



The Little White Paper

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September 8 kickoff program...

Ohman to take us on a "Journey Down Our River"

The September 8 new fiscal year kickoff general membership meeting program will again feature Doug Ohman and his latest published work, "Journey Down Our River (Mississippi)". Travel with Ohman as he takes us from Itasca State Park, the headwaters of the river, downriver to the Twin Cities, viewing the historic sites and structures that are quickly being lost to history.



Ohman has 12 published works about Minnesota including: "Barns", "Churches", "Schoolhouses",

"Historic Homes", "Cabins", and "Libraries". He will also tell his own story about how he took his passion for history and love of photography and combined them into a successful career.

This meeting will be at the Society's Historic Church and Museum, 6731 Golden Valley Road, starting at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

The headwaters of the Mississippi at Itasca State Park.



Program schedule through January

October 13 - Ken Johnson, member of the Wild West History Association, presents The Politics of the Little Big Horn, 7:00 p.m. at the Society's Historic Church and Museum.

November 5 - The Society is holding another of the ever popular Antique Road Shows, this one hosted by Woodbury Senior Living, 2825 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125. The public is invited to bring up to 5 items to be given a professional oral appraisal by local appraisers Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan. A \$5.00 donation to the Society will be collected for each item appraised. Bring items

for appraisal starting at 1:15. Appraisals will be conducted from 2:00 to 4:00.

November - no general membership meeting.

December 8 - William Ewald, great-grandson of Chris Ewald, founder of the Ewald Brothers Dairy, will present the history of Ewald Dairy and the Ewald family. 7:00 p.m. at the Society's Historic Church and Museum.

January 12 - David J. Rhees, Ph.D., Executive Director of The Bakken Museum of Minneapolis, will present the history of the museum and Earl Bakken. 7:00 p.m. at the Society's Historic Church.

Memorial service for Shirley Schultz set for September 26

A memorial service for Shirley Schultz, who died on July 21, 2011, will be held "graveside" on September 26, at 1 p.m. at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, followed by a gathering at the Calvary Center Cooperative, 7600 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. An obituary will be published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune closer to September 26.

President summarizes state of the Historical Society

As the 2010-2011 fiscal year comes to an end for the Golden Valley Historical Society, I would like to update members on our status. We are already in the midst of a busy 125th Anniversary of the City of Golden Valley. In addition to our dynamic monthly speaker's bureau, and the host of activities we're co-sponsoring with the Golden Valley 125th Anniversary Committee (Antiques Road Show; Vintage Bus Tour; 75 year residents recognition luncheon; time capsule, etc.) we're going to try to tackle some important projects this coming year. We've been investing in some new "hardware" and technology, to allow us to transfer our visual and audio archive material onto disc and related formats, for improved preservation and referencing.

We're going to be taking the next step in our lower level "museum" project, by permanently getting rid of the periodic rainstorm puddles down there, via drain tile installation around the entire perimeter of the structure. Needless to say, it's a big project!

Our Historic Church and Museum is becoming a popular venue for small weddings and the number of weddings that we host is gradually increasing. You can tell, just by looking, that our great volunteers have been doing a good job of keeping up appearances both outside and in. But time marches on, and in our climate, landscape items like the front sidewalk and the steps leading to the front door, are nearing the end of their life expectancy. These are on our list of things to take care of this coming year, as well. We have a lot of "invitees" to the building in the course of a year, and so we want to stay on top of "safety" maintenance items like this.

In addition, there are the "little" unexpected things that crop up from time to time. For example, did you know that the train that runs on the rail line directly behind our Society property recently came by and (for reasons yet unclear) pulled down an overhead utility wire running to the GVHS building? Maybe I shouldn't be characterizing that as a "little thing". We're still in the process of sorting the incident out with the parties involved, but in the meantime, the GVHS repair expenses is by now over \$2,000. OUCH!

I want to express appreciation to the members of our board of directors who meet monthly to review the status of our programs and activities. Many thanks to three board members who will be dropping off the board: Cathy Waldhauser who has completed her three year term and chooses to continue to be active in the

committees work; Harriet Betzold and Donald Minor who are dropping off the board due to personal health reasons; Their support of our organization and its mission has been truly wonderful. We thank them!

The re-election to the board of directors and replacement directors will be on the agenda at our September 8th, general membership meeting. We hope you will attend and participate in our up-coming events.

Thank you for your support.

Ken Huber, President

Welcome to the new members of this past fiscal year: Please greet them at our membership meetings.

Barbara Backman
Barbara Britain
Marjorie Dellwo
William Ewald
Georgia Goodwin

Judy Hillesland
Diane Nelson
Lisa Paulson
James and Joan Peters
Teresa Raymond

Thanks to all the members who volunteer their time and talents to help our Society in reaching our goals of finding, preserving and educating about the heritage of the City of Golden Valley. And, to the numerous individuals who have donated archival items to our collections.



Recent accessions to the Society

A new American flag was donated to the Society by Maria Wetherall of the Ramsey County Veterans Services and Dede Scanlon. The former flag on the Bill Varner memorial flag pole was showing its tatters. Thank you Maria, Dede and the Ramsey County Veterans Services.

Darvin Weist and family donated a pair of six foot wooden downhill skis, circa 1925, which were enjoyed on the slopes of Golden Valley. Thank you Weist family for thinking of the Society.