



# The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society  
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## Nuance / a duo RETURNS TO THE JANUARY MEETING

Dan Wascoe and Baibi Vegners will perform with the life and music of George and Ira Gershwin at the Society's general membership meeting on Thursday, January 8, at the historic church at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427.

In addition to his career as a newspaper reporter, Wascoe has played piano in venues as varied as an airplane hanger, cruise ship, Army base, hotels and restaurants, the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota governor's office and the president's residence at the University of Minnesota.

Vegners has learned the art of entertaining all ages. In addition to appealing to mature audiences, she is a member of the rollicking Splatter Sisters trio, which gets youngsters moving, singing and sharing jokes.

Nuance / a duo has been performing for 8 years in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as Florida, dozens of senior venues in the Twin Cities area, and at the Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge. Refreshments will be served following the performance.



Dan Wascoe and Baibi Vegners

## CHANGES IN THE VOLUNTEER STAFF OF THE SOCIETY

For the past 5 years this newsletter editor and the monthly copies he has produced have been reviewed, edited and put into a professional appearing one page, two sided newsletter by two persons. Those two persons, Cathy and Stan Waldhauser, have told the editor that they can no longer be a part of the volunteer production staff. Changes are a part of life, so, we thank them for their long service and for their advise to the Society over the years and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Also, for the past ten years the Society has had an internet

website which was created and managed by a wonderful named Janette Smrcka, who was the webmaster for the Mall of America, and, recommended to the Society by Doug Ohman, who was the former manager of Camp Snoopy at the MOA. Well, Janette too has advised that her family responsibilities will no longer volunteer permit her to continue as our volunteer webmaster. We thank her for her long volunteering assistance to the Society.

To replace those three excellent persons, the Society has found 2 new volunteers who are students at the University

of Wisconsin, Stout, who are starting their volunteering with this issue of the newsletter. You might see a few changes in the our website and the newsletter as time goes on. We welcome to our volunteer production staff, Da Yin, who is the new webmaster for the Society's website, and Chuyue Zhang, who will put the draft newsletter into a finished product and forward it to the editor via email to be distributed by the editor to the members and friends of the Society either via email or snail mail. We welcome new volunteers to the Society's website and newsletter staff.

## **FUTURE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:**

A hosted community conversation will be held in the Society's **new museum addition** on Sunday, January 11, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427. Members are invited

to attend to hear and share their ideas about what should be displayed in the Society's new museum addition. The meeting will be lead by Erin Anderson of the museum experts Museology. Please RSVP to Secretary Don Anderson by January 8, at maryanddon3030@aol.com or 763-588-8578.

**February 12, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.** Doug Ohman, of Pioneer Photographers, will return with

his latest research on the Great Depression work projects of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and other federal government agencies. Ohman has been researching and presentin his findings and his photos about Minnesota projects for the last 10 years. Don't miss this popular presenter and his great photography.

**March 12, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.** Marshall Tanick, a lawyer, Golden Valley resident and legal history expert, will describe how laws were changed in Minnesota as a result of World War I.

All general membership meetings are held at the historic

church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427. They are free and open to the public.

**March 28, Saturday, at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** the Society in cooperation with The Heather's Manor Senior Residence at 3000 Douglas Drive, will hold another "Antique Appraisal Show" at the Heather's facility.

This popular event was started by the Society 10 years ago. Citizens bring up to 5 items to have the professional appraisers evaluate their items. There is a \$5.00 per item cost for the verbal evaluation.

More details will be in the future newsletters .

## **FORMER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER EDITOR REMEMBERS THE "OLD" ROADS OF GOLDEN VALLEY**

From the Golden Valley Historical Society newsletter of September, 1990, editor Fred Wandersee reflected on the roads of Golden Valley. "The three main roads through or around Golden Valley enter the city about the same as they did in ancient times. Western Hennepin County farmers hauled their milk and produce east on Highway 10, or on Sixth Avenue or on the Watertown Road. All roads started as dusty dirt trails lacking gravel for years. Early records enumerate council debates on the feasibility of spending \$5 or \$6 to plow snow on the roads.

Highway 394, its crisscross bridges and its sane lane has replaced the dirt road and names have changed moreoften than most memories. Remember it as Highway 10,

Superior Boulevard, The Glacier Trail, Highway 12 and Wayzata Boulevard. Why didn't someone consider public transportation?

Highway 55 was simply Sixth Avenue North, leaving the city on somewhat the same course, but who remembers the long wooden bridge across the north end of Keegan's Lake? Glenwood Lake and now Wirth Lake?

In about 1932, Hennepin County started work on The Belt Line. The next year the state took over and as a WPA project some 3000 unemployed men were hired to pilot wheel barrows and wield shovels in the early construction of Highway 100, The Lilac Way. Today a half dozen stand around a million dollar machine that replaces men and horse drawn scapers."

## **SOCIETY'S GRANT REQUEST APPROVED BY THE MN HISTORICAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS**

The Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant program has approved a grant to the Society for Exhibit Plan for Permanent Exhibit project in the amount of \$9,780. This is the second grant from the Legacy Fund which will provide professional exhibit planning services for the conceptionalization of space use and development of interpretive exhibits in the museum addition. Crystal Boyd is the chairperson of the Society's Exhibit Development Committee.