



# The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society  
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## March 10 program...

### Goodsell to discuss the history of General Mills

Suzy Goodsell, Manager of Internal Communications and Archives for General Mills, will present the history of General Mills at the March general membership meeting.

A native of Manchester, a small town in N.E. Iowa, Suzy graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul, and then stayed in Minnesota and worked in the non-profit sector for 15 years. She joined General Mills in 2003 as a writer in Corporate Commu-



**Suzy Goodsell**

nications, and has since added Archives Manager to her responsibilities. A lover of history, Suzy engages employees and the

community with the early stories that depict the rich local heritage of General Mills. She's artsy, she blogs, and she lives with her husband and four Teenagers in Elk River. Come learn about one of Golden Valley's largest and most famous corporations. Bring a friend or neighbor to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



*A Golden Valley  
125th Anniversary  
theme program.*

### Society looking for 75-year residents

The Society is looking for those persons who have lived in the Village/City of Golden Valley for 75 years or more. On **Wednesday, September 7**, they will be honored as a part of the 125th anniversary of the City of Golden Valley celebration.

The event to honor those persons who have resided in Golden Valley for 75 years or more, will include a luncheon at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, photographs, certificate of appreciation and personal gift. More details will be sent to the honoree candidates.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a nomination form letter,

which can be used to provide the name and address of people who have resided in the City of Golden Valley for at least 75 years. Complete and mail the form to the Golden Valley Historical Society at the mailing address above. Questions? Call Secretary Don Anderson or email Nancy Azzam at shazzam45@aol.com. Thank you for helping us find the senior residents to be so honored.



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## February review...

### Lindberg and Marrinan warm cold evening

On February 10, a very, very cold evening, Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan of Appraisal Specialists Midwest gave a presentation about some very hot antique items from their own personal collections and items they were hired to appraise for clients. Twenty hardy souls learned why antiques have value from a modest amount to hundreds of dollars. Well done, Bonnie and James.

# Slate of events to mark 125th anniversary celebration

Society volunteers are working to support to the 125th anniversary celebration throughout 2011. Activities planned so far:

**May 21:** An hour-long **guided tour of historic sites in Golden Valley**, aboard a vintage 1950's bus, afternoon of the Golden Valley Festival. Volunteers Mike Freiberg, Jim Hera, Ken Huber, and Don Anderson are researching historic sites for the tour. There will be a \$10.00 trip fee and reservations required. More details will be forthcoming.

**September 7: Luncheon in honor of 75-year residents**, at the Golden Valley Country Club. Committee members Nancy Azzam, Betty Crews, Leone Johnson, Jerry Breth, and Don Anderson are working to identify potential guests.

**Historic Displays:** Jim Hera, Lyle Mottinger, Jerry Breth, Doris Sovde, and Don Anderson will be assembling visual archival materials for public viewing at the **Golden Valley Festival on May 21**, and year-long in the **City Hall** second floor and **Golden Valley Library** display cases. Displays will showcase old photographs, early aerial photographs of the village/city, a 1920's vintage map showing land owners and acres owned, a map of 100-year-old homes, memorabilia from the fire and police departments, and more.

Other community organizations are planning more celebration events. The 125th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Marshall Tanick and Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts of the Golden Valley Parks and Recreation Department are working on the following: Elementary Essay Contest, Mural, Golden Valley Hall of Fame, Golden Valley Goes to War exhibit or presentation, Music in the Parks, Famous Legal Cases in Golden Valley, A Look at the Future of Golden Valley, Tours of former Golden Valley High School, now Breck School, Tours of Perpich Center For Arts Education, formerly Golden Valley Lutheran Junior College, Team Sports activities; Tennis Tournament; Valley Volun-

teer Day, Penny Carnival, Water Days, Ice cream Social and Concert, Concerts in the Park, Athletic Association Opening Day with Little League, Girls Slow Pitch and Phoenix Soccer, Golf Tournament; Run the Valley, Taste of Golden Valley, Lilac Planting, Time Capsule, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clean Up Day, Old Time Golf event, publishing the history of one of the civic organizations in Golden Valley in the Sun Post Newspaper and on Patch.com each month, Street Dance, and Spring Fling. WHEW! Lots of events engaging lots of people in celebrating 125 years of the City of Golden Valley.

Publicity for these events will be provided via the Golden Valley City Newsletter, Park and Rec catalog, other community organizations' newsletters, Golden Valley Sun Post, and Patch.Com. Questions? Contact Sandy Werts, [swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov](mailto:swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov) or 763-512-2341. Contact Don Anderson with questions about Society activities.

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## Future Society programs focus on diversity, Native American history

**April 12:** The diversity of Golden Valley. This program will be led by Marion Helland, long time member of the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission, and focus on the history of discrimination in the City of Golden Valley. Other civic leaders who led the battle to end discrimination against individuals and change the attitudes of citizens in the community will also participate.

**May 12:** Roxanne and Jim Rock, Native Americans and Golden Valley residents, will present the lives and history of Native Americans in Golden Valley in the 1800's.



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