

# Heritage Happenings

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## Annual Meeting and Elections set for April 19th

### Be Part of our "Show and Tell" Program!

The Woodbury Heritage Society Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 at Salem Lutheran Church, 7825 Bailey Road, Woodbury, MN 55129, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come to hear about what we've accomplished in the last year, and what we are planning for the future—and how you can help! After the short meeting to present the annual reports and elections (see article below) we will have a program where we invite all attendees to bring one (yes, just one!) item that they consider precious. We're looking for the kind of things that mean something to you, not necessarily with much monetary value. The things that recall people and places, that remind us of being loved, that affirm what we believe in. The possessions that make connections between past and future. We will invite all participants to talk *briefly* (about a minute, or an elevator conversation) about their item. If your item is too big or bulky to bring in, you can bring a picture, or just describe it (but the description will come out of your minute!) The more the merrier, and the better conversations we will have afterwards about what is truly "valuable." Invite a friend to join in what should be a sentimental journey of discovery into the stories of our early possessions.

### Elections for Woodbury Heritage Society Board of Directors



The terms for three current members of the Woodbury Heritage Society board of directors are expiring. Patty Minehart, Barry Brown, and Sheila Hause are all willing to run again. While we are grateful for their service and willingness to continue, we encourage new ideas and perspectives that come from new members on the board. If you, or anyone you know would also like to be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting, please let us know before April 5th by leaving a message at the Woodbury Heritage Society office at (651) 714-3564 or via e-mail at [heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us](mailto:heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us). If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact any current member of the board.



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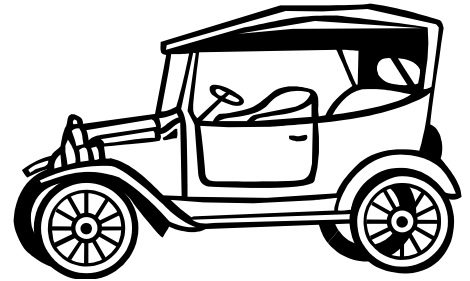
## Woodbury Citizen's Academy History Presentation

For the third year, the Woodbury Heritage Society was invited to present a session on Woodbury History to the students of the Woodbury Citizen's Academy. The presentation, on February 27th, was again held at the Woodbury United Methodist Church. The 153-year-old chapel set the perfect stage for a journey through time via photos of Woodbury's history presented by Kathryn Ho, along with a fascinating presentation about the geography of Woodbury by Bill Schrankler. Wayne Schilling and Dick Bielenberg volunteered their time to share some of their recollections of days gone by, which clearly captivated the academy students. The students all went home with an old-fashioned toy they made, along with a much better appreciation for what makes Woodbury such a special place to live.

This is just one of the ways we try to get the word out about our organization, two events in April, the "Woodbury Expo" on April 14 and the "History in Your Backyard" event in Stillwater on April 15, will add to our outreach efforts. Volunteers are needed to man these events, if you would be willing to help, please contact Wane Schilling at (651) 459-4063 or leave a message at the Woodbury Heritage Society office, (651) 714-3564.

### Need a Lift?

If you would like to attend a Woodbury Heritage Society meeting but transportation is an issue, or if you know of someone that you think might need a ride in order to attend, please let us know and we would be happy to try and make the arrangements! We have several members who would be more than willing to swing by and pick up a member or two. Please call our office and leave a message (651) 714-3564, or drop us an e-mail ([heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us](mailto:heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us)) and we will get right back to you (just give us a few days notice if you can.) We'd hate to miss having you at our gatherings!



#### WOODBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY

The general purpose and plan of operation of the Woodbury Heritage Society shall be to research and study the history of Woodbury; to provide for the collection, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge and information; to provide for the collection and preservation of papers, books, records, relics and other things of historical interest; to display such materials in appropriate exhibits; to acquire, hold, own, operate and provide for the marking and preservation of historic sites and buildings; to publish materials which shall bear upon the history of Woodbury; and in general to carry on all activities appropriate for a Heritage Society.

### Old Becomes New

How does something old become new? When it is a newly acquired artifact for the Woodbury Heritage Society! We have recently been offered a school desk, a breaking plow and a loom, which will all soon become new accessions to our collection. We are especially grateful to our friends at the Gammelgarden Museum in Scandia for the offer of the breaking plow and loom. Though we can't always find a way to house or display everything that is offered to us, we appreciate and encourage members and friends to contact the Woodbury Heritage Society if they have something that they think would add to our ability to preserve the history of the early days of Woodbury, or add to our displays at the Heritage House or in our History Research Room.

Along those same lines, if you have skills or interest in the areas of restoring or refurbishing equipment, we would love to hear from you! We will also be working on putting together a display with parts of the original Woodbury Post Office, and so would especially be interested in artifacts like early letters, envelopes, or anything related to early postal service in Woodbury. To go along with the school desk, if you have small artifacts or books related to early school days that you would like to add to our collection, we would like to hear from you. Contact our office at (651) 714-3564 or via e-mail at [heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us](mailto:heritagesociety@ci.woodbury.mn.us).

## JOIN US!

Membership dues are for an individual, and cover the calendar year.  
 Already a member? Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join the ranks.  
 Your support and participation in the Woodbury Heritage Society is greatly appreciated!

### Application for Membership 2012

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

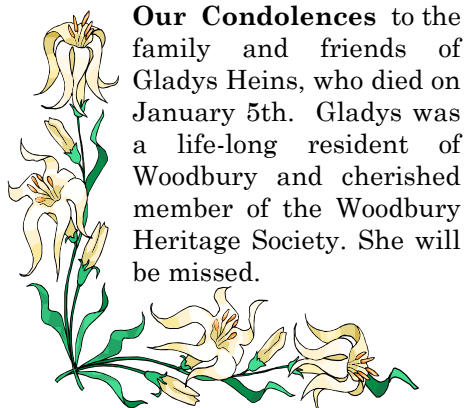
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Dues: \$10 per individual

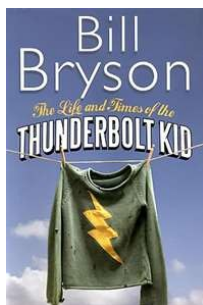
Send application and check or money order to:

Woodbury Heritage Society, c/o Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125

### Turn the Page on History



**Our Condolences** to the family and friends of Gladys Heins, who died on January 5th. Gladys was a life-long resident of Woodbury and cherished member of the Woodbury Heritage Society. She will be missed.



***The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir***, by Bill Bryson (Non-Fiction Memoir).

I was interrupted several times while reading this book because I could not see—I was laughing so hard. Bill Bryson recounts the story of his growing up in the middle of the United States in the middle of the 50s in a way that brings back all the good memories of the day. His writing style is like sitting down with a good friend and reminiscing about the best days of your youth.

—Kathryn Ho

### Odds&Ends

When you look up Woodbury, Minnesota in Wikipedia, the popular, oft-quoted on-line encyclopedia, what picture do you think you see first? The Woodbury Heritage House!

### Music to Take You Back in Time

The Croix Chordsmen will be performing their beautiful barbershop harmony at Woodbury's Central Park Amphitheatre on Sunday, March 18th. This free concert begins at 2:00 p.m. (Our own Bud Urtel, who sang for years with the Croix Chordsmen, was recently named "2011 Barbershopper of the Year." Way to go, Bud!) Go to [www.stcroixvalleychapter.com](http://www.stcroixvalleychapter.com) for more concert information.

If you can't make the concert, you can find barbershop music by tuning into "Harmony Time Radio Show" every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. on KLBB 1220 AM. What a great way to start the weekend!



Each month, the Woodbury Heritage Society contributes "A Moment in Time" on the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission show, *Woodbury City Style*. If you don't have cable television, you can see the current show online at [www.swctc.org](http://www.swctc.org), or view archived episodes on [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com).

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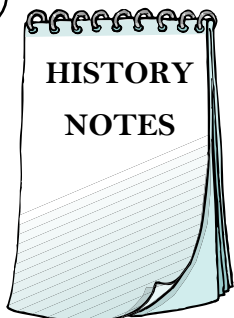
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**Dates to Remember**

April 14, 2012—Woodbury Expo Exhibit

April 15, 2012—History in Your Backyard Exhibit

April 19, 2012—Woodbury Heritage Society Annual Meeting



*It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.*

—William J. Murtaugh

In the last newsletter, you were wished “Happy Holidays” in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Dutch, and Hawaiian!



Our good neighbors in the Denmark Township Historical Society are moving forward with plans to purchase the Valley School, District #34, located in the southern section of Denmark Township. This one-room school house is among the earliest schools organized in Minnesota. Its location, at Point Douglas, where the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers meet, is as historic as the building and will provide a fabulous “new” asset to local history. The first job in the process is raising funds for the purchase—if you have ideas or would like to help, contact Jean and Wayne Boyd at (651) 436-8031.

Happy 100th Birthday, Girl Scouts of the USA!