

# Heritage Happenings



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[www.woodburyheritage.org](http://www.woodburyheritage.org)

*Just a quick reminder!*

## ATTENTION MEMBERS and NEW MEMBERS

Memberships are based on the calendar year and must be renewed annually. Please use the form on page four to remit your membership dues.

*Thank you*

## Miller Barn Project

The Woodbury Heritage Society discussed at its annual meeting, (January 10th) a major effort to preserve the historic Miller barn. The first and most crucial step is to insure that the barn is not demolished. To that end the WHS is initiating a petition to the Mayor and City Council to issue a directive that ensures the city will preserve the Miller Barn for a minimum of forty-eight months. This would provide the WHS time to secure the \$60,000 needed to reroof and reside the barn thus keeping the interior of the building safe from the elements.

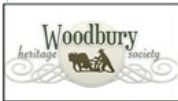
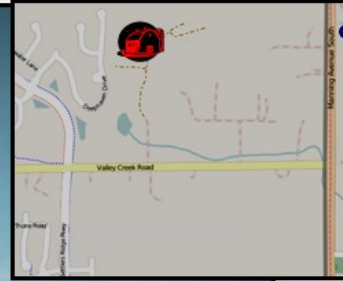
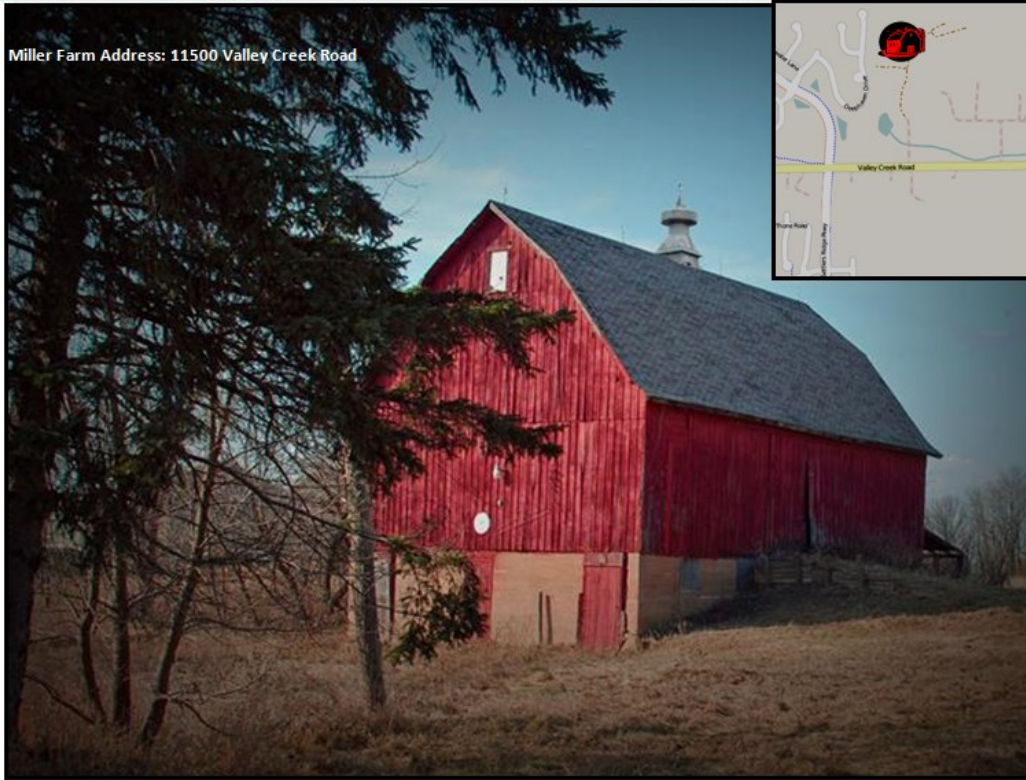
WHS President Wayne Schilling states that "Today, Woodbury has a historic house and garden to help residents learn about our community's early years. We now have an opportunity to preserve the city-owned Miller Barn, a prime example of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century barns that were integral to Woodbury's agricultural heritage. We envision the Miller Barn as an interpretive space of early and large farm and city



equipment from our past. The barn is also the iconic structure in the Valley Creek Open Space."

The barn is a representation of barns for that period with its post and beam construction utilizing mortise and tenon joinery wood with only wood pegs. It is one of the few remaining barns in Woodbury. The city may develop the area into a community park as well as a history museum. The WHS envisions a partnership with the city in determining the usage of the restored structure. If the petition is successful, the WHS will continue its "Save Our Barn" project to eventually completely restore the barn for community use. Check pages 2 and 3 for more information.

Miller Farm Address: 11500 Valley Creek Road



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The Miller Barn is deteriorating and requires protection from further damage. The Woodbury Heritage Society (WHS) is most willing to undertake this most important preservation and restoration project. The first and most crucial step is to insure that the barn is not demolished. The undersigned citizens request that the mayor and council issue a directive that ensures the city will preserve the Miller Barn for a minimum of forty-eight (48) months. This would provide the WHS time to secure the \$60,000 needed to reroof and reside the barn thus keeping the interior of the building safe from the elements.

*Residents of Woodbury please help preserve this historic treasure by signing below:*

Name (print)	Signature	Date	Address

**RETURN BEFORE MARCH 1, 2016**—Contact any of the following committee members to arrange the return of this form: Wayne Schilling (651-436-4063), Bill Schrankler (651-738-1836), John Seemann (651-738-3675), Margaret Wacholz (651-714-4781)



## Annual Meeting Hit

At our recent annual “Holiday Pot Luck” meeting, members could not resist board member Margaret Wachholz’s soda bread. Margaret, a native of Ireland, agreed to share her “secret” recipe with us.

### Irish Soda Bread

7 cups of Flour,  
 1 cup Bran Flakes or 1 cup of Wheat Flour (optional)  
 1 cup Raisins, (optional)  
 1 tablespoon Caraway, (optional)  
 2 cups Buttermilk,  
 .5 to 1 cup Water,  
 1 cup Vegetable Oil,  
 .5 cup Sugar,  
 1 tablespoon Salt,  
 5.5 teaspoons Baking Powder,  
 2.5 teaspoons Bread Soda  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees.  
 To mix bread: In large bowl, whisk or stir together flours, bran, salt, baking soda and baking powder until well-combined. Add raisins & caraway.  
 Make a well in center. Pour in buttermilk, water, oil - all at once. Using fork, stir just until the liquids are absorbed and mixture begins to hold together. (Note: It should resemble a rough biscuit dough. Add additional buttermilk or water if too dry.)  
 To shape bread: Using hands, form dough into 2 rounds, dome-shaped loaf or shape into one large loaf. Lift loaf from bowl. Transfer loaf to prepared baking sheet. I like to dust my baking sheet with cornmeal (about 2 tablespoons).

Brush top of loaf with whipping cream, or an egg (for color. This is optional). Dust with sugar (1.5 tablespoons). Using sharp knife, cut 3/4-inch-deep cross into top of loaf. (We do this in remembrance of the crucifixion).

Transfer immediately to oven.

To bake bread: After 20 minutes turn temperature down to 350 degrees. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes total for a large loaf (rotating pan halfway through baking time) or until bread is deep golden brown and skewer inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven. Transfer to wire rack to cool. (Note: Bread is best if eaten within 2 days.)

*Thanks Margaret for sharing.*



## WHS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Each member can make a significant contribution by collecting signatures on the “Save Our Barn” petitions. Petition blanks can be EASILY obtained by calling Bill Schrankler at 651.738.1836.

Do your bit by asking friends, neighbors, social organizations and fellow church members to help with this worthwhile endeavor. Every signature will help draw attention by the Mayor and Council Members to the importance of our project.

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Contributions from members and other interested parties are welcomed. Contact at Bill’s email: [bschrankler@comcast.net](mailto:bschrankler@comcast.net). Email or snail mail is preferred in the interest of accuracy.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2016

(Please print)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE BASED  
ON THE CALENDAR YEAR  
AND MUST BE RENEWED  
ANNUALLY**

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY (Check appropriate box)

\$10 per individual (Annual Dues for the Calendar Year)

Additional Gift

Donations are tax deductible

*Send application & check or money order to:*

*Woodbury Heritage Society  
John Seemann, Membership Chair  
City Hall  
8301 Valley Creek Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125*