



The Little White Paper

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Antique show draws big crowd, adds to museum renovation fund

The antique show held on Saturday, June 20 at the Heathers Estates was a great success. The weather cooperated by being warm and sunny -- the type of weather that gets people out and about. The facilities and volunteers were ready at 12:45 for antique owners to arrive with their valuables for appraisal by the team from Appraisal Specialists, Midwest.

A total of 77 people brought 99 items to be appraised. Some were smaller than "a bread basket", some were larger or taller, some were very unusual, and a few were very rare. The skilled appraisers held up each one and explained what it was, sometimes asking the owner how they came to have it. The last word from the appraisers about each item was their estimate of its value. Many "ooh's" and "ahh's" were heard from the audience during the event. After all items were appraised our host, Heather's Estates manager Judy Brown, raffled off two large hanging plants and a coffee cup with the Heather's logo on it.

Most everyone looked pleased with the value of their items. The Golden Valley Histor-

ical Society's museum renovation fund benefits from the \$5.00 donation collected for each item brought for appraisal. Society volunteers who served as greeters, ushers and cashier and made the event possible were Betty Crews, Ken Huber, Paula Pentel, Don Minor, Mike Freiberg, and Don Anderson; Thanks also to Judy Brown at Heather's who was pleased by the number of visitors to her facility.

Welcome our new members

The following persons have joined our Society. Please welcome them at our next event.

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Nominating committee begins work

Society President Ken Huber has appointed a nominations committee to identify and nominating at the annual meeting a slate of directors to serve on the board of directors for a three-year term. Vice President Nancy Azzam is the committee chair. The board of directors meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the Historic Church. The board is responsible for oversight of the Society's finances, facilities, programming and archives, and for providing direction to other volunteers. Like history? Contact Nancy to volunteer for the board at 763-588-3300 or shazzam45@aol.com.

Correction

The Golden Valley Festival held on May 16, at the City Hall Campus, featured a dozen antique kids' riding toys. The article wrongly stated that the toys were owned by Don Minor when they are actually part of a collection owned by Society President Kenneth Huber. We apologize for the error.

Ed Jordan answers question, makes Hirschhoff connection

In the June issue of this newsletter, we asked if anyone remembered where Otto Hirschhoff lived in Golden Valley. Society member Edward Jordan called to say that he attended Oak Grove Elementary School with Otto Hirschhoff and was on a golf team with Otto in high school. Jordan visited the Hirschhoff house many, many times. Your editor sent Jordan's

information to Otto's niece, Paula Hirschhoff in Washington D.C. She then contacted Otto and arranged for Ed and Otto to connect by phone. Ed is planning to meet with Otto and take him by his former residence in Golden Valley. Both are age 95. Thanks, Ed, for your help. Have fun visiting with your old high school friend.

Hirschhoff book added to archives

Paula Hirschhoff, author of The Hirschhoffs - Finding Their Place In America, Palmona Publishing, Washington D. C., has donated a copy of her book to the Society for our archives. It is the story of the Hirschhoff family's emigration to the United States from Germany

and their lives here. Alvin Hirschhoff, a tailor and Otto Hirschhoff's father became a factory foreman. This enabled him to buy land and build a home in rural Golden Valley, just outside the city of Minneapolis. Thank you, Paula, for the donation of your book.

Renew your GVHS membership now

Enclosed with this newsletter is a dues renewal form for members to complete and return to the Society with a check for the class of membership selected. A return envelope is included for your convenience. Membership dues are a major source of revenue for the Society and help pay for the facilities and other administrative costs of the Society. We thank you for your continued support. Please extend an invitation to membership to your friends and neighbors.



Our crazy language

by Richard Lederer from "Crazy English"

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't really a race at all.) That is why, when stars are out they are visible, but when lights are out they are invisible, and why, when I wind up my watch I start it, but when I wind up this essay I end it.



THE LAST MARCH. Students in the Sandburg Middle School marching band performed for the last time in the GV Days parade. District 281 closed the middle school at the end of the 2009 school year. Studies are underway to determine future use of the Sandburg building.