



# The Little White Paper

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**September 9 meeting...**

## Ohman to preview new book on Minnesota libraries

Doug Ohman is a freelance photographer and popular public speaker. He has traveled throughout the upper Midwest photographing historic architecture and been widely published in magazines, calendars and books. Over the past seven years Doug has been working with the Minnesota Historical Society on the popular book series, "Minnesota Byways". The list of Ohman's published work includes "Minnesota Treasures", "Barns of Minnesota" – Nominated for a Minnesota Book award in 2006, "Churches of Minnesota", "Courthouses of Minnesota", "Schoolhouses of Minnesota", "Historic Homes of Minnesota", "Cabins of Minnesota", "Stone and Glass" – The Meaning of the Cathedral of Saint Paul,



Photos from Ohman's new book, "Libraries of Minnesota."

Clockwise from left: Taylor Falls library, Faribault library, Coleraine library, Brainerd library.



"Legacies of Faith" – Historic Catholic Churches of Stearns County, "Prairie, Lake, Forest" – State Parks of Minnesota, and "Libraries of Minnesota" – to be released next spring.

The Society's general membership meeting program will

be on Thursday, September 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church and museum, 6731 Golden Valley Road. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## Antiques, Twins, Lakewood highlight fall calendar

**Saturday, September 18, 2-4 p.m.**, Society-sponsored "Antique Roadshow" in cooperation with Woodbury Estates Senior Residence, with Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan, Appraisal Specialists, Midwest. This event is an important fund raiser for the GV Historical So-

ciety. See the enclosed flyer for more details. (We still have openings for volunteer ushers for this event. Call Don Anderson if you can help: 763-588-8578)

**Thursday, October 14**, General membership meeting with a presentation by attorney Marshall Tanick on the legal

history of the Minnesota Twins baseball team and its relationship to Golden Valley.

**Thursday, November 11**, General membership meeting. Julia Nelson presenting the history of Lakewood Cemetery and the city of Minneapolis.

## Letter from President Ken Huber...

# Society anticipating a busy and exciting year in 2011

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2010 and into 2011, it is shaping up to be a busy and exciting year. As always, the emphasis will be placed on history and sharing information in a manner which is fun, entertaining, and informative for all.

We've got an exciting speakers bureau lined up, beginning with our first presentation on September 9th. When the building isn't buzzing with historical presentations, things will still be humming along behind the scenes. Our special wedding promotion continues to generate much-needed revenue and pretty soon, in addition to wedding gowns, you will see people in hazmat suits working busily in the lower level of our facility.

On July 22 the Minnesota Historical Society awarded funds to the Golden Valley His-

torical Society for Asbestos Contained Asphalt Floor Tiles Abatement. Public funding will actually come from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Fund created with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November, 2008. Grants are awarded to support projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state. Our Society will also be providing some matching funds for this very important project -- one more step toward our goal of having a nice display space for some of our archived material.

Moving from physical space to cyberspace, we've also taken the initiative, with the assistance of archivist Chris McCann Therneau, to begin preserving and storing our historical data digi-

tally, using the latest technology.

And lastly, we've been approached by Marshall Tanick and his organizing committee to play a significant role in the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration for the Village/City of Golden Valley. Those plans are in the very early stages, but keep your eye out for one of our popular "Antiques Appraisal Roadshow" style events, as well as geo-caching in Golden Valley with a historical twist, courtesy of Mike Freiberg.

As you can tell, in the year ahead we will have an active hand in the future as well as the past. Won't you join us? We look forward to spending a pleasant year together, exploring the history of Golden Valley and the surrounding community.

**Ken Huber**

## Board election in September

Society members will elect some new faces to the Society's board of directors at the September 9 general membership meeting. Candidates for a three year term are: Don Anderson, Jerry Breth, Betty Crews, Jim Hera, Chris McCann Therneau, Don Minor, and Doris Sovde.

Retiring from the current board are: Nancy Azzam; Joanie Clausen; Jon Horkey; Gloria Johnson; and Bob Provost. We appreciate the service these members have generously given

to our Society as members of the board. Continuing as board members are: (two year term) Harriet Betzold; Kenneth Huber; Rudi Martignacco and Lyle Mottinger; (one year term) John Colwell and Cathy Waldhauser. The election will take place just prior to the evening's program.

The board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the historic church and museum at 6731 Golden Valley Road. Meetings are open to all Society members.

## City of Golden Valley begins planning for 125th anniversary

Representatives of local civic organizations and businesses will be meeting in September under the leadership of Marshall Tanick to begin planning Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary celebration. Of course, The Golden Valley Historical Society board has voted to participate. Your ideas and help are welcome and needed. Check city newsletters and website or contact Don Anderson for more information.