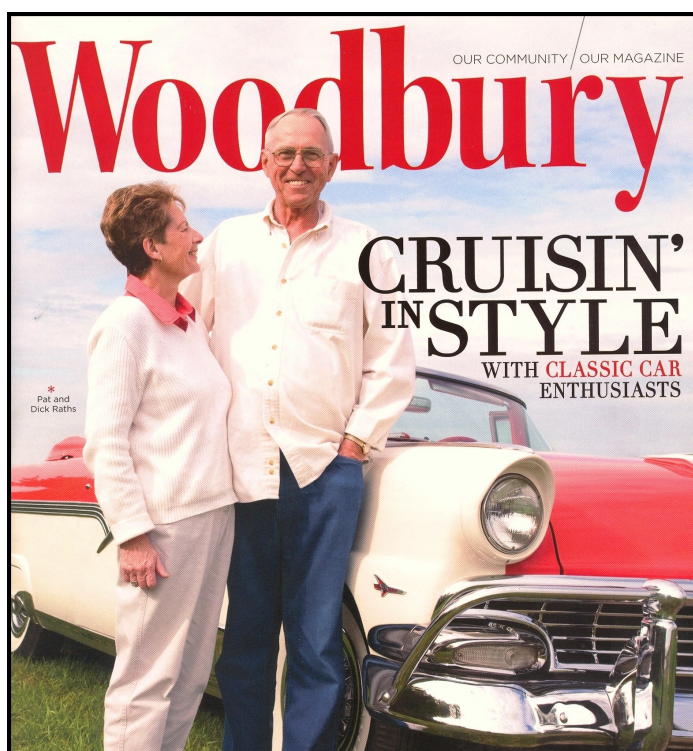
In our last issue of Heritage Happenings, we misspelled Ferd Stoltzmann's name in the article about his death. Our apologies. Ferd was one of the founding members of the Woodbury Heritage Society and was known for his great recall of details. In his honor, we will try harder!



WHS President Wayne Schilling inspecting the early post office

Woodbury's First Post Office Building

For years, the tiny building that was Woodbury's first Post Office has stood on property where Woodbury's first residents, the McHattie brothers, settled. Current owners, Roxanne and Joe Kielbasa have generously offered to donate the post office building to the Woodbury Heritage Society. It has been worn by time and will need some restoration work, but we are grateful and excited with this addition and see tremendous possibilities for it helping expand our opportunities to share the history of Woodbury with our neighbors. Watch for news about how you can help with the restoration work, and in the meantime, if you have anything that would enhance early postal artifacts, please let us know! Early photos of the building would be most useful in the restoration efforts.



Who is Cruisin' in Style?

Members Pat and Dick Rath are featured on the cover of Woodbury Magazine for July. Dick is a classic car buff and has been restoring these vintage automobiles since 1987. His first car was a 1955 Ford Victoria. The same model he drove around in these parts when Woodbury was a township. He and Pat have driven their classic cars nationwide to take part in shows with other enthusiasts. Dick often works in our office and is always a friendly and helpful voice on the phone. Way to go Dick and Pat, we wish you both smiles and miles.

Footprints Academy Mural Project