



Heritage Happenings

Newsletter of the Woodbury Heritage Society



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Corona Virus

Like the flu epidemic of 1918 that affected our parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents, we are now experiencing our own pandemic. This has impacted us all.
Naturally, the Woodbury Expo has been cancelled. We were going to have a booth there and promote our Historical Society, but our health is far more important.
Please take all the precautions you can, and we hope you all come through this safely!

2020 Annual Meeting

On January 12th, we held our annual meeting. We had a wonderful pot-luck supper, followed by a presentation by Mike Adams, one of the City Planners for the City of Woodbury. He updated us on the progress of the Valley Creek Park and the Miller Barn's place in it. See the pictures below!



Patty Paulus was elected secretary. Congratulations, Patty! We know you'll do a terrific job!

Dick Bielenberg stepped down from the board, and Jim Currell was elected to replace him. Thank you, Dick, for your nine years of wonderful service to our board!

New History and the Miller Barn

The City of Woodbury's Department of Parks and Recreation has commissioned a Master Plan for Valley Creek Park that will include the Miller Barn. The Master Planning team is led by the Minneapolis-based firm HCM Architects and includes Loucks and New History.

New History is a building reuse consulting firm created by Meghan Elliott to increase the use and viability of existing and historic sites and structures. The firm offers a dynamic and integrated team of historians and licensed historical architects with nationally recognized expertise, as well as professionals with specialized experience in historic preservation, real estate development, preservation regulations, and the financial framework for reuse. Their distinct services and expertise provides clients with real strategies, exceptional project management, historically and culturally relevant design development, and regulatory guidance to achieve successful outcomes.

Based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, New History works with clients throughout the Upper Mississippi River Corridor and beyond. Clients include: regional and national real estate developers, state and local municipalities, historical societies, architecture firms, and educational institutions, among others. Together with their clients, they leverage history to unlock the economic, community and cultural value of the built environment. Their work demonstrates how purpose drives both impact and profit.

We met with Casie Radford, AIA and Tamara Halvorsen Ludt, two of the firm's directors. They offered the city (and us) good advice on the joys and difficulties of restoring historical structures. We hope to work together with them in the future to see the Miller Barn beautifully restored! You can learn more about the firm at www.newhistory.com



Casie Radford, AIA



Tamara Halvorsen Ludt

A Glance to the Past

An excerpt taken from the book: **Woodbury - A Past To Remember** written by The Woodbury Heritage Committee. Submitted by Joyce Flynn.

Before 1900, not too much beef was butchered. Later it was canned which made for a very delicious meat – sometimes served with a sweet-sour gravy. Two-quart jars became very popular for meats and pickles.

Food was simple in those early days. Mrs. Moody writes about the huge garden Mrs. Middleton had. Every family from then on had its gardens, fruit trees, and rhubarb. Wild elderberries and grapes could be found on most fence lines as late as the 1930’s. Staples such as white and brown sugar and flour were bought by the barrel. By 1990, these could be purchased in 100-pound bags. Oysters were a delicacy our earliest settlers relished. They were served at many important events, such as Christmas and birthdays; later oyster stews were popular for midnight lunches after a party. A keg of herring for the winter was almost a necessity up through the 1930’s.

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Help us Preserve our Heritage!

The Woodbury Heritage Society will gladly accept donations to help us preserve our history. With projects like the Miller Barn restoration and the Valley Creek Park development going on, we would really appreciate your assistance!

Open Houses at the Historic Woodbury’s Heritage House

Buildings, like people, have stories to tell about their community’s past. Visit the 19th century Heritage house and gardens filled with a wealth of Woodbury’s past history; including photos, antiques, old maps and old farm equipment. The house is located in Marsh Creek Park at the corner of Lake Road and Radio Drive. Open houses are held twice a month during summer and fall from 1-4 p.m. Hopefully, we will be back to normal soon and can have the house open.

Check our website, woodburyheritage.org, for information.

June 14 and 28
Aug. 9 and 23

July 12 and 26
Sept. 13 and 27

Volunteers Needed!

The Woodbury Heritage Society is looking for volunteers for three positions:

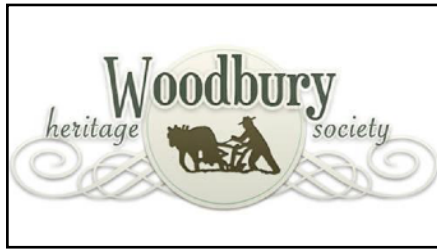
Assistant Gardener: We need a person to work in the Heritage House garden.

Office Worker: We need a person to open our research library for a short time at least once a week.

Events Committee Person: The events committee needs help with fundraising and event planning.

For more detailed information contact: Joyce at joyce_flynn@msn.com.

Our office has finally been moved to its new home! However, due to the virus, we will not be hosting any visitors for the near future. Please see our website for updates.



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2020 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

Areas of interest: _____

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Dick Fields, Membership Chair
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