



# The Little White Paper

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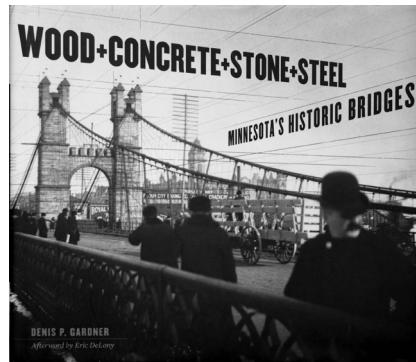
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**September Kickoff meeting...**

## Gardner presents Minnesota bridge history

Denis P. Gardner is a historian, writer, and photographer who has documented properties for the National Register of Historic Places and the Historic American Engineering Record. He has written articles for *Minnesota History* magazine and *Hennepin History* magazine and is the author of the award-winning *Minnesota Treasures: Stories Behind the State's Historic Places*. His most recent book is *Wood, Concrete, Stone, and Steel: Minnesota's Historic Bridges*. Gardner is a resident of Crystal, Minnesota.

The Thursday, September



Denis Gardner's latest book will be the topic of the September program.

10 general membership meeting will be held at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is the kick-off of the 2009-2010 fiscal year and

35th anniversary of the Golden Valley Historical Society. The election of members to the board of directors will be held prior to Mr. Gardner's presentation. As usual, refreshments will be served immediately following. This meeting is open to the public without reservations and free of charge. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this unique historic program. Also invite your friends and neighbors to become a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society. They will thank you!

## GV League of Women Voters celebrates anniversary

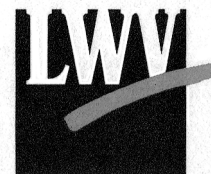
The League of Women Voters of Golden Valley invites you to a celebration/reunion on Saturday, September 12 at Brookview Community Center. The League is celebrating the 89th year of women having the right to vote, the 89th year of the League of Women Voters and the 63rd year of the League of Women Voters of Golden Valley.

This event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with refreshments and light snacks. Memory sharing and

speeches will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will include Pat Moberg, the first woman council member, and Rosemary Thorsen, the first woman mayor. Other speakers will be Linda Loomis, mayor of Golden Valley, Peggy Leppik, Metropolitan Council Member, Anne Borgen, president of the Minnesota League of Women Voters and Marti Micks, Golden Valley League president.

For those who wish to dress in period: hats and gloves for

the women and ascots and caps/hats for the men are suggested. There is no fee to attend but reservations are requested. Contact Mary Anderson (763-588-8578 or email maryanddon3030aol.com) for reservations.



## Nominating committee recommends Board candidates

The Society Nominations Committee is recommending the following members for election to a three year term on the Board of Directors: **Harriet Betzold; Jon Horkey; Kenneth Huber; Rudi Martignacco; and Lyle Mottinger.**

They will join current directors **John Colwell, Gloria Johnson, Robert Provost, Cathy Waldhauser,** who each have two years remaining on their term; **Don Anderson, Nan-**

**cy Azzam, Jerry Breth, Joanie Clausen, Betty Crews, and Don Minor,** who have one year remaining on their term; and **Mike Freiberg,** who is appointed by the Golden Valley City Council.

**Iona Schuller and Leone Johnson** are retiring from the board. We thank them for their years of valuable service.

The election of directors will be the first order of business at the general membership meeting on Thursday, Septem-

ber 10 at the Historic Church. Nominations from the floor are acceptable provided the members nominated have agreed to serve if elected. The Board of Directors meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Church. Society members are always welcome to attend these meetings. The Nominations Committee members are: Nancy Azzam, John Colwell and Don Anderson..

### *From the archives...*

#### **Residential deed restrictions were common**

In the early years when a property was transferred from seller to buyer, it was common practice for the seller to insert a restriction in the deed. Such was the case when the Glendale Addition in Golden Valley was developed. The president of Glendale, Inc., H. G. Lang of 100 Ardmore Drive, Minneapolis, 22, Minnesota, wrote to Mr. Dan Lynch, of the Golden Valley Building Department, at Village Hall on May 8, 1964 calling Mr. Lynch's attention to the deed restrictions for that development. Those required that no building permits be issued in the Glendale Addition with out the approval of the Glendale, Inc. planning commission. One of the protective covenants stated, "No persons of any race other than the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or lot, except that this covenant shall not pre-

vent occupancy by domestic servants or a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant." The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that covenants in deeds restricting the use of the property due to race, color, creed, national origin or sexual orientation were unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Today, Golden Valley strives to be a welcoming community for all city residents, new and old. Thanks to Assistant to the City Manager of Golden Valley, Jeanne Andre, for donating a copy of the Glendale, Inc. deed to the Society. restrictions for the Glendale Addition to the Village of Golden Valley to the Society.

#### **Church hosts three weddings this month**

Three weddings are booked at the Society's Historic Church-Museum for September, 2009. Interestingly, one bride resides

#### **Future Society programs**

Thursday October 8 at 7:00 p.m. the story behind "Kilroy Was Here" will be presented by **Al Zdon,** state editor of the American Legion Newspaper.

Thursday November 12 at 7:00 p.m. **Paula Pentel,** Golden Valley resident and University of Minnesota instructor, will present the early development of the City of Minneapolis and Village of Golden Valley.

If you have a suggestion for possible programs, Program Chairperson Bob Provost would like to hear from you. (763-377-7494) or call Peggy Leppik, who is assisting on the program committee (763-546-3328).

in Hoboken, New Jersey and her groom in the UK. They chose the Society's Historic Church as the perfect place to "tie the knot".