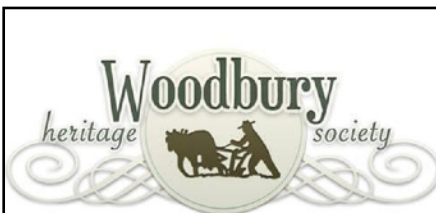




Heritage Happenings

Newsletter of the Woodbury Heritage Society



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Heritage Society Ice Cream Social

On January 13, 2019, the Woodbury Heritage Society held its annual fundraiser at the Woodbury City Centre. While the attendees enjoyed ice cream and conversation, a barn-raising demonstration was put on by Joe and William Bruentrup and Dan Weldon. The small scale barn was built to fit together easily and show how barns were built in the early days of Woodbury. Both children and adults enjoyed the process of building the barn. They also showed the visitors a hand-powered drill press of the kind that was used in those days.



Miller Barn Update

The Miller Barn renovation is on hold pending a review of the process by the Woodbury city council. Funding has been granted by the state for the renovation. The WHS is working co-operatively with the City to create the Valley Creek Park Master Plan. This might delay the renovation for up to a year.

We are encouraged that Mayor Anne Burt and the city council are supportive of the restoration project. It has long been our goal to see the barn restored to its 1920s-era appearance.

Editor's Corner

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new editor of the Heritage Happenings. I attended the University of Minnesota, where I earned a B.A. in English. I moved to Woodbury in 2005.

Now I hope to bring a new perspective to this newsletter. I can't do it alone, however. I would love ideas, contributions, photos, recipes, letters, and suggestions.

As we seek to preserve the history of our fair city, we will continue to promote that history, and preserve historical sites such as the Heritage House and the Miller Barn. I hope this newsletter can continue to make history fun, and stimulate interest in Woodbury. Thank you!

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This revitalized newsletter is being sent out to all the people listed on our current mailing list. It's time to renew your Woodbury Heritage Society membership and help keep Woodbury's history vibrant and accessible for present and future generations! If you are not a current member, join us! The WHS collects, preserves, and shares the stories, artifacts and photos of remarkable people who created Woodbury's history. Tax-deductible membership donations support the creation of new exhibits, education programs, special events, and publications that bring our history alive. Your Woodbury Heritage Society's Membership gives you: free or discounted family activities, the quarterly newsletter, a 10% discount on WHS gifts, the free use of the WHS research center, free tickets to the Speaker's Forum, and E-mails to keep you updated. We are striving to provide very informative newsletters but yet hold down printing and mailing costs. We are asking all to provide your e-mail address to receive an electronic newsletter. It will have more content!

Thank you!

Eagle Scout Project

Caden Hill, a thirteen-year-old Woodbury Eagle Scout, is creating a game box for the Heritage House. The box will contain parts for four historical games that visitors can play. The games are: Rolling hoops, Game of Graces (a hoop and stick catching game), Kubb (knocking over blocks with thrown sticks), and Potato sack races. He hopes this game box will be ready by June.

Thanks, Caden!



Colcannon

History and Recipe by Margaret Wachholz

Colcannon is an adored part of Irish cuisine. It is a versatile creation. Colcannon has a wonderful affinity for corned beef and cabbage. It can be eaten with fillet mignon, pork or lamb chops with bacon and kidneys — at all hours of the day or night! In some families at Halloween, the cook will hide lucky charms or coins in the mixture — these are said to bring the recipients good fortune.

It is said that Sir Walter Raleigh planted Ireland's first potato in Youghal, County Cork, in the 17th century. This has been disputed — Raleigh was already deceased when the planting was supposed to have happened. The other theory sees the potato arriving to Ireland by accident in 1588, crashing onto the western shore aboard a wrecked Spanish armada ship. Regardless, by the 1700s the potato was an integral part of meals for Ireland's population. Colcannon, a side dish of mashed potatoes mixed with garden-grown kale or cabbage, had emerged as a staple food. The ingredients joined ancient and modern Ireland; the ancestral diet in the country was heavy on kale and cabbage, and colcannon combined them with the more modern potato to create something hearty and filling that would keep the workingman satiated for a decent stretch of time.

This version uses cabbage and scallions (green onions), but you can use kale and leeks instead if you prefer.

Method: Serves 4

4 floury potatoes, such as russets or Yukon gold, cut into chunks,
4 tablespoons lightly salted butter
2/3 cup of light cream
1/2 small green or white cabbage
6 scallions (or green onions) chopped
Salt and Pepper

Cook the potatoes in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 15-20 minutes. Drain well and mash with a potato masher until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper, add the butter and cream, and stir well. The mashed potatoes should be soft. Keep the potatoes warm while you cook the cabbage.

Cut the cabbage into quarters, remove the tough core in the middle, and shred the leaves finely. Cook the cabbage in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 1-2 minutes, until soft. Drain thoroughly.

Mix the potato and cabbage together & stir in the scallions. Season well with salt and pepper.



New Board Member

The board of directors would like to welcome our newest member.

Patty (Stutzman) Paulus has a B.S. degree in Art Education from the University of Minnesota. She recently retired after teaching 18 years as a K-4 art specialist at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Patty paints in her St. Paul art studio in the Dow Building and has some of her paintings on display in the Dow Art Gallery. She lives in the Marsh Creek development which was formerly her grandparent's (Herb and Laura Stutzman) farm and where the Heritage House was originally.

Woodbury Exposition

On March 30, 2019, the Woodbury Historical Society will have a booth at the Woodbury Expo. Come to the East Ridge High School between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and see our display, along with those of a large number of Woodbury businesses!

The Le Dîner en Blanc fundraiser for the Miller Barn will be July 21, 4:30 - 7:00 at the Miller Barn. Mark your calendar!

"Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes." - Henry David Thoreau

The Woodbury Heritage Society

In Woodbury, with notoriety,
We have a historic society.
Our work, unsurpassed,
Is to honor our past,
And to do so without impropriety.

Carl James Anderson



This picture is from the 2018 white party fundraiser for the Miller Barn.

Left to right: Mayor Anne Burt, Mr. Burt, Mrs. and Mr. Jim Currell.

We hope to see everyone in July for the next one!

Woodbury Heritage Society

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Please check appropriate line)

____ \$15 per individual (Annual Dues for the Calendar Year)

____ Additional Gift

Donations are tax deductible

Send application & check or money order to:
Woodbury Heritage Society
Dick Fields, Membership Chair
City Hall
8301 Valley Creek Road



The Nelson family and guests at the 2018 white picnic fundraiser.

Recipe for Quarreling:
Steep a sassafras root in a pint of water and put it in a bottle. When your mate comes in to quarrel, fill your mouth with it and hold until he goes away. A sure cure.

From: Natchez Authentic Antebellum Recipes of the Old South 1790-1865



Our President, Wayne Schilling, trying out the hand-powered drill press.

“Statisticians inform us that a woman's chance of getting married is at its maximum between the ages of twenty and twenty-five. After thirty, her chances, as might have been supposed, dwindle away to zero; hence the great length of time that most ladies take in arriving at that age.”

- The St. Anthony Express, St. Anthony Falls, Minnesota, Dec. 27, 1851.

The Wood

Softly entered in,
 The wood relents, yet grieves,
 Hiding secrets in dark corners
 That are dusty with dark leaves.
 No pathways mar this wood,
 No pathways do I need—
 For I don't know where I will tread
 Or where my steps shall lead.
 The sunlight seems to thrive here,
 Marshaled into moted beams
 That change the visions of the past
 To silver Elvish dreams.
 'Tis quiet as a catacomb
 And I seek but a place to rest
 An oak stump forms a fairy throne
 For the unexpected guest.

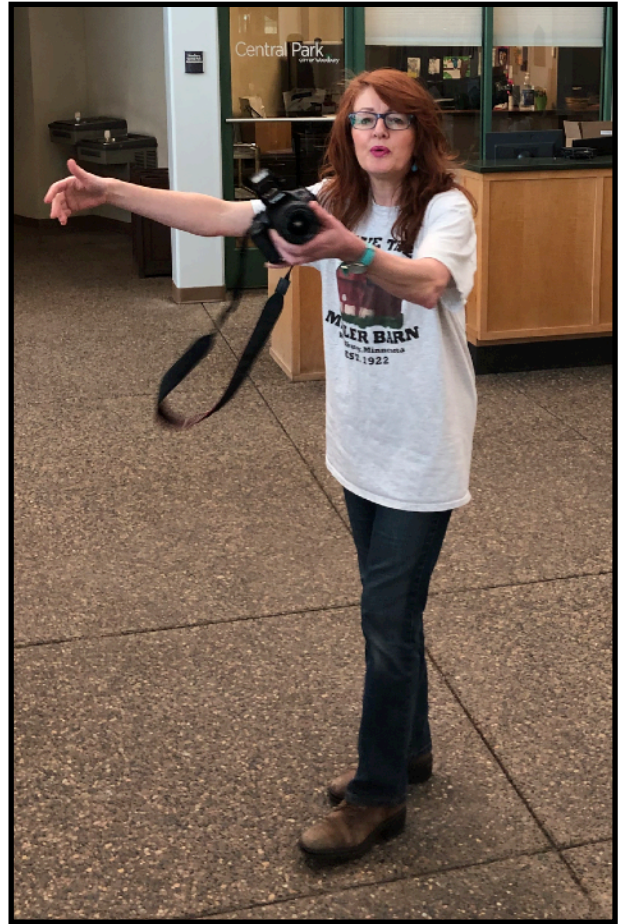
Each dazzle sparkling on the green
 Is a crystal world so rarely seen—
 Each petal but a wight-smith's
 Greatest test.
 Beneath my feet a snow-fed stream
 Seeks for tree roots dark and deep
 To hide beneath, and weep,
 Until the children heed its dream
 And once more the Wood can sleep.

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A vintage photo of a general store from 1917. It looks like they had to write their shopping lists on paper instead of on their I-phones.

"When you see persons slip down on the ice,
 do not laugh at them."

- From Miss Leslie's Behaviour Book, by
 Miss Leslie, 1859.



Director Margaret Wachholz setting up another stunning photograph! Most of the pictures in this issue were taken by her. But not this one (unless she's a magician).





After the Heritage Society meeting. Left to right: Donna Smith-Stafford, a Police K-9 benefactor and a Woodbury Community Foundation Director; Emily Wolterstorff, a long-term member of Woodbury and of the Heritage Society—Her husband was one of the very first counsel people; Larry Morgan (Woodbury Heritage Society); and Shirley Walker (long time member of the WHS).

Le Dîner en Blanc

More information on the 2nd Annual Elegant French Picnic fundraising event to save the Miller Barn.

Guests will partake in this truly magical event. The stunning tent, decorations, lights, tables and chairs, all in white, create a picturesque ambience for this exciting fund raising event which is hosted by the “Save the Miller Barn” committee. All attendees are encouraged to dress all in white, including hats. Wearing white is optional, if you don’t have enough white!

Beyond the spectacle and elegance of the French picnic itself, guests are brought together from diverse backgrounds by good taste and a love of beauty.

Ticket prices are \$65.00 per individual, \$120.00 per couple.



Patty Paulus, our new board member.

“You have heretofore read public sentiment in your newspapers, that live by falsehood and excitement; and the quicker you seek for truth in other quarters, the better.”

Gen. William T. Sherman, 1864



Another vintage photo for your enjoyment. I wish I had a car like that!

Harvey L. Carter, Professor of History at Colorado College, composed this limerick to help students remember the value of Pi:

'Tis a favorite project of mine
A new value of π to assign.
I would fix it at 3
For it's simpler, you see,
Than 3 point 1 4 1 5 9.



A family enjoying the day at the Heritage Society Ice Cream Social. I think the ice cream was a hit with them! It is good to see young people enjoying historical demonstrations. And having some fun!